

The Sunshine Grille Antiques & Classics Car Show

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Warm weather, a sun-filled sky, and a light breeze provided a near perfect day for the antique, custom, and street-rod show at the Sunshine Grille in Fork, MD on Saturday, May 23rd. There were 49 cars and pickup trucks at this show, of which 21 were members of the Chesapeake Region.

When we registered at the entrance to the large grass field across the road from the restaurant, each car was assigned a number so that participants could vote for their favorite car. Some of us were fortunate enough to park under the tall shade trees and others were parked in the center of the field in the bright sunshine.

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

Harford Road. The Grille has become a very car friendly place with car shows during this summer and a drive-in movie attraction – vintage family rated films. Movies are shown outdoors on Saturday evenings 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.

After a pleasant lunch, Bill Marvelis, owner of the Sunshine Grill, awarded three gift certificates for meals at the restaurant to three cars on the field. Larry Butcher was the recipient of one of them and the other two went to non-members. The Sponsors Choice Trophy was awarded to Jerry Ross for his 1954 Kaiser Manhattan. The whole atmosphere of the Sunshine Grille show is relaxed and informal, the perfect way to spend a day with car enthusiasts.

The following Chesapeake Region members exhibited their cars: Hank

Reus Sr., 1931 Auburn convertible sedan; Hank Reus Jr., 1929 Nash Ambassador sedan; Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln Continental sedan; Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac hardtop; Bud Currey, 1965 Pontiac coupe; Joan & Walt Meyers, 1930 Desoto sedan; Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln convertible; Tommy Thompson, 1973 Chevrolet sedan; Art & Boots Petrucci, 1964 Corvair convertible; Ruth Synodinos, 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix; Abigail & Victoria Dodge, David Dodge & Warren Dodge, 1933 Plymouth coupe; Vince Shittino, 1956 Desoto sedan; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser Manhattan; Evelyn & Pat Wenderoth, 1969 Corvette convertible; Lynn & John Horn, 1953 Hudson sedan; Les Horn, 1952 Buick Super sedan, Bill Scott, 1966 Buick; T. W., Scott, 1957 Thunderbird convertible; Jeanette Scott; 1957 BMW Isetta; Bob Lenio, 1968 Plymouth station wagon; and John Raffensperger, 1963 Studebaker Hawk.



Hank Rues, Sr.'s 1931 Auburn and Hank Reus, Jr.'s 1929 Nash

The Ford Model As were a welcome addition



Shown from the left: Joan & Walt Meyers' 1930 DeSoto; Jeanette Scott's 1957 BMW Isetta – possibly the urban car of the future; and Larry Butcher's 1938 Lincoln Zephyr.