



Towson Independence Day Parade

By Tom Kenney

The 2009 edition of the Towson Area Independence Day Parade enjoyed a beautiful summer day to celebrate America's birthday. Our antique cars started assembling even before 9 AM and by the parade's 10:30 step-off time we had 23 cars from several clubs.

Spectators along the parade route saw marching bands, military marching units, floats of all types, antique automobiles, fire and emergency units, and many other spirited parade units. The crowd was estimated at more than 80,000 and, as usual, they witnessed the parade start with a flyover of A-10 Warthog jets.

Some interesting facts about the antique cars in this year's parade – Bob Cofield's 1965 Mustang is a car he bought new, and it's in original condition, not restored; Don Wiseman

has been in the parade for 36 consecutive years; the Johnson's 1956 Thunderbird is a 59K mile unrestored car; the Meyers' 1953 Pontiac is a 22K mile unrestored car and it was in the Barry Levinson *Liberty Heights* movie; the Hydes are the original owners of their 1958 Chevrolet and have driven it 451,000 miles, with owner maintained only; Chip Gnau has been in the parade for over 40 years with his 1931 Ford Model A Woody; the Varriccichos have driven their 1963 Falcon on Route 50 from Ocean City, MD to Sacramento, CA; and Rob Penfield has driven his 1931 Ford Model A roadster on tours all over the U.S.

The following antique cars were in the parade: Bob Cofield, 1965 Mustang; Chuck Talbert, 1939 Ford; Tommy Thompson, 1973 Chevrolet; Andy

Gerstmeyer, 1930 Ford; Tom Kenney, 1955 DeSoto; Jerry Gordon, 1964 Lincoln; Thelma & Dave Johnson, 1957 Thunderbird; Rob Penfield, 1931 Ford; Bud & Chip Miller, 1956 Chevrolet; Bud Sammis, 1984 Mercedes; Paula & Gary Ruby, 1961 Chevrolet; and Jeanette & TW Scott, 1953 International + 1957 BMW Isetta.

Also in the parade were: Don Wiseman, 1965 Mustang; Joan & Walt Meyers, 1953 Pontiac; Miriam & Bill Hyde, 1958 Chevrolet; Diana & Patrick Varriccicho, 1963 Falcon; Mary & Henry Preston, 1961 Metropolitan; Mike & Beth Muscedere, 1916 Ford; Victoria, Abigail; & David Dodge + Ruth Synodinos, 1941 Packard; Robert Meekins, 1970 Cadillac; Daryl Gnau, 1930 Ford; Chip Gnau and family, 1931 Ford; and Kim & Mike Doyle, 1930 Ford.



Shown from the left: Chip & Bud Miller with their 1956 Chevrolet; Beth Muscedere with her 1916 Ford Model T; and Paula & Gary Ruby with their 1961 Chevrolet

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HALLOWEEN POKER RUN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009



Assemble at 10 am – Start 11 am – Dinner 2:15 pm

Santoni's Market in Glyndon, MD (4854 Butler Rd.) is the starting point

Drive new routes on rural roads, see fall foliage, stop at interesting sites

Cost is \$21 per person, which includes dinner & gratuity at Friendly Farm Restaurant

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