

**Misty Spring Weather Hits Flowermart – But We Still Showed Our Cars**  
**By Jerry Gordon**

At least the flowers and plants that were for sale everywhere at this year’s Flowermart on May 1<sup>st</sup> had an ideal weather day. It was somewhat cool and very cloudy with a forecast of occasional showers. While we did need the rain, all of us who showed up early at Washington Monument Square in historic Mt. Vernon hoped that the rain would hold off until late in the day.

The Flowermart opening ceremony at noon had Ed Allen’s 1957 Chevrolet convertible – with the top up just in case – coming up the North Charles Street hill to the main event stage to delivering the dignitaries.

The threat of showers seemed to reduce the usual heavy spectator traffic, but it

certainly didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of those in attendance. There were plenty of colorful spring outfits and many of the ladies were decked out in their fancy spring hats. And the vendors were busy selling their wares all day. Most of us scouted the booths for anything new and interesting.

As usual, the delicious box lunches provided to us by the Flowermart committee didn’t disappoint. We were able to dine sitting around our cars and talking about the great schedule of car shows ahead.

Club members who braved the threat of rain were: Lois & John Krupinsky, back from their annual Arizons winter, with their 1940 Ford convertible; Dave

Benson, 1970 Jaguar E type coupe; Pat Wenderoth, 1969 Corvette convertible; Mary & Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet; Ted Schneider, 1983 Oldsmobile Toronado; and Helen & Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln Continental.

Also, Buzz Diehl showed up just to be part of the Flowermart, and Beth Muscedere walked over from work nearby during her lunch hour to say hello.

During the morning and into the early afternoon we only had a few drops of rain now and then – nothing to even cause anyone to reach for an umbrella. However, about 2 PM a steady light rain finally arrived and all of us closed up the car show and headed for home.



*Even on a dreary day, Flowermart is still Baltimore’s Annual Rite of Spring. Top row from the left: Dave Benson’s 1970 Jaguar; Three generations of Flowermart ladies dressed for the occasion – Carolyn Simmons, Brenda Wilson, & Julie Wilson; and Pat Wenderoth’s 1969 Corvette. Second Row: John Krupinsky’s 1940 Ford; the Opening Ceremony; and Ed Allen’s 1957 Chevrolet. Third row: Lois Krupinsky and Mary Allen showing off their spring hats.*

