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PARTICIPANTS TRAVEL HUNDREDS OF MILES

'Howard County Haycation' Tour; 97 Years Between Oldest And Newest Orphans

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

At last year's 'Harford Rural Ramble,' orphan car tour luncheon, long-time tour director Jon Battle, announced his retirement after twenty-five years of tour planning. That meant the tour needed a new tour director. Well, the guy with many hats stepped up and said



Ever heard of a 'Flanders?' Tom Kenney above, is giving last minute instructions to Ed and Anne Hilbush, of West Chester, Pa., in period garb, driving their 1912 model Flanders Roadster. Ninety-seven years separates this car from the newest car on the tour, a 2009 Pontiac G8 sedan. Flanders was trailered.

Tom Kenney Provides Insight On Sold Out 'Howard County Haycation' Tour

This year's 'Howard County Haycation' Tour was sponsored and staffed by the DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland. Having been on many previous tours, the DeSoto Club members had a feel for what makes a pleasant event and a good 'tour.'

Planning for the tour began in the fall of 2014. By January, the location for the tour starting point was determined, namely, the Howard County Fairgrounds. The dining hall was reserved with a deposit and a nearby caterer was contracted. A small team of helpers started to check out routes between tour stops.

A favorite feature of past tours is the infamous 'questions' asked along the way to challenge participant's observation skills. The DeSoto club members wanted to continue that tradition, but with a twist. All the queries were at the various stops, *not* along the roadway. The intention was to eliminate 'distracted driving' from the day's fun. There were FIFTY cars on the tour with 104 diners served afterwards. The couple traveling the farthest for the tour were Gary and Janice Masie from Clifton, New Jersey.

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he would take on the job. None other than Chesapeake Region's own Activity Director, Tom Kenney. Tom discussed this action previously with then new, brash and forward thinking DeSoto Owners of Maryland President, James Turner. Of course Jim is also Chesapeake Region's very efficient Secretary.

In short order President Turner moved the DeSoto club to become a chapter of the National DeSoto Owners Club. This action brought the club under the National organization's insurance umbrella and enabled the local chapter to take on sponsorship of the orphan car tour. The local DeSoto chapter is also currently forming plans and contracts for the 2016 National DeSoto Club meet right in our own backyard at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

See inside pages for the list of participants, and what a terrific conglomeration of orphan vehicles that were driven on the tour. Wonderful time, nice people, great cars.

Former Tour Director, Jon Battle Compiles The Stats

AMC VEHICLES

Henry & Donna Rae Smith, 1960 Rambler American
John and Phyllis Cherry, 1960 Metropolitan
John Zampino & Luke Rodell, 1974 Jeep Cherokee (AMC)
Buster Zimmerman, Christy, Leo & Melissa Cherry, AMC Metropolitan
John & Judy Boksz, 1966 AMC, AMX (Hot Wheels)

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The newest car on the tour was this gorgeous 2009 Pontiac G8 owned by George and Joann Richardson of Alexandria, Va. The 'G8' is basically a four door sedan on the most recent 'GTO' platform derived from the Australian 'Holden.' It was only on the market a short time until GM pulled the plug on Pontiac Division. We believe the sedan is sharper looking than the coupe.

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1967 Pontiac Firebird, Chris & Kathy Fain, Rockville, MD



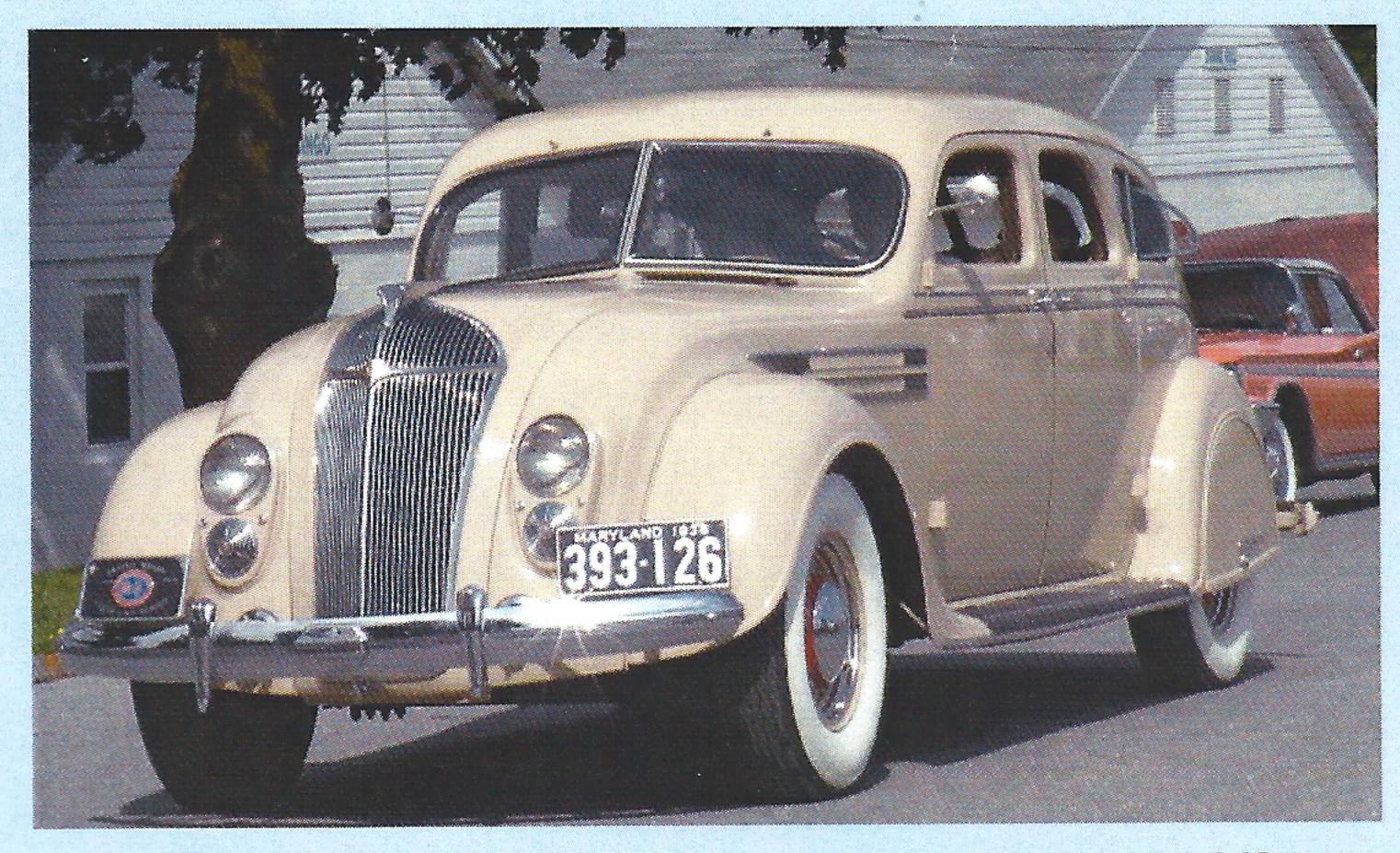
1947 Plymouth, John Black & Rachel Preston, Winchester, VA



1970 Cougar, Bernie & Cathy Schweigman, Rosedale, MD



1954 Hudson Jet Liner, Milton Stem, Jessup, MD



1936 Airflow C-10 Imperial, Jon Clulow, Passadena, MD



1929 Essex Challenger, Lewis Mendenhall, Westminster, MD



1952 Studebaker, Bob Wilson & Valerie Deely, New Castle, DE



1960 Rambler American, Henry & Donna Smith, Towson, MD

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Complete List Of Participants In 'Howard County Haycation Tour', June 6, 2015

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Participation By Make/Model

AMC VEHICLES (Continued from page 1)

Kevin & Jane Shenberger, 1972 AMC Hornet SST Cheryl & Lee Shenberger, 1970 AMC, AMX Harley & Carol Smith, 1970 AMC, AMX Ken Prentice and Peggy Dern-Pelrentice, 1965 AM

Ken Prentice and Peggy Dern-Pe\rentice, 1965 AMC Marlin

DESOTOS

Jim Turner & John Griswold, 1953 DeSoto Firedome sedan Tom & Anne Kenney, 1960 DeSoto Adventurer hardtop Bob & Kathy Baer, 1948 DeSoto Custom two-door sedan Bill Wurzell, 1954 DeSoto Firedome sedan

HUDSONS

Lewis Mendenhall & Lee Anderson, 1929 Essex Challenger Jon Battle, 1937 Terraplane convertible Carl Wennberg and Rhonda Frey, 1941 Hudson Super Six Milton Stern, 1954 Jet Liner Sedan

<u>PACKARDS</u>

Keith Vail and Evelyn Seals, 1954 Packard Pacific
Jim Vines, 1951 Packard 200
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Murray Cole, Pat Zeman, Will & Janice Terrett, 1951 Packard 200 Bill & Sue Johnson, 1956 Packard Caribbean

STUDEBAKERS

Bob Wilson & Valerie Deely, 1952 Studebaker Commander conv. Bob & Phyllis Godwin, Joan Spear, 1954 Studebaker GT Hawk Robert & Jadzia Wilson, 1953 Studebaker Commander Joe & Janet Pechetel, 1964 Studebaker GT

NOTE: See page 3 for a complete list of ALL makes & models

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Occupants of the vehicle with the most correct answers to the quiz was driven by John and Judy Boksz, of Parkville, Maryland. Honorable mention went to Ed and Ann Hilbush who drove their 1912 Flanders (yes, not a misprint).

For once, the retired, twenty-five year veteran tour organizer, Jon Battle, was able to dine and chat with the orphan car owners. Jon was active as a greeter at the Benjamin Banneker Museum stop off of Frederick Road near old Ellicott City. Jon was also pressed into service to be 'master of ceremonies' for the program following the buffet-style luncheon.

There was no shortage of volunteers. They are affectionately referred to as 'worker bees' and were dispatched before the start of the tour so they would be in place at each stop to act as greeters and assist with parking.

Stops on the tour were Gene and Betty Sauter's car collection, the Banneker Museum, the Franks (old time) Garage, the Howard County Farm Heritage Museum, the Breezy Hill Alpaca Farm and last but not least, Alex's Ice Cream Emporium.

The tour returned to the starting location for the after tour luncheon catered by the Towne Grill of Lisbon, Maryland.

This years' tour was a complete sell out, we regret we had to turn away last minute applicants as we were maxed out on space. Avoid missing out on the next tour by signing up as early as possible!

Pictures of vehicles that were taken at the beginning of the tour will be distributed to all participants via email. Check out the website, (www.orphancartour.org) for additional information.

Tour Co-directors, Tom and Anne Kenney wish to thank all the helpers in making this a memorable event.

We especially want to thank the many folks that took photographs and submitted them to The Chesapeake Bulletin for inclusion in the orphan car feature in the July edition. Those taking pictures were new member, Jeff Asner, Bob and Kathy Baer, Jon

President Paula Ruby And Gary Ruby, Along With Al Zimmerman and Nancy Mattheu, Take In The Early Ford V-8 Show In Charlotte, NC, June 8-11

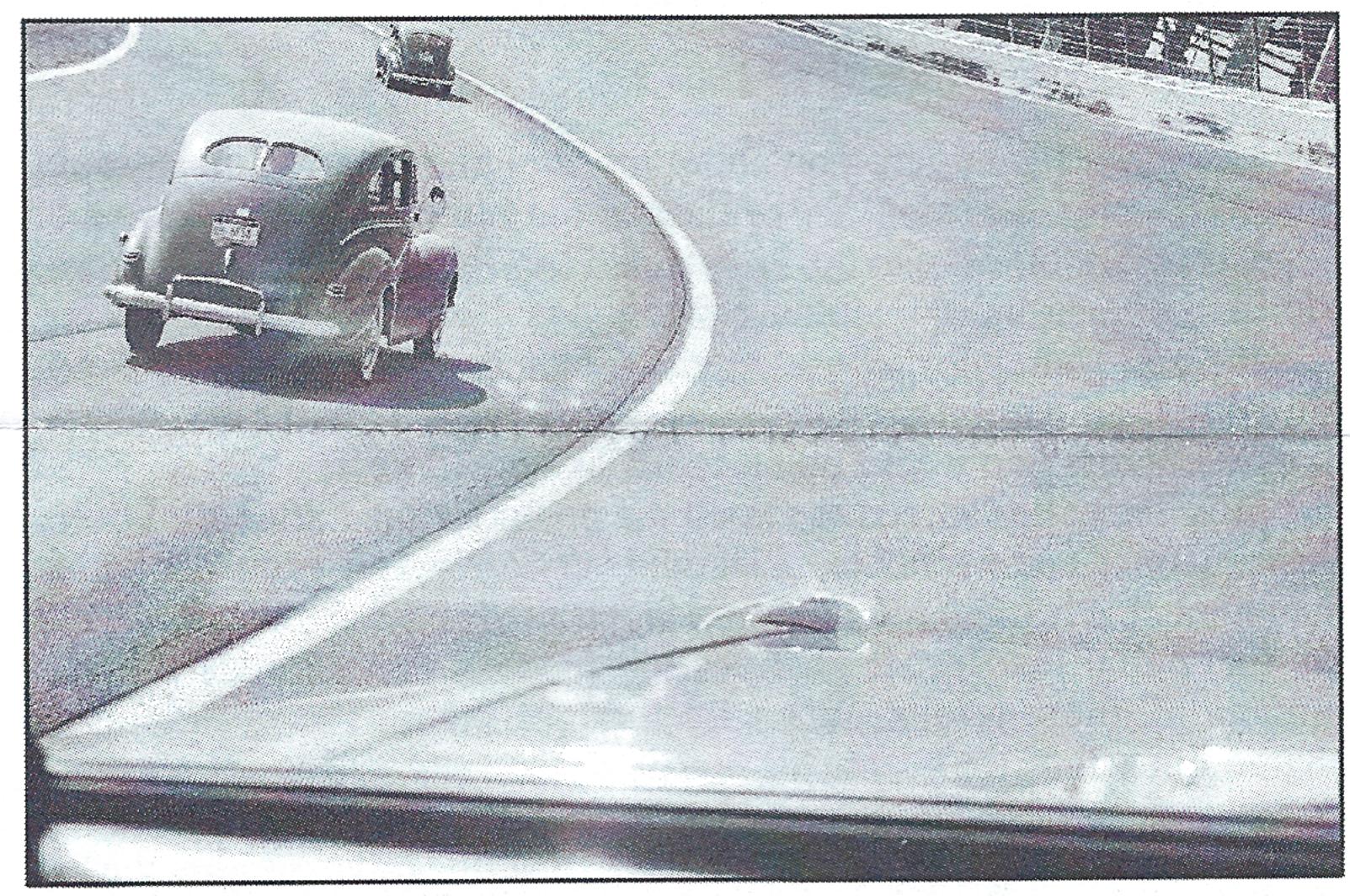
The EFV8 Club show in Charlotte was kind to both the Rubys and Al Zimmerman. The Ruby's 'perfecto' 1951 Ford Victoria, two-door hard-top won its second Dearborn Award in as many years. Al Zimmerman's 'unbelievable' 1935 Ford Pickup won its first Dearborn Award.

Tell us Gary, what is a Dearborn Award?

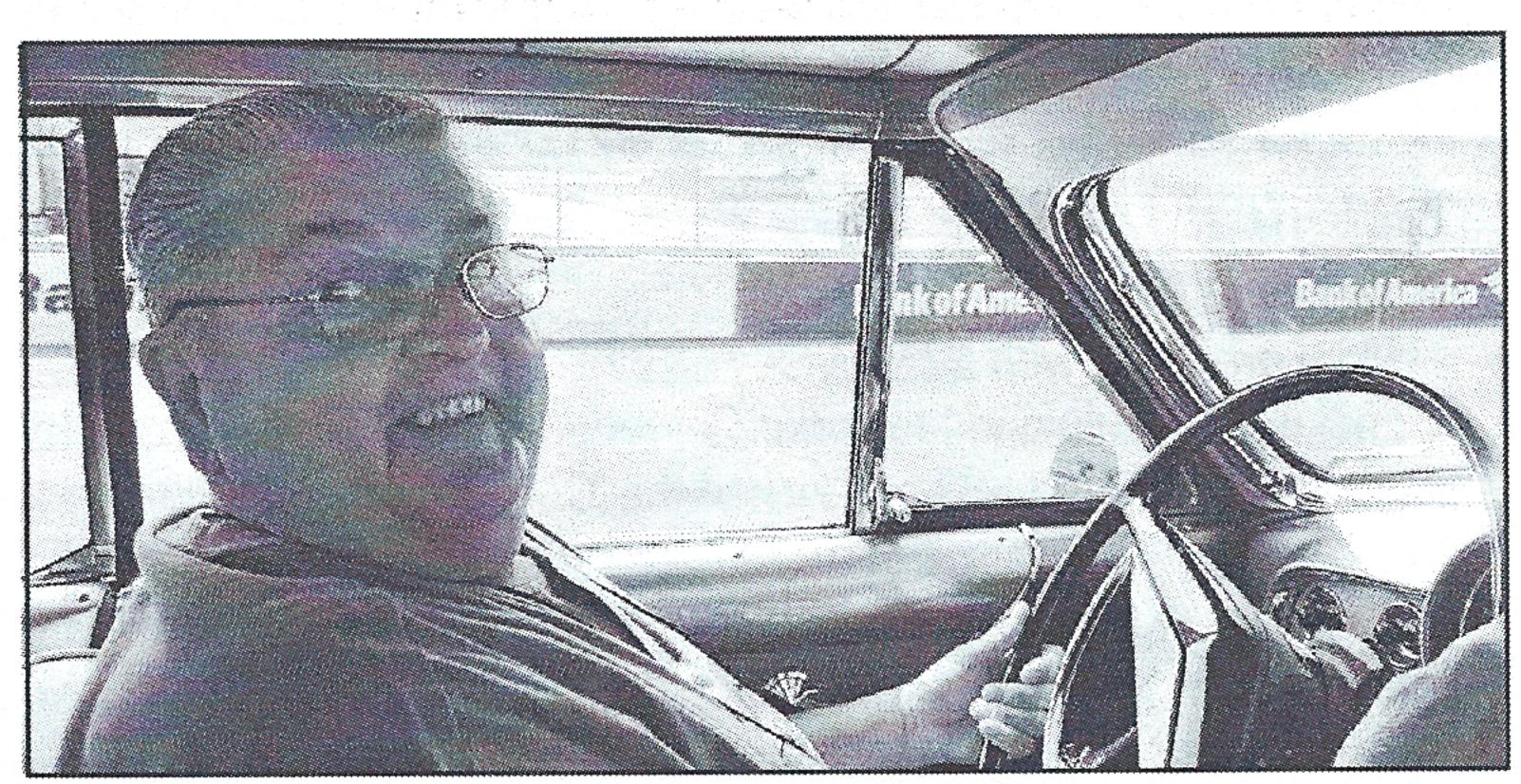
Dearborn is like an AACA senior award. A vehicle has to received two to get the grille badge. This is my second Dearborn award. After the third award, the car does not get judged, just a walk around.

On our way to the York car show I got chest pains and I had a sever headache; I was dizzy, so we went to the Hanover Hospital. My heart was in 'super ventricular tachycardia.' The doctors gave me a quick 'tune up' and we went on to the York, Pa., Street Rod Nationals. Paula's 1937 Packard 'resto' was on display by invitation inside the building.

On the way home from Charlotte, I got tired, Paula said "pullover and I'll drive." We have a new GMC crew cab pickup and we were pulling a 24 foot enclosed trailer with our '51 Ford Victoria inside. Paula drove for over three hours and had no problems. I had to ask her to slow down, she had the GMC wound up pretty good! See COLOR pictures of the group at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on page 11.



Paula snapped this picture from the passenger seat of the Ruby's 1951 Ford Victoria going around the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Gary nor Paula mentioned how fast they had the vintage Ford going. Nevertheless, It must be a thrill to drive a 64-year-old car on a racetrack at any speed!



GARY, POSE LATER, KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE TRACK!

Battle, Anne Kenney and many others.

A complete list of participants appears on page three. Look for another ORPHAN tour next year in early June 2016! Details will be on the website.