

**Judging Seminar**

By Tom Young

Once again the Club's members made our annual pilgrimage to Old Car John's restoration shop in Randallstown on April 28<sup>th</sup> for our Judging Seminar. We started gathering around 9:30 AM to have coffee and donuts, talk about the hobby, review some of the latest AACA judging information, and evaluate a couple of members' cars. New members Buzz Diehl and Bob Peirce supplied their recently acquired cars, which were each in turn pulled into the shop for a close-up viewing and discussion.

The first car pulled into the shop bay was Diehl's 1967 Pontiac LeMans convertible, which he purchased at auction on eBay just before New Year's Day. Buzz recounted the story of the auction and the trip down to Tennessee in January with his son Matt to pick up the car. When they arrived their first impression was that the car was pretty much as advertised, but there was a minor problem operating the top that the person delivering the car and paperwork couldn't answer. So they had to travel 20

miles from the Interstate into the backcountry to resolve the problem. The description of the back roads changing to gravel and then ruts in a really remote location brought on visions of *Deliverance*. But they were able to get the problem resolved and had an uneventful trip back to Maryland with the Pontiac.

Then Bob Peirce pulled in his 1955 Buick Century four-door hard top for an evaluation. This car was also acquired with an eBay connection from South Carolina, but it had failed to sell at auction and was acquired afterward.

Also in the shop was John Krupinsky's latest finished project car, a 1939 Ford convertible. The Judging Seminar is a good way to get all of us into the mood for the busy summer months where many of us attend several major car shows and AACA national meets.

Participating at the Judging Seminar were: Ed Allen; Dave Benson; Matt Diehl & Buzz Diehl, 1967 Pontiac; Paul Habicht; John Krupinsky; Bob Lynch, 1970 Cadillac; Dan Materazzi; Art Petrucci; Bob Peirce, 1955 Buick; Ted Schneider; Joe Sordillo; Jerry Vinje; Harry Wilhelm, 1963 Ford; and Tom Young, 1980 Plymouth.



*Buzz Diehl's 1967 Pontiac LeMans*



*Bob Peirce with his 1955 Buick Century*



*John Krupinsky's 1939 Ford*



*Bob Lynch with his 1970 Cadillac*