

August 5th Car Show a HUGE Success

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Another year, another car show and the G-O Car Club breaks another record! With great weather, lots of planning and our enthusiastic membership, this year's show attracted 170 cars.

Our day started early with club members arriving at 7:30am to begin setup. Soon after 9:00am our first car arrived, a beautiful Jaguar sedan. At that point our Heritage Circle traffic crew and our driveway registration crews deployed to begin the entrance process. Once a show car cleared our registration area, they were directed to our resident "traffic cop", Sal De Crescenzi and his dedicated staff for parking. Processing and parking 170 cars is no easy task, but these guys made it look easy and many of our attendees took notice offering their thanks.

So how about the cars you say. Well, our own Mike Brown once again was instrumental in securing over 20 of his fellow members from the British Car Club to attend. Jaguars, MG's, Triumphs and Aston Martins were all represented. So large was the British contingent that next year we may have to start serving afternoon tea! The classics were not overlooked either. In addition to a beautiful Cord and Franklin we were graced with the company of Kevin Peach who brought 2 of his classic Packards. Also, Ed Gorcek arrived in style with his 1909 Cadillac. Always a great hit they eagerly answered questions about the car while dressed in 1900's attire. Italy was also represented with 2 spectacular Ferraris on the show field; and if you're into sports cars....well, we had about 30 Corvettes of all vintages on display. Now, if you're like me, 50's & 60's metal is what makes your heart race and we had plenty of examples on hand to please the eye. Not to be outdone by all the beautiful cars we were also treated to a visit by the NJ Heritage Center and one of their beautifully restored buses. Their past displays have always attracted crowds and this year was no exception. Normally it's a 2 bus display but this year a number of their busses are out on movie/TV shoots, some working on a remake of Saturday Night and others working on a Soprano's remake. Our thanks go out to Harry Scalea who is a member of the Heritage Center and Greenbriar resident. Through Harry's efforts we have been able to partner with the Heritage group and have their buses on display. Thanks also have to go out to the Ocean Township Police department and the Waretown First Aid Squad who also attended the show.

I believe what makes our shows so great is the variety and quality of the vehicles we attract. Looking across the show field visitors were treated to multiple decades of classic automobiles ranging from the early 1900's right up to modern day exotics and all years in between. If you had questions, every owner was eager to answer them, but be forewarned, their enthusiasm is catching!

It is without question that Frank Fontana, John Fascia & Sal De Crescenzi and their crew did an outstanding job in putting this show together. We look forward to making next year's show even better!

A video of the show and the after show party was shot by John Fascia and Frank Fontana. You can view at: <https://youtu.be/Lur8Myuw30>

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