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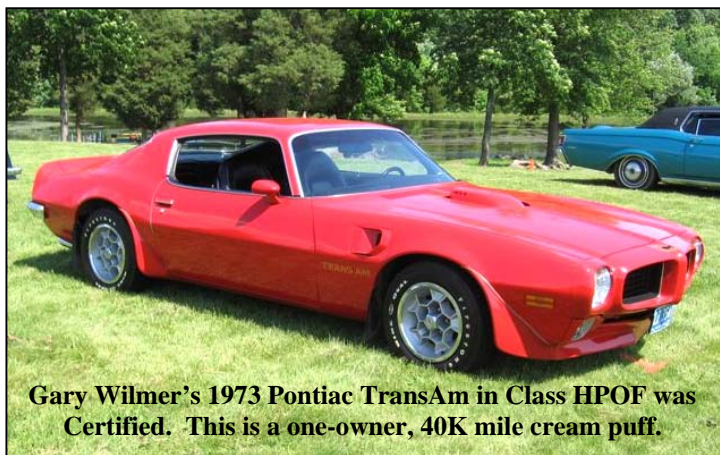
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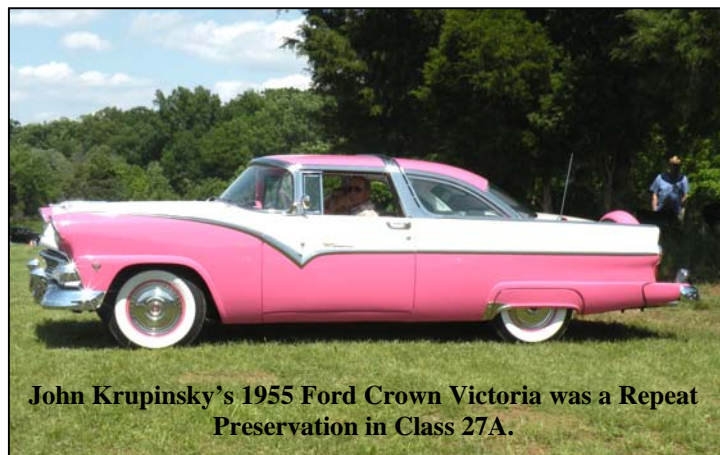
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## AACA Eastern Spring Meet – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



Gary Wilmer's 1973 Pontiac TransAm in Class HPOF was Certified. This is a one-owner, 40K mile cream puff.



John Krupinsky's 1955 Ford Crown Victoria was a Repeat Preservation in Class 27A.

Chesapeake Region's members had the opportunity to participate in one of the closest AACA Eastern Spring Meets in many years – only 60 miles north of Baltimore at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center on Route 15 just south of Gettysburg. The Meet was hosted by the Gettysburg Region.

Starting Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, there were many scheduled activities, such as judging schools, and social events including: an ice cream social and movies, bus tours to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and the Historic Gettysburg areas, a BBQ buffet Friday night, and the usual wrap-up banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday evening.

Plus there was a flea market and car corral. Our own Margaret and Francis Werneth were in the flea market selling a variety of nice original automotive literature. Also, the Gettysburg Region officially honored three of their active region past presidents, who are also charter members, including our own Sterling Walsh (1957, 1988, and 1989).

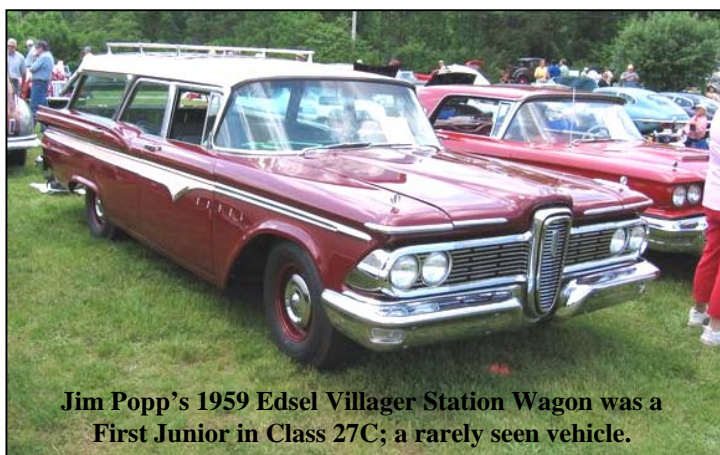
At the Saturday show on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Chesapeake Region had 41 vehicles registered and received 35 awards in the point judged classes, Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF), and Driver's Participation (DPC). Awards included seven First Juniors and two Seniors. The results for our Club's entries

are on page 2.

Continuing the wet weather that has plagued the region this spring, there was quite a bit of rain leading up to Saturday, but we had a wonderful sunny and dry day to show our cars. This helped bring out most of the 850 registered cars onto the show field.

Also on the show field were two of our newest and youngest members: Anna Banks – born in February, the daughter of Andrea and Dan Banks; and Isabella Canova – born in December, the daughter of Pam and Tim Canova. Both of these members spent most of Saturday afternoon snoozing in their carriages.

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Jim Popp's 1959 Edsel Villager Station Wagon was a First Junior in Class 27C; a rarely seen vehicle.



Ed Allen's newly restored 1957 Chevrolet Convertible was a First Junior in Class 33.

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And we heard a rumor at the show that another Club couple is expecting a new arrival.

**Jerry Gordon's 1961 Cadillac Sedan DeVille** received a special award at the show. It's a Senior car that Jerry has showed for many years in class 27D at AACA National Meets east of the Mississippi River – from Portland, ME to Kingsport, TN. This was the car's 25<sup>th</sup> Preservation Award, which is a special chip for mounting on the award board.

Jerry's Sedan DeVille is a rare model with an unusual history. Cadillac introduced a mid-year model variation in 1961, known as a "short deck" sedan. The variation had limited production and was available in large metropolitan areas. The overall length is about six inches shorter than a standard DeVille. This was designed to enhance maneuverability and parking ease. Jerry's "short deck" '61 DeVille is the only one listed in the Cadillac-LaSalle Club registry.



*Jerry Gordon's 1961 Cadillac DeVille*

In 1985 Jerry was looking for an antique car that he and Helen could drive to AACA events. They answered a newspaper ad (remember those?) for the Cadillac, which was located in Annapolis. The owner had inherited his Ohio uncle's car and needed the garage space. The Caddy had only 16K miles on it and was in excellent condition. It had been part of a small town funeral home operation and was used primarily for weddings and not driven in winter weather.

Jerry decided that he could get the Caddy up to AACA show standards by just detailing the engine and cleaning the chassis. It received its First Junior in 1990 and Senior in 1991. As usual, Jerry drove it to the Gettysburg show. This Caddy is no trailer queen, but is still a low mileage car with only 33K on the odometer. Over the years, Jerry hasn't had to replace much on the car. Even today, the exhaust system is still original.

**Chesapeake Region Members' Vehicles  
2009 Eastern Spring Meet – Gettysburg, PA**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year/Make</u>	<u>Award</u>
05A	Terry Bond	1912 Triumph	Repeat Preserv.
17A	Ralph Stroud	1927 Chrysler	Repeat Preserv.
18C	Pat Wenderoth	1928 Studebaker	
20E	Larry Butcher	1938 Lincoln	Repeat Preserv.
21A	Doris Phelps	1929 Ford	Repeat Preserv.
23	Dan Banks	1933 Datsun	Repeat Preserv.
25C	Henry Ver Valen	1967 Jaguar	Second Junior
25E	Ray Adler	1972 Volvo	Senior
26B	Tom Yannuzzi	1949 Chrysler	Repeat Preserv.
27A	John Krupinsky	1955 Ford	Repeat Preserv.
27D	Clayton Miller	1957 Ford	First Junior
27C	James Popp	1959 Edsel	First Junior
27C	Paul Habicht	1959 Cadillac	Repeat Preserv.
27C	Bob Lenio	1959 DeSoto	
27D	Jerry Gordon	1961 Cadillac	Repeat Preserv.
27D	Tom Young	1960 Thunderbird	
27F	Roy Kidwell	1965 Plymouth	
27G	Courtney Shenkle	1967 Buick	First Junior
27L	Royce Emerson	1977 Cadillac	Repeat Preserv.
28A	Al Zimmermann	1934 Ford	Repeat Preserv.
29	Richard Berger	1953 Buick	First Preserv.
30A	Dan Materazzi	1958 Corvette	First Junior
33	Ed Allen	1957 Chevrolet	First Junior
33	Ron Fleming	1957 Chevrolet	Repeat Preserv.
36B	Billy McKee	1968 Chevrolet	Senior
36B	Gary Wilmer	1963 Chevrolet	First Preserv.
36D	Martin Herman	1968 Ford Mustang	Second Junior
36D	Bob Johnson	1968 Ford Mustang	First Junior
36F	Eric O'Dell	1977 Pontiac	Repeat Preserv.
36H	Martin Herman	1970 Plymouth	First Junior
HPOF	Gary Wilmer	1973 Pontiac	Certified
HPOF	Dave Phillips	1933 Franklin	Repeat Certif.
HPOF	Franklin Gage	1955 Chrysler Imperial	Repeat Certif.
DPC	Bruce Knott	1963 Ford	Certified
DPC	Dave Phillips	1954 Citroen	
DPC	Scott Chaney	1980 Chevrolet	Repeat
DPC	Rick Hollar	1972 Buick	Repeat
DPC	Tom Kenney	1955 DeSoto	Repeat
DPC	Tommy Thompson	1973 Chevrolet	Repeat
DPC	Ferd Driver	1930 Ford	
DPC	Ferd Driver	1952 DeSoto	Repeat

**Bruce Knott's 1963 Ford Falcon Convertible** was at its first AACA Meet in the Driver's Participation Class. In the past, Bruce has shown his 1967 Ford Galaxie in the HPOF Class. But he decided that since the Eisenhower Conference Center was so close to home that it was time to bring the Falcon, which is a nice six-cylinder driver quality car, and enter it in DPC. This class is designed for cars like the Falcon and

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**Eastern Spring Meet – continued**

offers one more way to participate in National Meets.

Bruce acquired the Falcon from an ad in one of the Old Car Trader magazines about twenty years ago. The car was located in Hanover and he took Gary Wilmer along to check it out. The Falcon did have some mechanical issues, but it was a decent buy. It turned out later that it had a cracked head, something that's difficult to tell on an initial inspection. Bruce kept the work on the car within the Club by having Chuck Talbert repair and restore the engine. It's still an excellent running little convertible and it looks good.

**Photos Contributed by Bruce Knott & Tom Kenney**



**Bruce Knott's  
1961 Falcon**



*What do these three members' cars have in common? Well, besides receiving Repeat Preservation awards at the Meet, they are also Senior Grand National Award winners. Shown from the left: Doris Phelps's 1929 Ford Model A; Eric O'Dell's 1977 Pontiac TransAm; and Al Zimmermann's 1934 Ford. If you're wondering what Doris is doing to her Model A – she's installing her show quality spark plugs after moving the car from its trailer.*



*Some of our Club's members seen around the Meet on Saturday from the left: Francis & Margaret Werneth took a break from selling their automotive literature; Isabella Canova, one of the Club's newest members, was busy taking an afternoon siesta; and Tommy Thompson & Tim Canova were looking over the cars on the show field.*



*Ralph Stroud's 1927 Chrysler; Mary & Ed Allen leaving the Meet in their 1957 Chevy; Dan Banks' 1933 Datsun fire truck. Not seen is the tent behind the Datsun where little Anna Banks is taking her nap.*