

ROCKVILLE AND STREETCAR MUSEUM SHOWS

Perfect, Back-To-Back Car Shows Wrap Up 2014 Season

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Take two picture perfect days, add a bunch of picture perfect cars; it totals up to the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show at Rockville Civic Center Park on the beautiful Glenview Mansion grounds. The following day, The Baltimore Street Car Museum Show...WOW!

The mood was festive on the show field as automobile enthusiasts moseyed around the gently rolling hills of Glenview Mansion. Antique and classic cars everywhere. Just about any marque you could imagine. Everything from a vintage Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud to a little black 1969 Fiat AC coupe named 'Luigi.'

Plenty of Chesapeake Region members were on hand either displaying their vehicles or as spectators, mostly the former. President Gary Wilmer brought his 1937 Ford coupe, vice president Tom Young brought his white 1980 Plymouth Volare, Tom Kenney of course had his 1960 DeSoto Adventurer, Gary and Paula Ruby had their two-toned 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible. Ruth Synodinos had her grandson and her trusty 1947 Cadillac Model 62 sedan, Will Terret brought the 1949 DeSoto Custom sedan he rescued. Dan and Terry Materazzi came in their classic fuel injected '58 Chevrolet Corvette, Jerry and Helen Gordon (all bundled up) in their '64 Lincoln convertible. Publicity and website administrator, Buzz Diehl was on foot as this was his first visit to Rockville. Buzz didn't have his '90 Corvette on the show field but it was front and center the following day at the Baltimore Street Car Museum.

Gene Sauter's 1937 Wolseley wasn't among the 'special display' orphan car section my '54 DeSoto was in. Gene's car was in the section of European and sports cars. As previously noted, I was invited to display my car by my friend Stephen White who was on the 'special display' committee. During the show the committee handed out a beautiful etched wooden plaque to all the orphan car participants. There was only one representative vehicle for each vehicle line that is no longer manufactured. I was parked between a very patriotic, red, white and blue AMC Rambler Scrambler with a factory Hurst floor shift linked to an AMC 390 c.i. V8. On my right, Bill Winter's rare 1935 Auburn Phaeton four door convertible. These two vehicles are about as opposite as they can be and they were drawing completely different

spectators. If somebody gave one or the other a long look and asked a lot of questions, they would barely take notice of the other vehicle!

After the disappointing Saturday the previous week at Hershey Eastern Fall Meet, the Rockville and Baltimore Streetcar Museum shows were a pleasant way to wind down the 2014 season and in beautiful weather.

At the BSM, the Sponsor's Choice Award went to a 1960 fire-engine red Chevrolet Impala convertible that belongs to...you guessed it, Frank and Ida Fields! Their flawless Impala is an attention grabber and very deserving. In the 'also ran' category were the following:

Tom Kenney, 1960 DeSoto; John Shenton, 1949 Chrysler; Ken Briers & Sally Donner, 1952 Ford; Dean Hansen, 1987 Mercedes-Benz; John & Lois Krupinsky, 1956 Ford Pickup; Bob Lutman, 1959 DeSoto; Bill Hovatter, 1968 Mustang; Frank & Ida Fields, 1960 Chevy Impala convertible (Winner of Sponsor's Choice

Award); Ed & Mary Allen, 1959 Buick Electra; Hank Reus, Jr., 1937 Ford; Hank Reus, Sr., 1930 Ford Model A; John & Lynn Horn, 1971 Ford; Ruth Synodinos with grandson Mike Dodge, 1947 Cadillac; Buzz Diehl, 1990 Corvette; Wayne McDaniel, 1951 Chevrolet; David Chiu, 1950 Ford coupe; Don Denham, 1955 Chevrolet; Phil Snyder, 1976 Triumph; Dave Phillips, 1949 Studebaker; Ed Butler, 1953 MGtd; Paul Benson, 1974 Datsun 260Z; Earle Benson, 1979 Trans Am; Bill Wurzell, 1954 DeSoto. Dolf Komper & Hireo Mannes, 1984 Porsche; Milt Hartig, 1930 Model A; Tom Golden, 1965 Ford Pickup; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Harold Hopewell, 1967 Buick Skylark; Mary Schwenderman, 1960 DeSoto--*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Bulletin has just learned the winner of the Mayor's Choice Award at Rockville Car Show is: Mike & Suzy Manherz, 1923 American D-66 Touring Car. The People's Choice award went to Jay Bernstein for his 1966 Chevrolet Corvette.*



Frank and Ida Fields collect another award as their immaculate, eye-catching 1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible was the Sponsor's Choice Selection made by BSM Executive, Christopher McNally.



BSM Show first for John Shenton's '49 Chrysler



Ken Briers father purchased this 1952 Ford Customline six, Fordomatic; brand new. One repaint and a couple interior repairs, all original.