

HOWARD COUNTY, JESSUP TO WOODBINE

Lots Of Fun At The 2014 Halloween Poker Run

By Tom & Anne Kenney

Area Chiropractors were busy on Monday October 27, treating the people who drove by Ed and Mary Allen's house on Sunday October 26. Passersby were craning their necks to get a glimpse of the forty-one cars on the lawn getting ready to start on this year's Poker Run in Howard County.

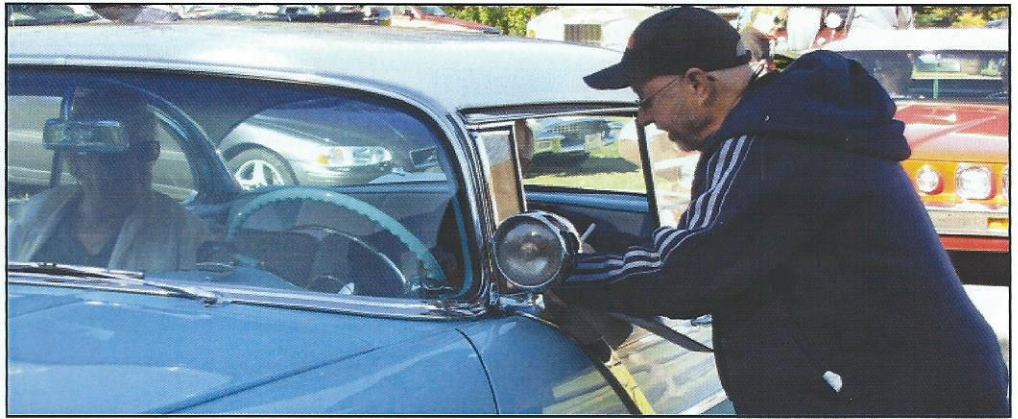
There was some great eye (car) candy. The oldest car belonged to Bill and Cindy George, a 1934 Ford Tudor. How often do you see Edsels, DeSotos and Rolls Royces lined up on a lawn? There was even a Rolls Can Hardley (rolls down one hill, can hardly make it up the next) that belonged to Jack O'Hara. With the top down on his mint looking 1947 convertible, his crew had to push the car to get it started!

The 50 mile route had the group going to three car collections in Jessup, West Friendship and Woodbine. The participants had no clue where they were headed until they got directions as they departed the Allens and turned onto Wigley Road.

The Allens filled tummies with giant donuts and washed down with Starbucks-like coffee. At the end of the poker run there was a dinner catered by Mountain Gate of Thurmont, Maryland at the Howard County Fairgrounds. There were twenty-five questions to answer along the way. One question was: 'What brand of car did the 'little old lady from Pasadena' drive?' As usual, there was grumbling as the correct answers were announced with a slide program for verification after dinner.

In addition to having lots of fun, the group filled a van with food donations and raised \$300.00 for the area food bank. The best poker hand was won by the team of Henry Chaudron, Sr. and Barbara Muldowney. Many of the Poker Runners put on costumes at dinner time. If we gave a prize for the best costume, it easily would have been a twenty way tie.

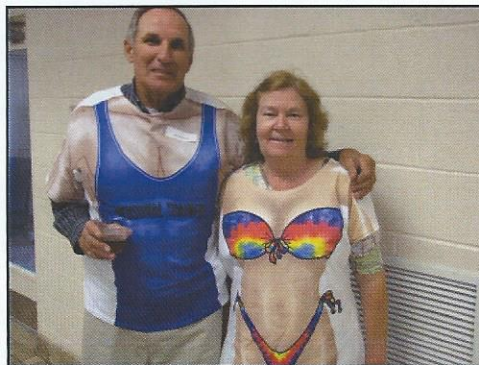
This year the Allens and the Materazzis chose the route and the stops. We were all treated to fabulous fall scenery at its peak color in full sunshine. We would need an extra page in the Bulletin to list all the people who helped out on the Poker Run. Thanks to all of you who made it a great event!



The big 'poker run' dude, Tom Kenney, is about to cut Henry Chaudron, Sr., and Barbara Muldowney loose for the run. The Chaudron/Muldowney team came up with the best poker hand for the event.



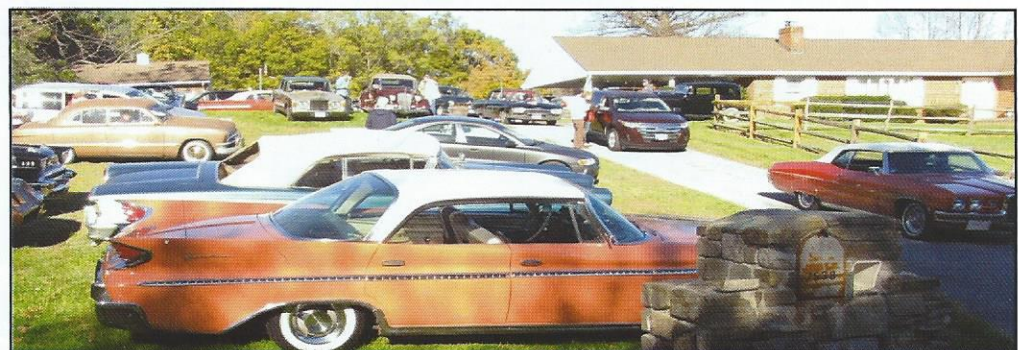
No, this is not feeding time at the prison mess hall even though it looks like the above group is about to start banging tin cups. Paula Ruby is 'amplified' and treating the crowd to her unique song stylings.



John and Lois Krupinsky are in costume to perform their famous and daring trapeze act for the entertainment portion of the program.



Ever the thoughtful host, Ed Allen takes it upon himself to make sure all delicacies are of the highest quality and pass his rigorous inspection.



The scene in front of The Ed and Mary Allen's residence prior to the start of the poker run.