

MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM, MAY 8th

'Paintless Dent Doctor' Demonstration Pretty Convincing

Hi everyone!

If you missed this month's membership meeting on Monday May 8, you missed an informative one. Jim Turner arranged a demonstration with the owners of 'Paintless Dent Doctors.' Their business is located at: No. 4 Nashua Court, Bay #5, Essex, Maryland 21221. Phone number is: 443.610.2769; located near the State Police Barracks in Golden Ring/White Marsh area.

Their specialty is dent removal, usually without damaging paint. Steve and Shannon Green are Qualified Technicians, and very professional. They were also excellent speakers. They came in with a hood, tools of their trade along with a large folding stand



As Steve and Shannon Green work their metal magic on the car hood specimen, all the members in attendance are paying rapt attention. You may think Tom Dawson is sleeping on his feet, but you would be wrong! Tom is a very deep, deep, deep, deep thinker...so there! Paula Ruby photo

to put the hood on. The hood had small, shallow dents that looked very much like hail damage. They took up a hammer and deliberately put a dent in the metal. While we observed, they took a pick like tool and worked the metal back and forth, and you could see the dent disappeared.

I ask if it would work on older cars with heavier gauge metal, they said Yes, but it was a little harder to work. They also do paint work if the body damage has cracked the paint.

I received a call from John Shenton, he needed a muffler for his 1949 Chrysler Windsor 6. After several phone calls and inquiries, John called Brooks Muffler Shop at: 11405 Pulaski Highway and talked to 'Billy.' Billy searched his inventory for the correct muffler and had one in stock. This shop can also make tailpipes. John said price was very fair and they have lots of mufflers in stock. Brooks phone number is: 410.335.4828. Bear this in mind as not many shops stock antique car parts.

Don't forget to check the website and newsletter for our club activities. Become active in Chesapeake Region and have fun. 'Tell' us what you would like see for program presentations.

See you at the events!--Gary Ruby

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open for inspection. Most are tagged with current registration and most cars have keys in the ignition ready for a cruise.

Calling the Bowman Collection a 'museum' is a bit of a misnomer, simply because it is more of a collection than a museum. Museum vehicles in many cases don't move for years. Cars in the Bowman Collection appear ready to roll out the door in a heartbeat. None of the cars looked as though they were restored, although I'm sure some of them were. Most of them appear to be original and pristine. Most all have a little sign on the windshield that states where the car was acquired and when. This information appears to have been provided by Mr. Bowman himself.

The collection to my knowledge is all domestic (American) vehicles. I don't recall seeing a European or Asian car in the collection. There were a lot of high-end cars such as Packard, Buick, Chrysler and Cadillac, there were lots of later model Buicks and Cadillacs. Chevrolets, Fords, Pontiacs and a smattering of other makes. A ubiquitous red 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible with FACTORY AIR! How about a Chrysler 'K' car convertible with less than 300 miles on the odometer!

There were plenty of iconic models like the eye-catching 1948 Packard Woodie wagon parked next to a dazzling 1947 yellow Buick

Roadmaster convertible with front window lifts. There was also a yellow 1950 Mercury convertible with power windows and full leather interior next to an astounding 1955 Ford convertible in the prettiest two-tone shades of blue you ever saw. All these cars looked original and probably were. The only modification to the '55 Ford convertible was 'Bluedots' in the taillights, well, nothing is perfect. To me, the Bluedots seemed out of place in an otherwise 'completely original' car.

I don't know if you'll ever have a chance at visiting the Bowman collection, but if you do, **JUMP ALL OVER IT!**



1935 Buick rumble seat convertible with dual sidemounts. Incredible! Philip Hack photos



President Paula Ruby converses with members in the 'Big Truck Room' at the Bowman collection.



Lynn Horn and Barb Diehl check out all the eye candy!



Exterior shot of the parking area outside the main building. The buildings in the background provide support or vehicle storage.