

A Full House Wins The Halloween Poker Run

By Tom Kenney

No one had aces and eights on this version of our traditional Halloween Poker Run through Baltimore County on October 28th. That's a good thing because after we started the cars on their way from Friendly Farm's parking lot there were a lot of cars going in different directions due to the split routing and also some backtracking to pick up on missed question clues. You could say that the local roads were full of antique cars for several hours. And it's also a good thing that, once again, we had perfect fall weather for the Run.

The Poker Run is a combined event of the National Capital Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and the Chesapeake Region, AACA. There were 42 cars, including crew cars, on the run. At the end of a great day of touring over back roads, looking at the wonderful horse country scenery and changing foliage, and finding many clues to a challenging questionnaire, we finished back at Friendly Farm for dinner and story swapping.

Anne Kenney and Florann Sordillo managed the registration table at Friendly Farm. The first of five poker cards, one poker hand for each car, was handed out at the registration.

Everyone enjoyed the coffee, juice, and pastries available before the Run. Joe Sordillo distributed the seven-page Run directions and the questionnaire packet to each driver/navigator team as the cars departed. Joe and I had difficulty getting people away from the pastries to get started on the Run!

The cars that turned right, as their first Run instruction, were on their way to Eden Mill. Those turning left out of

Friendly Farm were headed to Dixon's. Along the way, their paths would cross numerous times, going in different directions. There were 78 questions regarding things seen along the route.



Pictured above are the Poker Run cars waiting to start – the driver/navigator teams are taking a coffee break. Below is Milt Hartic, the Need-A-Tow award, making a quick repair on the loose shock problem that temporarily sidelined his 1946 Ford.



The first poker card stop for many was the Eden Mill Nature Center & Historic Milling Museum in Pylesville, MD. This non-profit organization encourages people to care about the environment by providing experiences that lead them to understand their connection to the natural world. Anyone who went into

the Nature Center and Mill came away very impressed. One of the volunteers opened the facility and made a presentation. Josie and Bill O'Donnell greeted everyone at the Mill and handed out poker cards. To learn more about the Eden Mill Nature Center go to www.edenmill.org.

The second stop was Dixon's Antiques in White Hall, MD, which features original and quality restorations of American Furniture from the period 1840 to 1900. Carole and Bud Currey were stationed at the antique shop to distribute poker cards. It was reported that Joe Sordillo bought something at Dixon's. To learn more

about their fine antique furniture go to www.dixonsantiques.com.

This year's Poker Run has to be considered a success, because we had 102 participants as drivers, navigators, passengers, crew, or just for dinner. Of the total, Chesapeake Region had 47, the V-8 Club had 24, 18 were affiliated with both clubs, and 13 were from other clubs. 36 antique vehicles were on the Run.

During dinner we gave out several awards for achievements – or lack thereof. The big awards went to: Doug Robinson with the highest poker hand, a full house; Anne Marie and Don Ramsburg had the most correct

answers on the questionnaire; Milt Hartic got the "Need a Tow?" award; Wayne Dietz received the "Lost My Way" award, which was a compass; and Bud Currey got the "Can't Say No" award for his chain saw work clearing the fallen tree branches on Saturday.

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Door Prize winners were: Vicky Wilmer and Elsie Reese – cash; Bob Brown – cleaning supplies; Lynn Horn and Paul Bianco – Friendly Farm pies.

Participating on the 2007 Halloween Poker Run were: **Mary & Ed Allen, 1959 Buick**; Paul & Greg Bianco, 1974 Ford; Erin & John Bianco, 1956 Chrysler; Cheryl & Michael Bianco, 1966 Plymouth; Wanda & Owen Garland + Rosalie & Bob Brown, 1951 Ford; **Carole & Bud Currey, Pontiac**; Diane & Jack Folger + Suzanne & Wayne Dietz, 1936 Ford; Linda & Bill Dorsey, 1956 Corvette; Blaine Brown & Ferd Driver, 1930 Ford; Bill & Cindy George, 1974 Corvette;

Ginny & Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Jane & Ed Boynton + Ann & Bob Hanson, 1971 Rolls Royce; **Gail & Ben Harris, modern**; Dottie Fitzpatrick + Eva & Milt Hartic, 1946 Ford; **Molly & Jim Hatfield, 1956 Ford**; **Lynn & John Horn 1953 Hudson**; **Thelma & Dave Johnson, 1956 Thunderbird**; **Anne & Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto**; **Lois & John Krupinsky, 1955 Ford**; **Nancy & Bob Lynch, modern**; **Mary Lee & Michael McQuade, 1955 Chevrolet**; Janet & George Merkel, 1950 Mercury; **Dan & Terry Materazzi, modern**; **Joan & Walt Meyers, 1953 Pontiac**; **Laura & Eric O'Dell, 1979 Pontiac**; **Josie & Bill O'Donnell, Ford**; Ken Stevens & **Jack O'Hara, 1947 Ford**; **Art &**

Boots Petrucci, 1964 Corvair; **Anna & Bob Peirce, modern**; **Dixie & John Raffensparger, 1963 Studebaker**; **Sandi & Al Zimmermann + Anne Marie & Don Ramsburg, 1936 Ford**; **Rose & Paul Smith + Elsie & Norman Reese, modern**; **Loraine & Doug Robinson, modern**; **Paula & Gary Ruby, 1930 Plymouth**; **Doloris & Don Smallwood, 1972 Chevrolet**; **Doris Phelps & Bud Smith, 1967 Cadillac**; **Florann & Joe Sordillo, 1950 Ford**; **Ashley, Patty & Dan Stagner, 1967 Chevrolet**; **Joann Day & Read Van Zile, 1963 Thunderbird**; **Mary & Harry Wilhelm**; **Todd, Andrew, Vickey & Gary Wilmer, 1963 Pontiac**; and **Linda & Tom Young.**



Doris Phelps' 1967 Cadillac



Don Ramsburg – Quiz Award



Don's 1936 Ford convertible sedan



Michael McQuade's 1955 Chevrolet



Doug Robinson - Full House



Gary Wilmer's 1963 Pontiac



Bud Currey clearing a fallen tree along the Run route



Joe Sordillo handing packet to Jack O'Hara in 1947 Ford