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## No Fooling At The Streetcar Museum Spring Show

By Tom Young



*Buzz Diehl with his 1967 Pontiac LeMans convertible that he recently bought on eBay. The car was located in middle Tennessee and Buzz traveled down with his son Matt to pick up the car and drive it home to Maryland.*



*Bob Battista with his grandson Matt Livingston and their metallic blue 1968 Chevrolet Camaro convertible. Bob brings Matt to the Baltimore Streetcar Museum shows whenever he can and they enjoy riding the trolleys.*



*Frank Lindberg with his two-tone light green and cream 1952 Buick Special.*



*John Eisenhardt with his 1965 Pontiac 2+2 convertible, which has plenty of zip with the tri-power setup.*

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**No Fooling At The Streetcar Museum – continued**

You would think that having an antique car show on April Fool’s Day was a problem. After all, who would want to bring out a car and then learn that the show was a spoof? Plus, the weather forecast for Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> was for rain. The heavy cloud cover in the morning made it look and feel like it was going to rain any minute.

Well, in spite of these potential problems Chesapeake Region had one of its most successful Streetcar Museum Spring Shows on record. There were 19 antique and collectible vehicles parked around the entrance to the Museum, including four interesting cars brought by new members – Buzz Diehl, Ben Gugliuzza, Frank Lindberg, and Bruce Solomon - and a couple of vehicles that long time members haven’t showed in recent years. Some members believed the weather forecast and came in their everyday driver, so we had a total of 33 members and guests in attendance.

*Mary & Ed Allen received the Sponsor’s Choice trophy from Chuck Schafer, above, for their 1957 Chevrolet convertible >>*

The museum’s staff had three streetcars in operation – #1164 (in-service 1902, built by J.G. Brill Co.), #6119 (in-service around 1930, built by J.G. Brill Co.), and #7407 (in-service 1944, built by Pullman-Standard). Almost all of the Club’s members and the spectators who came out to look over our antique vehicles enjoyed multiple rides on these restored trolleys that represent what it was like getting around Baltimore in first half of the twentieth century.

In addition, there was a lot of maintenance activity by the museum’s all-volunteer staff who were working on track and switch projects. We were able to see some of the equipment in action that they use to keep their hobby functioning. For more information about the Baltimore Streetcar Museum check out their website: [www.baltimorestreetcar.org/](http://www.baltimorestreetcar.org/).

After the museum’s Officer of the Day Dave Navkoas and Chuck Schafer looked over all of our cars, they decided that Mary and Ed Allen’s 1957 Chevrolet convertible was worthy of the Sponsor’s Choice award. Ed commented that in all the Club shows they’ve attended this is the first time they’ve won an award with one of their cars.

And the rain forecast? The weather was cloudy and cool all day, but nary a drop of rain on the Club’s first driving event of the 2007 car show season.

Members and guests participating were: Mary & Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet; Matt Livingston & Bob Battista, 1968 Camaro; Dave Benson, 1957 Thunderbird; Larry Butcher; Bud Currey; Buzz Diehl, 1967 Pontiac; John Eisenhardt, 1965 Pontiac; John & Rick Gambo, 1969 Lincoln; Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Ben Gugliuzza, 1955 Chevrolet; Richard Hiob; Rick Hollar; John Horn, 1965 Thunderbird; Frank Lindberg, 1952 Buick; Buddy Hart & Ed McDaniel, 1958 Chevrolet pickup; Art Petrucci, 1964 Corvair; Don Rhine, 1988 Buick Reatta; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Ted Schneider; Bill Scott & T.W. Scott, 1953 International car hauler; Bruce Solomon, 1966 Corvette; Victoria & Abigail Dodge + Ruth & Jim Synodinos, 1941 Packard; Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford; Pat Wenderoth, 1969 Corvette; and Tom Young.



*#7407 Pullman-Standard, c. 1944*



*#6119 J.G Brill, c. 1930s*



*#1164 J.G. Brill, c. 1902*

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**More Photos From The Streetcar Museum Spring Show**



*Bruce Solomon with his metallic silver 1966 Corvette*



*Ben Gugliuzza's blue and white 1955 Chevrolet*

*Without a doubt, the most unusual vehicle was T.W. Scott's 1953 International COE car hauler, which is painted deep red. This truck was bought in Naples, FL by T.W. while he was on a trip. He drove it home to Maryland and along the way he heard truckers calling it the "big red tomato", hence the vanity plate TOWMATR. It will be used to haul T.W.'s 1979 Porsche to racing events in the Poconos and elsewhere.*



*Another fun-filled day at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum came to a close with our traditional group photo-op.*