

Another Big Crowd Attends The Annual Banquet

By Jerry Gordon

As is the Club's custom, the final big event is the Annual Banquet, and the trend of recent years of a growing number of members and their families attending continued. On November 15th we had 135 in attendance, which is a record for the Banquet.

Having 28 antique and classic cars parked in the Friendly Farm lower lot was also a record. Undoubtedly, the fine late fall weather contributed to members driving their collector cars. For some it was the last time out this year, but for others the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot car display and the Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade remained.

Scott, Milton Hiteshow, Jim Synodinos, Henry Lewis, Nancy Lynch, and Sandi Zimmermann. All will be missed.

Recognition was given to the many past Club Presidents who were in attendance, and to the current Officers and Board for their excellent leadership in 2009. The many accomplishments during 2009 included the growth of the Club, the several event attendance records, our members' participation in the spring and fall AACA National Meets, and the number of National Award nominations that Club members received.

Paula Ruby presented details about the Food for the Needy drive that was held at the Poker Run and the Banquet. The

final solicitation of this drive was a 50/50 drawing conducted by Paula and Gary Ruby. The winner of the drawing was Art Rutledge.

The non-perishables collected and the proceeds of the 50/50 drawings will be distributed to families in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Then the results of the Club's election for the 2010 Officers and Board was announced. They are: President Bud Currey, Vice President Paula Ruby, Co-Secretary Anne Kenney and Tom Kenney, Treasurer Gary Wilmer, Director-at-Large Dave Benson, Director-at-Large Tom Young, Activities Director Jerry Gordon, Membership Chair Dan



Starting about 1 PM the elegantly decorated dining room began to fill. There was about forty-five minutes before festivities started where we had a chance to visit with each other. Showing on the large back screen was an antique car slide show prepared by Buzz Diehl, which helped set the tone for the Banquet.



The dinner started with the invocation by Art Rutledge. Then the buffet line formed and we began to enjoy the usual Friendly Farm delicacies of southern fried chicken, jumbo shrimp, and their great crab cakes.

The after-dinner program master of ceremonies was Jerry Gordon. We had a moment of silence for the Club members who passed away during the year: Mae

Pictured above: Among the twenty-eight antique cars in the parking lot were the 1956 DeSoto Firefly sedan owned by Lisa & Vince Schittino; and the recently acquired 1953 Mercury Monterey hardtop owned by Lois & John Krupinsky.

Shown below: our two organizers and hosts for the Banquet – Lois Krupinsky and Vicky Wilmer.

Materazzi, Technical Chair Ed Allen, and Chief Judge Larry Butcher.

The winner of the Chick Smith Award, chosen by popular vote as the member who has done the most for the Club in 2009, was Tom Kenney. And the events voted most popular were the Crab Feast and the Banquet.

Dave Benson received an award for his service as President during 2009. He then presented the Club's Spirit Award (member who has helped the Club achieve its goals during the year, as selected by the Board) to John Shenton. President's Awards were given to Jerry Gordon and to Anne Kenney & Tom Kenney for their work in developing and leading the Club's activities.

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The Banquet was organized by Vicky Wilmer and Lois Krupinsky. They, developed the table centerpiece decorations, door complimentary gifts for the guys and gals, the dessert side table, and the well-stocked gift display.

Vicky and Lois presided over the distribution of the table decorations by a birthday month lottery. Everyone also had a chance to select a gift from the ample supply on the two tables at the back of the room.

Baking the dessert cakes enjoyed by everyone were: Mary Allen, Paula Ruby, and Terry Materazzi, plus Lois and Vicky. Also helping to set up were: Todd, Andrew, and Gary Wilmer, plus John Krupinsky.

The antique vehicle hobby seems to be vibrant locally. We all drove away from the 2009 Annual Banquet into the late afternoon sun with a sense of great anticipation for our hobby and Club in the coming year.



Pictured above clockwise from the top left: John Shenton – winner of the 2009 Spirit Award; Sterling Walsh; Doris Phelps; and Eleanor Packard.

Chesapeake Region 2010 Officers & Directors



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President**



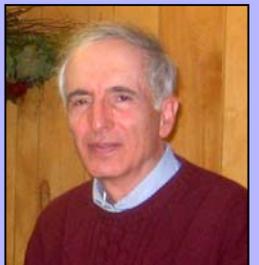
**Paula Ruby
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**Jerry Gordon
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