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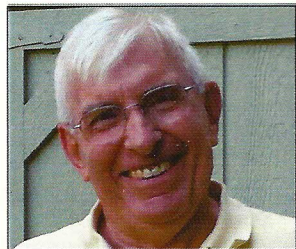


'WHITE KNIGHT' TO THE RESCUE

Willis Terret Completes A Remarkable Restoration

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

At great risk to my personal safety and knowing that I'm going to be subjected to the slings and arrows of many members of Chesapeake Region, we're going to shove another... no, check that, we're going to regail you with another episode in the harrowing life of a certain 1949 DeSoto Custom sedan that spent FORTY YEARS in solitary confinement in McLean, Virginia.



'Sir' Willis

This is a story of 'transformation.' Earlier this year *The Bulletin* featured a piece about a DeSoto that was looking for a 'white knight' to rescue her from possible oblivion; or should I say, 'crusher?' Oh, heaven forbid.

Well, the white knight appeared in the form of Sir Willis Terret from the Hamlet of Millersville, County of Anne Arundel.

The owner of the stored DeSoto, fair maiden 'Barbara', needed to make the DeSoto go away because she wanted to sell her manse. Barbara and Sir Willis reached an agreement that she would sign over the title for the DeSoto, provided the car would not be 'hot-rodded' (I swear, Barb's words, not mine) or even worse, 'crushed.'

Since then, Willis had the DeSoto removed from confinement via rollback, and transported to his good friend Murry's well equipped livery. While there, the DeSoto was fitted with a new fuel tank, fuel and brake lines, new brake lining, brake drums, wheel cylinders, master cylinder, radiator, belts and

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February 2014, emerging into sunlight after 40 years!



August 2014, from gritty, grimy and forlorn hulk to the above with knowledge, dedication and tender loving care.



J. 'Ferd' Driver past-president of DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland presents DeSoto National Appreciation Award to James Turner. Looking on: J. Francis Werneith, Co-founder and former president of the club.

Secretary James Turner Receives National Award

As many members know, Chesapeake Region Secretary, Jim Turner, is also President of DeSoto Owners Club Of Maryland.

For the past year, Jim has been involved in getting the local club recognized as a full fledged chapter of the National DeSoto Club. This was a time consuming endeavor that only few people would have the fortitude to pursue. Research and 'due' diligence are immense, even requiring changes to the local club's by-laws. However, the benefits for the local club are numerous.

What many people don't realize these days in our litigious society, is that their club or organization cannot or should not sponsor an event without some type of liability insurance coverage. If they don't have liability coverage, the officers and the organization can be sued and held responsible for an injury to a spectator. When the local DeSoto club came under the 'umbrella' of the National Club, liability coverage is automatically applied.

Recognizing Jim's effort, the National DeSoto Club chose to present him with an 'Award Of Appreciation.' for outstanding dedication to the National and local clubs. Congratulations, Jim!