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## Remembering the Past at Hershey 2008

For most of us in the antique car hobby, the greatest show on earth is the AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, which was October 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> this year. It's a whole week of non-stop activity – the dawn to dusk flea market with thousands of vendors; the car corral, where you can buy your next hobby car; evening events that range from the informal old-time movies to the dress-up Museum Gala and the Friday car auction; and, of course, the big car show on Saturday. It's far better than a three-ring circus.

AACA show that turns participants into spectators because you can see vehicles that don't come to other shows.

Chesapeake Region was well represented on Saturday. We had thirty-five cars registered for the show, ranging from the 1920s to the 1980s. Club members received twenty-four awards, including three Seniors and two First Juniors. The complete list of Club members' cars and awards is on page 2.

Among the Chesapeake Region members' cars on the show field were

2002. The car had only 23K miles on it and had previously been owned by a New Jersey collector who babied the car and drove it only in perfect weather. In 2006 Dan decided to restore to car to a very high standard. He farmed out the engine, chassis, and interior work. He rubbed out the paint himself using Griots' Garage restoration supplies. To obtain authentic Bridgestone tires from 1971, Dan acquired the good original spare tires from five different Zs that were in junk yards. The car received its First Junior in May at Cumberland.



*Dan Banks' 1971 Datsun 240Z*



*Tom Yannuzzi's 1949 Chrysler Windsor*

The famous Hershey week weather with its unpredictability and sometimes heavy rain didn't make a showing this year. As one person commented on Saturday, "The whole week's weather was perfect, dry and warm."

The theme for the 2008 Eastern Fall Meet was "Remembering the Past", which was certainly fitting. On the show field Saturday, there were vehicles representing more than one-hundred years of automotive history – passenger cars, pickup trucks, commercial vehicles, motorcycles and scooters, and race cars. This is the one

several sports cars. **Dan Banks' 1971 Datsun 240Z coupe** was in class 25E going for its Senior award. The 240Z is a GT coupe (two-seats) and is powered by a six cylinder, SOC engine rated at 150 HP, with twin one-barrel SU type carburetors. The four-speed, manual transmission and floor mounted shift, plus rack and pinion steering and four-wheel independent suspension makes the 240Z a match for higher priced European sports cars of the '70s. Datsun sold about 155,000 240Zs in the US from '70 through '73.

Dan found his 240Z in Florida in May

Compared to the members' sports cars, a totally different kind of car at the show was **Tom Yannuzzi's 1949 Chrysler Windsor sedan**. This car has a long family connection that includes it being Janet and Tom's wedding limo when they were married in 1975. The car is powered by the famous Mopar flat-head, six-cylinder engine coupled with the Tip-Toe Shift Fluid Drive transmission.

The Chrysler was acquired in 1977 from the niece of one of Janet's father's WWII service buddies. She lived on

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Saint Paul St. downtown and garaged the car nearby. During the winter, she would start the car and let it run in the garage, so that it didn't sit for months. Then disaster struck – the car caught fire and much of the wiring and many engine compartment parts from the dash forward were destroyed. She knew that Tom had admired the car, so an arrangement was made to acquire the fire-damaged car, with only 24K miles on it, along with a parts car – and Tom was into the hobby.

Tom restored the car twice. The first time he was not satisfied with the results of his first-ever paint job, so he had it redone professionally in Ensign Blue. The extensive mechanical work was done by Tom in association with Les Bruchey, a Mopar expert. In 1982, Tom's 1949 Chrysler Windsor received its Senior award. At the Meet on Saturday, 26 years later, it still looked like a fresh restoration and it received another Preservation award.

**Ray Adler's 1972 Volvo P1800E** was also in class 25E. Ray acquired this Volvo in 2003 largely because he had fond memories of an earlier Volvo P1800S that he owned in 1965. He remembered the many fun-filled occasions when he loaded his three young daughters and their white German Shepard into the earlier car for a ride in the country. Ray's P1800E is powered by the Volvo four-cylinder, 130 HP two-liter, five main bearing engine, which has a reputation for longevity.



*Ray Adler's 1972 Volvo P1800E*

What Ray really likes about these P1800 models is the tight handling and peppiness combined with the legendary Volvo reliability. He remarked that it only took him an hour and twenty-five minutes to go from his home in Baltimore to the Hershey show field on Saturday morning.

The P1800 series differs quite a bit from Volvo's soccer mom sedans and station wagons. The first

**Chesapeake Region Members' Vehicles – Hershey 2008**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Award</u>
17A	Ralph Stroud	1927 Chrysler	First Preser.
18C	Pat Wenderoth	1928 Studebaker	
20A	Walt Meyers	1930 DeSoto	Senior
20E	Larry Butcher	1938 Lincoln	Repeat Preser.
20B	John Watkins	1932 Buick	Second Junior
20F	Allan Weinstein	1941 Hupmobile	Third Junior
23	Robert Janssen	1956 Dodge/Knight	
25A	Dave Benson	1955 Jaguar	First Junior
25A	Henry Ver Valen	1953 Jaguar	
25E	Ray Adler	1972 Volvo	
25E	Dan Banks	1971 Datsun	Senior
26B	Tom Yannuzzi	1949 Chrysler	Repeat Preser.
26C	Wayne McDaniel	1951 Chevrolet	
26C	Doris Phelps	1950 Cadillac	
27C	Ed Allen	1959 Buick	Repeat Preser.
27C	Paul Habicht	1959 Cadillac	Repeat Preser.
27D	John Gambo	1961 Metropolitan	Repeat Preser.
27D	Jerry Gordon	1961 Cadillac	Repeat Preser.
27D	Tom Young	1960 Thunderbird	Repeat Preser.
27E	Bob Johannessen	1963 Studebaker	Repeat Preser.
27G	Doris Phelps	1967 Cadillac	First Preser.
27O	Ted Schneider	1983 Oldsmobile	
28C	John Krupinsky	1939 Ford	Repeat Preser.
33	Ron Fleming	1957 Chevrolet	First Preser.
36B	John Fischer	1967 Oldsmobile	
36B	Billy McKee	1968 Chevrolet	First Junior
36B	Gary Wilmer	1963 Chevrolet	Senior
36D	Martin Herman	1968 Ford Mustang	
DPC	Scott Chaney	1980 Chevrolet	Repeat
DPC	Rick Hollar	1972 Buick	
DPC	Tom Kenney	1955 DeSoto	Repeat
DPC	Tommy Thompson	1973 Chevrolet	Repeat
HPOF	Dave Phillips	1933 Franklin	Repeat Certif.
HPOF	Gary Ruby	1941 Buick	
HPOF	Alan Sandler	1966 Buick	Repeat Certif.

version P1800 was built on contract in England by Jensen Motors for the 1961 model year using unibody units from Scotland's Pressed Steel and powered by the Volvo four-cylinder engine. But Jensen had quality issues, so production was moved to Sweden in 1963 and the model was designated as the P1800S (Sweden). Over time the Volvo sports car evolved into the P1800E (fuel injected). 1972 was the last of the Volvo sports cars, but the last production year was the 1973 version P1800ES, which was a station wagon version sports car with a glass hatchback. How about that for a cross-over design?

Other member's sports cars on the show field were Henry Ver Valen's 1953 Jaguar XK120 coupe, Dave Benson's 1955 Jaguar XK140 roadster, and Bob Johannessen's 1963 Studebaker Avanti. The Avanti isn't a two-seater, but with the Studebaker R-1 engine, it's a sports car.

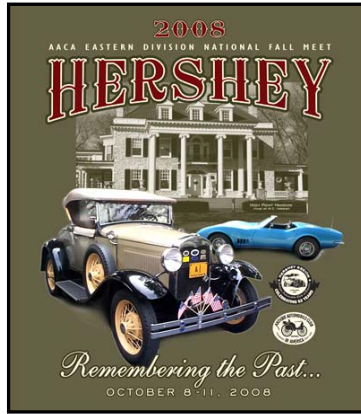
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### More Members' Cars From The Hershey 2008 Saturday Show



Larry Butcher's 1938 Lincoln



John Krupinsky's 1939 Ford



Henry Ver Valen's 1953 Jaguar



Doris Phelps' 1950 Cadillac



Bob Johannessen's 1963 Avanti



# Annual Banquet November 16, 2008



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