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Antique Cars at the Mayor's Christmas Parade

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Left: Evelyn & Pat Wenderoth and family in their 1928 Studebaker with Frosty the Snowman parade balloon in the background. Right: Nicholas, Pam & Tim Canova with their 1966 Ford Fairlane. Imagine Nicholas' excitement as he watched holiday theme parade balloons being set up and inflated in the parking lot behind our cars.



Left: John Bokszy with his 1965 Rambler convertible. Center: the parade guide who positioned our cars. Right: Frank Ruehl with his 1937 Buick sedan. Continued on the next page >>

Happy New Year

Mayor's Christmas Parade - continued

We ended the Club's year at the 34th Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade with another day of fine weather on December 3rd, although it was seasonally cool. The streets through the Hampden and Medfield neighborhoods were lined several deep with spectators who came out on a rather pleasant December Sunday afternoon to see this annual show with its unique Baltimore flavor.

As usual, the parade staging area around Poly Western High School at Coldspring Lane and Falls Road was a hectic scene with more than 125 parade organizations assembling their marching and rolling units. The parade was a great mixture of marching bands; several Boumi Temple motorized units (including ATVs, flying carpets, and miniature "big rigs"); equestrian units; numerous holiday floats; large holiday balloons; fire apparatus; dignitaries in convertibles; and antique vehicles of all sorts placed throughout the parade. At 2 PM the parade started its way down Falls Road, onto 36th St., past the reviewing stand, and onto Chestnut St., where it ended at 37th St.

The Chesapeake Region, AACA and the Antique Motor Club of Greater Baltimore had a combined parade entry of twenty-one antique cars. Besides our

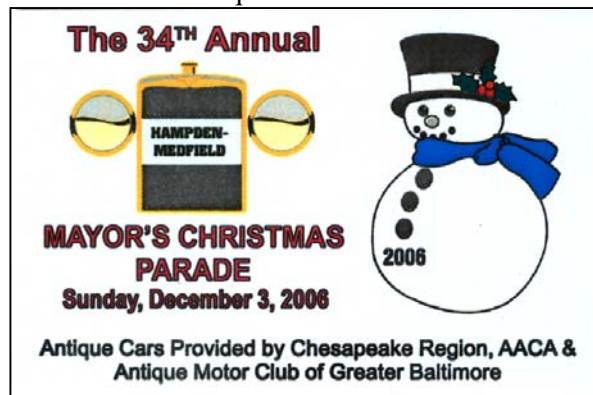


Tommy Thompson with 1973 Chevrolet and more balloons in background; Janet, Frank III & Patty Ruehl with 1958 Edsel
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cars, we estimated that there were about twenty more antique vehicles from several other organizations.

Participating in the parade this year from the Chesapeake Region were: Kim Bathon & Tom Black, 1968 Chevrolet Baltimore Police cruiser; John Boks, 1965 Rambler convertible; Nicholas, Pam & Tim Canova, 1966 Ford Fairlane GTA; Franklin Gage, 1955 Chrysler Imperial; Helen & Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln Continental; Eric O'Dell, 1979 Pontiac TransAm; Frank Ruehl, 1937 Buick; Patty, Janet & Frank Ruehl III, 1958 Edsel convertible; Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford; George Hill & Tommy Thompson, 1973 Chevrolet Impala; and Evelyn & Pat Wenderoth, 1928 Studebaker.

The Antique Motor Club of Greater Baltimore provided these cars: Carol & Ronnie Ader, 1965 Corvair Monza; John Barr, 1965 Ford Mustang convertible; Mary Ellen & Fred Rickmuth + Eva & Milton Hartig, 1960 Chevrolet convertible; Will Hilditch, 1968 Camaro; Victor Marino, 1962 Thunderbird; Gene McGraw, 1988 Cavalier Z24; Coleman Moore, 1967 Mustang; Bud Nevins, 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge; Brian Oursler, 1927 Ford Model T; and Carol & Jerry Wolford, 1959 Oldsmobile 88.



Mayor's Christmas Parade - continued



From top left clockwise: Tom Black's 1968 Chevrolet Baltimore PD cruiser; John Barr's 1965 Mustang; Bud Nevins with his 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge; and Eric O'Dell's 1979 Pontiac TransAm



From the top left clockwise: Brian Oursler's 1927 Ford Model T; Franklin Gage; Fire Museum of Maryland's 1949 Mack pumper; Chuck Talbert with 1939 Ford; Santa and his helper on scooter; and Helen & Jerry Gordon with 1984 Lincoln