

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Doris Phelps And Other Members Fair Very Well At Fairhaven Show In Carroll County

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

I attended the fourth annual Classic and Antique car show at Fairhaven Continuing Care and Retirement Community, Sykesville, on Saturday September 6. I've been to this show three out of the last four years and it is delightful. I might add, 'Delovely' garnered an award the first and second years. I commend 'Fairhaven' Care Facility for sponsoring this show that gets better every year and the entry fee is still only TEN bucks! This is surely appreciated by senior participants that are on fixed incomes. Fairhaven doesn't 'cheese out' either, at this show they awarded SIXTY trophies.

About 10 or so years ago, I was at a car show in Westminster, before I purchased my '54 DeSoto. At that show was a beautiful 1950 Cadillac two-door hardtop, black over yellow and 'totally original,' certainly my kind of car. I didn't know who owned the car until the following year when I learned that a lovely young lady by the name of Doris Phelps was the owner.

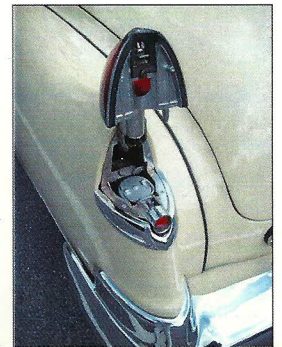
After I acquired my antique car, I was often in car shows that Ms Phelps also participated. She won at many more events than I did. In spite of



Doris Phelps Stands Beside Her Immaculate Cadillac

this, I came to have a great deal of admiration for Ms Phelps. She is a strong woman fully engaged in a hobby overwhelmingly dominated by men, most of whom are true gentlemen but there may be a couple in the group that hold a little, shall we say... 'resentment' for a woman that has a room in her home full of trophies, plaques and awards of all kinds.

Ms Phelps is a tried and true 'old car guy'. or make that 'gal' if you prefer. She has been for a long time. Her lovely 1950 Cadillac may be her favorite; but not her only antique car or her first. She also owns a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster convertible, the very first car she acquired. I asked her why she bought the Ford and she replied, "because I really liked it." After the Model A, she purchased a 1967 Cadillac DeVille four-door hardtop, from the same gentleman that sold her the '50 Cadillac. When she first saw



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the '50 Cadillac, she provided the owner with her telephone number to be sure and call her first, should he decide to sell the car. When the opportunity finally came, Ms Phelps was delighted. At the time the Cadillac had a set of aftermarket wheels that were completely wrong for the vintage hardtop. The seller insisted she take the car 'as is' ugly wheels and all. Ms Phelps said, "nothing doing." "I can't show the car at a judged event with those wheels." The seller acquiesced and sold her the car and included the original wheels and 'sombbrero' wheel covers.

Ms Phelps, a widow, lost her beloved husband over twenty years ago. She is a retired Realtor previously employed by Chesapeake Region member Sterling Walsh's Reality Company. Mr. Walsh urged Ms Phelps to join Chesapeake Region even though she already belonged to Gettysburg Region. Ms Phelps also counts among her good friends, Mr. Herb Wessel, who held a very successful 'farm auction' in June at his Carroll County property.

Doris Phelps, is a delightful woman well versed in Carroll County history who seems to know nearly everyone in Carroll County and is a valuable asset to Chesapeake Region A.A.C.A. and the antique car hobby.

OTHER MEMBERS GRABBING GOLD

In addition to Doris Phelps, John Krupinsky, Jr., '39 Ford convertible (won TWO awards: Director's Choice and Top 40) Larry Butcher, '38 Lincoln Zephyr convertible; Gary Wilmer, '73 Pontiac Trans Am; Chuck Talbert, '39 Ford Custom Sedan, Rich Boyd, '63 Chevy Impala '409.'



Doris Phelps' 1950 Cadillac Two-Door Hardtop Is Rarely Out Of The Winners' Circle

ATTENTION: Chesapeake Region Members

The membership renewal process for 2015 has changed. We are using a new method for 2015 in the hope that it will make renewal of your membership and any necessary updates more convenient. The purpose of this new renewal application and process is to accurately gather your vehicle information for our **60th Anniversary** edition of the:

Chesapeake Region Membership Vehicle Roster

Please delay your membership renewal until you receive this new form in the mail at the end of October 2014. Thank you in advance for your assistance!