

AACA Eastern Spring Meet Report

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Chesapeake Region was well represented at the 2007 Eastern Spring Meet in Binghamton, NY, June 28th to 30th. Although the meet was more than 260 miles from Baltimore, six members made the trip with show cars and all of us came away with awards.

Helen and I left Baltimore in our 1961 Cadillac at 9 AM Thursday morning and met Mary Lou and Bob Johannessen at the Pikesville Hilton. The Johannessens had their 1963 Studebaker Avanti. The drive north was comfortable and uneventful until we passed Scranton, PA. Then the skies opened up with heavy rain for about half an hour, but cleared up quickly. During the rest of the weekend the weather was clear and cool. In fact, we needed jackets when we went out in the evening.

This area of upstate New York has a lot of tourist attractions and the three AACA host regions arranged a wonderful sampling – a self-guided tour to six working antique carousels, Wings of Eagles Museum and Northeast Classic Car Museum tours, State Street Art Walk, a street party with ethnic food and entertainment, and a gas light parade. All of this was available before the first car hit the showfield on Saturday.

Bright and early Saturday morning we went to the campus of the State University on New York for the show. There were over 500 cars registered, but there was so much room on the showfield that there was an open space next to almost every car. We had plenty of room to set up our picnic table and chairs that we shared with John

Young and Tom Young, who were parked next to us. Tom displayed his recently restored 1960 Thunderbird, which drew a large crowd all day.

This was one of the nicest national shows that Helen and I have attended. We had a pleasant, long drive in our old cars – good times, good friends, good food, and a great show. This is what the hobby is all about. It doesn't get much better than this. If you can, try to attend an AACA national meet.

Editor's Note: Look at the companion article on page 8, which shows how much fun auto enthusiasts can have at a national meet. Binghamton, NY is known as the "carousel capital of the world." The Krupinskys and Gordons spent a whole day Friday experiencing the carousel rides.



<< Sandi & Al Zimmerman with their 1934 Ford, which won a Repeat Preservation in Class 28A.

Mary & Bob Johannessen with their 1963 Studebaker Avanti, which won a Repeat Preservation, Class 27E >>



<< Helen & Jerry Gordon with their 1961 Cadillac, which won a 20th Repeat Preservation in Class 27D.

John Krupinsky with his freshly restored 1939 Ford, which won a Senior Award in Class 28C >>



<< Franklin Gage with his 1955 Chrysler Imperial, which won an HPOF Certification.

Tom Young's 1960 Ford Thunderbird, which won a First Preservation in Class 27D >>

