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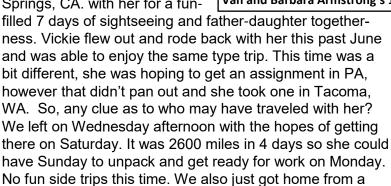
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PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE:**

As summer begins to wind down hopefully the temperatures will too. I apologize for missing our August meeting in the park. As they say family comes first and as many of you know our youngest daughter Kristen is a traveling Social Worker in the hospital system. Last year at I drove to Palm Springs, CA. with her for a fun-





SEPT CALENDAR CAR OF THE MONTH: Van and Barbara Armstrong's 1966 Sunbeam. See pg. 3

CALENDAR

- SEP 4 Membership Meeting and Potluck, 7pm, Antique Car Shelter, Jim **Barnett Park**
- SEP 18 Board Meeting, 7pm, Round Hill Church, Winchester, All members welcome.
- SEP 20-21 Poor Man's Tour. See page 2 and flyer on page 8.
- SEP 22 MONDAY, NOON DEADLINE for **OCT NEWSLETTER**
- OCT 2 Membership Meeting, 7pm, Round Hill Church, Winchester

family reunion/camping trip (don't

let the word camping mislead you, Vickie and I stayed in a cabin!) and I need to get this article off to Linda by noon so it will be much shorter than usual.

I want to send a Special THANK YOU to the Queen City Region for hosting this year's Annual Corn Roast. As noted above I was unable to attend, and prior to my daughters' change of plans I was looking forward to being able to be there this year. I know Linda and Craig Comontofski were unable to be there, as they always are, due to Craig's health and have not heard if anyone else from the Region

attended. [continued under PRESIDENT, page 6]

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Board is pleased to report acceptance of the following new members at the Aug. Board Meeting. Please add to your 2025 Roster:

Frank & Carolyn Troxell of Winchester, VA

(717) 379-4920

trox1776@gmail.com

Frank & Carolyn are European sports car fans

WELCOME ABOARD!

Sept 4, 2025 7:00 pm Membership

Meeting & Potluck



Antique Car Shelter, Jim Barnett Park

1001 E. Cork St, Winchester, VA 22603

(see directions, next-to-last page of newsletter)

Meeting Hosts: Wayne & Sharon Parker

This will be a "potluck" meeting at the shelter. The Club will provide the meat entrée. Please bring a "covered dish" (for example: appetizer, salad, vegetable side, dessert) to share, and your own dinner plate, tableware, tablecloth and beverage. See you there for our last shelter meeting of the year!

HAPPY SEPT BIRTHDAYS!

- 02 Larry Omps
- 02 Nicole Malony
- 09 Doris Vargo
- 13 Annette Busko
- 18 Rita Dieter
- 19 Connie Herbert
- 19 Karl Ettinger
- 19 Stewart Belkin
- 23 Bill Busko
- 25 Len Roman



THANK YOU, MEMBERS

A belated thank-you to all the members who generously donated and purchased items at our annual Auction Night following our June club meeting. We had a great turnout, a fun evening,

and a nice sum went into our coffers for future club expenses. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also, our thanks to Todd Bragg, who again donated his services as Auctioneer. Great job!

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION - WATCH OUT FOR ME!



POOR MAN'S TOUR - SEPT 20-21

The Tour Co-Chairs, Paul Ruscito, Tom Parker, and Jeff Smulovitz, have been hard at work and have planned a great overnight Tour. See the flyer on page 8 for details - and don't forget to let

Tom Parker know if you plan to attend, so he can keep you updated with info as we get closer to the Tour dates, and also have a head count for our hosts.



To register for the Tour, contact Tom at: tomrparkerjr@gmail.com or phone/text (703) 727-3665 *BY SEPT. 13* so he has time to put together the Tour booklets.

If you don't join the Tour, you will miss out on a really fun outing. Modern cars are welcome if your antique is "under the weather." Let's have a great Tour with our Region and our friends in Queen City Region!

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: Please update your Roster to show Mike & Connie Herbert's correct email. It should read **mfherbert0797@gmail.com** (Roster was missing the "t" - oops!)



FOUR MORE PHOTOS NEEDED: CLUB CAR CALENDAR 2026

Tom Parker needs 4 more photo sub-

missions for the 2026 Club Car Calendar. These can be your rolling ride, or a good photo of your project in progress. How about both a "before" and "after" photo?

The calendar will be in an 8.5" x 11" (closed) wall calendar format, one vehicle per month. Side or 3/4 views, taken outside in daylight, show off vehicles best. Please email your vehicle's photo to Tom at

tomrparkerjr@gmail.com.

The best results are from hi-res photos; keep in mind that they'll be sized at approx. 8" x 10" in landscape mode. Most cellphone cameras take fairly hi-res photos if you don't have digital pics on file. If you have photos on your cellphone and don't know how to download them to email, you can text the photos to Tom at (703) 727-3665. If you don't have a way to get Tom a digital photo, or don't have a photo, please contact him to make other arrangements. Tom will also need a little info about your vehicle for the caption; like how long you've had it, what restoration was needed, any special facts, or how many miles you've driven it, etc. Deadline for submission is Sept. 30. This deadline allows for calendars to be created and received in time for delivery at the Nov. membership meeting. Thanks!

Send articles, photos & ads to: shenandoahregion@gmail.com

Sunshine Report

Sunshine Chairs Dave & Sharon Lewis report sending:

OCT News Deadline NOON SEPT 22

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Sunshine Rept

• Get-well wishes to Dickie Wolfe, who had knee surgery in July and shoulder surgery in August, and to Jim Tillery, who is having back surgery Aug. 28. ♥ Please remember Dickie & Sally, and Jim & Tami in your thoughts and prayers for healing. • As always, let's all keep in our thoughts and prayers those members who struggle daily with ongoing issues that keep them

"in the shop" and not running on all cylinders.

SEPT. CAR of the MONTH:



Van and Barbara Armstrong's 1966 Sunbeam Tiger

By Van Armstrong

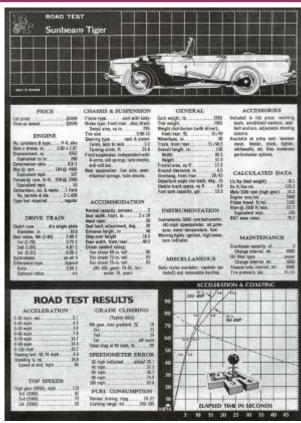
I have always had an interest in roadsters growing up and as an adult also intended to experience whatever variety of vehicles that piqued my interest. I was discussing cars with longtime friend Jim Colville (as always), searching for something unique. He said, what a about a Sunbeam Tiger... (Little then did I know that Sunbeam had become a Mopar sale product before their demise!)

So I started poking around on the internet in early 2002 and ran across this Tiger located in far off northern California. First thing, it was my favorite (non-stock) color! Second, it happened to have a Hurst Competition shifter that I had experienced once in a '65 Corvette. Third, it had been recently restored with a replacement '65 Ford 289 block and performance upgrades. Emotion took over, and 3000 miles away I am talking with the owner over several phone calls. What could go wrong? Was it fate? Well, I learned quickly what is involved to inspect a sight unseen car, and how to ship it across the country. Note that I had never even sat in a Tiger. I just trusted an early Road & Track review for details and an 85 point, Fair, comfort rating.

So two weeks later, it arrives at a local church parking lot by tractor trailer. It's in good company with a Bentley and pre-war Alfa Romeo. The driver unloads my car and I jump inside and my head hit's the hardtop roof. Uh oh. Well, no biggie. Turns out these buckets actually have a two-position seat height with recliner adjustments and the soft top adds a couple more inches for my head. It was just meant to be mine!!

The Tiger had very few break-in miles on it. So, some things to sort out. Brake booster sticks. Engine has various gasket leaks from dry California air. By Summer, the electric fuel pump would get boiled by the muffler. All sorted out with help from a local Purcellville shop. After a year, this car was and has been incredibly reliable. Thank you Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles, for creating the "poor man's Cobra".

The Sunbeam Rootes Group made 7,085 V8 Tigers from 1964 to 1967. The final year models were 289 motors. Stock, they were either 160 HP (260 V8) or 200 HP 289s. However, **Dealers** had a long list of LA Tiger per-



formance options that could be dealer installed.

My 289 upgrades include a 4 bbl carb, headers, TRW forged pistons, balanced engine with ported/polished intake. The fiberglass hood was a LAT option as well as the Traction Master bars.

After a few years, I discovered a rust bubble on the driver door sill, and it was recommended that the seam sealer used in the fender joints should also be removed as the painted undercoating had some cracks in it. This was nicely cleaned up through a former shop in Upperville, and that is the last concern for rust I have had.

This car has been my favorite of all that I have owned.

It is always a thrill to drive and cruise in. But, with such a short wheelbase, 15-inch low-profile tires, and stiff frame and suspension, I am only good for 2 hours driving. I call it "shaken, not stirred".





Above: Van back in 2002, proving that yes, he DOES fit in the car.



MEMBER NEWS



[Editor: here are members' submissions received since Jun 23]

AACA AWARD WINNERS:

At the AACA 2025 Eastern Spring National Meet in Beckley, WV on June 21. Mike and Connie Herbert won their First Original Certification in Class ORG [AACA Original] with their 1979 Ford Granada, and Eric Kirk won a Repeat Senior Original Certification in Class ORG with his 1941 Studebaker Commander. [Class ORG was previously designated as HPOF Historic Preservation Original Features]. George and Linda Glavis won their Senior award in Class 22B [Trucks under 1 Ton, 1928-1942] with their 1929 Ford Model A, and Tom and Diane Wisener won their First Preservation award in Class 27A [Production Vehicles 1954-1955] with their 1954 Willys CJ3B.

At the AACA 2025 Grand Nationals in Dayton, OH June 26, Tom & Diane Wisener won a First Grand National award in Class 27A with their 1954 Willys CJ3B - quite an accomplishment, as only vehicles that previously earned Senior awards are eligible to compete at a Grand National meet.

Congratulations to these members on their National awards - very exciting to see our Region so well represented!

FROM DAVID SUNTER:

David spotted this inspection sticker for the DMV of Washington, DC in the window of a 1966 vehicle. Quite the bargain, the inspection is good for 74 years.



FROM HARRY NEWMAN:

The 17th annual Shawquon Ruritan car show was held Aug. 2 in Stephens City. The weather was perfect. Members seen there were Jerry Baldwin, Bob Bearer, Stewart Belkin, Mike and Connie Herbert, Harry Newman, Paul Ruscito, and Jim Tillery. Paul Ruscito and Harry Newman (both in the Top Ten of 1983 and later cars), and Jim Tillery (in the Top Twenty of 1983 and earlier) were awarded trophies.







[Above, winners Jim Tillery & his Packard, Paul Ruscito's Charger, Harry Newmans's Suburu]



[Mike Herbert with his Granada]





[Jerry Baldwin's Ford & Stewart Belkin's Oldsmobile]



[L-R: Jerry Baldwin, Bob Bearer's brotherin-law, and Paul Ruscito enjoy the shade]





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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 4 FROM JIM COLVILLE: SULLY PLANTATION JUNE 15

Sunday June 15th was the annual antique car show at Sully Plantation. It was the 50th year for this car show, so the potential for a great turnout was there. But the weather didn't actually cooperate. It wasn't actually raining. No umbrellas were needed. But it was misty and damp. Parts of the show field were muddy from rain the night before. Still, there were a few nice cars to be seen.







Several Model A's were in attendance. But then, it's a Model A club that puts on this show. A few Model Ts made the show, including a bright red fire chief's car. Usually, there are more Corvettes than any other single model in the show. But only a few made it out



in the damp weather. I thought Stingrays like the water.



The Baileys Crossroads Rotary Club raffles off a first gen Mustang convertible every year and always has the latest prize car on display. This year it was a black convertible looking sharp with red side stripes and red line tires.





The most unusual cars in the show were a pair of early '70s Hillman Hunters. These were sold in the US in '69 and '70 as the Sunbeam Arrow, with slightly different trim and round headlights. The blue '69 Firebird convertible







attracted the most attention in the Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac row. The 1941 Buick convertible was one of my favorites in this year's show. Usually, there's at least one long row (sometimes two) of Thunderbirds. There were just a few this year.





Of the trucks in the show, the '58 Chevy Apache and the '71 GMC were my favorites.

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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 5] SULLY SHOW, CONT'D:



Ford's first hardtop was the '51 Ford Custom Victoria Tudor Hardtop. There were two Mercurys in the show, including this '57 Montclair hardtop. Two Studebakers made the show as well. I liked the red '65 Daytona two door sedan, but I've always been disappointed that hardtops and convertibles were dropped from the line when Studebaker moved production to Canada in '64. The '63 Studebaker Lark four door-turned pickup truck wasn't factory, but it was a well done conversion.



I spotted two Packards, including this

gray '40. Another of the British cars in

the show was the yellow Rover. The silver Pagoda was the only Mercedes

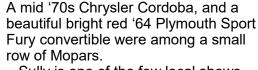
















Sully is one of the few local shows that charges admission for spectators. The spectator entry fee is \$15, but this year I was ancient enough to qualify for the "senior discount" and paid \$12 instead. Entering a car in the show now requires preregistration. No sameday show registrations allowed. But pre-registering a car for the show costs just \$10. That certainly makes putting a car in the show financially advantageous to just going as a spectator. Hopefully weather will be better next year, and more cars will show up.

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PRESIDENT: [from page 1]

Looking ahead we have the Poor Man's Tour

coming up Sept. 20-21. The deadline has passed for the hotel registration room block but rooms could still be available. If you are considering coming along, please let Tom, Paul, or myself know so that we will have enough materials for everyone. It's impossible to predict the weather but we are hoping for some nice fall-type temperatures. See the flier [page 8] for additional information.

There are still several local shows and cruise-ins coming up for us to enjoy and for the public to enjoy our showing our pride and joys. Check out the latest Car Event Listing that Tom Parker has updated and Linda sent out on

Aug. 23rd. Our next club meeting is coming up on Sept. 4th. This will be the final meeting held at Jim Barnett Park for the year. Bring your favorite dish or dessert for a very tasty meal. As always the club will provide the main meat. We have been having fantastic attendance at our monthly meetings and that is certainly due to all of you. THANK YOU ALL for attending the club activities and meetings.

Please keep our members who are not running on full power in your thoughts and prayers. As always too, please support our advertisers in this newsletter and also Thank them for supporting our club.

See you at the meeting or around town somewhere.

- Jeff

2025 CAR EVENT CALENDAR Tom Parker is collecting info on car events scheduled for 2025. If you know of a car event you think the members would enjoy, please email Tom at tomparkerjr@gmail.com. If you have flyers you would like sent out via email "blast" or included on our Facebook page, or included in the newsletter, also cc: Secretary Linda at shendoahregion@gmail.com in your email to Tom. THANKS, TOM, for taking on this task again for 2025; the lists have been outstanding!

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CAR EVENTS - Updated 08-22-25	Location	Downtown Frostburg, MD	Downtown Charles Town, WV	Allegheny Co Fairground, 11490 Moss Ave, Cumberland, MD All vehicles 1975 and older		James Wood HS, 161 Apple Pie Ridge Rd, Winchester, VA	Romney Cycle, 51 Industrial Park Rd, Romney, WV	Front Royal Moose, 1340 John Marshall Hwy, Front Royal, VA	Urbana Fire Dept, 3603 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD	Shenandoah Lodge, 180 Bald Eagle Dr, Lake Frederick, VA	Middletown Community Park, 2nd St, Middletown, VA	Providence Chapel, 27 Providence Ln, Bluemont, VA	Open Door Church, 333 Jeremiah Ln, Clearbrook, VA	O'Reillys, 603 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester	Manassas Rail Depot, 9431 West St, Manassas, VA	2331 US Hwy 340, Luray, VA	Ct Ashley Estemonds Washington Ct East Ashley	rt Asriby Fairgrounds, wasnington St, Fort Asriby, WV	Frederick Co Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground Rd, Clearbrook, VA	Downtown Hagerstown, MD	Skyline Harley, 140 Independence Dr, Winchester, VA	RECURRING EVENTS	O'Reilly, 440 South St, Front Royal, VA	Roy Rogers, 144 Oak Lee Dr, Ranson, WV	BFC, 201 E Hirst Rd, Purcellville, VA	Shell Gae Station 140 W Main St Durrellville VA	SHELL DAS STAUDH, 170 M MAIN St, 1 WINGHAMS, 17	American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA	American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA			American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA Roy Rogers, 130 Riverton Commons, Front Royal, Hagerstown Valley Mall, 17301 Valley Mall Dr, Hag	American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA Roy Rogers, 130 Riverton Commons, Front Royal, Hagerstown Valley Mall, 17301 Valley Mall Dr, Hag WD	American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA Roy Rogers, 130 Riverton Commons, Front Royal, VA Hagerstown Valley Mall, 17301 Valley Mall Dr, Hagers MD Daily Buzz Café, 114 Elizabeth Dr, Stephens City, VA O'Reilly, 33601 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg, VA	American Legion, 22 W 8th St, Front Royal, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA Calloway Classics, 8323 W Main St, Marshall, VA Roy Rogers, 130 Riverton Commons, Front Royal, VA Hagerstown Valley Mall, 17301 Valley Mall Dr, Hagerstow MD Daily Buzz Café, 114 Elizabeth Dr, Stephens City, VA O'Reilly, 33601 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg, VA Henry's Grocery, 1181 W Strasburg Rd, Front Royal, VA
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2025 Poor Man's Tour

September 20-21, 2025

Join us for a scenic drive on historic Route 11 from White Post to Harrisonburg, where we will stay overnight, and return north to wrap up in Woodstock on Sunday afternoon.

The approx. 100 mile tour begins at White Post Restorations on Saturday, September 20th at 9:30am, after lunch we will cross the Meems Bottom Covered Bridge, and stop for samples at Route 11 Potato Chips before arriving in Harrisonburg for the night. On Sunday we will visit the private collection of Dale Adams in New Market and learn what the term "Dalearize" means. After lunch, we will wrap up the trip in Woodstock to view the private collection of Roy Wimmer.

We will be staying at the Hampton Inn Harrisonburg University at a room rate of \$119 + tax (includes breakfast) under the "SRAACA 2025" group. The block of rooms will be held until <u>August 20th</u>.

Reserve your room by calling the hotel at 540-437-0142 or use this online link:

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/hsbuvhx-srs-8c13d21e-e392-4940-98eb-0371c5dabc64/

Tour Registration & Information: Tom Parker at tomrparkerjr@gmail.com or text/call 703-727-3665.









FLYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OUR TWO-DAY POOR MAN'S TOUR SEPT 20-21:



The Bull Run Region of AACA



Presents

49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

Charity Car Show benefitting Fisher House

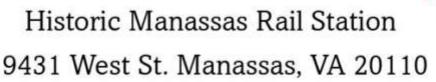






Saturday, September 20, 2025

8am - 3pm (registration closes at 11:00)



Free Parking * Dash Plaques * DJ Chrome Dome * 50 Trophies * Door Prizes * Silent Auction * 50/50 Raffle * Vendors * Model T Demonstration * Free Tailer Parking

Register by mail or online: \$20.00 pre-registration \$25.00 day of show per vehicle



Visit our website https://BullRun.AACA.com

General Info: Randy @ 703-853-2235 or Registration: Steve @ 703-577-3349



Visit Website

Register Online

2025 Rohr Show Registration Form

Online pre-registration \$20.00 per vehicle (plus processing fee)

Go to https://CarShowPro.com/events/view/2315 or scan the QR code

Mail-in pre-registration \$20.00 per vehicle - check only

Day of show registration \$25.00 per vehicle - cash or check (no credit cards)

Car Coral pre-registration \$30.00 per vehicle - mail in or day of show - cash or check

10° X 15° flea market vendor space \$35.00 - mail-in or day of show - cash or check



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Pre-registration fees are non-refundable unless the show is cancelled by Bull Run Region

Mail registration form with payment to: Steve Deitz 8183 Hillcrest Dr. Manassas, VA 20111

Make checks payable to "Bull Run Region AACA"

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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 6] FROM JIM COLVILLE: CHRYSLERS AT CARLISLE

For those of us who live and breathe everything Mopar, the best car show on the planet is the annual Chrysler show at Carlisle every July. This year the show drew over 3200 cars. My buddies and I never miss this event. Several months ago, my buddy, David Eldridge, looked at the dismantled '67 Plymouth Belvedere station wagon project sitting in my garage, and announced that it needed to be completed in time for the show. We worked for months putting the parts together to make a complete car. David did most of the work, with me helping. We had many setbacks along the way (partly due to rust we found in the torsion bar cross-member, but frequently due to low quality new replacement parts).

The car stubbornly came together ... eventually. A couple short trips in the completed car ended in breakdowns (once even coming home on a rollback). But the third time out, a trip from Berryville to an auto parts store in Winchester, came off without a hitch. And it was just days before the Carlisle event. The decision was made to drive the station wagon to Carlisle.



I decided for the first really long trip it would be better to go up 340 to 15 to 94 rather than using I-81. I wish I could say the trip up, on Thursday morning July 10th, was smooth and uneventful. It kind of wasn't. Almost immediately, I noticed a surging as I drove up 340 from Berryville. I was glad that I had a buddy follow me up in his '70 Challenger. As we drove, the surging seemed to go away for a while. But a half mile from the exit for RT 94 at York Springs, the surging and stumbling returned. This time there was a loss of power, and the car was unable to maintain highway speeds.

We pulled our cars over and I told my buddy that I would try to limp it to the exit. But, as soon as I started moving, the stumbling and loss of power was gone. Once in Carlisle David Eldridge and another buddy pinpointed the trouble to the condenser in the distributor. A new condenser, and the car performed flawlessly the rest of the trip.





This year's Chrysler show was special. Chrysler was formed in 1925 out of the remains of the Maxwell Motor Company. So this year marked Chrysler's 100th birthday. In celebration, there were special displays on the Carlisle Fairgrounds and outside the gate at the Expo Center. The Hemi Barracuda "Test Mule" was displayed in Building T. This was the car that Chrysler Engineers pulled off the assembly line and hand assembled as a prototype for the Hemi Superstock 1960 Barracudas and Darts. My friend Phil Ray had his freshly restored Dodge A-100 pickup displayed in Building T as well. The local Fox News Channel interviewed him for their Fox & Friends Morning Show.



In the 1960's, Chrysler built 50 Turbine





powered coupes with bodies built by Ghia. From 1963 to 1966, the cars were put in the hands of random drivers around the country as a real-world test of the practicality of turbine engines in passenger cars. After the testing, all but nine were destroyed. Two of the surviving Turbine cars were displayed together at the Expo Center.

Keeping company with the Turbine cars at the Expo Center were several Mopars from the last hundred years, including a "barrel back" '41 Chrysler Town & Country and a '34 Plymouth.



The restored Michigan State Police 1968 Plymouth Fury was unusual as police cars go. It was built specifically for catching speeders. Under the hood was a factory installed 440 V8. The State Police shield was only displayed on the passenger side. The driver's side of the car was unmarked. The idea was that the police would sit on the shoulder or on an entrance ramp and lay in wait for speeders. The car would appear to be a plain brown sedan. Then when the driver sped past,

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CHRYSLER CARLISLE, CON'T:

the Fury would pull up to the driver's side of the speeding vehicle. The shield would be on the side of the car facing the driver. On the hood Is a clear plexiglas sign that would also face the driver of the speeding car as the police car overtook on the left. The clear sign would then light up with "Stop- State Police". In lieu of a red light on the roof, a flashing red light was installed as a spotlight through the A-pillar.







The popular E-body Cudas and Challengers always turn out in large numbers. All the '70-'74 Cuda models, are well represented, Shown here is a "Moulin Rouge" '70 Cuda. '70-'75 Challengers always show up in large numbers as well. But the '71 model year Challenger is always a rare sight. The "Citron Yello" '71 RT was one of only three '71's I spotted in the show.

Though there were several early thirties Imperials displayed in the Expo Center, this elegant example was on the show field.

When Plymouth started building all steel station wagons in the late forties, they were all two door wagons. By the



early '50s the woody 4-door wagons were gone leaving only two door wagons for a few years. In '53, the all new redesigned Plymouth line still didn't offer a 4-door, but for the last year of that body style a 4-door wagon was added. But the two-door version like this yellow '54 was still popular enough to be offered in the top of the line Belvedere series. By '55, two-door wagons would only be available in the lower trim product lines.







The 1995 Chrysler Atlantic concept car was on display in the Expo Center. The white Superbird was one of about ten of the winged Plymouths in the show. Most years of letter series Chrysler 300's were well represented with several examples. The red '61 300G was one of several '61 G's on hand. The "Burnt orange Metallic" '70 Road Runner convertible was one of my favorites from this year's show. A











couple other favorites in the show were the blue and white '59 Dodge Custom Royal convertible and the "Electric Blue Metallic" '68 Barracuda Formula S convertible 383 4 speed. The bright red '64 Fury stood out among the early B-bodies. I spotted four of the rare Dodge Charger Daytonas in attendance.

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MEMBER NEWS: [from page 12] CHRYSLER CARLISLE, CON'T:





A57 Multibank engines in the tanks were made up by combining five 251 cubic inch Chrysler six-cylinder engines. There's always a handful of AMCs on the show field. My favorite this year was the "Big Bad Orange" AMX. The flying insects are always attracted to the bright colors on the '71 Road Runners and GTX's.







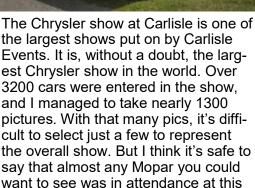






Among the most desirable of the nonletter series Chryslers is the 1970 Chrysler 300 Hurst. Kevin Graham's restored '67 Coronet 500 convertible is one that Van Armstrong and I had driven to Pittsburgh to look at prior to the current owner's purchase and restoration of the car. Early mid-size B bodies. like this red '62 Polara 400 convertible always draw attention. Sometimes it's the unusual styling that draws the stares, but sometimes it's the Max Wedge engine under the hood.

For the 1970 model year, Plymouth and Dodge built special editions of the E-body Cudas and Challengers specifically to qualify for the Trans Am racing series. This year was the 55th anniversary for those cars and a huge number of AAR Cudas and T/A Challengers were displayed parked in two rows outside the building, and inside Building U like the Challenger shown here. Next, a '68 Chrysler New Yorker in blue parked in the big car (C-body) class. There were three Chrysler Airflows displayed in the Expo Center.





Above, one of several vintage military trucks. One surprise on the show field was a Sherman tank. The Chrysler



pictures. With that many pics, it's difficult to select just a few to represent the overall show. But I think it's safe to say that almost any Mopar you could want to see was in attendance at this show in surprisingly large numbers. This show has been held annually for thirty-four years now, and still, it

The red with red interior '69 Dart GTS 340 automatic convertible was in the car corral with a rather mind-blowing price of \$69,000 on the windshield.

seems to get better and better with each passing year. I've attended every year, and I'm already making my plans for next year.

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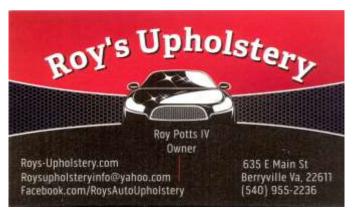


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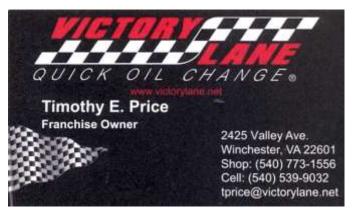


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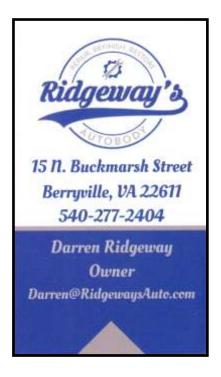


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