

Rain Threat Didn't Dampen Towson 4th Of July Parade

By Michael Natale, Chesapeake Region

The annual Towson Fourth of July Parade kicked off at 10:30 in the morning with a fly over of Maryland Air National Guard A10s, returning after several years absence due to budget constraints.

A short period of drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm of those in attendance or the participants, which included marching bands, community groups, floats, and antique cars brought by our CRAACA members.

Also featured this year was Towson University, celebrating its 150th anniversary, with its



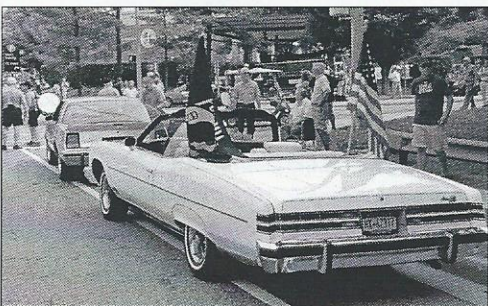
Michael Natale and Paula Ruby enjoy the parade

new president, Dr. Kim Schatzel, leading their float and parading members of the university community

The marching units featured as always the Ravens Marching Band, the Dallastown Drum and Bugle Corp, and the Calvert Hall College High School Band, The Kiltie Band Of York, (PA) among others from as far away as New York State. Interspersed among the marchers were our cars, antique fire vehicles from the Fire Museum of Maryland, and vehicles from the Baltimore County Fire Department and local volunteer companies.

This election year also brought out more than the usual local, state, and federal elected officials. They greeted constituents as most of them walked the parade route.

An elegant addition to the parade was brought by the Wells Fargo Bank. An authentic stage coach drawn by four beautiful horses was a unique and handsome parade feature. The coach and horses were transported in a large semi-truck and trailer, and those watch-



Garry Ruby waits his turn to be 'inserted' into the parade. Gary is in front of the dazzling white Pontiac Convertible from New York.

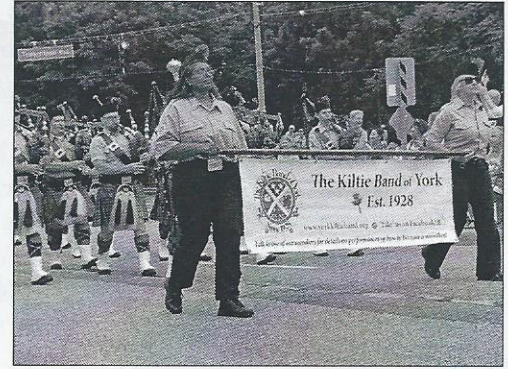
ing the unharnessing and loading at the end of the parade had a special treat as the well trained horses performed their routine.

We appreciate the CRAACA members who

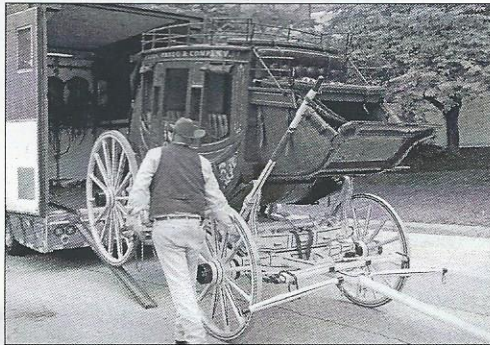
represented our club so well by participating, adding their beautiful cars to the spectacle of this much enjoyed event celebrating the founding of our country.



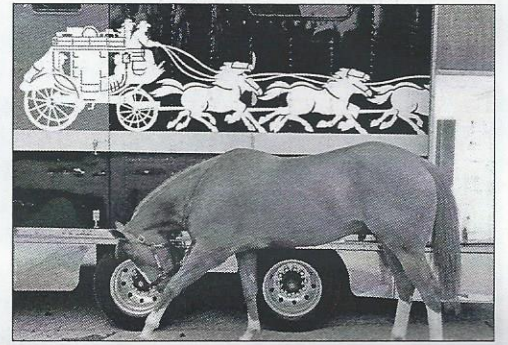
New President of Towson University, Dr. Kim Schatzel (center) is the Grand Marshall of the Towson Fourth of July Parade. All photos by Buzz Diehl



The famous Kiltie band of York, Pennsylvania



Authentic Wells-Fargo stagecoach



One of the four Wells-Fargo horses shows off

Results Of Judging At The National DeSoto Club Convention And Meet, July 5-10, 2016

Class I, 1929-1940

- Fourth Place: Les Pesavento, (Lewiston, MI) 1929 DeSoto Model K, four door sedan
- Third Place: Edmund Jenkins (Ellicott City, MD) 1939 DeSoto S6, four door sedan
- Second Place: Joe Warner, (Blue Ridge Summit, PA) 1931 DeSoto CF roadster
- Best In Class: John Wagner, (Athens, GA) 1935 DeSoto SG Airflow sedan

Class II, 1941-1948

- Second Place: Bob Baer (College Park, MD) 1948 DeSoto DeLuxe two-door sedan
- Best In Class: Lance Beaulieu, (Elizabeth, IL) 1948 DeSoto Custom convertible

Class III, 1949-1954

- Fourth Place: James Turner, (Towson, MD) 1953 DeSoto Firedome sedan
- Third Place: Willis Terrett, (Millersville, MD) 1949 DeSoto Custom sedan
- Second Place: Bill Wurzell, (Ellicott City, MD) 1954 DeSoto Firedome sedan
- Best In Class: Nelson Wilson (Kernersville, NC) 1952 Desoto Firedome sedan

Class IV, 1955-1956

- Fourth Place: Willard Sproat, (Rexford, NY) 1955 DeSoto Firedome sedan
- Third Place: J. 'Ferdi' Driver (Millers, MD) 1955 DeSoto Sportsman hardtop
- Second Place: Duane Dodd, (Schenectady, NY) 1959 DeSoto Firedome Special two-door hardtop
- Best In Class: John Gallagher (Bethesda, MD) 1956 DeSoto Fireflite Sportsman two-door hardtop

Class V, 1957-1958

- Second Place: Perry Rogers, (Collegeville, PA) 1957 DeSoto four-door Sportsman hardtop
- Best In Class: Perry Rogers, (Collegeville, PA) 1957 DeSoto Fireflite sedan

Class VI, 1959-1961

- Second Place: Bob Lenio (Owings Mills, MD) 1959 DeSoto Fireflite convertible (10th meet)
- Best In Class: Steve Cooper, (Levittown, PA) 1960 DeSoto Fireflite two-door hardtop

Class VII, Modified

- Fourth Place: Bob Lutman, (Taneytown, MD) 1959 DeSoto Firesweep two-door Sportsman
- Third Place: Joe Youngblood, (Eau Clair, MI) 1948 Custom four-door sedan
- Second Place: Norman Mulloy, (address unknown) 1934 SE Airflow sedan
- Best In Class: Jerry Kadinger, (Menomonie, WI) 1959 two-door Sportsman
- BEST IN SHOW:** Dennis Pitchford, (San Jose, CA) 1935 DeSoto SG Airflow coupe