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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



Chesapeake Region Members Bring Home 'Gold' From Grand National Meet In Williamsport, Pa.

By Paula Ruby, President, Chesapeake Region

The Grand National Meet held at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA., June 2nd to 4th was a 'HUGE' success. Approximately sixteen members of the Chesapeake Region attended this Grand National Meet. After a rainy drive to Williamsport on Thursday the skies really never cleared for the weekend. Participants began to arrive, mostly with their vehicles in enclosed trailers. If you didn't know what was going on at the college you would have thought it was a trailer show and sale. Several members stayed in the college dormitories. This was an eye opening experience if you have never lived in a college dorm. Twin beds, tiny showers and no television or radio, but very clean. Thursday evening's activities started out with a picnic dinner and a sunset cruise on the 'Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat.' It was a lovely evening to travel down the Susquehanna River. There was even a black bear sitting on the shore.

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Friday morning was very humid as we began our day. More and more trailers were arriving and we weren't sure where they would park them all.

There were many seminars and workshops offered on Friday. Everyone was talking about the 3D Laser Printer seminar and didn't want to miss attending. Chesapeake members got together on Friday night for a lovely dinner at Red Lobster. After returning to the dorms it was early to bed to get ready for Saturday and the show field.

Saturday morning was finally here and the weather was still a little questionable. The forecast was calling for afternoon showers. We were hoping that it would hold off until judging was



Six members that journeyed to Williamsport for the Grand National meet, front row: Wanda Garland, Nancy Mattheu, and Chesapeake Region President, Paula Ruby. Back row: Owen Garland, Al Zimmermann, Gary Ruby, aboard the Paddlewheel Riverboat, 'Hiawatha.'

completed. The show field opened at 6:00 a.m. with judging starting at 10 am. The trailer doors were opening to reveal all the treasures that we had not seen since we arrived on Thursday. By keeping the cars in the trailers, there really wasn't any major cleanups needed. The judges took their places and started promptly at 10 am. With over 650 to be judged they had their work cut out for them. It was a beautiful site seeing all of the vehicles coming into the showfield. Some areas were a little snug since all of the cars were on the grass, but they made it work. The judges made quick work of their jobs and it was a good thing because by 2:30 pm the skies opened and the rain fell.



For 35 years on the Susquehanna River, the 'Hiawatha' Paddlewheel Riverboat has been one of the most popular attractions in central Pennsylvania. Offering six days per week of public cruising, available for private charter rental May through October.

It lasted long enough for everyone to make it to the trailers and put their wet vehicles away. After a quick shower the sun reappeared.

Saturday evening began with dinner and then the awards at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Opening remarks were made by Steve Moskowitz who stated there would be 1,189 awards given this evening. The role call of participants was about to begin. Anticipation of the awards was palpable, Chesapeake members were in for a glorious evening. The following members brought home the 'GOLD' and received their first place Grand National awards:

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Several Chesapeake Region Members Attend Rain Soaked Eastern Regional Spring Meet In Vineland, New Jersey

By Jerry Gordon, Past President

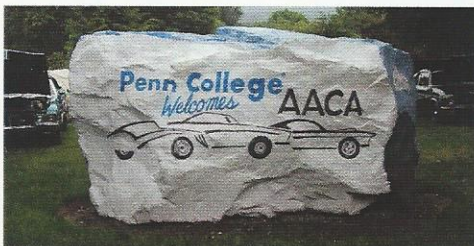
Not wanting to miss a nearby regional meet and a visit with our grandchildren, my wife Helen and I attended the South Jersey Region AACA Eastern National Spring Meet at Vineland, New Jersey on Friday and Saturday, May 20th and 21st. We registered our 1961 Cadillac Sedan Deville in class 27D, hoping for another preservation award.

We drove to Vineland on Friday May 20th – weather perfect and warm for the approximate 110 mile drive. We stopped for lunch at the Elmer, NJ diner and had a good meal. When we arrived at the Hampton Inn, Vineland, the host hotel, and parked the car, we were greeted by our friends and C.R. members, Pat Wenderoth and Martin Herman who had also just arrived with Martin's beautiful 1929 Packard Phaeton. After picking up our judging packet at the hospitality room we checked into the hotel next door, The Wingate.

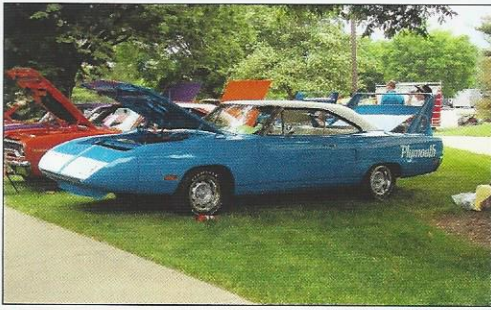
We decided to visit the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center in Millville, NJ about ten miles from our hotel.

This museum complex features a very extensive exhibit of many kinds of glassware from early colonial times to the present. We learned a lot about early America from the glassmaking in this area of NJ. The sand there is conducive to glass manufacturing. After a guided tour of the museum we were privileged to view an exhibit of artists making glass vases and pitchers by blowing and shaping the molten glass. The items they produce there are sold in the gift shops and to outside customers. A few minutes after we arrived at the museum we were greeted by our members and past President of AACA, Terry and Susan Bond, who traveled from Chesapeake, Va., in their 1974 MG GT. After a not so good supper at a local restaurant we went to watch a movie at the hospitality room and met Lou and Mary Jane Fritz in the hotel lobby.

Saturday morning was overcast and cool, not
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Pennsylvania College of Technology, site of the Grand National Meet is also referred to as 'Penn-Tech,' offers a variety of educational disciplines in more than 100 bachelor, associate, and certificate programs, including: automotive, aviation, collision repair and restoration, Diesel and power generation and heavy equipment. The college is located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.



Spotted at the Grand National meet, a Plymouth Superbird! Probably a 1970 model. This is the car, along with the Dodge Charger Daytona that changed NASCAR. 'No. 43' also elevated driver Richard Petty to 'Superstar' status among race car drivers. With the added 'aerodynamic' front end and the high wing in the rear, the car looked like it was a block long. Petty said it felt like it too, especially on smaller tracks in rural areas. King Richard said: "on a small track it's like threading a needle with a rope."



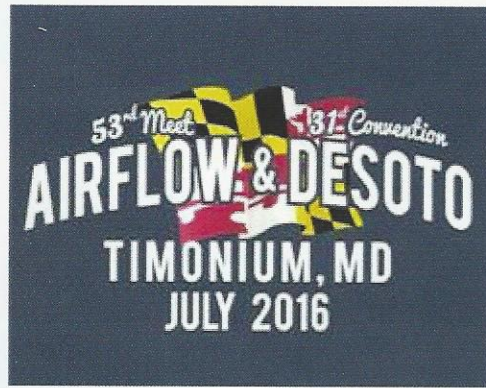
Owen and Wanda Garland's gorgeous 1955 Ford Thunderbird was in the 'gold' at the Grand National meet at Penn Tech College.



The above Chrysler 'Airflow' was at the meet, two door Chrysler Airflows are very rare.

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Al Zimmermann, 1935 Ford pickup; Gary Ruby, 1985 Buick LeSabre; Ron King, 1985 Buick Riviera; Norm Heathcote, 1934 Ford 40A; Owen Garland, 1955 Ford Thunderbird; Gary Wilmer, 1963 Chevrolet Impala; Howard Friedman, 1968 Plymouth Barracuda. In addition John Krupinsky received his Senior Grand National with his 1939 Ford Convertible. The awards were attended also by Paula Ruby, Wanda Garland, Nancy Mattheu, Bob and Rosalie Brown, and Lois Krupinsky. Also Jim Lucas and Franklin Gage attended and were judging on Saturday. If I missed anyone else from Chesapeake that was there, I just did not see you.



The ever popular DeSoto Owner's Club of Maryland, Inc., is sponsoring the '31st' Annual National DeSoto Convention and Car Show in Timonium, July 5th to the 10th. The DeSoto Convention will be in conjunction with the '53rd' Convention of the National Airflow Club. Eighty to 100 DeSotos and 20 Airflows are expected from all over the country.

The two car club organizations will share the show field on July 9 for the car show, but each club will have their own judging and awards banquet. The host hotel is the newly refurbished Radisson in Timonium, within walking distance of the Timonium Fairground Racetrack (infield) facility where the car show will be held.

Pulling off a National Convention is a big deal for any club, but both the Maryland DeSoto and the Airflow Clubs are small. Practically every member of the DeSoto club has been assigned a part to play. This convention has been in the planning stages for nearly two years.

The chairman and co-chair of the convention are two gentlemen very familiar to Chesapeake Region, members Tom Kenney, co-secretary, Anne Kenney and Willis Terrett. Jim Turner is President of the club and treasurer for the convention. Hard working committee members are: Vice-President. Mike Bianco and his wife, co-secretary Cheryl Bianco; Activity Chair Bob Baer and wife Kathy and

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weather for a car show. The show field was at the New Jersey Motor Sports Park, Millville, a large racetrack complex of an oval track and a large grandstand and acres and acres of parking. After getting settled in our assigned space in class 27D, the rain came and rain it did. There were about 400 cars on the show field getting very wet. The judges worked under umbrellas and rain slicks and did their job as best as they could. The rain continued and the chief judge released us about 1:30 when we returned to our hotel room and watched the Preakness. We did not attend the banquet because the banquet was at the Motorpark at Millville and I did not want to drive there and back, about 10 miles each way, in the rain at night. We went to dinner at a very nice Longhorn Steak Restaurant to make up for the poor dinner Friday night.

Sunday was a beautiful clear day. We headed north on the NJ Turnpike to visit our grandchildren in Randolph, NJ, about 130 miles north west of Vineland. We had a pleasant uneventful ride up the Turnpike and then west on the Garden State Parkway. We arrived at their new home before noon and

past president J. 'Ferd' Driver. Eastern Region Director of the National Airflow Club, Jon Clulow has been a one-man army for his organization, but Jon is getting lots of assistance and support from Airflow Club members across the country.

Chesapeake Region members are cordially invited to visit the convention and view all the beautiful DeSotos and Airflows on SHOW DAY July 9.

Please visit our website which provides a comprehensive overview of the National DeSoto and Airflow Convention activities, many of which are available to Chesapeake Region Members, the website: <http://www.desotoclubmd.com/>

Services Held For Member Rick Gambo June 14, 2016

Americo E. 'Rick' Gambo passed away June 10, 2016. Rick was the beloved husband of the late Frances Chambers Gambo; devoted father of Stephanie, John, and Mark and his wife, Libby Gambo; loving grandfather of Jessica, Emma, Audrey, and Owen Gambo; dear brother of Barbara Dorsch and the late Charles and John Gambo.

Visitation for family and friends was held June 13 at the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Baltimore.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, June 14 at Our Lady of Grace Church, in Parkton. Interment followed the mass in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Gambo and his son John owned several antique cars. One of their favorites was a black over white, 1960 Nash Metropolitan convertible. The father and son team proudly showed the 'Metro' at many local and out-of-state antique automobile events including the 2016 Motor Trend International Auto Show at the Baltimore Convention Center.

joined our family for a pleasant family brunch.

We stayed Sunday night at the Marriot Hotel nearby. Monday was a bright, sunny warm day and we decided instead of driving the Turnpike we would head toward Allentown and Reading and then toward Lancaster and York and home; less traffic and no tolls. When we got to Lancaster we decided to detour and go to Lititz and visit the Wilbur Chocolate Museum and have lunch nearby. Wonderful stop...great chocolate, 'Wilbur Buds.' All in all, a great four day trip driving our 55 year old Cadillac without any unusual events.

The following Chesapeake Members and friends received awards: Martin Herman, 1929 Packard Phaeton, 1st Junior; Lewis Mendenhall, 1952 Hudson, Senior; Randy Denchfield, 1935 LaSalle, Senior (friend from Cadillac Club); Franklin Gage, 1966 Chevrolet Belair, Repeat Driver participation; Susan Bond, 1974 MG/GT, Repeat Preservation; Ed Shields, 1968 MGB, Repeat Preservation (friend from Owens, MD); Helen & Jerry Gordon 1961 Cadillac, Repeat Preservation, the 31st!

And The Awards Go To...



Above picture was taken at the June 13 membership meeting of Grand National Meet Award Winners, June 2-4, in Williamsport, Pa. From left: Jesse James, Billy-The-Kid, John Dillinger, Machine Gun Kelly, 'Baby Face' Nelson and Bonnie Parker of 'Bonnie and Clyde' fame. Huh? Oops...sorry folks, wrong cutlines, they should be from left: Gary Wilmer, Norm Heathcoat, John Krupinsky (Senior Grand National award for his 1939 Ford Convertible), Al Zimmermann, Gary Ruby and Ron King. Congratulations gentlemen, you have all made Chesapeake Region very proud. Now, get busy and do it again next year! Photo by Buzz Diehl assisted by Ansel Adams. (Ansel doesn't know crap about color photography or digital printing.)



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