



# The Crab Feast Voted Most Popular

By Jerry Gordon



*Jerry Gordon starts Crab Feast*

There are several reasons that the Crab Feast is annually voted the most popular Chesapeake Region Event. The first that comes to mind is the camaraderie – the total team effort of everyone pitching in to obtain the various food items and supplies and then prepare them. Second is the number of members who support the event by coming out each year. And third is the fun of visiting with fellow Club members and participating in the auction and 50/50.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> this year we had 123 members and their families come to Patapsco State Park in Avalon Pavilion #105 to enjoy the crabs, shrimp and the rest of the food. And the trend in recent years of coming to the Crab Feast in an antique car continued – we counted nineteen cars in the parking lot.



*Bonnie & Lou Mielke*



*Dave Phillips & 1933 Franklin*

A milestone was achieved this year because it was the 35<sup>th</sup> time that Bonnie and Lou Mielke managed the reservations and obtained the corn. They are one of the longest running Club event managers.

Another milestone of note was the presence of Charles Lewis, who at 93 has been in the Club for 50 years and has attended most of the Crab Feasts.



*Klingmeyers' 1950 Ford*



*Atchersons' 1974 Corvette*

And we had one family represented by four generations at the Crab Feast. Linda and Tom Young, and Chris and John Young were joined by Christine Morningstar (Chris' mother), Amy Young (Linda & Tom's daughter), and Savanna Smith (Chris and John's grand daughter).

The auction seems to be getting bigger each year and there was quite a bit of spirited bidding. Our Auctioneer, Larry Butcher, was ably assisted by Tom Young and Lois Krupinsky. The 50/50 was won by Gary Schlee – the ticket hawkers were Ted Schneider and Tom Kenney.



*Willard Wolfe's 1930 Ford*



*Krupinskys' 1964 Ford*

Other members who helped make the event a success were: Mary and Ed Allen, Helen Gordon, Vicky & Gary Wilmer, Al Lawson and John Shenton.



*Four generations of the Young family were at the Crab Feast*



*Wilmer's 1963 Pontiac*