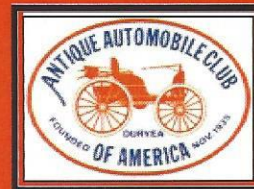


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MANSIONS, FOOD, WINE AND ICE CREAM TOUR

Twenty-Two Vehicles On Tour Including Rides From A 1940 Ford To A 1978 Lincoln Mark V, Four DeSotos, Two Hudsons

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Saturday, April 18 was forecast to be the most beautiful day of the year, and it was! A perfect day for a Antique Automobile Tour in the rolling hills of Baltimore and Harford Counties. The 'Mansions Food, Wine & Ice Cream Tour' was a blast for all that attended.

This tour was sponsored by the Early Ford V8 Club. There were other clubs that participated and probably attendees that didn't belong to any car club.

The early Ford V8 Club, The DeSoto Owners Club Of Maryland, and of course Chesapeake Region were in attendance at the invitation of the Early Ford V8 Club. Many of the people involved belonged to all *THREE* clubs, Tom Kenney, Activities Director of Chesapeake Region is also a member of the DeSoto Club and the Early Ford Club. Tom is a 'worker bee' and designated 'tour director.'

The tour began at the weekly Saturday morning, 'cars & coffee' get together at the Hunt Valley Mall on Shawan Road, Hunt Valley. Tom Kenney, arranged for twenty spaces in the Hunt Valley Mall parking lot to be reserved for the drivers that intended to 'go' on the tour.'

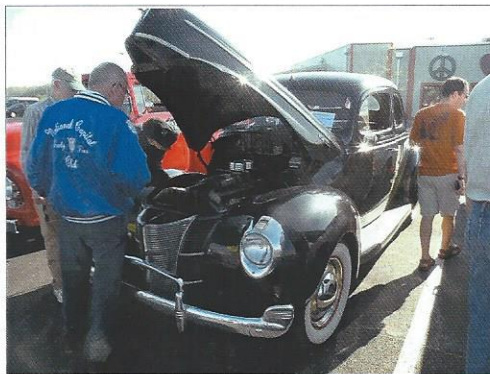
There was a conglomeration of antique rides from an elegant 1979 Lincoln Mark V, special edition coupe belonging to Robert Meekins to a 'spiffed up' 1940 Ford coupe belonging to Bill and Josie O'Donnell of West Friendship.

Stops on the tour included the beautiful Ladew Topiary Gardens, lunch at The Sunshine Grille in Fork, Maryland, The Boordy Vinyards in Hydes, for wine tasting, and Prigels ice cream emporiam in Glen Arm.

Drivers and passengers paused at each point and enjoyed the 'ambiance' of each location, especially Innch! I dined with my friends, Bob Lenio, Jim Turner and



Cars lined for the tour at the Hunt Valley Mall parking lot, 'cars & coffee' on Saturday morning. The 1959 DeSoto Fireflite convertible in the foreground belongs to Chesapeake Region Member Bob Lenio.



Above: Dave & Thelma Johnson's outstanding 1956 Ford Thunderbird. Left: Bill & Josie O'Donnell's fabulous '40 Ford coupe. (All photos by Anne Kenney)

his good friend, John Griswold. I had a 'Reuben' sandwich that was the best I've had since Atman's Deli!

Participants driving old rides: Al Zimmerman & Nancy Mattheu, 1966 Olds convertible; Dave & Thelma Johnson, 1956 Ford Thunderbird; Hank & Shirley Steel, 1949 Ford custom; John & Lois Krupinsky, 1956 Ford pickup; Tom & Judy Dawson, 1960 Chevy Bel Air sedan; Mike and Cheryl Bianco, 1974 AMC Hornet; John and Lynn Horn, 1953 Hudson Hornet; Mac & Maggie McGovern, 1950 Mercury sedan; Wayne &

Sue Dietz, 1969 Chevy Corvette; Jim Turner & John Griswold, 1953 DeSoto Firedome; Gary & Paula Ruby, 1956 Chevy convertible; Gary & Vicky Wilmer, 1963 Chevy Impala SS; Todd and Andrew Wilmer, 1973 Pontiac Trans Am; Lewis & Wanda Mendenhall, 1954 Hudson Hornet; Robert Meekins & Gerald Kirchner, 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V; Tom & Anne Kenney, 1960 DeSoto Adventurer.

Driving modern cars: Read Van Zile & Joanne Day, Bob & Kathy Baer; Gus & Ruth Wurtzer; Bill & Cindy George.