

**THIRTY-EIGHT HARDY SOULS SHOWED UP**

**In Spite Of Rain, Decent Turnout For The First Autumn Harvest Car Show**

*By Paula Ruby, President*

You've all heard the saying, 'When it Rains it Pours' and so it did. Saturday September 12th certainly lived up to that saying. At times I don't think that it could have rained any harder. On Friday the set up committee met at the field to mark off the beautiful green grass. I want to thank Tom Kenney who headed up the task and Gary Ruby, Al Zimmermann, Gary Wilmer, Bill George and Ken Schaffer. Marking the field went off without a hitch following the plan that Tom had drawn up, all that was left was to wait for Saturday.

Saturday morning looked a little gray at dawn. At 5:45 am. I turned on the weather and Marty Bass said that the rain would not be coming in until late in the day. That's what I wanted to hear, off to the field we went. Dave Serio was there getting ready to start his radio show 'You AUTO Know', LIVE at 7:00 am.

After having a glitch with the wiring he was on the air. He was promoting our show and giving the location for people visit. Cars started to arrive about 9 am. As the morning progressed the rain started to increase; by noon it was coming down in buckets. By that time we had registered thirty-eight vehicles including some fire trucks. We certainly didn't need any more water but it was great to see 23 of our brave members came out to support the club.

We still did the kids judging program with some brave children who really didn't mind getting wet: Elizabeth, Brandon, Travis and two children from one of our cars that were registered. Each of the children got a hat and a T-shirt. They picked three of their favorite cars. Their choices were John Shenton's 1949 Chrysler Windsor, Phil Hack's 1963 Ford Thunderbird and Lou Jasper and his 1969 Chevy Camaro which was at its first car show.

I want to thank everyone who helped that day especially my daughter Rachelle who got up extra early and met me at the show at 7:00 am. All of the ladies that helped at registration, Laura Robinson, Anne Kenney, Anne Marie Ramsburg and Vicky Wilmer, I apologize if I missed anyone. Thank you to Gary Ruby for handling registration and Tom Kenney, Gary Wilmer, Al Zimmermann and Doug Robinson who helped with parking.

We still had the Carroll County Sheriffs department come with their huge operations van, four fire trucks, and Vendors for the ladies. We had Tupperware, hand made scarves, Thirty-One-Bags, 'JamBerry' and Happy Hounds Dog Rescue with

some really cute dogs for adoption. We also had Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. Around 11:00, after the radio show was over a small band showed up to play music.

The food that Manchester VFC provided was terrific and we felt badly they had prepared so much. At the end of the day, we helped them out by buying much of the extra ham, turkey and roast beef. Some members bought rolls and got a whole tray of French fries for \$2.00!

Everyone that participated walked away with a plaque and their choice of a door prize from the 115 prizes that were available. The 'Best of Show' award was presented to Gene Sauter for his 1937 Wolseley Six sedan. Gene also won the Manchester Fire Chiefs' pick.

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*The Juvenile Jury with big kids, Gene and Gary*



*Not to 'curry' favor, but this is Bud's '59 Pontiac*



*John Shenton's pristine 1949 Chrysler Windsor*

back next year. We will have a rain date scheduled and work with their calendar to set this show for 2016. This venue has great potential and we don't want to lose it. Thank you all once again to for hanging in there and for the help you provided.

*Winners and participants: Lawrence Schaffer, '53 Dodge Panel truck; Gary Wilmer, '50 Jeepster; Gene Sauter, '37 Wolseley 6; Al Zimmermann, '35 Ford pickup; Doug & Laurie Robinson, '98 Mustang; Phil Hack, '63 T-Bird; Jerry Weber, '87 Mercedes 560SEC; Joe Horst, 1920 Ford Model I; Dave Horst, '29 Ford 2 door sedan; Ken & Nancy Schaffer, '33 Ford 4 door; Mike Ropka, '30 Ford Model A; Bill Edgar, '68 Camaro; Ralph Dull, 1918 Mode/A Firetruck; Ron Good, '28 Ford Tudor; Nick Prevas, '66 Cotvette; Ron King, '85 Buick Riviera; Dan Lester, 2003 Chevy SSR; Tom Bell, '93 Ford F150; John Shenton, Jr., 149 Chrysler Windsor; John Shenton, Jll, '78 Dodge 'Lil Red Express truck; Mike Hild, '66 Chevelle, SS; Doris Phelps, '50 Cadillac Hardtop; John Horn, '73 Ford Torino; Bud Currey, '59 Pontiac Hardtop; Tom Dawson, '60 Chevy Bel-Air; Chuck Talbert '91 Plymouth Sundance, Tom Kenney, '60 DeSoto Adventurer; Brian Miller, '75 Maxim Firetruck; Mike Beebe, '76 Ford; Frank & Jean Donato, 2010 Chevy Camaro, Dave Serio, 2013 Dodge Viper; Buzz Diehl, '90 Corvette; Jim Turner, '53 DeSoto Firedome; Alex Von Gunten, '49 Pontiac, Lou Jasper, '69 Camaro; Joe Sordillo, '50 Ford custom; Joanne Day & Read Van lile, '63 Ford Thunderbird; Gary Ruby, '70 Pontiac Catalina. Jan & Willis Terrett, 2014 Honda Accord.*



*Gary Wilmer's black & yellow Willys 'Jeepster'*



*Doris Phelps brought her gorgeous 1950 Cadillac*



*The lousy weather conditions didn't deter the owners of the cars in the picture above. Numerous awards were given out to the thirty-eight participants*