

Orphan Car Show

By Tom Kenney

We had a very successful Orphan Car Show in Hampstead on July 14th, holding it at a different location than in the past. This was also the first year that Chesapeake Region sponsored the show, along with several local merchants.

Thirty-five cars were registered, although eight were not really orphans and their owner's were just looking for a local car show on a nice summer Saturday afternoon. But we welcomed all antique cars and the non-orphans weren't uncomfortable parking next to marques of the past that were discontinued. As in recent years, we offered a 50s style experience with DJ oldies and goodies music playing throughout the day.

Thelma and Dave Johnson did a great job getting people registered and obtaining complete contact information from everybody. Bud Currey got all the participating cars parked. Our intent in promoting this show was to generate funds that could be donated to Habitat for Humanity, which we were

successful in doing. The combination of a registration fee, T-shirt sales, and the 50/50 gave us enough to cover expenses and make the donation.

Among the twenty-seven orphan cars, we had six Studebakers (including the Avanti II), five DeSotos, four AMC marques, three Hudsons, two Corvairs, and one each for Oldsmobile, Plymouth, Metropolitan, Willys, Edsel, Triumph, and Kaiser. What a great representation from those many car makes no longer around! Of the thirty-five total cars entered, twelve belonged to Chesapeake Region members.

Entrants in this Orphan Car Show were: Richard Anderson, 1978 Triumph Spitfire; Kerry Ayers, 1977 AMC Matador Barcelona; Jonathan Bianco, 1978 AMC Pacer; Mike Bianco, 1974 AMC Hornet X; Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln convertible; Bud Currey, 1969 Pontiac; Fred Eppler, 1947 Plymouth club coupe; Gilbert Evangelisto, 1955 DeSoto; William Grammer, 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk; Phyllis & Bob Godwin, 1964 Studebaker GT

Hawk; Gwen & Glenn Hartong, 1952 Hudson Hornet; Jeff Hoffman, 1971 Dodge Charger Super Bee; John Horn 1953 Hudson Hornet; Bill Johnson, 1964 Studebaker Avanti; Thelma & Dave Johnson, 1956 Thunderbird; Sharon & Bobby Jolly, 1983 Oldsmobile 98; Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto Special Coupe; Dave Kluck, 1955 Willys Bermuda; Bob Lenio, 1959 Desoto Fire Flight; Bob Lohrfink, 1941 Hudson Super-Six; Glenn Matthias, 1959 Edsel Ranger; Tom Mize, 1957 Chevrolet; Michael Natale, 1966 Corvaair Monza; Lois & Charles Poole, 1966 Thunderbird; John Raffensparger, 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk; Tom Risher, 1964 Corvaair; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Margaret & Art Rutledge, 1948 DeSoto; Nancy & Ken Schaffer, 1961 Metropolitan convertible; Ginny & Jack Stephan, 1982 Avanti II; Rose & Paul Smith, 1964 Thunderbird; Marlin Snyder, 1967 Rambler Rebel convertible; James Tyler, 1980 Corvette; Roland Tormellian, 1959 Desoto; and Chris Zbinden, 1966 Studebaker Daytona.



Fred Eppler's 1947 Plymouth



Bob Lohrfink's 1941 Hudson Super-Six



Ken Schaffer's 1961 Metropolitan



Thelma & Dave Johnson busy at the registration desk



Glenn Matthias's 1959 Edsel Ranger