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Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade

By Jerry Gordon, Photos by Buzz Diehl

Chesapeake Region was represented again at the last antique car event on the 2008 calendar by a hardy group of enthusiasts on December 7th. Everyone expected seasonal weather at the 37th Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade. But this year we got a taste of what mid-January might be like. While it was clear and sunny, the temps hovered around 32° at noon and it was very windy – so windy that the traditional parade holiday balloons were cancelled.

But everyone loves a parade, so the main show went on as scheduled with everyone dressed warmly. Marching bands, holiday floats, the Baltimore

Marching Ravens, Santas on motorcycles, equestrian units, Boumi Temple performers, antique, collector and custom cars, fire trucks and other large equipment filled Falls Road on the way through the Hampden and Medfield neighborhoods. More than 160 organizations were in this year's parade.

The sixteen marching bands provided a great atmosphere with their colorful uniforms, precision marching, and up-beat music. We watched a couple of bands warm-up their instruments. After fifteen minutes of their drill, the drummers and horn players were hot and probably could have done without

some of their cold weather gear.

There were approximately fifty antique vehicles participating in the parade. Since the parade organizers like to have convertibles for dignitaries, there were several available, which certainly made a very nippy ride for the passengers. Vehicles were provided by the Antique Motor Club of Greater Baltimore, various custom car clubs, some unaffiliated vehicles, and the following members of our Club: Carol & Dean Hansen, 1973 Pinzgauer; Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Joan & Neal Haynie, 1969 Thunderbird; and Ruth & Jerry Ross & friends, 1954 Kaiser.



Carol & Dean Hansen's 1973 Pinzgauer

Happy New Year



*Out with the old year
and in with 2009*



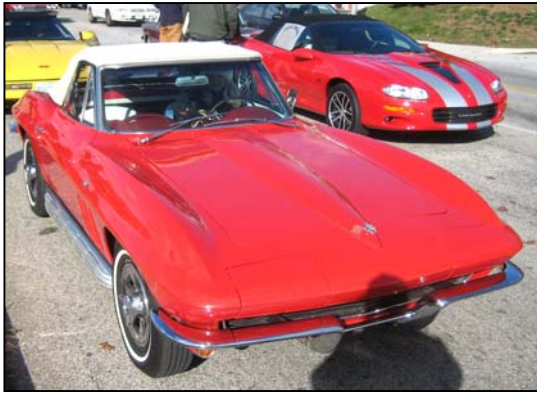
Joan & Neal Haynie's 1969 Thunderbird



Seen along the parade route from the left: Santa riding a motor scooter, one of the sixteen marching bands, and the famous Baltimore Orioles team mascot up from Florida for the day.

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Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade - continued



Jo Ann Lancaster's 1965 Corvette



Military Color Guard



Ruth & Jerry Ross' 1954 Kaiser



This hot dog needed some mustard



Little Drummer Boy



Wyatt Remher's, 1981 DeLorean



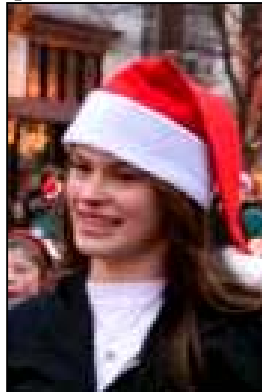
Fire Museum of Maryland's 1949 Mack pumper



A Duck tourmobile makes a warm parade ride



Chris Cassell's 1963 Dodge



One of Santa's Helpers



Ray Brady's 1964 Pontiac