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Something For Everyone At 22nd Annual MVA Car And Truck Show In Frederick, Maryland

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Couldn't possibly ask for a nicer day for the 22nd Annual Car and Truck show held on the grounds of the Motor Vehicle Administration in Frederick, Maryland. A little cool in the early morning when show cars began registering at 8:00 a.m. but would soon warmup quickly. The show is sponsored by Heart Of Maryland Classic Chevy Club. The beneficiary is The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Maryland. There is no set registration fee, each participant is asked to make a 'donation' instead. Shortly after I arrived, they announced they had 200 plus vehicles registered, the final count was 366 vehicles registered.

This show presented a cross section of vehicles to boggle the mind. Naturally, most of the cars were modified, street rods, 'resto' rods or similar with lots and lots of chrome 'go fast' parts and a lot of 'Chevys.' Several cars with really nifty hydraulics that can contort the car many different ways were also in the mix. The vehicles owners, only too happy to demonstrate the hydraulics.

I spoke to one fellow that was showing a 1994 Lincoln Town Car Signature series in brilliant green metal flake paint. The trunk lid was open and very visible, a huge chrome apparatus that was comprised of the hydraulic cylinders and motors that made everything operate. Along with the hydraulics in the trunk, there were SIX, 12 volt, deep cycle, marine batteries that provided the power for the hydraulics. Six batteries wired in series generates, 72 volts! The owner of 'Green Hydros' explained to me, he has a battery charger in his garage that keeps the batteries charged because they don't receive any electric charge from the motor, a modular 4.6 liter V8. I've never had a car with hydraulics and probably don't know what I'm missing but I also don't wear my ballcap backwards so that it shades the back of my head, too each his own.

There were numerous original vehicles or restored to original cars and trucks. The first vehicle I looked at was a 1955 Chevrolet 3100 pickup, just stunning, it even smelled like 1955. Not surprisingly, there were lots of Chevy cars and trucks. I looked at THREE, ORIGINAL, UNMOLESTED 1957 Bel Airs, a black two door sedan, a powder blue and white two door hardtop and a Calypso red Bel Air convertible with factory FUEL INJECTION and 'three on the tree.' I'm surprised the owner didn't have it trailered by an armored car service. There were lots of people 'drooling' over this one, including me. Jerry Gordon and I were both enamored by a two-toned green, 1949 Chevrolet DeLuxe pickup, with original chrome grille and bumpers. Jerry told the owners he had one very similar in green and black. He had the truck at Carlisle one year, not intending to sell it but did just that when a father and son team from Ohio offered him four times what he paid for the truck. The buyers drove the truck away and then Jerry remembered he left an expensive fifth of spirits behind the seat...oh, well, the Vehicle Owners can enjoy the spirits.

Other vehicles of note, a 1950 two-toned gray Chevrolet Styleline DeLuxe two door sedan with only 23,000 miles; totally original. The gorgeous 1958 highly optioned Chevrolet Impala convertible that took first place in antique division at CR's Howard County Car Show in August was present with the top down and a large crowd surrounding the car.

Chesapeake Members winning 'Top 30' awards were: CR President Gary Wilmer for his '62 Chevy Corvette; Rich Boyd, '63 Chevy Impala '409'; John Krupinsky, Jr., '55 Ford Crown Victoria; Dave Feinberg, '67 Chevy Chevelle; Harold Hazelton, '66 Chevy Corvette; Owen Garland, '55 Ford T-Bird. Special Award, Howard Friedman, '68 Plymouth Barracuda. Other members displaying cars, Helen and Jerry Gordon, '64 Lincoln Continental four door convertible; Nick Prevas, '66 Chevy Corvette; Bob Brown, '47 Ford Pickup. We apologize if we missed anyone. The event at MVA was a great show, lots of fun, a worthy cause and an easy drive from home, keep it in mind for next year.



1930 Oldsmobile Four Door Sedan



1959 Chevy El Camino with a 1960 Mercury Grille



'Little Yellow Corvette' circa 1955



1994 Lincoln Town Car, 'Green Hydros'



1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Two Door Hardtop



1959 Ford 'Skyliner' Retractable Hardtop



1955 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup Truck