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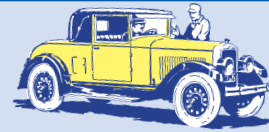
Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday
of every month except December and January beginning
at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982,
158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown).
You do not have to own an antique car to join us.

CALENDAR 2019

**Sunday, January 20, 2019, Western PA Region
Annual Meeting** - Awards, recognitions, reports, election
of directors, great food and fun. Dino's, Latrobe. 1:00 p.m.
Social hour, 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting, Approximately 4:00
p.m. Dinner. See registration form in this newsletter.

February 7-9, 2019, AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA. See the AACA website for registration and
lodging information.

**Tuesday, February 19 - First Regular Monthly
Meeting of the Western PA Region AACA**, 7:30 p.m.
at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, (Pipetown)



Member News



Joe Vrable, Jr. at Fall Carlisle, October, 2018

A Friend Named Joe

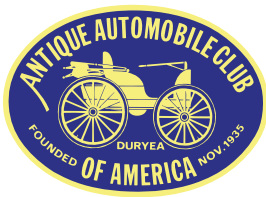
by Mark Jackson

It is with a heavy heart that I convey to you the loss of my very close friend of 48 years, Joe Vrable, Jr. who passed away at home on December 17, 2018 at age 62, after a valiant fight with cancer. Joe was like a brother to me. He was also the beloved nephew of long time Western PA Region members Ed and Nancy Vrable. Joe and his wonderful wife Tammy have been active and faithful members of the Western PA Region for about seven years.

Our friendship began in 9th grade at Youngwood Junior High School. We sat at the same lunch table and our conversations often turned to old cars and old movies. When we were in high school and into our early 20s Joe had a 1948 Dodge Club Coupe and I had a 1948 Chevrolet Stylemaster Sedan. Joe had a knack for cars and mechanical things. He spent more time helping me than I was able to help him. He was never afraid to dig into a problem and always found the answers. His current project was a 1941 Chevy Pick Up which he was converting into a resto-rod.

As Region members Joe, Tammy and family helped with the Car Show at the Kids Corner. Joe would also help with judging along side his Uncle Ed Vrable. Joe and Tammy once hosted an amazing dessert stop on a Progressive Dinner Tour complete with Elvis performing live music in their garage (their great friend Lenny). Joe and Tammy regularly attended Region activities and special events like the Dayton Air Force Museum Tour. Joe and I also attended our first AACA National Meet together which was hosted by the Gettysburg Region. More recently, Joe enjoyed the Grand National our Region hosted in June, and invited his cousin from Johnstown to visit this historic meet. Joe also contributed an article to *The Western Round-Up* about his ride in a WWII vintage B-17 airplane.

Joe was the kind of guy who got people together, even though he could be very quiet. He loved being with family and friends more than anything else. I know Saint Peter has a 1955 Plymouth Convertible all shined up and ready for him. That was his dream car. Thanks for the memories Joe, and deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Tammy and family.



Myron Smith
AACA Secretary/Treasurer

Waxing Nostalgic

I recently read in the Yankton, SD newspaper that the NECCO candy company is going out of business. NECCO stands for the New England Confectionary Co. They are the makers of the nickel size candy wafers and had been around for 171 years. They also produced the little valentine hearts with the cute sayings printed on them. This got me to thinking about other candies from my childhood that I see no more. Things



like Walnut Crush, Chuckles, Butter Brickle. The Walnut Crush and Butter Brickle had unique tastes. I know nothing now that tastes like the Walnut Crush. The Butter Brickle is very similar to today's Heath Bar. Most of this candy came from Grandma and Grandpa. I especially remember Chuckles

which were about 5 little blocks of candy in one wrapper and resembled larger square gum drops. Grandpa would

bring them home from work at Goodyear in his lunch box, and since he had false teeth, I know he couldn't eat them.

This really has no bearing on cars other than that I was getting nostalgic about the fun things I enjoyed and took mostly for granted as a child that I see no more. I remember with fondness the 'Chevrolet Shows' which would occasionally come to town. Sometimes they would be in the city auditorium and sometimes in a inflatable tent bubble at a shopping center. They were fun and exciting to see the new and special offerings from Chevrolet. The traveling trucks were even special. I recall the Chevrolet semi- tractor even had whitewall tires and full wheel covers. Show day for the new cars, whatever the brand, was always close to being like Christmas. Dealers would cover the windows of the dealership the night before 'show day' so no one got a peak of the latest offering until it was show time.

I next got to thinking about what 'special' car things we had for our son, now 28, as he grew up. Gone was the Chevy traveling show and special show day for new cars. Were the swap meets we attended exciting enough as we searched for the next automotive treasure a suitable replacement? Or was there some other 'special event' we attended such as tours and AACA meets that we attended a replacement for the things in my memory. I don't know. He has the car bug. The closest thing I can think of right now is the recent phenomenon, called cars and coffee. In our area it is a 8:00 to 12:00 come and go show at a local auto museum. No trophies no classes just come and have fun. If you have not participated in one of these, check them out, and if possible take a young person with you. You might just be making a memory for their trip down nostalgia lane when they grow up.

-- The Rummage Box





Minutes of the January 28, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the November 20, 2018 regular monthly meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2019 *Western Round-Up*.

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on January 28, 2018 at Dino's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Latrobe, PA. There were 39 members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by President John Ross Kuhns.

Minutes of the 2017 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the WPR Annual Meeting held on January 22, 2017 were printed in the December, 2018 Western Round-Up. President Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Bob Doppelheuer and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – 2017 Summary

Treasurer Mark Jackson presented a summary of 2017 income and expenses. President Kuhns asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Chuck Speicher, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report – Tom Ulishney

Dave reported that the committee consisting of Chuck Speicher, Tom Ulishney and Dave Sheetz found all the WPR's finances in order.

Charitable Donations – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the club made charitable donations to the AACA Museum, AACA Library, Westmoreland Cleanway's Fugitive Tire Program, and our Tool Scholarships during 2017.

State of the Region 2017 – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the "state of the region" is good, and 2017 was a good year thanks to the many efforts of Region members. John Ross thanked the members for their help throughout the year. John Ross said clubs do nice things and he appreciates everything members do. John asked that members be thankful of the volunteer work members do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2017 Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that the Western PA Region welcomed three (3) new members in 2017.

2017 Rev-Up Party – Bob and Karla Doppelheuer

Bob spoke about the "Show Your Spirits" themed Rev-Up Party held on May 21, 2017 in Pavilion 13 at Mammoth Park. Members in attendance enjoyed a day of games, prizes, live music and great food! Music was provided by Randy Penrod and Jack Martin. Cris Detwiler won first place for "Best Spirit Outfit."

2017 Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross Kuhns reported that about 60 club members attended the Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 23th at the Cooperstown Vets and Sportsmen Association Picnic grounds. John Ross and John Kuhns were the balloon toss winners. Howard Finney was the balloon toss Judge. Jill Jackson called the bingo numbers. It was a great day and all attendees had a good time.

2017 Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer & Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson and Bob Doppelheuer reported on the September 3rd rainout and the September 24th Western PA Region Car Show. Rain on September 3rd forced the postponement of the car show. A date of September 24th was selected. The weather was good. There were 192 entries. Bob and Mark thanked everyone who helped with the show. The Bake Sale and the Chinese Auction were very successful.

Christmas Party 2017 – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Christmas Party was held on December 3rd at the Desalvo's located in Latrobe. The party included a Christmas music, door prizes and souvenir photos. The region collected for Toys for Tots at the Christmas Party.

2017 Chance Car Ticket Sales – Alice Shaulis

Alice Shaulis reported that the total number of tickets sold was 2,624. Alice presented Awards to the top four ticket sellers: first award to Tom Ulishney, second to Denny and Becky Blank, third to Mark and Jill Jackson and fourth to Howard Finney. The winning ticket was sold by Howard Finney. The winner of the chance car

was Rich Schober from Latrobe, PA. Alice thanked Mark Jackson for his help scheduling the car. President John Ross thanked Mark Jackson, Alice and Ron Shaulis for their work managing the chance car.

President John Ross asked for a motion to destroy the 2017 Chance Car ticket stubs. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Chuck Speicher and unanimously approved.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark thanked all who submitted articles and photos to the Western Round-Up. Mark announced that he is a recipient for the AACA National “Master Editor” Award.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark thanked all who sent in items for the WPR website. Mark reported that there were 86,127 visitors to the regions web site since 1997, with 11,012 this year. Mark asked the members continue to forward any information that may change such as email addresses.

AACA 2018 Grand National Tour – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Region spoke about the 2018 Grand National Tour. John Ross said that the event will be limited to 500 cars, with the banquet being at the Ramada Inn in Greensburg. The next planning meeting is on February 26th. All members are encouraged to attend.

Western Pennsylvania Region Awards – John Kuhns Sr.

John presented the Region’s Annual Awards.

Paul P. Bell Award – for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a WPR event was presented to Chuck Speicher – 1937 Packard convertible coupe at the 2017 Western PA Region Car Show.

Foster Fike Restoration Award – Given in recognition of the best, fresh restoration of an antique automobile was presented to Bob Shugars – 1941 Buick. The award is presented for a newly restored vehicle that was shown at a Western Pa Region event during the award year. Bob’s Buick was at the May 2017 monthly meeting.

Jack Clark Service Award – In recognition of the Region member who contributed greatly to the success of the Region was presented to Bob and Carla Doppelheuer.

John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award – Given in recognition to the member for driving an antique passenger vehicle the most times during the year to Region events and activities. Dave and Debbie Sheetz were presented with this award. John again challenged other members to bring out their antique automobiles.

Director Service Award Mugs were presented to Mark DeFloria, Mark Jackson and John Kuhns, for completing their two years of service as Directors.

Special Award – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson, Editor made a special award to Cris and Molly Detwiler for their wonderful story and photo

contributions to the Western Round-Up. Mark called the award the “Chrome Quill Award.”

Board Appointment

Earlier in January and prior to the Annual Meeting, director Ron Shaulis resigned from the board. President John Ross thanked Ron for his service, and members present gave Ron a round of applause. According to the Western PA Region bylaws, the board may appoint a Western PA Region member to complete the two-year term of the resigning board member. The remaining directors asked Bob Doppelheuer. Bob agreed and was appointed to complete the second year of Ron’s term.

Election of Officers

Each year there are three director openings. President John Ross asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No candidates came forward. Three directors whose terms ended agreed to run for office again. President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three members running to fill the three available director positions. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Bob Doppelheuer and unanimously approved.

Announcement of 2018 Officers

After a brief organization meeting between the 2018 Directors the followed Director positions were announced.

President – John Ross Kuhns

Vice President – Craig DeFloria

Treasurer – Mark Jackson

Mark DeFloria – Secretary

Publicity Director – John Kuhns, Sr.

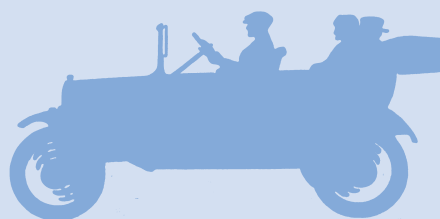
Safety Director – Bob Doppelheuer

Adjournment

President Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Tom Ulishney, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 3:57 PM.

Dinner followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



The Road Less Traveled By

by Guy Davis

From the earliest days of movies and television, automobiles have been featured in many big screen productions and TV episodes. Movie goers in the 1920s and 30s laughed at Laurel and Hardy's many misadventures in Ford Model Ts while 50 years later audiences watched Marty McFly speed through time in a 1985 DeLorean in the movie "Back to the Future." On the smaller screen, Jack Benny and Rochester drove a 1923 Maxwell in the "Jack Benny Show" which aired from 1950 to 1965. Between 1960-68, Andy and Barney often used their 1962 Ford Galaxie 500 patrol car to pick up Otis the town drunk, and then used the same vehicle to take Helen and Thelma Lou on double dates in the "Andy Griffith Show." Though automobiles appeared in films and television shows since the inception of motion pictures, the decade of the 1960s presented some of the most unusual and most memorable cars to ever appear on screen.

Sean Connery as James Bond drove a grey 1964 Aston Martin DB5 in several Bond films including "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball." This gadget laden coupe featured a bullet proof shield which rose up from the rear of the car, oil emitting ports which caused pursuing cars to spin out of control, machine gun turrets, revolving license plates, a passenger ejection seat, and razor-sharp hub cap



Photo - Wikimedia Commons, Steven Lek, Netherlands

A wax tribute figure of Sean Connery as James Bond with his 1964 Aston Martin DB5 at a museum in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

centers which extended outward to slice cars which ran aside 007. This famous car actually made an appearance in Greensburg in the late 1960s when it was displayed on Pennsylvania Avenue behind the now closed A.E. Troutmans department store. Another secret agent from this era, Maxwell Smart, drove several different vehicles in the "Get Smart" TV. series, but none was more noteworthy than his red 1965 Sunbeam Tiger.

Imagine sitting with Granny and Ellie Mae and her critters in the back of their car as Jed and Jethroe maneuvered the roads less traveled by on their way to Beverly Hills, California. The vehicle used in the 1960s show, "The Beverly Hillbillies" was a modified 1921 Oldsmobile Model 46 roadster. It is now on display at the Ralph Foster Museum in Point Lookout, Missouri. One of the most famous car chase scenes of all time took place in



Photo - Wikimedia Commons, Falcoln Photography, France

Laurel and Hardy still have legions of fans around the world. Here two Laurel and Hardy impersonators pay tribute to the comics beside a Model T Ford touring car at a community festival. During the boys' prime in the 1920s - 30s, the Hal Roach Studio had a barn full of Model T's in various states of disrepair for use in Laurel and Hardy films. Some were crushed horizontally or vertically. Others were bent to drive in circles, or fall apart completely on cue. In the 1933 short "Busy Bodies" their Model T was sawed in half by a giant band saw at a lumber yard where they "worked".



Photo - Wikimedia Commons, by Bathooka

The splendid Munster Koach created by George Barris for the 1960s TV comedy sitcom, *The Munsters*.

and around San Francisco when Steve McQueen drove his Highland green 1968 Ford Mustang GT fastback ahead of a pursuing 1968 Dodge Charger R/T in the 1968 film "Bullitt." The Green Hornet and his sidekick Kato (played by legendary martial arts master Bruce Lee) chased bad guys in their car nicknamed Black Beauty in the TV series "The Green Hornet" which aired in 1966-67. Black Beauty was a modified 1966 Chrysler Imperial Crown hardtop.

In 1965, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood drove the Leslie Special in an attempt to win "The Great Race." Warner Brothers studio designed and built the Leslie Special by using a PVC body mounted on a modified Ford truck frame and powered by a Ford 260 cubic inch V-8. In "The Munsters" TV series which aired between 1964-66, Herman Munster and his family of misfits lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane and traveled in a flamboyant hot rod known as the Munster Koach. This George Barris custom creation was fabricated from 3 Ford Model T bodies and was 18 feet long. Another creepy, kooky family from

the mid-sixties rode in a 1933 Packard 12 cylinder touring car. "The Addams Family" needed the large vehicle to accommodate Gomez, Morticia, Wednesday, Pugsley, Uncle Fester, Grandmama, and Cousin Itt. At the movie theater, Warren Beatty was accompanied by Faye Dunaway in the 1967 film "Bonnie and Clyde." The outlaw couple was finally stopped by a spray of bullets which pierced their 1934 Ford sedan.

The 1968 film "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" starring Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes used six different vehicles to make the magic flying car. Ian Fleming who authored the early James Bond novels was the writer for the original "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" story. Mrs. Emma Peel drove a blue 1967 Lotus Elan while her crime fighting partner, John Steed, used a variety of 1920s Bentleys in the 1960s TV series, "The Avengers." Another pair that battled international crime figures was Napoleon Solo and Illya Kuryakin in the 1964-68 series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." Their car was a Piranha coupe powered by a 140 hp six cylinder Corvair engine with four carburetors. Do you remember what the letters U.N.C.L.E. stood for?

Perhaps the most recognizable car from the 1960s television era was the sleek, black batmobile which

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Photo - Wikimedia Commons, James D. Case

The "Leslie Special" from the 1965 Blake Edwards comedy, "The Great Race." In the film the car was driven by the hero, "The Great Leslie" played by Tony Curtis.



Photo - Wikimedia Commons, Jennifer Graylock/Ford Motor Co.

George Barris's famous 60s TV Batmobile



Photo - Wikimedia Commons, by Schrodingers Cat is Alive

Corgi Toys produced a miniature Batmobile in the 1960s complete with Batman and Robin figures and a rocket launcher. It was extremely popular. Corgi Toys were well known for their quality and detail.

Being Invisible



Wayne Tuck
Vice President Membership

Are you one of our invisible AACA members? Do you only get the car out of the garage for an old car event? Do you get it out in the driveway only to clean it and put it away when you're finished? Are some of your friends and neighbors not even aware that you are an old car fan?

Yes, many of us are invisible to the public as far as our old car hobby goes. If so, we are missing many opportunities to promote our hobby to others. Try taking your car out

to the convenience store to pick up a loaf of bread and see how many folks will come over and ask questions about the car. Drive to work and see if the car doesn't attract a lot of attention.

We spend a lot of time talking about attracting youth to our hobby. Try picking up one of your children or grandchildren at school with an old car. Don't just stop at the curb to pick them up. Park the car and see how many young people are attracted to it. Take it to a high school sports event and not only students, but their parents also will ask questions.

Have you ever been asked about your activities with an old car and replied "I belong to AACA" and received the response "What is that"? Maybe we should reply "I belong to the Antique Automobile Club of America, the largest and oldest car club in the world". Be proud of your club. Do you carry trifold brochures, contact information and membership applications with you in your car? Don't be caught speechless or unprepared when these opportunities arise.

So get that car out and drive it. Get out in your community. Be proud to be seen in public with your pride and joy. Don't be invisible!

-- The Rummage Box

Round-Up Briefs...

A Call for Western PA Region Board Candidates

An election of officers will be held as part of the Western PA Region's Annual Meeting, January 20, 2019 at Dino's in Latrobe. Each year, three region director positions are up for election. Please let Secretary Mark DeFloria know if you would like to be on the ballot. Director terms are two years. Contact Mark at westernparegion@hotmail.com or markdef@hotmail.com or phone 724-836-7414.

2019 Monthly Meeting Programs

Do you have any ideas for a 20 to 30 minute long program members would enjoy at a monthly meeting? Perhaps you have a unique collection to talk about, or know of someone who does. How about a technical presentation - paint, tires, or a project you are working on. Do you have a contact at a museum or historical society who can make a presentation on something of relevant interest? Perhaps you have just returned from a trip or an AACA Tour or Meet and have photos and stories to share. The Region has access to a video projector and screen. So PowerPoint presentations can work out very well. Vendors are also welcome - restoration shops, specialty parts sources/services, etc. Contact any region director about scheduling a program.

Now What?

The 2018 Grand National Meet is now history, so what do you want to do in 2019? We are a region that loves tours

and activities. At the November meeting several interesting tour destinations were discussed including many unique private collections. Consider organizing and hosting a tour this year. Any ideas for a trip - a return to the Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, bus trip to the Hershey Car Show, a new adventure? Last year Carl Erb organized a fantastic tour to Dr. Scott Drab's Car Collection. Please contact any region director about scheduling a tour or event so we can get them on the 2019 calendar. Please also let members know of fun local cruises and community festivals to attend.

2019 Chance Car

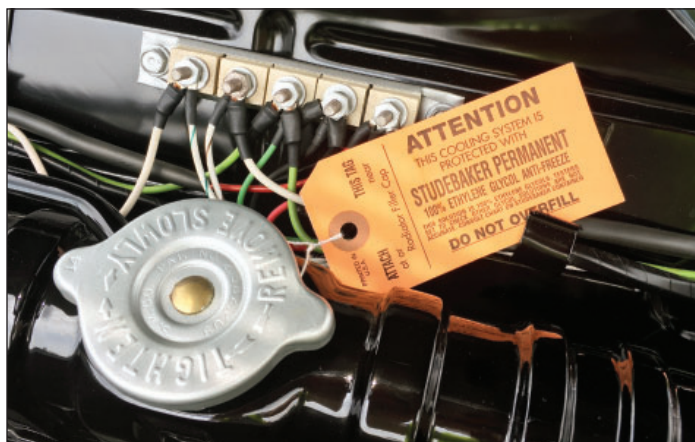
The 2019 Chance Car is a white 1965 Mustang with a red interior. We will try to have tickets ready for the Annual Meeting in January.

Western Round-Up Wins 2018 National Award

Mark Jackson received word in December that the region's *Western Round-Up* newsletter earned the AACA Master Editor Award in 2018. This is a high honor, and the second year in a row we have won this award. It is the third Master Editor Award earned during Jackson's tenure as editor. Mark and Jill Jackson plan to attend the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in February to accept the award. Members who regularly contribute stories and photos for publication in the *Western Round-Up* play a key part in the earning of this award.

The Grand National Gallery

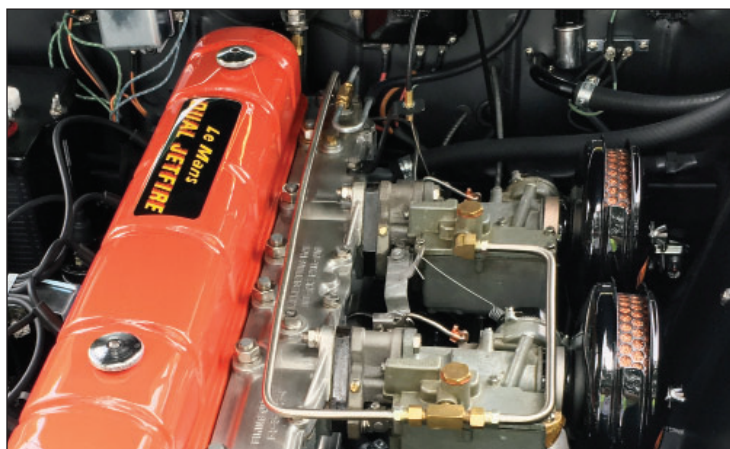
2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by the Western PA Region on June 2nd - Sticker shock...
 "The magic is in the details." – a sample of pristine tags, stickers and decals under some Grand National hoods



Cooling system notice from Studebaker



Air filter care instructions on a 1959 DeSoto Adventurer



1953 Nash Healy Dual Jetfire engine



Coyote Duster air cleaner option on a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner

Western Round-Up Classifieds

Winter Car Storage Opportunity

We at Baltzer Meyer Historical Society have a garage space for four large cars this year at our center in Hempfield Township. The cost is \$10.00 a lin. ft. per car for the winter, no in and out; cars stays put untill mid April or so, depends on the weather. Concrete floor, stays dry, no heat. Contact Tom Harrold lch007@aol.com. We are a non-profit.

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for 1930s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s. I have thousands of old wiper blade arms. Some are new old stock and some used. I have rubbers and refills for most sizes. I can polish your old blades with a buffer and replace the rubbers. I can fix you up if you just need an oddball blade or arm, one piece or pairs. Call Anthony at 724-963-7697 (Connellsville, PA)

Wanted - Garage Decorations Gas pumps, oil cans, oil bottles, air pumps, pinball machines, tin/porcelain signs, old toys - Marx, Buddy L, Anything neat! What do you have? 724-771-5170

Model A Ford tires - Used

475-500 x 19, Total of four **Stanchions** - for car, display or show Total of eight - enough for two cars
 Call Lou Zecchini, 724-834-6813

Truck parts for 1941-46 Chevrolet

Sheet metal, front axel, unpainted bumpers
 Call Joe Vrable 724-420-7670

Wanted - Antique Cars, Any make, any model. No projects, Original condition preferred. 724-771-5170

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

November's Car



Ed and Nancy Vrable were the first to correctly identify November's car as a 1955 Studebaker President Speedster. Also checking in were Jim Heatherington and John Ross Kuhns. The striking color combination screams 1950s. It is daring and yet amazingly attractive. The President Speedsters had lavish interiors with unique patterns embossed into the upholstery. The heavy chrome grill helped dress up this reworked 1953, 54 Studebaker body style. The 1955 grill is often referred to as a kind of "fish face", however the design was, and still is, popular with Studebaker aficionados. This body style gradually morphed into the Studebaker Powerhawk and Hawk series automobiles. Studebaker was excellent at jazzing up and refreshing a car on a small production budget.

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appeared in the wildly popular series "Batman" which aired from 1966-68 and starred Adam West as Batman and Burt Ward as Robin. The batmobile was originally a 1955 Lincoln Futura concept car which debuted at the Chicago Auto Show in January 1955. It appeared in several other auto shows before making its way to Hollywood, California where it appeared in the MGM movie "It Started with a Kiss" starring Debbie Reynolds and Glenn Ford. Eventually, car customizer George Barris purchased the car from the Ford Motor Company for \$1.00. It languished behind his body shop for a number of years until he was commissioned to build the batmobile for the upcoming TV series "Batman." Using the Futura concept car, Barris completed the transformation to the iconic vehicle in just three weeks. He decided to sell the batmobile in 2013 at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction where it received a winning bid of \$4.2 million. "Holy Sparkplugs, Batman!"

Editors Note: Photo research and captions by Mark Jackson using Wikimedia

December's Car



December's car is shown here as the colorful feature on the company's Christmas Card. Can you name the year and marque of this interesting automobile? Legend has it this particular vehicle had some interesting features. Can you name any of them? Be the first to contact me with the correct answer and win a bag of Twizzlers! Email me at jacksonmark469@gmail.com, call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or catch me at the Annual Meeting on January 20 at Dino's.

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