

DeSoto Owners Club Of Maryland, Has Successful 'Spring Fling' At Historic Baldwin's Station Restaurant, Sykesville, April 29

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After having a couple well-attended, and pleasant DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland meetings at the warm and friendly Baldwin Station Restaurant in Sykesville, Maryland, Secretary Cheryl Bianco thought it might be time for a special celebration.

Cheryl, working along with club president, Jim Turner, Activity Chair and DeSoto Diary editor and publishers, Bob and Kathy Baer, and Cheryl's husband, vice president, Mike Bianco, polled the membership and got a resounding 'yes' to her proposal of a 'Spring Fling.' A date was set for April 29 and Ms. Bianco immediately put in an order for an exceptionally nice day.

Plans were made for a special multi-course, sit down luncheon of tender white meat chicken breast in a special cream sauce and side vegetable. The entree was served after a salad of sliced cucumbers, lettuce, tomato and house dressing. A scrumptious dessert of New York style cheesecake with whipped cream and strawberry slice topped off the meal. Diners enjoyed the luncheon 'Al fresco' on the huge veranda that partially surrounds the former train station building in an 'L' shape.

Members and invited guests sent a check and RSVP for the luncheon that included all the soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea, coffee, hot tea, and gratuity. It was wonderful to have such a nice repast without any need for order taking or paying for anything, as it was all taken care of in advance. If desired beer, wine and cocktails could also be ordered. Cheryl made sure there were plenty of special prizes awarded and everybody received a goody bag.

The Spring Fling celebration wasn't limited to members of the DeSoto Club. Other car clubs were invited, including Dr. Harvey Rapp, long-time president of the Mid-Atlantic Plymouth Club. Dr. Rapp arrived in his AACA award winning 1953 Plymouth Cranbrook convertible.

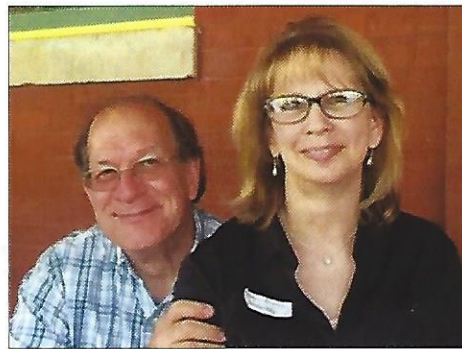
Jon Clulow, Eastern Regional Director of the Airflow Club of America, arrived in his 1936 Chrysler Imperial Airflow sedan. This vehicle will draw a large crowd of spectators all by itself. Indeed, the sixteen vehicles and twenty-five people attending the Spring Fling did just that.

Nearly everybody visiting the shops and boutiques in town stopped by Baldwin Station parking lot to look and admire the antique cars on display. Most of which, of course were DeSotos, however, there were others including a couple late model cars such as Jim Mohr's 2011 Dodge Challenger RT. Another big hit was Bill Gibson's authentic looking 'Batmobile.' This vehicle is on a 1978 Lincoln chassis. It's difficult to discern any difference from the famous Batmobile created by the late, legendary designer, Mr. George Barris. Those attending and their vehicle:

- Jon Clulow, 1936 Chrysler Imperial Airflow
 - Bob & Kathy Baer, 1948 DeSoto DeLuxé two-door sedan
 - Jack & Cher Gallagher, 1956 DeSoto Sportsman hardtop
 - J. 'Ferd' Driver, 1955 DeSoto Sportsman hardtop
 - Bob & Terry Lutman, 1959 DeSoto Sportsman hardtop
 - Harvey Rapp, 1953 Plymouth Cranbrook convertible
 - Jim Turner (Club President) 1953 Desoto Firedome sedan
 - Willis & Jan Terrett and Murray Cole, 1949 DeSoto Custom sedan
 - E. 'Joe' & Ellen Jenkins, 1939 DeSoto S-6 sedan
 - Bob Lenio, 1968 Plymouth Fury Station Wagon
 - Mike & Cheryl Bianco, 1974 AMC Hornet X hatchback
 - Bill Gibson, 'The Batmobile' (1978 Lincoln chassis)
 - Bob Kurland, 1939 Desoto (trailer)
 - Bill Wurzell, 1954 DeSoto Firedome sedan
- Arriving in modern cars: Les and Janet Bruchey, Jim & Jamie Inasley



Left to right: Dr. Harvey Rapp, Janet Bruchey and husband Lester Bruchey



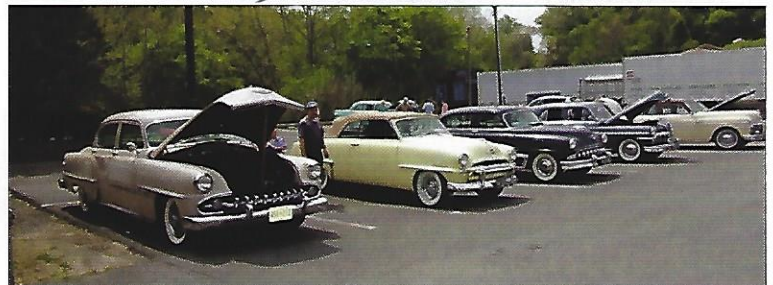
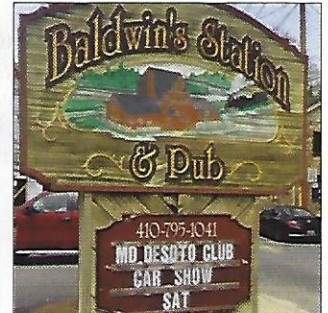
Above: 'Goody Bag' awards
Left: Mike & Cheryl Bianco



Above: Cheesecake dessert
Right: Kathy & Bob Baer



Joe and Ellen Jenkins



String of DeSotos and a Plymouth convertible, Groucho would be delighted!