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## Spring Arrived Just In Time!

By Tom Young & Mary Allen

We hit another home run at the Flea Market on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The weather gods were definitely looking out for us because after midwinter weather on Wednesday, Saturday was a great early-spring day. By noon, the temperature was well into the 60s with bright sunshine.

Vendor and shopper participation was equal to or better than last year and the activity seemed to last longer than any year in memory. Maybe we had a lot of people come out to shop for parts and “must haves” later in the day because of the rather cold start in the early morning.

Outdoor vendor spots were placed almost to the edge of the fairgrounds entrance road and most indoor and undercover spaces were filled. The car corral featured more “project” cars and trucks than in the past and some went home with a different owner.

The food operation also had a big day with record numbers of hot dogs and barbeque sandwiches sold. As usual, our homemade pastry and soup offerings were sold out by the end of the day, even though we had a bigger supply on hand than last year.

*As the pictures above show, the service road in front of the outdoor vendors was jam packed with shoppers and some of the car corral vehicles arrived on rollback carriers.* Club members had several vendor spaces and did a good amount of business up to closing.

Work on the Flea Market started back in December when we began preparing the vendor registration mailing and the distribution of flea market flyers. Promotional ads were

placed in hobby magazines, *Antique Automobile*, hobby websites, the Club’s website, through distribution of the *Bulletin*, and from placement of flyers. We are drawing big crowds, so our promotional activities seem to be working.



Our call for volunteers to help with Friday’s setup, Saturday’s vendor placement and shopper parking, and cleanup Saturday afternoon resulted in a good turnout of members. Also, the request for additional food donations was quite successful. We had an excellent selection of homemade items and soups. Sales of the 50/50 drawing tickets went well too.

Since the Flea Market is the Club’s primary revenue source, it was good to see so much support this year from our members, old and new. Everyone seemed to be having a good time helping their Club. It was a real team effort!

A big **THANK YOU** to the members who worked hard to provide great food service: Mary Allen, Helen Gordon, Bob Johannessen, Thelma Johnson, Anne Kenney, Tom

Kenney, Wallace Mitchell, Josie O’Donnell, Anne Marie Ramsburg, and Vicky Wilmer. And thanks to all the members who donated food.

And another big **THANK YOU** to all the members who helped with setup, parking, and cleanup tasks both Friday and Saturday: Dick Alexander, Ed Allen, Larry Butcher, Butch Cornes, Bud Currey, Buzz Diehl, Matt Diehl, Franklin Gage, John Horn, Dave Johnson, Jerry Klapka, Al Lawson, Dan Materazzi, Art Petrucci, John Shenton, Jim Synodinos, Chuck Talbert, Harry Wilhelm, Gary Wilmer, John Young, and Tom Young.

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**Chesapeake Region Members At The Flea Market – Our First Big Event Of The Year**



*Chuck Talbert*



*Gary Wilmer*



*Mable Frank*



*Tom Kenney*



*Thelma Johnson*



*Bob Johannessen*



*Wallace Mitchell*



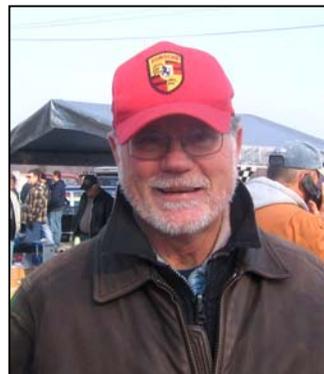
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*Tom Young*



*Larry Butcher*



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*Anne Kenney*



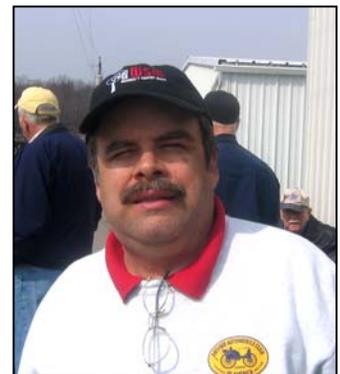
*Ed Allen*



*Margaret Werneth*



*Franklin Gage*



*Al Storrs*

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**More Chesapeake Region Members At The Flea Market**



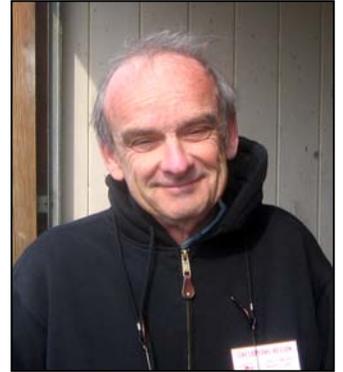
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*Helen Gordon*



*Dan Materazzi*



*John Young*



*Bob Wilhelm*



*Paul Habicht*



*Mary Allen*



*Harry Wilhelm*



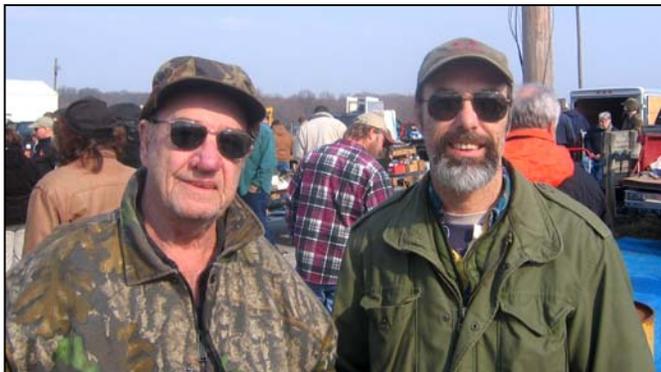
*Josie O'Donnell*



*John Horn & Al Lawson guarding the gate*



*Jerry Gordon*



*John Shenton, Jr. & his son John Shenton III*



*Paul Johnson & his son Brad Johnson*