

B&O Railroad Museum - Fun With Antique Cars & Trains



By Jerry Gordon

We made our annual trek on Sunday, June 27th to a historic place in American railroading – the B&O Railroad Museum near the Inner Harbor. The early locomotive and rolling stock collection in the museum's restored roundhouse under the dome roof is unique. All the displays of railroad paraphernalia and artifacts are interesting to look through. There are always new things to see in this big building. Outdoors, the museum has a large collection of less historic, but still antique, locomotives and rolling stock. In addition they have a short train ride that is very popular.

The Sponsor's Choice Trophy was selected by the Museum's John Marranto and Eileen Blindy after inspecting all of our cars. They liked Don Keller's 1930 Ford Model A coupe, a nice example of the marque.

In acquiring his Model A, Don Keller

was persistent. He saw it for several years at one of his customers. Don really liked the appearance of the Model A coupes and told the customer that he would be interested in buying the car when he was ready to sell. Well, that day became October 24, 1985.

While the Model A looked good, after Don started to learn what is correct on these very popular collector cars, he set out to make changes and improvements. Even to this day, almost twenty-five years later, he is finding elements of the car to improve or make accurate. The car has an AACA Second Junior and has won several other trophies. But the important thing is that Don's Model A is a fun car to drive.

Bob Johannessen brought his newly acquired 1984 Buick Riviera to the show. He found the car in Pennsylvania. It is a very low mileage, garage kept car from an estate. The condition

of the Riviera is almost new due to excellent maintenance and low mileage.

Attending this show were: Barbara Muldowney & Henry Chaudron, 1955 Pontiac; Helen & Jerry Gordon, 1984 Lincoln; Mary Lou & Bob Johannessen, 1984 Buick; Mike Dodge, Ruth Synodinos & Bill Schmuck, 1956 Buick; Wayne McDaniel, 1951 Chevrolet; Dave Cavey, 1959 Edsel; Bud Currey, 1965 Pontiac; Ray Adler, 1988 Jaguar; Michael Natale, 1965 Corvaire; Paul Habicht, 1959 Cadillac; and Mary & Ed Allen, 1957 Chevrolet.

Also at the show: Lisa & Norman Williams, 1964 Falcon; Don Keller, 1930 Ford Model A; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Martin Herman, 1969 Pontiac; Lynn & John Horn, 1953 Hudson; Don Rhine, 1990 Buick; Pat Wenderoth, 1982 Rolls Royce; Bruce Solomon, 1966 Corvette; Bob Johnson, 1968½ Shelby Mustang; Tom Golden, 1965 Ford; and Julie & Ron Siegrist, 1976 Cadillac.



Shown at the top of the page are some of our cars parked next to the locomotives; and Don Keller flanked by the Museum's staff, receiving the Sponsor's Choice Trophy for his 1930 Ford Model A. Shown at the bottom from the left: Julie & Ron Siegrist's 1976 Cadillac, David Dodge & Ruth Synodinos, and Bob Johannessen's 1984 Buick Riviera.