



Antique Car Show Has A Record Turnout

By Jerry Gordon

The Chesapeake Region has held an Antique Car Show at the Fire Museum of Maryland on the Saturday after the Towson July 4th Parade for several years. It has always been a popular show, but this year on July 11th we set a record with 42 cars filling the parking area in front of the Museum. In the past ten years, the most cars we've had at this show was 27.

After registering, many of us went into the Museum to look at the exhibits of fire apparatus, communications systems, and fire equipment. The displays of wheeled apparatus include some that date back to the pre-Civil War era and several that are steam powered. One exhibit includes the 1898 Hale water tower (65 feet long) that was used in the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904.

Many of us went back outside to look at the cars in the show after looking at the Museum's exhibits. Jack Anderson, one of the Club's newest members, brought his 1950 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe sedan. Jack's '50 has been in the family since the mid-1980s. His father-in-law bought the low-mileage car (only about 15K on the odometer back then) at Carlisle. Ownership transitioned through the family to a cousin, who wasn't using the car. Finally Jack acquired it in 1997. Even today, the mileage is only 23K.

This Styleline has the upgraded 235 CI, 105 HP six (with hydraulic valve lifters) coupled to a Powerglide transmission. It was the first year that

Chevy offered the bigger engine and automatic transmission.

Jack's '50 Chevy has won an HPOCF (Historic Preservation of Original Chevrolet Features) designation in the VCCA. Basically, the only part of the car that's not original is the paint, which had a quality repaint done by his father-in-law about 20 years ago.



Jack Anderson's 1950 Chevrolet Styleline sedan – an HPOCF car.

Bob Natale had family photos of his father's new 1931 Nash model 881 Victoria Convertible Sedan – a car that he wished had been kept in the family. He remembers his father commenting that the Nash was "a fast car that could beat anyone in second gear".

Bob decided that he wanted to have a '31 Nash and searched for a model 881 convertible sedan for years. He joined the Nash Club and learned that there weren't a lot of surviving depression era Nash convertible sedans. In fact, the Club's roster only has three – one in the US, and two overseas in England and Norway. In 2008, Bob found a 1931 Nash model 881 in

Hemmings. The car was located in Seattle, but had an interesting coast-to-coast journey in its history. The Nash started on a Staten Island, NY estate and traveled across the country, spending 25 years kept in an atrium as a piece of automotive art.

There were several wheel configuration on these convertible sedans with different wheel types and spare mounts. The bodies were made by W. S. Seaman Co. in Milwaukee and the cars assembled in Kenosha, WI. The model 881 was powered by a 260 CI, OHV straight eight engine, with dual ignition.

At the end of the show, the Museum's Bill McCartin selected Bob's 1931 Nash for the Sponsor's Choice trophy. There were a lot of nice cars in the show, but this Nash is worthy of

the trophy.

Enjoying the Fire Museum and participating in this year's show were: Vic Persico, 1958 Ford; Walt Meyers, 1930 DeSoto; Tommy Thompson, 1973 Chevrolet; Ruth & Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Ray Porter, 1966 Chevrolet; Dave Benson, 1964 Lincoln; Dave Phillips, 1949 Studebaker; Mary & Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet; Henry Ver Valen, 1960 Jaguar; Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; Jack Anderson, 1950 Chevrolet; Rose & Paul Smith, 1964 Thunderbird; Bob Natale, 1931 Nash; Mike Natale, 1965 Corvair; Dave Cavey, 1959 Edsel; Mildred & Al Lawson, 1957 Chevrolet; Mark Hauswald, 1958 Triumph; and Charley Kennedy, 1981 Corvette.

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Also in the show were: Mike Stawski, 1941 Ford; Richard Ruben, 1972 Plymouth; Mel Gofstein, 1972 Chevelle; Allen Pogach, 1970 Oldsmobile; Tom Svehla, 1934 Ford; Dan Denham, 1966 Thunderbird; Nancy Denham, 1967 Buick; Bob

Risriel, 1960 Corvette; Tim Krewson, 1948 Hudson; Tom Brannan, 1967 Austin Healy; Bruce Solomon, 1966 Corvette; Mort Bullock, 1934 Hispano Suiza; Steve Lesser, 1962 Corvette; Steve Nolan, 1970 Mustang; Bob Lenio, 1968 Plymouth; Margaret & Francis Werneth, 1970 Chevrolet; Brian

Ochs, 1977 Cadillac Ambulance; Jim Ritter, 1956 Chevrolet; Ed McDaniel, 1951 Chevrolet; Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Drew Hill, 1966 Pontiac; Don McCoy, 1955 Pontiac; Wes Rose, 1902 Oldsmobile replica; Beth Muscedere, 1916 Ford; and Charles Amos, 1963 Chevrolet.

Below: Bob Natale's 1931 Nash 881 convertible sedan; Right: Bill McCartin & Bob Natale with Sponsor's Choice trophy.



Above: Margaret & Francis Werneth's latest antique car acquisition; a 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. This was the first year of production, which ran through six generations to 1988.

Chesapeake Region, AACA

**Antique Car & Truck Show
Howard County, Maryland Fair
Sunday, August 9, 2009**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Howard County Fairgrounds
Route 144, West Friendship, MD**

**Show Registration is \$12 at the gate
(Registration includes entry to the fair)**

Dash plaques for all registered participants

Spectators must enter thru Fairgrounds Admission Gate

Car & Truck Show is on opening weekend of the Fair - Show goes on rain or shine

Directions: I-70 west to MD Rt. 32 (exit 80), south one block and follow signs for Howard County Fairgrounds, Rt. 144 west.

Peer judging in 15 classes with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies awarded

Info: Dave Johnson, Chief Judge, 410-795-4738

