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A 1927 Model T open touring car is the oldest vehicle on Talbot Street during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Nov. 23. The car is driven by Donnie Trumpy.



A 1956 Austin Healey 100-M is carrying a turkey as a hood ornament during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23. The car is owned by Bob Bensen.



Alice Ryan throws candy to the crowd from the rumble seat of a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23. The car is part of the collection of Victor duPont.

# CLASSIC CARS PARADE FOR THANKSGIVING

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**ST. MICHAELS** — Sixty bright, shiny vehicles ushered in the pre-Thanksgiving weekend activities on Saturday, Nov. 23, as everything stopped and the sidewalks were full to watch the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks cruise up Talbot Street in town.

The parade has become a Thanksgiving classic — the work of the Classic Motor Museum of St. Michaels which is dedicated to providing resources to classic car enthusiasts, including workshops, seminars, doct-led tours and more. It also fosters young people who wish to pursue careers in automobile restoration.

On the weekend before Thanksgiving, however, all that serious stuff is put on the back burner as car owners ease themselves in behind the wheel and cruise on the main street through town while others watch. Lots of oohing and aahing is what it's all about.

The aficionados are thankful for the wheels they own by sharing them with others. The mood was upbeat as each car was introduced by master of ceremonies Jamie Atkinson, assisted by CMM Executive Director Anita Hulo Schneider.

The rain had cleared off, the air was crisp and cold, and the skies were gray, but all that chrome sparkled. Each driver made their way to the museum at 102 East Marengo St. to park and chat for a while.



Gugy Irving's 1960 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible gets a lot of attention during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Many of those in the sidewalk crowd sauntered on down to the museum, where they could get an up-close look at some of their favorite vehicles and enjoy a free bowl of chili, coffee, pastries and other treats at the museum were provided by museum volunteers. Coffee was provided by Blue Heron Coffee.

The sound system used to narrate the parade was provided by Kenny Haddaway.

Electricity to power the sound system was provided by Ophiuroidea "The O" Gift Shop on Talbot Street.

The Classic Motor Museum is a living museum, so while some of its vehicles are old, they're not gathering dust. The collection rotates regularly so there is always something new to see.

The oldest car in Saturday's parade was a 1927 Model T Open

Touring Ford driven by Donnie Trumpy; the newest car was a 2008 Chevy Corvette owned by Charles Henry and driven by Mike Lassiter.

An ongoing event at the Classic Motor Museum is "Cars & Coffee," where classic car owners and enthusiasts gather at the museum. Hoods are popped open and the participants can learn about the history and design of classic automobiles while

they sip coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. every Saturday morning.

Beginning Friday, Nov 29, the new winter exhibit hours at the museum are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Visit its website at [classicmotormuseum.org](http://classicmotormuseum.org) or find the museum on Facebook.

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Nothing says Thanksgiving like a lemon yellow Porsche during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23. The car is a 1965 "356" and is owned by Linda Laramy.



St. Michaels Police Chief Anthony Smith waves to the crowd during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23.



Paula Parsons waves to the crowd from her 2002 Lincoln Blackwood during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23.



Larry Conforti, top, and Gloria Lieberman are all about Thanksgiving in their 1994 Nissan 300ZX Convertible during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23. They are from Wittman.



A 2003 Morgan Plus 8 is a crowd favorite during the sixth Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars & Trucks in St. Michaels on Saturday, Nov. 23. The car is owned by Barrie Abrams.

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