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**A TANK, A CITROEN SEDAN AND A WINNING JAGUAR!**

## Some Unusual Vehicles At Fire Museum Show, July 9

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On a sunny and hot Saturday morning many of our CRAACA members turned out for the annual car show at the Fire Museum of Maryland in Lutherville. This was in spite of competition from the DeSoto/Airflow National Meet taking place in Timonium, though several of our members took in part of the Saturday show there in the infield of the Timonium Race Track (the author must admit to slipping away briefly to view the fine display of DeSoto and Airflow cars).

As always, we were cordially welcomed by the Museum staff, particularly Officer of the Day Tom Colleran, who provided table and chairs for our check-in and invited Club members to view the Museum displays. The Museum air conditioned indoors offered welcome respite from the heat of the day, in addition to the extensive display of antique fire fighting apparatus.

Show field entrants were greeted by an array of GM cars featuring a Chevrolet Corvair Rampside, a Buick Riviera, and a line of Corvettes from a wide range that included several years of production. Among others of the twenty-nine cars present were ones not often seen at our shows: a British armored (or is it armoured?) vehicle and a Citroen Model DS, icon of French design and engineering.

The tank-like military vehicle was appropriately powered by a Jaguar engine, having a familiar sound as it moved on rubber-coated tracks, leaving a trail of black marks as it skid steered its path.

The Citroen, by contrast, was smooth and quiet as it moved, markedly more elegant in appearance. That elegance abounded among the other cars displayed, none more so than in the 1957 Jaguar XK140MC coupe of Henry Van Valen, which was selected as Sponsor Choice.

The award was presented by Mr. Colleran who, in turn, received from Nick Prevas, Chesapeake Region Vice President, a framed copy of the Senate Resolution proclaiming July 8, 2016 as Collector Car Appreciation Day. This show has for several years coincided with the week of the proclamation day. With this we closed our own day of special appreciation of the collector cars we enjoy every day.



**ATTENDING THE 2016 FIRE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND SHOW** (left to right) Gary Wilmer, Ron King, John Krupinsky, Tom Dawson, Henry Ver Valen, Beth Muscedere, John and Lynn Horn, Robert Natale, Scott Trenner, Nick and Linda Prevas, (behind Nick, Tom Collaran of the Fire Museum) Al Zimmermann, Ron Siegrist, Michael Natale, Ruth Synodinos with Don Andrews, Phil Hack and an unidentified individual. Missing from picture: Buzz Diehl, Paula and Gary Ruby.



...And the Sponsor's Choice Award goes to...Henry Ver Valen for his absolutely stunning 1957 Jaguar XK-140MC.--Buzz Diehl photos.



Presenting Henry Ver Valen (center) with the Sponsor's Choice Award is: Tom Colleran of the Fire Museum of Maryland and Michael Natale, Co-Officer of the Day with brother Robert.



This 1968 Citroen DS was driven to the show by Bruce Edwards. The DS was the first mass produced car with disc brakes, and placed third in the 1999 Car of the Century poll and was named most beautiful car of all time by *Classic & Sports Car* magazine.



According to the owner, Paul Winicki, the above military vehicle is a 1978 Alvis Scorpion. Engine in the Scorpion is a Jaguar J60, 6-cylinder gasoline motor generating 190 horsepower (later replaced by a Cummings diesel-fueled 190 horsepower engine).