

Fourth of July Towson Parade

by Tom Kenney

This year's event took place as usual on July 4th, in downtown Towson. Chesapeake Region participated proudly. The estimated number of spectators exceeded 60,000. Typical viewers had come the night before to stake out their prime viewing spots with blankets and chairs along the parade route.



Early arriving cars were greeted by Buzz Diehl who photographed the event, and Chuck Talbert who assisted in getting the cars lined up.

The two reviewing stands had printouts of the registered cars with a brief description of each car.

The Community of Anneslie was the featured community and provided many marchers at the start of the Parade.



The Assistance Center of Towson, a group of 48 congregations, served as Grand Marshal.

Veterans marching in the parade were given a rousing standing ovation as they marched along the route.



Sadly the Parade Committee Chairwoman, Jackie Sims, fell and injured herself and was forced to sit out the parade, but her hard work paid off with many compliments from the families attending.



Chesapeake attendees (in order of appearance): Tom Kenney; Buzz Diehl; Jim Turner, 29 Ford Model A; Henry Preston, 61 Nash Metropolitan; William Hyde, 58 Chevrolet; Don Wiseman & Daughter Kim, 65 Ford Mustang; John Barber, 64 Pontiac; Pat Wenderoff, 28 Studebaker President; Ron King, 85 Buick Riviera; Chuck Talbert, 39 Ford Fordor; Jerry Gordon, 64 Lincoln Continental.

