

Carlisle's Harvest of the Arts adds car show



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CARLISLE — Saturday was the first time the Harvest of the Arts Festival hosted the Meeting of the Marques, an annual motor show featuring classic sports cars.

Also described as Artistry on Wheels, the show featured about 85 European, North American and Asian cars parked around the intersection of West and West High streets. The meeting was put on by members of the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club of Hershey.

Stan Carpenter, event chairman of Meeting of the Marques, grew up during the 1970s when

Hanover and High streets businesses closed up shop in Carlisle and all the momentum belonged to the shopping malls.

“The downtown was just decimated,” said Carpenter. “There is certainly resurgence. I’m happy to see it. Hopefully this (car) show will become a cornerstone to not just the growth of this event but bringing people to the downtown to see all the things Carlisle has to offer.”

The craftsmanship that goes into the design, construction and restoration of classic sports cars make them a fitting addition to the festival, Carpenter said. “These works of art belong here just as much as a painting or a photograph. We plan to be back. Hopefully, they will give us room to grow.”

As Carpenter sees it, the motor show may be what draws more men to the Harvest of the Arts. “We are just a doorway to bigger things,” he said.

Just down North West Street, Tina Krivenko, of Mt. Holly Springs, was talking with Steve Knowlton, of Carlisle, about the 1957 Triumph TR-3 that took her husband 20 years to restore from the frame up.

“Everybody has enjoyed this,” Krivenko said. “It has been a good thing.”

Knowlton said the motor show fit well with the theme of the arts festival.

“Most people do not realize restoration is both an art form and a craft,” he said. “It takes an amazing talent.”

In the booths