

# 125th anniversary of Riceville Fair

Riceville Fair has nostalgic touch *1992*

## Driving down memory lane

RICEVILLE — Diane Ryan's 1968 Cadillac is one big car. How big is it?

"It's 19 feet long," says the Pendleton resident. The Ontario Hydro employee can't take the car to work; the vehicle will not fit in a parking space at the Vankleek Hill office.

"There is lots of leg room. The trunk is so big you can lie down in it,"

says Mrs. Ryan, one of many people who are hooked on classics.

Her Caddy was among an assortment of antique cars and pieces of farm equipment on exhibit at last weekend's Riceville Fair. Mrs. Ryan is president of the Riceville Agricultural Society this year and decided to add a touch of nostalgia to the event.

"People seem to like old stuff," she observes.

One of the more popular items featured was a 1924 Buick, owned by Guillaume Marleau, of St-Isidore.

Mrs. Ryan points out that early models have more than sentimental value. Her Cadillac has been appraised at \$9,000. After 82,000 miles, the car's original motor and interior are in good shape. "The previous owner kept all her bills, so I can tell what work has been

done on it over the years," says Mrs. Ryan.

Powered by a 472 cubic-inch, 8-barrel engine, the car's mileage is 28 miles per gallon. "It drifts along nice," she smiles.

Mrs. Ryan, who acquired her prized possession last year, drives the car only during the warm months. "I put in the garage at the first of November."



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**BIG CADDY** — Riceville Agricultural Society president Diane Ryan shows off her 1968 Cadillac, one of the vehicles on display last weekend at the Riceville Fair.

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RICEVILLE — The 125th anniversary Riceville Fair begins Friday, August 28 and runs until Sunday, August 30. The fair, which began in 1867, continues to focus attention on agriculture, as it represents the community.

On Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. exhibits will be set up in the Exhibition Hall, followed by the judging at 1 p.m. At 7 p.m. fairgoers will be entertained by a horse pull.

The Exhibition Hall opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and as well, children's games and contests begin. Senior Citizen's activities begin at 11 a.m.

On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. a number of events will be taking place including the Heavy and Light Horse Show, Holstein Show, Ayrshire Show, and the Educational Goat Display. At 2 p.m. McMartin Fiddle will entertain and as well, there will be a Children's Pet and Friend Show

with Sparky the Clown.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday there is a Lip-sync Contest for children, followed by one for adults at 5 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. organizers are planning to hold a Dance on the Grass with music by McMartin Fiddle.

Sunday's activities get underway with an English and Western horse show at 9:30 a.m. The Exhibition Hall opens at 10 a.m., and as well, the Prescott County 4-H Dairy Calf Club Achievement Day will be held.

At 1 p.m., the Registered Hereford Show, the Registered Simmental Show, and the Educational Goat Display.

There will be an Antique Car and Machinery Parade at 2:30 p.m., followed by and open 4-H Beef Show at 3 p.m.

Throughout the fair Ottawa Valley Amusements will provide midway entertainment. As well, there will be a petting zoo, meals by Sunshine Branch of the Women's Institute, an Antique Car and Machinery