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Members Queue-Up For The October Rockville Show

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

Chesapeake Region was well-represented at the Saturday, October 17th Rockville Show as it is commonly known among car lovers of all makes. The rain free day, downright cold in the early morning but became sunny and warmed to the mid 50's by early afternoon.

This show is the one car owners look forward to all season. None more so than Charles Gillet, Jr., the gentleman with the spectacular collection of priceless vehicles. 'The Gillet Team' comprised of Charles Gillet, Jr., Chief Judge, Gene Sauter; many hearty associates and Al Prueitt & Sons Restoration, of Glen Rock, Pa., drove a trailered seven vehicles from the Gillet collection to the show at beautiful Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. If you haven't attended 'Rockville,' this venue features The 'Glenview' Mansion, with a long winding driveway that leads onto the viewfield. Many photographers and others stake out the driveway for an up-close view of the beautiful vehicles as they enter the grounds.

In a typical year, there will be upwards of 500 antique and classic vehicles of all descriptions. A live band performs all day, there are automotive related vendors along with food vendors for every taste.

The 'Magnificent Seven' ...

The Gillet Collection vehicles brought to Rockville were: 1934 Pierce-Arrow Durham Body 8; 1926 Rolls Royce Barker Body Phantom; 1931 Cadillac V16 Fleetwood body, four-door convertible; 1938 Packard V12 Durham Body convertible; 1948 Packard Victorian convertible 8; 1934 Packard convertible 8 rumble seat coupe and Gene Sauter's 1937 English Wolseley four door Saloon six.

While speaking with Mr. Gillet, my good friend, Dr. Harvey Rapp and I thanked him for going to the trouble and expense of bringing these priceless jewels out to share with the public. Charles said he is "glad to do it" and enjoys talking to other car owners about his collection. Other vehicles in Mr. Gillet's collection have won major awards and 'best of show' at many Concours d'Elegance events around the country for years. The '34 Pierce-Arrow and a '54 Bentley are up for a national award from AACA.



Chesapeake Region member Charles Gillet, Jr., poses with his award winning 1934 Pierce-Arrow four door convertible. The Pierce-Arrow was a crowd favorite all day and went on to capture 'The Mayor's and City Council's Award, October 17 at the 2015 Rockville Car Show at Rockville Civic Center Park. Well over 500 vehicles were displayed/or the single-day car extravaganza--Dr. Harvey Rapp photo

HUGE CROWD, LOTS OF VEHICLES

No Rain Saturday For AACA Hershey Eastern Fall Meet

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

Compared to the last few years, the weather for the 60th annual AACA Eastern Division Fall Meeting was stupendous! Well, it did rain on Friday, but Saturday was great, a little chilly in the early morning, but by mid-morning it was sunny and warming.

Rather than my normal 'modis operandi' of going alone to the Hershey Fall Meet, this year Chesapeake Region Secretary, Jim Turner accompanied me. I left home at 4:50 am and drove to the newly reincarnated 'Radisson Baltimore Hotel,' formerly 'Baltimore Plaza' on Greenspring Drive in Timonium where I rendezvoused with Jim.

We got back onto I-83 north for the next 78 miles to Hershey. This is the first time in many years I can remember not running into major road construction on the Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway. Arriving at Hershey Park Drive we turned left into the huge 'day parking' lot and coughed up \$15 smacklers for the privilege of

parking in soft, grassy... mud! Seems to me it was only ten bucks last year. At least we weren't too far from the main gate, about a ten minute walk. That's the advantage of arriving early. In another hour, people will be walking for twenty minutes or more to get into a crossing area. I know, been there done that.

Inside the gate, we were immediately in the car corral, but which way to go? After getting confusing directions from an elderly chap in a green iridescent vest, we set out onto the car corral roadway that encircles Hershey Giant Center. While eyeballing all the nifty cars for sale, we could see show cars arriving, driven by their owners. Later on, we waved to Gary Ruby driving his 1951 Ford Victoria, followed closely behind by President Paula Ruby driving their 1985 Buick LeSabre. Both cars would finish 'in the money' by securing their 'Senior' designation. After all, that's the whole idea of displaying one's vehicle on the showfield for judging, and seek admiration from spectators.

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