

## ART in the Barn Antique Car Show

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*We listened to the string trio as we walked around the art barn and artisans' tents and saw displays of fine art for sale.*

Club members enjoyed the ART in the Park artists and artisans show presented by the Towson Arts Collective last September at Cromwell Valley Regional Park. Our take on becoming a part of an art exhibit was that antique cars are rolling art, and while we really don't create antique automobiles, what we do in restoration and maintenance is very similar to the work of an art preservationist. And the end result of our auto artwork has to function consistently at about 50 to 60 MPH.

So when Towson Arts asked us to bring cars to ART in the Barn, their spring show, we liked the idea. On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, we returned to Cromwell Valley Park to a slightly different setting than the fall show. This art show is centered around the park's barn

in a really nice area. Just like the fall show, the Arts Collective had live music and fresh made to order sandwiches and refreshments available. You could buy a nice little picnic to enjoy while strolling around the art booths on a pleasant early spring day looking at the paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and other fine art.

There were 23 cars in the show, including a few cars that we rarely see – professional cars, which are defined as custom-bodied vehicles, based on passenger car styling, and used in funeral, rescue, or livery services. There were three cars, a 1977 Cadillac ambulance, a 1980 Cadillac hearse, and a 1990 Cadillac U.S. federal limo.

Participating in the car show were:

Anne & Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto; David Semcomb, 1970 Chevelle; Pete Curtis, 1964 Malibu; Kevin Monaghan, 1940 Pontiac; Wes Rose, 1902 Oldsmobile Replica; Jim Collier 1980 Cadillac hearse; Brian Ochs, 1977 Cadillac ambulance; Mike Schrader, 1990 Cadillac limo; Read Van Zile & Joann Day, 1963 Tbird; Carri & Dave Benson, 1964 Lincoln; Ginny & Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Diane & Ralph McCarter, 1939 Chevrolet; Dennis Dawson, 1933 Ford; David Dodge & Ruth Synodinos, 1941 Packard; Paul Hutchins, 1963 Cadillac; Helen & Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Doug Hopper, 1949 Ford; John Kraus, 1937 Ford; Jim Wilson, 1969 Camaro; Vince Truant, 1939 Buick; Walt Meyers, 1930 DeSoto; and Ray Adler, 1984 Fiat Pininfarina Spider.



*Brian Ochs' 1977 Cadillac ambulance, a fine example of a professional car; and Ruth Synodinos' 1941 Packard 160*