

Sunshine!

By Jerry Gordon, Photos by Irene Papavasilakis

The Sunshine Grille show was true to its name. On Saturday morning, April 12th, after listening to the local weather forecast of an 80% chance of rain and thunderstorms, it turned out that the weatherman was wrong. It was a nice, sunny morning that turned into a wonderful spring day.

This was our second show at the Grille and through promotion by the Club and the Grille we had a mix of 49 vehicles registered – cars and trucks – antique, custom, street rod, retro fit, and muscle.

The Sunshine Grille, located in a rural setting in Fork, MD, has put together a schedule of events that emphasizes family fun and dining. This is a small place with one traffic light, a gas station, the Grille, and a few other retail establishments. Fork is eight miles north of the I-695 on Harford Road.

The Sunshine Grille has become a very car friendly establishment, sponsoring a weekly Cruise Nite, at least four car shows this year, and a drive-in movie attraction – vintage family rated films. The Thursday Cruise Nite offers any

customer who comes to the Grille in a vintage or muscle car a discount on subs or dinner entrees. The other three car shows scheduled so far are – May 10th Mustang Club of Maryland, June 21st another vintage car show, and July 26th British Car Show. All shows are on Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM.

Movies are shown outdoors most Wednesday evenings at dusk throughout the summer and are free. Popcorn, pizza, hot dogs, sodas, candy, and Hershey’s soft ice cream are available – just like the drive-in movies of yesteryear. Movies start May 30th with Peter Pan. The weekly schedule will be at www.sunshinegrille.com/.

Irene Papavasilakis, step-daughter of Bill Marvelis, who owns the Grille, took care of registration. The show emphasized a collegial atmosphere and we were able to enjoy each other’s company and look at an interesting mix of vehicles – plus we had a great lunch.

There were three popular choice voting awards – trophies and gift certificates for the Sunshine Grille. First place –

Harold Blevins, 1969 Camaro; Second place – Don Moretz, 1971 Camaro; and Third place – A. Johnson, 1968 Shelby Mustang. The Sponsor’s Choice Award, selected by Irene Papavasilakis, went to Bob Rananover, 1965 Mercury Comet.

The following Chesapeake Region members showed cars: Joanne Day & Read VanZile, 1963 Thunderbird; Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Ginny & Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Jim Hatfield, 1933 Plymouth; Lynn & John Horn, 1965 Thunderbird; Thelma & Dave Johnson, 1956 Thunderbird; Joan & Walt Meyers, 1930 DeSoto; Michael Natale, 1965 Corvaire; Robert Natale, 1965 Buick; Bill Ningard, 1971 Ford; Boots & Art Petrucci, 1936 Chrysler; Doris Phelps, 1929 Ford Model A; John Raffensparger, 1963 Studebaker GT; Laura & Doug Robertson, 1978 Thunderbird; Paula & Gary Ruby, 1964 Chevrolet; John Shenton III, 1978 Dodge; John Shenton, Jr, 1965 Plymouth; Ruth & Jim Synodinos, 1972 Pontiac; Andrew & Gary Wilmer, 1937 Ford.



Joann Day’s 1963 T-Bird with the top partly down



Doris Phelps’ 1929 Model A is open for business

Pictured clockwise from the top left: Walt Meyers 1930 DeSoto; John Raffensparger’s 1963 Studebaker & the Johnson’s 1956 Thunderbird nearest the camera; Art Petrucci’s 1936 Chrysler & Jim Hatfield’s 1933 Plymouth; part of the crowd.