

Car show

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have owned their 1948 Packard for 22 years. They also have a 1964 Chrysler and a 1986 Jaguar XJ6. "We love the cars," said Charles Bartlett, "especially the Packard. My uncle had one when I was a teenager, and I was hooked."

"The old cars are a lot of work, but a labor of love," said Alice Bartlett. "The Packard doesn't have air-conditioning, the seats are upholstered in a wool fabric, and it weighs 6,200 pounds, so it's not very easy to push. But we enjoy hunting for parts, and recently drove 110 miles just to find a hubcap. We also enjoy the camaraderie among the antique auto club members, and have attended the worldwide car show in Hershey for 28 years."

Bob Marr from Dallas is proud of his 1967 Chevelle Malibu. "My wife bought it for me for my birthday. It's been repainted with the original color, and it still has its original parts and roof." Ten year old Dominic Molino from Dallas thought the Malibu was cool. "He wants to touch it and get in it," said his mother, Janine.

The 1958 Jaguar XK150 owned by Victor Bogetti from Hunlock Creek was admired by Back Mountain teens Jason Humenanski and Ed Little. "I like the older cars," said Humenanski. "I'd like to get in and drive this one," said Little.

Antique car owners have many stories to tell as to why they bought a certain year or make of car. Tom Perkins of Hunlock Creek has owned his 1940 Ford for five years. "I had one just like it in the tenth grade. It was my first car, and it was even the same color blue."

The cars were judged in 53



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Charles and Alice Bartlett from Dallas pose with their restored 1948 Packard Custom which they have owned for 22 years.



Scott Wentzel, (left) chairman of the show, and committee member Bob Turak, hold the trophies and plaques that will be awarded to the best of the best in the show.

different classes. At the end of the day, trophies were awarded for first, second and third place.

The real winners of the day were those who attended the

show, especially the young people who got to see so many years of automotive history at one time and in one place.

Home rule

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Between the questionable hiring practices for county jobs, the county commissioners taking each other to court and the unused high-priced security system which is not in operation because an agreement cannot be made on who should operate it, Tetschner had read enough to know something needed to change in Luzerne County.

At the same time she was reading about the Luzerne County Public Forum, and its quest to put a Home Rule Study Commission on the November ballot. As the daughter of German immigrants, Tetschner feels very proud and lucky to be an American. She knew getting involved would not only be a way to show her pride, but it was her duty.

"It (Home Rule) will enable the voters to have more involvement in their government and the decisions it makes," said Tetschner.

Home Rule is a system which enables the people to frame and adopt a charter for their own government. A home rule charter would allow Luzerne County to replace its three current county commissioners with elected officials and a county manager, if voters approved.

The estimated \$40,000 to \$45,000 study the Luzerne County Public Forum is proposing will look at what type of government structure would work best for Luzerne County. The City of Scranton is currently in the study phase of a home rule charter.

One key element Tetschner thinks voters should take special note of with Home Rule is the changes which could be made in the present form of government in Luzerne County. Home Rule



POST PHOTO/HEATHER B. JONES

Ruth Tetschner is giving her former students a civics lesson by campaigning to get a referendum for a government study commission on the November ballot.

could also change the role citizens' play in government.

"If the voters approve the Home Rule Study, they are approving a process that takes two years and requires a commission of 11 commissioners to do the study," she said. Tetschner will be running for one of the 11 seats if the study is approved.

Tetschner devoted 27 years to educating children. She was a teacher for seven years and an elementary school principal for 20 years in the Dallas School District. Tetschner feels her administrative skills and prior experience in working on studies regarding the needs of children will make her an asset to the commission.

"I'm retired and I will put in the time it takes to do it. I plan for this to be my job," said Tetschner.

Since her retirement, she has taken on many roles within the community. She is a member of the Back Mountain memorial Library Board, supervisor of the library's bookshop and a Dallas Rotarian. She is also a mother and grandmother, and that is where the heart of her campaign lies.

"I want them to stay in the valley," Tetschner said about her children and grandchildren. She said she may be selfish in wanting her family to stay in the area, but her family is her world.

Reforming Luzerne County politics isn't just about dollars saved or ousting lifetime politicians for Tetschner. For her, it's about making the area a place where today's children will want to stay to raise their families and have the opportunities to do so.

"We want this to come from the grass roots," said Tetschner, who has no political experience. "I really don't think we want professional politicians doing this. This is a chance for the citizens to get involved with county government."

Petitions asking voters if they want the county to do a Home Rule study and the petitions of people interested in being commissioners if the study takes place are due August 28. Tetschner can be reached at 675-4652 for more information.

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