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# Boyertown Museum Field Trip Very Worthwhile

By Bill Wurzell, Editor The Chesapeake Bulletin

Everybody going on the trip rendezvoused at Paula Ruby's home. We left our cars on her driveway and after a brief pause we got in the two late model Ford 15 passenger mini buses. Tom Dawson drove bus one and Phil Hack drove bus 2. Both drivers did a yeoman's job! After the trip and dinner we would return to Paula's home to retrieve our cars and Tom and Phil would return the buses to the dealer in Hanover, Pa. This made an extremely long day for everybody especially the two guys that drove the buses.

We arrived in Boyertown around noon. Phil had arranged for us to have luncheon at Saville's Diner. They were very busy on Wednesday afternoon. Their food was very good and very reasonably priced. I had a huge slice of lemon meringue pie for desert. Delicious!

The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles is quite different than most museums we've been to. That is automobile and truck museums. This museum and its displays are really old. The building was the site of a thriving business that actually manufactured electric vehicles, mostly trucks for businesses.

The business begin by making wooden bodies and frames for carriages. Many decades ago the business in this building employed blacksmiths, wheel wrights and woodworkers that were capable of accurately bending wood with steam. Later skilled trades involved building vehicles and subsequently electric vehicles for businesses.

On display were examples of those vehicles they manufactured as they graduated to larger trucks, electric vehicles and trucks with internal combustion engines." They also had on display a selection of vehicles from the 30s and 40s. There was a gorgeous restored 1932 Ford Victoria. This is a two-door vehicle that Al Zimmerman felt was done perfectly. Two other more modern vehicles were both Chryslers. There was a 1948 Chrysler that appeared to be on the Windsor chassis that was a Town & Country wood bodied sedan. It too looked as though it was perfectly restored. Being on a Windsor chassis would mean that it would have a 6 cylinder flathead motor. The other Chrysler was even more unusual because it was on a Durham body and the rear of the car was very reminiscent of a 1940s Lincoln Continental. This vehicle was a convertible with

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THREE-YEAR ABSENCE

## Rockville Classic Car Show Doesn't Disappoint

By Bill Wurzell, Editor The Chesapeake Bulletin

Saturday October 15th, the day started out nice and it only got nicer. Temperature in the mid-70s bright and sunny all day. It was a perfect day for a car show at Rockville Civic Center Park.

This was the first year that I would be able to use my mobility scooter. I arrived at the car show about 10:15 and pretty much lucked out parking my car not far from the showfield.

There was a slew of high school and college age male and female parking attendants, all wearing green vests. I enlisted the help of a couple of strapping young men to help me unload the mobility scooter from my car. These two guys had no problem they grasp a hold of that thing and had it on the ground in seconds. I hope they appreciate their youth.

I quickly assembled the scooter, jumped on and headed for the showfield. I was on pavement the whole way to the showfield and then it was all pretty much grass. The show field is very hilly and I had never operated my mobility scooter on this type of undulating ground. I quickly realized I just had to take it slow. But that was okay because I got to look at the cars very closely.

I felt like a kid in a candy store all these beautiful cars and largely all original. My first order of business was to track down Tom Dawson because we had agreed to meet and discuss the forthcoming awards for the November banquet. I found Tom's 1965 Chevrolet Impala 409 rather quickly, but he wasn't anywhere around. No problem I just picked up my phone and called him. Tom answered immediately he responded he was nearby, and would quick-

return to his car.

We discussed the awards so we were on the same page. I continued on looking at the cars and so did Tom. I only got about five car lengths away and I spotted a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air four-door sedan that the trunk lid indicated it was a 6 cylinder. I was awe struck, I always thought the six-cylinder engine in this



car never got the notoriety it deserved. I got off the scooter and checked the car out, and took some pictures. Sure enough when I walked around the front of the car there was a blue flame 235 six cylinder overhead valve motor. (picture above) The transmission was a twospeed Powerglide, the car was nearly perfect. The engine bay was spotless and the interior was gorgeous. The car was a four-door sedan and it was white and blue. I wasn't the only one looking at the car there were other people and they too were delighted that it was a six cylinder. I know a lot of car guys that would yank that six cylinder out in a heartbeat and stuff in a 572 c.i. crate motor, paying no regard to the value of the car. I got back on the scooter and

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# Activities Of Two Of Our Student Members

Maddie Beckett once thought her volleyball career was over. Now she's in her happy place.

(The Chesapeake Bulletin expresses gratitude to Baltimore Sun Media, Brian Krista and Jacob Steinberg for permission to use this article.)

A year ago, before Reservoir High School completed a magical 18-1 campaign that concluded as Class 3A state champions, outside hitter Maddie Beckett (Grandaughter of Vice President Nick Prevas) thought her volleyball career might be over. Shortly before starting middle school, Beckett, now a senior with the Reservoir Gators, was diagnosed with *Supraventricular Tachycardia*, an irregularly fast or erratic heartbeat that affects the heart's upper chambers, this according to the Mayo Clinic.

When she was younger, her SVT episodes were random and not spurred by physical activity. But as she got older, Maddie began noticing that the symptoms, which can include chest pain and feeling lightheaded, happened more frequently while playing volleyball. Her episodes, during which the heart can beat about 150 to 220 times a minute, much faster than the typical rate between 60 and 100 beats per minute, can also be triggered by jumping, an essential part of her job on the volleyball court. During tryouts last season, her doctor recommended that she follow up with her cardiologist. It was during that visit that Maddie thought her volleyball career might be over.

'I had a lot of emotions rushing through my head,' she said. "At that

point, it was a very confusing time. I actually had to leave the room to go and cry in the restroom because it was such a shock to me. I wasn't expecting to be told that I had to stop playing Vollyball."

After further discussions, her cardiologist suggested that Maddie stop playing until the



Credit: Brian Krista/Baltimore Sun Media

SVT was under control. He also recommended that she see a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins who specializes in treating SVT.

"I knew she was heartbroken by the news and I was heartbroken for her." Virginia Beckett, Maddie's mother, said. "At the same time, I knew this was bigger than playing a sport. This was really about her health and her well-being. The most important thing at that point was that we just pursue the avenues necessary to give her the treatment she needed."

The family was presented with two potential treatment options. The first was an ablation procedure in which the area of the heart that causes the arrhythmia is destroyed. The second was getting started on a beta-blocker medication designed to regulate her heart rate.

An ablation procedure would have required her to miss a substantial amount of last season. Ultimately, Maddie and her family decided taking the medication would be the best course of action.

"We had to balance being reassuring because we wanted Maddie to know that she'd have the opportunity to play again," William Beckett, Maddie's father, said. "Also, we wanted to weigh the seriousness of the condition. It was a delicate balance really to try to make her feel better, yet also help her understand the risk." Maddie returned to the court about a week later, bringing with it a sense of relief. Reflecting on that time, Maddie feels a heightened sense of appreciation each time she steps on the court with her teammates as an integral part of one of the top volleyball teams in Maryland.

"Actually I was thinking about it a couple weeks ago, but this time last year I was going through one of the scariest times in my life," Maddie said. "Now I'm here and get to spend my senior season on the court. It was very surreal to me. I remember being so scared last year and looking back I feel at peace where I am right now.

"I'm excited and happy. Being on the court is my happy place. I'm very grateful that I was able to find a solution and that I'm able to work



Reservoir High senior outside hitter Maddie Beckett tries for a kill against Howard High in a game recently. Beckett was diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia condition before middle school, but she hasn't let it slow her down on the court.--Brian Krista/Baltimore Sun Media

through it and that Coach Carole Ferrante has been by my side and is very understanding of my condition and offers a lot of help to support me."

While the episodes aren't behind her, she experienced one duringa scrimmage against Holy Cross in the preseason, she quickly alerted Ferrante and took a break on the bench, she knows how to take care of herself when they arise. With Maddie Beckett in the fold, the Gators are off to a 4-1 start and ranked No. 3 in the latest Baltimore Sun poll.

"What I think is so great about how Maddie handles herself through the adversity is she's also very strong to take care of herself too," Ferrante said. "She's not trying to play through it if something's going on. She's very aware of her situation and she's very astute in making sure that she advocates for herself. "Then she comes out here and gives everything she has. We're just really grateful that's what she's giving her team because it would be really easy to say, 'Oh I don't know if I can do this or be afraid of it.' I love the way she's just taking it head-on and saying, 'I still want to do this and I still want to play,' and now she's even talking about possibly playing in college. I'm proud of her for that, some kids would cave in to it; she's taking it head-on."



"I'm excited and happy, being on the court is my happy place", said Reservoir senior outside hitter Maddie Beckett, waving to the crowd before a match against Howard High.--Brian Krista/Baltimore Sun Media

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# Student Member, Elizabeth Bodvin Crowned Miss Pennsylvania Teen 2023



On September 25th, Elizabeth Bodvin won the coveted state title of U.S. American Miss Pennsylvania Teen 2023. Ms. Bodvin bested delegates from throughout Pennsylvania as the judges choice and won an extensive prize package during the state pageant which was held at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony in the Poconos. In addition to the State title, she won top awards for Most Photogenic, Role Model and Spokesmodel.

As a state titleholder, Elizabeth will be traveling the state of Pennsylvania for appearances, photo shoots, charity events, and media interviews. She will move on to compete at the National Pageant being held in July at Sawgrass Marriott Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida where she will have the opportunity to compete for a prize package worth over \$300,000 against girls from all over the United States. She will also be featured in ongoing state promotions and feature articles that will be published on the web.

As a charity-driven organization, Elizabeth will continue her work with US American Miss national anti-bullying platform, The Crown C.A.R.E.S. (Creating A Respectful Environment in Society) during her reign. She will also represent US American Miss as a GENUINE girl, (Gracious, Enthusiastic, Natural, Unique, Inspiring, Noble, Eager to make a difference). She will also continue to promote her personal platform The Golden Heart.

# Buzz Diehl Gems From Hershey



CR Secretary Al Zimmermann with, brothers Tom and John Young.



A whole row of 1950s Chevrolet Corvettes.



Two 90's era Corvettes inclding Buzz Diehl's with the hood open.



Two Lincolns and a Packard...

# The President's Message From Tom Dawson

### Hello Chesapeake Members!

reetings fellow Chesapeake Region members! As I write this, WOW!, What a month! And we still have another week to go! Two retirement centers to visit and our Poker Run yet to enjoy our cars in. I love the fall season! (Not crazy about what comes next though).

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in passing the revisions to our By-Laws. It was a tough task to get through with much discussion and a lot of thought. Thanks!



The seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us and from where I stand, we all have a great deal to be thankful for. We are all truly blessed! Coming up are two of my favorite events of the year. Our friend and member and soon to be our Chief Judge, Henry Chaudron, is a member of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Baltimore Forest #45. Every year, they put on a Pancake Breakfast at their lodge in Putty Hill and it is really fantastic, complete with a live band and all you can eat. The real plus is that the proceeds go to Muscular Dystrophy. This year's Breakfast will be on Saturday November 5th. The Second event was started last year and was ramrodded by our late beloved Gary Ruby in support of his and Paula's granddaughter, Elizabeth. This event is now

known officially as the "Annual Gary Ruby Bike Drive". Our Club is fully supporting these causes and if you would like to make an individual donation, please contact me right away.

All this and then our Banquet at Friendly Farms on November 13th!! Get your ballots in and bring your cars out, (if the weather cooperates), for a great meal and a great time with great friends. After all, that's what it's all about!

Yours in this great hobby, and Happy Thanksgiving! Tom



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#### More photos by Buzz Diehl at the Hershey Eastern Fall Meet





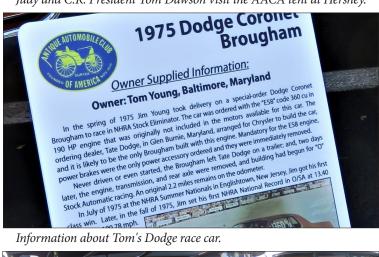
Tom Young's 1975 Dodge Coronet drag car drew a lot of spectators.



The two gentlemen are probably discussing the ancient Buick.



Judy and C.R. President Tom Dawson visit the AACA tent at Hershey.



Information about Tom's Dodge race car.



Looks like a gathering of brass era automobiles.



Sure were a lot of people at Hershey for 2022 after no shows in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19.





This gold colored Chrysler New Yorker convertible was at the Rockville show. I've never seen this car before and it has Maryland tags.





Also at the Rockville show, this 1953 Chrysler New Yorker convertible was just as nice as the gold '55 New Yorker. This car had Virgina tags.



This drop dead gorgeous 1954 Packard Limosine was on display at the Boyertown Museum of Historic vehicles.



This is the 1948 Chrysler wood-bodied Windsor Town & Country at the Boyertown Museum. Couldn't get a shot of the sides.





I didn't read any information that explained why this military ambulance and Ford U.S. Mail truck were on display at the Boyertown Museum..

# Chesapeake Region Activities For 2022

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION		
NOVEMBER						
5	Sat	8-Noon	Tall Cedars of Lebanon Pancake Breakfast	Parkville, MD		
5	Sat	11-3	Kiddies Toy Cruise Amish Market	Shrewsbury, PA		
6	Sun	10-3	Show before the snow	Westminster, MD		
4-6	Fri-Sun	Daily	Hilton Head Concours d'Elegence	Hilton Head, SC		
7	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church		
13	Sun	12:00-3:30	Membership Banquet Friendly Farm Restaurant	Upperco, MD		
13	Sun	12-4	End of season car show bash	Harford Winery		
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Miracle on Main Street parade	Westminster, MD		
DECEMBER						
3-4	Sat-Sun	9-7	East Coast Indoor Nationals	Timonium Fairgrounds		
4	Sun	Noon-?	Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade	Baltimore, MD		
JANUARY						
8	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church		
20-22	Fri-Sun	Daily	AutoMania Swap Meet	Allentown Fairgrounds, PA		
27-29	Fri-Sun	Daily	Winter Carlisle Auto Expo	Carlisle, PA		

## AACA Nationals - Awards to Chesapeake Region Members - Year 2022

Meet	Class Award	Vehicle	Member				
Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC - April 2022							
HPOF	Repeat Historic Preservation	1951 Packard 200 Deluxe	Scott Chaney				
DPC	Driver Participation	1968 Chevrolet Chevelle	Scott Chaney				
24A	First Junior	1975 Dodge Drag Car	Tom Young				
Grand Nationals - Virginia Beach, VA - May 2022							
05A	Senior Grand National	1912 Triumph	Terry Bond				
21H	Repeat Senior Grand National	1947 Ford Deluxe	Ken Stephenson				
32_	First Grand National	1955 Chevrolet Bel Air	Jack Anderson				
Eastern Spring Nationals - Beckley, WV - June 2022							
HPOF	Historic Preservation	1992 Mercedes Benz 300SL	Lewis Mendenhall				
24A	Senior	1975 Dodge Drag Car	Tom Young				
25E	Repeat Preservation	1974 MG GT	Susan Bond				
Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA - October 2022							
HPOF	Historic Preservation	1936 Ford	Chip Miller				
HPOF	Historic Preservation	1938 Dodge D8	Jeff Doster				
HPOF	Original HPOF	1922 Durant A-22	Lewis Mendenhall				
HPOF	Repeat Original HPOF	1959 Volkswagen Beetle	Douglas Kennedy				
HPOF	Repeat Original HPOF	1990 Ford Thunderbird SC	Dave Hampt				
DPC	Driver Participation	1955 DeSoto Fireflite	J. F. Driver				
19A	Repeat Preservation	1930 Packard 745	Leigh Brent				
24A	First Preservation	1975 Dodge Drag Car	Tom Young				
25D	First Junior	1997 Porsche 911	Randy Moss				
25D	Senior	1992 Jaguar	Lewis Bearden				
25E	Senior	1971 Jaguar XKE	Douglas Ehmann				
25E	First Preservation	1995 Ferrari F-355	Charles Visconage				
26D	Repeat Preservation	1953 DeSoto S16	Rocco Baldino Jr.				
27P	Repeat Preservation	1985 Buick Riviera	Ron King				
30E	Second Junior	1990 Chevrolet Corvette	Harold 'Buzz' Diehl				
36B	Senior	1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS	Paula Lynn Ruby				
36B	Repeat Preservation	1963 Chevrolet Impala	Gary Wilmer				
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### Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, October 10, 2022

The monthly membership meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA, (Club or CRAACA), was held on October 10, 2022, at the Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 35 members in attendance.

**Welcome: President Tom Dawson** - President Tom Dawson called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and welcomed all members and two new prospective members, Bob and Missy McKenna. He also asked if there were any anniversaries or birthdays taking place during this month, so several members shared their information.



Secretary's Report: Al Zimmermann - Al read the minutes from the September 26th Board Meeting. A motion was made by Paula Ruby, seconded by Tom Young, and passed to approve the minutes as read.

**Treasurer's Report: Jack Treadwell** - Jack gave his detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by Paula Ruby and seconded by Mark Sterschic. The motion passed and the current monthly report will be held for audit.

Vice President's Report: Nick Prevas - No report

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer - Vicky reported that we currently have 357 adult and 10 student members, a total of 367 members. New members Bob and Missy McKenna were presented and described their collector cars, a 1980 MGB and a 1986 Morgan Plus 8. Judy Dawson then made a motion to approve their membership application. It was seconded by Jack Treadwell and passed

**Activities Report: Phil Hack** - Phil gave detailed information on upcoming shows, noting that the monthly Bulletin is a great resource for up-to-date information. It also is good to refer to the www.chesapeakeaaca.org website under Activities/Calendars and/or Activities/Reservation Forms. The National AACA website calendar also provides info on all their scheduled events.

Phil talked about the following upcoming events during the meeting: The Pancake Breakfast at Tall Cedars of Lebanon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 to 1:00 PM; The Miracle on Main Street evening parade in Westminster will be held on Saturday, November 26th; The Baltimore Mayor's Parade will be held on December 4th.

**Technical Report:** Gary Wilmer - Gary has had no inquiries recently, but a Bulletin article on Ford Thunderbird brakes is in the works by Phil Hack.

**Chief Judge's Report: Larry Butcher** - The Autumn Harvest Collector Car Show went well, although turnout was low due to competition from other shows in the area. The weather was good, and some very nice cars were displayed.

**Bulletin Report: Bill Wurzell** - Bill said the November Bulletin is coming along and will include content from the Hershey, Boyertown, and Rockville shows being held during October.

**Publicity/Web Site Report: Buzz Diehl** - Buzz said that the current Club website now has a link to the new website to help in the transition on December 31st. Both websites are being kept up to date until that time.

**Director's Reports:** Paula Ruby and Tom Young - Paula said that about 50 New AACA members were signed up at Hershey this year, including several that will become Chesapeake Region members. She also talked about the unfortunate accidental passing of Chris Ritter, the librarian at AACA Headquarters in Hershey, a person many of us spoke with during this years tour of the facility.

**Legislative Report: Mike Natale** - Mike said he has been reviewing current items.

**Historian/Program Report: Chip Miller** - Chip showed a 1955 Pontiac promotional video showing the various proving ground tests performed on these cars.

**Social Report: Judy Dawson** -Judy reminded us that the October 15th Tea has been canceled and that a dinner early next year is being considered.

**Sunshine Report:** Margaret Werneth - Margaret's full report will appear in the Bulletin.

**Old Business:** President Tom said that since all publication requirements have been met, a vote is now required in order to pass the revised By-Laws. Paula Ruby made a motion to pass the revisions; the motion was seconded by Jack Treadwell and passed unanimously.

Many ballots for the election of Club Officers were collected at the meeting, and additional ballots are expected by mail.

The "Annual Memorial Gary Ruby Bike Drive" has begun. Monetary Donations or bicycles and helmets will be accepted to complement the \$1000.00 pledged by the Club. Member donations for other types of toys will be accepted as well.

Henry Chaudron wanted to remind us again about the annual pancake breakfast at Tall Cedars from 8:00 AM until noon on November 5th to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. This has been well attended by our members in the past.

**New Business:** Bring chocolate suitable to fit in a Christmas stocking to the Annual Banquet. This will be distributed to our military in the "For the Love of a Veteran Chocolate Drive" to be coordinated by Elizabeth Bodvin.

**Roundtable Discussion**: Bad Donkee Hot Rods restored Don Ramsburg's 1939 Ford Standard Coupe some years ago. Recently, Junior and Clark drove down to Don's and replaced a door latch at no charge.

Jack Anderson said he is a docent at the World War II American Experience Museum in Gettysburg and recommends it highly.

Jack Treadwell highly recommends reading "The Arsenal of Democracy" by A. J. Baime. It tells the story of how Edsel Ford was responsible for the Ford Motor Company plant that could produce a "bomber an hour" and that helped the Allies win the war.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth Synodinos, seconded by Anne Marie Ramsburg, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Zimmermann, Secretary

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

By: Margaret Werneth

I sent a get well card to Nick Prevas, Kenny Stevenson, and Paul Habicht. Also a "Hello" card to Joanne Day.--Margaret



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## Tech Talk...dedicated to Gary Ruby,

Technical Director, Emeritus

By: Gary Wilmer



Remember back in the day when you wanted to tune up your car you went to the local auto parts store and purchased a set of points, a condenser, cap, rotor, and spark plugs. These parts were manufactured in the USA under names such as AC DELCO, Standard, Blue Streak, Echlin or some other well-known company. A lot of antique car owners today are getting rid of these type parts and going to electronic ignition such as a factory HEI system or after-market units such as Pertronix, ACCEL or DUI. This upgrade definitely has its benefits but for some of us who like old cars and how they were originally put together the old points system works just fine.

However, try to get these tune up parts at the local auto parts store and you will be sold foreign made units that may look the same but have questionable reliability. They will tell you that you can't get U.S. made parts anymore and that is all that they have. What to do?

I have been using a company called Mobile Parts to get my tune up stuff for years. Craig Studnick, the owner, sets up at Hershey, Carlisle and Macungie and carries not only brand name tune up parts, but also brake system parts, front end, and steering, ignition, fuel and water pumps and many electrical components. He is out of New York and the phone number is 516.485.1935. Quality parts are still out there, give Craig a call.

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The 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air that has the 235 six cylinder motor. The trunk lid is missing a 'V' under the Chevrolet logo, the 'V' indicates a V8 motor. The same treatment applies to the hood.

turned the key, and nothing! Just a little while ago the battery was indicating nearly a full charge. I knew I hadn't gone far enough to exhaust the battery. What was going on? I felt the two batteries with my bare hands and they were not overheated or hot. I waited a few minutes and turned the key again, still nothing. At this point I called Tom Dawson, again he answered immediately. I told him of my plight and he said okay, I'll be right there, and he was. Tom has more experience with mobility scooters than I do, his wife Judy has one.

When I told Tom it had a full charge he immediately suspected a bad connection between the battery and the motor. We removed the seat and removed the batteries and replaced them. I turned the key nothing. Tom repeated the action but he made very sure that they were seated correctly I turned the key and the battery indicator came on and at this point I knew it would run. We replaced the seat, I got on it and moved it back and forth and I was back in business, thanks to Tom Dawson.

About 15 minutes later I saw an elderly gentleman about my age sitting on his scooter and I stopped to talk to him. He told me his scooter just stopped. He said he knew it had a full charge when he left this morning. I should have suggested to do what Tom did, pull the battery out and replace it. The gentleman said he had the charger with him and he wanted to plug it into an electrical outlet and let it charge for an hour, he thought perhaps that would bring it back to life. I explained to him that the same thing just happened to me and what Tom did to rectify it.

I rode around on the scooter the rest of the day and checked out all the cars. I found a nice original 1951 Pontiac four-door sedan. It kind of stuck out like a sore thumb from the rest of these shiny cars. This Pontiac had original paint and it was strictly all original, in line flathead 8 cylinder with Hydramatic it was completely intact and it looked to me like it wouldn't take much to get it on the road in show condition. The owner said he was asking \$8,000 for the car. Corvettes, Ferraris, Ford Mustangs you name it they were all present.

I visited with my friends Jack and Cher Gallagher. They had their 1941 Packard convertible on display and it was drawing a lot of interest. Only a couple car spaces away was my friend Jim Vines with his 1951 Packard sedan, relaxing and having a good time. Also, My good friend Harvey Rapp, with his outstanding 1953 Plymouth Cranbrook convertible. Harvey had his friend David Greenberg with him the three of us had a nice conversation, but we're often interrupted by people asking questions about Harvey's Plymouth. One woman who admitted to being 57 just thought the car and the Patio Cream color was perfect. I thought she was going to faint whenever Harvey asked her to get behind the wheel so her friends could take her, picture, she was elated!

Around noon time I visited the food court for a bite to eat. I had my heart set on a hot sausage sub with tomatoes onions and peppers. It was tasty, but only about the size of a hot dog on what appeared to be a hot dog bun, all this for only 12 bucks! I also got a cup of coffee for \$2 without a lid. I expressed my thoughts about not getting a lid for the coffee and it fell on deaf ears.

Not being able to attend the Rockville show for the last three years because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this day felt especially good.

### Chow Time In Boyertown



Michelle, Chip, Judy & Tom



Clockwise, Gary, Tom, Christine & John

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The museum is housed in the former home of the Boyertown Auto Body Works, which had continuous operations on this site from 1872 – 1990, and retains the factory setting, making it a unique and interesting setting for the vehicles.



The Durham bodied convertible was on the larger New Yorker chassis that would mean it had an 8 cylinder flathead engine. Both vehicles probably had the Chrysler semi-automatic PrestoMatic transmission, which is also referred to as M6.

The Boyertown museum also has a large collection of antique bicycles. There was a antique tandem bicycle for two that seated one Rider behind the other Rider. Another antique bicycle for two where both riders sit side by side. They peddled individual sprockets that drove the rear wheel. There were several Penny-farthing, high wheel bicycles that take an incredible amount of time to learn how to ride. We spent over three hours looking around in Boyertown Museum and it was quite fulfilling.

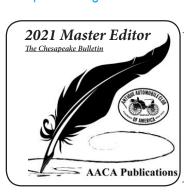
Before returning to Paula's home to retrieve our vehicles, we had dinner at Stonebridge Restaurant in Parkton, Maryland. The food was delicious and they were expecting us. They seated all 23 of us in a private room and immediately began taking drink orders. Another great trip! RETURN TO EDITOR: 8801 Bosley Road, Suite 104 Ellicott City, MD 21043

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