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MANCHESTER VFD SECOND ANNUAL EVENT

Autumn Harvest Car Show A 'Sunny' Event This Year

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

The first annual 'Autumn Harvest' car show last year was a victim of heavy showers. Not so this year. As a matter of fact, we could have probably used a little of the 'wet stuff' to cool things down a bit. Another hot and humid car show. Nevertheless, we had a great turnout of 100 vehicles. Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves in spite of the heat.

I enjoyed the show because of the diversity of vehicles that were on display. I especially enjoyed speaking to Clayton Shank of Carroll County. Mr. Shank is the owner of a 1941 Dodge business coupe that I immediately recognized from the Barry Levinson Movie, 'Avalon.' The '41 Dodge played somewhat of a pivotal role in the movie in that it got 'blown up' at a gas station after a errant Baltimore streetcar went off the rails and into the gas station where the Dodge was refueling. 'KA-BLOOIE! No more '41 Dodge business coupe! Well, in reality it was another car not Clayton's that got torched.

It was so nice seeing my friend, Doris Phelps back on the car show circuit. Doris had undergone major surgery, earlier in the year. Jim Turner and I found Doris 'soaking up shade' under Robert and Michael Natale's brand new scissor canopy. We had a nice conversation with everyone under the tent. Of course Doris had her 1950 Cadillac two-door hardtop on the showfield. Her Cadillac always looks like it just came out of the detailing shop. Former four term president and current Director of Chesapeake Region, Gary Wilmer had his 'eye catching' 1951 Willys Jeepster on display. I got a look under the hood and I was surprised to see a four cylinder overhead valve motor. For some reason I had it in my mind that these vehicles all had a four cylinder 'flathead' motor. Back in

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Above, left to right, Chief Judge Gene Sauter, 'Best of Show' Award winner, Al Zimmermann, and Chesapeake Region President, Paula Ruby. All the judges agreed that Al's 1935 Ford pickup truck deserved the Best of Show award. The truck is virtually flawless as Al's many wins at Concours events attest.--Buzz Diehl photos

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Chesapeake Region's Annual Family Picnic A Caloric Delight

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

Immediately prior to the 12:00 noon start of the 2016 annual family picnic there was rain falling in and around the huge pavilion that was ours for the day. Thankfully, the rain didn't last long and afterward the sun came out and it was a very pleasant day from then on.

Chesapeake Region members enjoyed an absolutely lovely ride through the Baltimore and Harford County countryside. The roads were excellent, if indeed a bit roller-coaster like and twisty. Late summer and all the flora and fauna are still green and lush.

Many members defied the weather forecast of moderate to heavy rain and brought their classic cars to the picnic to share with other members. Henry Ver Valen had his spectacular 1957 Jaguar XK 140 MC hardtop coupe on display for all to enjoy. In fact, Henry gave many folks a peek at the immaculate motor under the long hood of his Jaguar. Craig and Mary Whitcraft showed up in their gorgeous 1953 Mercury two-door hardtop, black over red, what an eye-catcher! Trip Franklin brought his teal and white 1959 Chevrolet Corvette convertible. Russell and Susan Love arrived in their pristine, maroon, 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle station wagon. Very nostalgic for me because my father had one just like it.

Let's talk about food...

Our picnic was catered this year by Mission BBQ and the food was plentiful and delicious.

Lt. 4-3, Jerome Steerline of Manchester Volunteer Fire Company, accepts 'Award of Appreciation' from Chesapeake Region President, Paula Ruby, September 10. The award is for the fire company's unwavering support for the Autumn Harvest Car Show.

The beef brisket along with smoked turkey and pulled pork entrées were kept hot while members went through the buffet line. The beef brisket was so tender, you could cut it with a *plastic* fork.

Other buffet-style items to choose from were, tossed salad, coleslaw, baked beans (yum) and 'smoshed' potatoes, cornbread or dinner rolls. The desert menu was shameful, I could feel my

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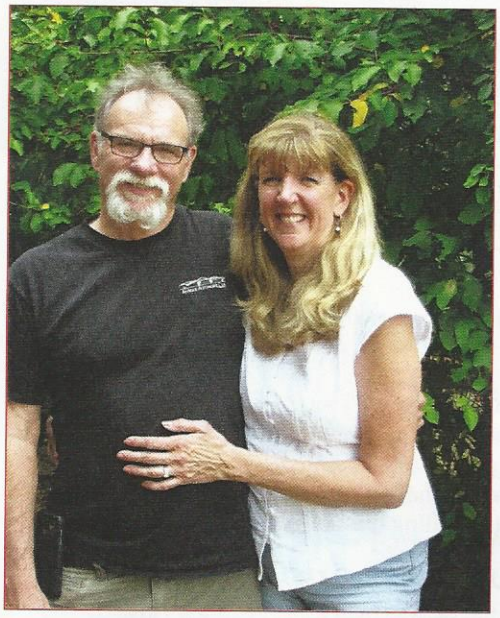

Newlyweds, Phil and Shelly Hack. Congratulations!

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blood sugar rising even before devouring a huge piece of the delectable sheet cake. Many members brought even more goodies to share, which I'm sorry to say I didn't have room for after two trips through the buffet line...and the cake!

There was a recent milestone for our Activity Director, Phil Hack...he got married! Yes, Phil and his sweet, significant other, 'Shelly' tied the knot, and they were given a rousing cheer of good luck!

A forthcoming milestone for Mr. Russell Bowers. His birthday is October 10, and he will be 93 years young! Mr. Bowers was accompanied by Chesapeake Region member Wilmer Morrison, and Mr. Bower's daughter, Theresa. Near the end of the picnic the group got together for a Buzz and Barb Diehl picture.

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the early fifties, Jeepsters were the rage, a real fun vehicle to have. Using the same platform, they came in a two-door station wagon model with simulated wood cladding. They could also be had in a pickup truck or chassis with lots of applications such as a tow truck, utility truck, ice cream vendor, just to name a few.

When I was a youngster our next door neighbor's and extended family, the 'Millers' had a 1949 Jeep station wagon, but they needed a vehicle with four doors, so they traded the Jeep in on a 1951 Chevrolet station wagon. I went to a lot of drive-in movies in that wagon. Charles Gillet's 1934 Packard convertible in two-toned green was a crowd favorite also.

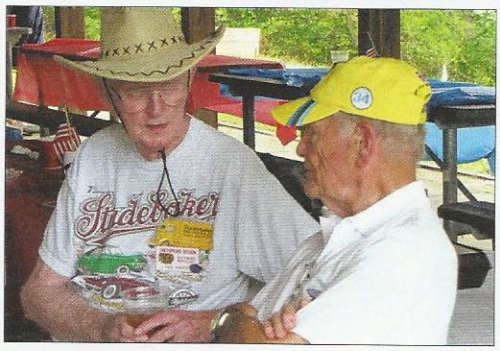
Sorry we don't have room to list all 100 participants but on this page we do have the top 40 winners listed, including: Best of Show, Fire Chief's Pick, Ladies' Pick and Kids Pick.

Even though this year's 'Autumn Harvest' car show was another scorcher, it was way more enjoyable than last year's rain soaked event.

Mr. Russell Bowers turns 93 on October 10

Left to right, Linda & Nick Prevas, Olivia Beckett 6, Will Beckett, holding Naomi Beckett 2, Ginger (Prevas) Beckett and Maddie Beckett, 12. Maddie and Olivia are Junior members of the Club.

Scenes From The Picnic: By Buzz Diehl



Paul and Henry are probably talking cars!

'Autumn Harvest' Top Forty Winners September 10 At Manchester VFD

Al Zimmermann	1935 Ford P/U
Richard Murren	1947 Chevrolet
Charles Gillet	1934 Packard conv.
Frank and Jean Donato	1932 Ford Coupe
Craig Whitcraft	1934 Ford P/U
Ken Schaffer	1933 Chevrolet
Doug and Laurie Robinson	1966 Mustang Conv.
Don Ramsburg	1939 Ford Coupe
Charles and Lois Poole	1966 Ford T-Bird
David Meyd	1937 Chevy Coupe
Rick and Pat Nash	1928 Whippet
Richard Boyd	1963 Impala hardtop
Gary Wilhelm	1951 Chevy P/U
Henry Chauldron	1955 Pontiac
Ron Fleming	1957 Chevy Belair
Mark Elksins	1968 Ford Torino
Jerry Breznicky	1968 Camaro
Scott Close	1967 Camaro
Bob Schwur	1969 Camaro
Ron Siegrist	1952 Oldsmobile
Nancy Schaffer	1961 Metropolitan
Russ and Janey Miller	1964 Ford Galaxie
Russ and Janey Miller	1955 Ford F100 P/U
Tim Sauter	1937 Wolseley six
Merph Wentker	1940 Ford Deluxe
Calvin Kiser	1971 Ply. Baracuda
Edward Fowler	1925 Franklin A
Joel and Doris Peterman	1939 Pontiac sedan
Gary Kauffman	1947 Studebk. p/u
Mike Ropka	1930 Ford Model A
Robert Natale	1965 Buick Riviera
David Feinberg	1967 Chevelle
Ken and Donna Myers	1969 Pontiac GTO
Steven Kimnel	1958 Ford P/U
Joe Horst	1920 Model T
Jeff Moose	1969 Chevelle
Ron Walsh	1936 Ford Phaeton
Dennis Black	1968 El Camino
Gary Gibson	1956 F100 P/U
John Wisner	2015 Harley M.C.
BEST OF SHOW:	
Al Zimmermann	1935 Ford pickup
FIRE CHIEF'S PICK:	
Russ & Janey Miller	1955 Ford F100 P/U
LADIES PICK:	
Keith Brodbeck Hanover, PA	1966 Chevelle
KIDS PICK:	
First Place:	
Cal Kiser	1971 Ply. Baracuda
Second Place:	
Charles Gillet	1934 Packard Conv.
Third Place:	
Jeff Krause	1972 CHEVY NOVA