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1966 Oldsmobile Starfire Convertible at Fall Carlisle



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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.

2018 CALENDAR

October 27, Western PA Region 2018 Chance Car

Winner determined by the 7:00 p.m. PA Lottery four-digit number.

November 18, Last Western PA Region Monthly Meeting of 2018

American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown) Starting at 7:30 p.m.

December 2, Western PA Region Christmas Party

DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe

February 7-9, 2019, AACA Annual Meeting

Philadelphia, PA

Changes are coming to *Western Round-Up* Distribution in 2019

The Western PA Region Board of Directors recently met and voted to initiate some changes to the way *The Western Round-Up* newsletter is distributed in 2019. *The Western Round-Up* is published eleven times per year. Issues are almost always 12 pages with inserts for various promotions. Currently, each member receives a printed hard copy, either at the monthly meeting or by first class mail if they did not attend the meeting. All members with email addresses also receive a link to a digital copy which is posted on the website.

The fact is that the annual cost of printing and mailing the *Round-Up* is more than double the income from members annual dues. The directors supported underwriting this additional cost through the years. However, since almost all of our members now have email addresses, we feel it is time to switch to email distribution as the primary way of getting the newsletter out. Rather than raise region dues to help cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, the directors chose to keep the Region's annual dues at \$25 which would include an email distribution of the *Round-Up*. If a member would also like a printed hard copy mailed to them first class, an annual fee of \$10 would be added to the dues to help cover the costs. To summarize - for \$25 annual dues members receive the *Round-Up* by email. For \$35 members will receive the email AND a have a printed, hard copy mailed to them first class. Many other AACA Regions and area car clubs have also gone this route to distribute their newsletters.

One concern about the digital distribution would be not having hard copies of the Minutes at the monthly meetings. Starting in 2019 there would be a limited supply of Minutes printed in black and white for each meeting for members convenience. This would involve only one or two pieces of paper per document and be inexpensive. The Minutes would also continue to be printed in each *Round-Up*. Another goal would be to improve *Round-Up* publication timing so that it can be emailed to members several days before the meeting so they can review the minutes on their computers, iphones or tablets prior to the meeting.

If a member has earned a chance car ticket sales voucher, they have already earned a free region membership, and may apply the voucher towards the \$10 annual fee for a printed hard copy of the *Round-Up* to be mailed to them if they choose to do so.

These changes will help us better focus our financial resources more on activities and programs.

AACA National Award Program



Bob Parrish
VP National Awards

AACA members have asked, "How are vehicles nominated for National Awards"? First, it is important to understand the composition of the National Awards Committee. It consists of 26 of the most experienced Senior Master Judges in the AACA judging system. The team members have over 6,400 judging credits. The team members pay their own travel expenses to attend Meets. The National Awards Committee is the responsibility of the Vice President of National Awards, and assistant Vice President of National Awards.

During the year, there are 8 to 10 National Meets with 3,500 to 4,000 vehicles on the show field. There are also hundreds of vehicles that participate in National Tours. Several National Awards recognize tour vehicles.

I would like to walk you through show day so you will understand the functions of this committee. Vehicle owners are greeted by the assigned 5 member judging team for the traditional vehicle evaluation or judging. During this same period National Award Committee members will appear to seek nominations for National Awards. They can be identified by their yellow shirts. Team members fill out

nomination forms for the various awards available. These judges also make nominations for the prestigious Zenith Award. During the show hours, a special Zenith team follows up on these recommendations for the 3 vehicles (2 primary and an alternate) that will be selected from the Meet as a nomination for the annual Zenith display at the Annual Grand National Meet for the next year.

There are over 70 individual National Awards, including HPOF, DPC, and 4 touring awards. A list of National Awards can be found on the AACA website. Traditionally, National Tours are evaluated on a number of activities experienced by the National Awards Committee members present.

On the first Saturday in December, the Committee assembles in Hershey to select the recipient of the various National Awards. This is a difficult task for the team, since so many beautiful vehicles are shown during the year. A vehicle can only win 1 National Award, with one exception, a vehicle is also eligible for the pre or post war Annual Grand National Meet National Award. A nomination does not preclude a vehicle from receiving a nomination at another time.

Member nomination letters are mailed the week after the Fall Hershey Meet and the winners are notified the first week of December. National Award winners are invited to the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia to receive their award.

I hope this information will be helpful in understanding the function of the National Awards Committee and Zenith Team.

-- The Rummage Box



AACA Zenith Award nominated cars were judged at a Westmoreland Fairgrounds building during the 2018 Annual Grand National Meet hosted by the Western PA Region in June. Notice the car signs and crystal trophies.



Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on September 18, 2018 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President John Ross Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 30 members in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the August 21, 2018 monthly meeting were printed in the September 2018 issue of the Western Round-Up that was available for pick-up at tonight's meeting, and if not picked-up; are mailed to each member.

President John Ross Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Bob Doppelheuer made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by John Myers and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The August Treasurer's Report was read by President John Ross Kuhns. President John Ross Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections. Becky Blank made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

No report, no new members tonight.

2018 AACA Grand National Meet – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns discussed that the Grand National Meet has yet to be in the national AACA Antique Automobile. It is John Ross understands from talking to national that the Grand National Meet article will be in an upcoming issue. The treasurer's report is anticipated to be provided for the Grand National Meet our next general meeting as Treasurer Mark Jackson was not present at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Chance Car – John Ross

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the 2019 chance car is a white 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe with a red interior. The car has a 6 cylinder engine with an automatic transmission.

2018 Chance Car – Sheila and Joe Kurtz

President John Ross Kuhns reminded the members present that our 2018 chance car is a red 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe will go off on the first 7:00 PM, PA Lottery Big 4 drawing on October 27, 2018. All members with tickets are reminded to return all tickets, ticket stubs and money in to Sheila on or before our October 16th meeting.

Sell 40 tickets to earn a free WPR membership. A \$10 voucher good for WPR events or apparel will be earned for every additional 40 tickets sold. Sheila reported that 3,197 tickets are out to members.

President John Ross Kuhns asked if any member was available to take the car to fall Carlisle or Hershey.

2018 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer / Mark Jackson

Bob Doppelheuer reported that the car show was successful with 198 vehicles attending. Bob thanked all the members who volunteered and helped with the show on Sunday, September 2nd. The bake sale, 50/50 and the Chinese auction were very popular.

Christmas Party – Kuhns Family

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the Christmas Party will be at Disalvo's Station on Sunday, December 2nd this year. Mark your calendars. Mark your calendars.

Western Round-Up Newsletter

Mark Jackson asks that members send him any photos that they would like to have in the Western Round-Up. Newsletters not picked up tonight will be mailed to the members that were not present.

Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria

Please email Mark DeFloria any changes in addresses, phone numbers or email.

Adjournment

President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 PM. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Anthony Buyny and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

25 Years Ago - A Minutes Flashback

From the Western PA Region June 15, 1993 Monthly Meeting

Editors Note: A few months ago Ralph Shearer gave me a 1993 issue of the Western Round-Up that he found. I thought members would enjoy reading these minutes and these great stories. Were you there?

The monthly meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the AACA was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on June 15, 1993 by President Paul P. Bell at the American Legion, Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA. Thirty seven members were in attendance.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June Round-Up on a motion by Howard Finney, seconded by Pat Gaudiose. All were in favor.

Old Business

Vince Altieri said that the sliding seat tour for June 27 will begin at Dunkin' Donuts in South Greensburg. Departure from the parking lot will be 10:00 a.m. and the end point will be the Latrobe Airport. The tour should take about 2 1/2 hours.

Vince also reported on the July 11 tour to Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh. We will depart from Greengate Mall between 8:30-9:00 a.m. and take the back roads to Pittsburgh. Once at the stadium, we will have a tailgate party then watch the Pirate game. We will have a security guard watch the vehicles while we are in the ball park. Those who drive a 1925-era vehicle will be allowed to park at one of the main gates and will also be given 2 free game tickets.

Paul Bell mentioned that 20 reservations have thus far been made for the August Raystown Lake tour.

New Business

Paul Bell asked the membership if anyone would be interested in taking a bus tour to the Hershey show this fall. About 5 members raised their hands. Paul then said a questionnaire might be placed in an upcoming Round-Up in order to determine exactly how many might be interested. We could also ask the Mon Valley Club if they would like to share a bus with us.

Correspondence

Vince Altieri read the following list of upcoming shows:

June 20 - a show at Buckannon WV sponsored by the West Virginia Region

June 26 - the 2nd annual Clymer Volunteer Fire Department parade

July 11 - a show at Titusville sponsored by the Pennsylvania Oil Region

July 18 - the Blairsville carnival of wheels

August 1 - the Basically British Car Show at Norwin Elks with a dinner to follow

August 7 - a super Chevy show in Clarksburg, WV

August 28-29 - the Butler Old Stone House Region show

September 25 - a car show at Fairmont, WV

Ron Underwood said there will be a show at Oakmont on June 20, and Howard Finney mentioned a fire apparatus show at Hose Company #8 at Greensburg this week.

Membership

The following two members were accepted into the club by a unanimous vote by the membership;

Mark S. DeFloria who was proposed by Tom Milligan and Dave Sheetz and John Mull who was proposed for membership by Al & Sally Wirick. The primary announcement for the following new members was read;

David M. Sinclair of Westmoreland City, 66 retired, Proposed by Al & Sally Wirick. A vote on accepting the proposed member will be held at next month's meeting.

Paul Bell reported that he was going to bring George French to this month's meeting, but George was not quite up to it.

Jack Clark has also been ill as of late.

Committee Reports

Chance Car

Paul Bell reported that Jim Smith is handling the chance car scheduling this year. Paul said that about 1,500 worth of tickets have thus far been sold. Al Wirick has the car this weekend. Guy Davis gave a report on the Arts & Heritage Festival coming up on July 2,3,4,5. We need both cars and volunteers to sell tickets at this event. which has the potential to be our biggest draw this year for

selling tickets. Guy reported that the club had to spend 500.00 for a sponsorship space, but that the event draws over 200,000 people over 4 days and with the airport show cancelled for this year, we needed an event such as this. Help will be most important at this show!

Car Show

Al Terek is working on our show. Al reported that the cut-off date for vehicles this year will be 1978. The program booklet is being worked on and Bob Cirilli will be this years chief judge.

Miscellaneous

Bill Maurer reported on the Mon Valley Show, which had many beautiful cars there. Paul Bell asked Bill to please thank the officers of the Mon Valley Club for allowing us to sell chances on the Corvette at the show.

Fred Nicholls reported on a car show at Murphysboro, PA. There were 415 cars which included two nice 1941 Plymouth convertibles, an unrestored 1908 Firestone Columbus and a pre-1900 electric car built in Kansas City, Missouri. There were also 23 flea market vendors and one man had two Schwinn black phantom bicycles for sale at 1,500 and 2,000 each.

Fred also reported on the show at Carlisle where there were 1,278 cars registered but only 420 judges. Eighty vendors took up 200 spaces. Bill Maurer added that the Carlisle show had a 1902 Knox, 1908 Case, a curved dash Olds and a 1909 Harley. There were also 17 1965-66 Mustang convertibles. Gary Cooper, who was also at the show, said that the nicest thing about today's car shows is looking at the type of trailers and vehicles which transported the antiques and classics. Gary counted at least 27 enclosed trailers, which he figured cost at least 10,000 a piece. Gary commented that this hobby is not for poor people anymore.

Fred Newell reported on the York Street Rod Show which had 4,187 vehicles there. Ron Underwood saw at the show a 1938 Buick with 2 V-6 engines in line and with a blower to boot!

Fred Nicholls mentioned that the AACA toy wrecker is going fast should anyone wish to buy one.

Al Terek showed the membership a "I got a member badge," as well as a small brief case which is awarded by AACA for bringing in new members.

Badge Fines

Vince Altieri collected badge fines. Number 157, Jeff Stahl from Champion was not present to win.

Program

The program which followed the meeting centered on odd or celebrity cars which members have seen locally. Guy Davis began the discussion by recalling the time in the 1960's when he saw the James Bond Aston Martin car in downtown Greensburg at the now closed Troutman's department store.

Paul Bell then recalled the time when he was 18 years old and saw Vaughn Monroe's 1937 Packard 4-door convertible sedan on a used car lot in Wilkinsburg. Paul could not afford to buy it and it continued to sit there for several months because of the large amount of gasoline which it consumed and the gas rationing at the time. Fred Nicholls remembered that Vaughn Monroe bought a bright red 1947? Chrysler Town and Country convertible for his mother who was still living in Jeannette at the time.

Merle Carns said that he was once passed by a Tucker, and Paul Bell recalled once seeing a Tucker on display when they were new. Paul Carey said that he once had both a heater and radio for a Tucker. Gary Cooper said that there was once a Tucker agency in Charleroi.

Boyd Muir reminisced about the travels of Cannonball Baker, who would make cross-country trips in new cars. Western Union offices reported on his progress and where he was at the time. Boyd noted that Cannonball Baker once hit a barn in little Washington and knocked over a lamp which burnt the barn down.

Gary Cooper said that in 1947-48 Kaiser-Frazer ran a well-publicized event which passed through Charleroi. Two young men rode throughout America in a white Kaiser-Frazer Traveller, which had all the doors welded shut and bars

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A 1936 Cadillac and stylish couple help promote a Western PA Region Car Show at the Westmoreland Museum of Art in 1974

The Road Less Traveled By

by Guy Davis

A few days ago while driving my green 1996 Chrysler Town & Country minivan through Unity Township, I passed the former residence of Dr. Paul A. Chew. Dr. Chew was the first director of the Westmoreland County Museum of Art. He became one of the first Americans to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Fine Arts from the University of Manchester, Manchester, England. He was a very dignified, proper gentleman who was often pictured in a three piece suit holding a saucer and a cup of tea. He directed the museum from its inception in 1957 until his retirement in 1993. Dr. Chew passed away in 2004.

Dr. Chew not only appreciated the masterpieces which hung on the museum's walls and the statuary which lined its corridors, but also saw artistic beauty in the classic automobiles of the early twentieth century. He believed that the flowing fenders of a Pierce Arrow, the art deco style of a Chrysler Imperial Airflow, or even the graceful lines of a goddess hood ornament imbued the viewer with a sense of awe and wonderment, something that good art is meant to do. Consequently, Dr. Chew teamed up

with our Western PA region to host a unique, annual car show on the museum grounds beginning in the summer of 1974.

In order to advertise the event, Dr. Chew utilized a professional photographer to capture a scene which might have occurred during the automobile's golden era. He then had that scene printed on one side of a large postcard with information about the car show and the museum's hours and location printed on the reverse side. The first card which was printed for the 1974 show depicted a classic 1936 Cadillac Series 75 four door sedan with one of the museum's employees taking the hand of a lovely lady as she exited the back of the Cadillac. The next year's postcard again showed museum employees ready to enjoy a day of tennis and bird watching as they arrived at their destination in a 1927 Buick sports roadster. These postcards were mailed to residents throughout the county. Articles also appeared in the *Greensburg Tribune-Review* announcing the day and time of the show.

Aside from his long and impressive accomplishments in the art world, Dr. Chew was a very patriotic American.



TOURING CAR — Among the anticipated entries in the Sunday, Aug. 24 automobile exhibition is this 1911 Case Touring Car owned by C.J. Davis of Manor. A total of 100 participants are expected by the show sponsors.

AUG. 24

Antique Auto Exhibit Set

The second annual antique and classic automobile exhibition will be held Sunday, Aug. 24 from noon to 6 p.m. at Westmoreland County Museum of Art, Greensburg.

The planners expect approximately 100 members of the Western Pennsylvania Region Antique Automobile Club of American and other private collectors to participate in this show.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories and the public is invited to vote for their

favorite choice in the exhibition.

There will be no admission charge. Refreshments will be available at a concession stand in the museum's parking lot.

The day's visitors will also be welcome to view the museum's permanent collection which will be on display for the remainder of the month. Summer hours continue at the facility; they are: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

In Show



SHOW POSTER — The poster announcing the second annual antique and classic automobile exhibition at Westmoreland County Museum of Art, Greensburg, is reprinted above. It

shows, from left to right: Terry L. Bengel, Jackie Nindle and John A. Sakal with a 1927 Buick owned by Robert B. Davis of Greensburg.

A Tribune-Review newspaper clipping about the Western PA Region's Car Show at the Westmoreland Museum of Art

He dropped out of high school in order to enlist in the Navy during World War II. Following an honorable discharge, he re-enlisted during the Korean conflict to serve again as a medical technician. Dr. Chew lived a fruitful and service oriented life. His contributions to our community can still be felt in many ways today. As I continued past his former residence on that country road less traveled by, the sun suddenly broke through the canopy of leaves overhead, and as I peered skyward, I imagined a very distinguished Dr. Chew being chauffeured to afternoon tea in a mobile work of art, namely, an elegant Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

Editor's Note: I was very excited when Guy Davis submitted this article. In 1976 I was a graphic design major at LaRoche College in Pittsburgh's North Hills. I had just purchased my first 35mm SLR camera, a Minolta SRT 102 with a 50mm 1.4 lens. One of the first rolls of Kodachrome film I shot with this camera was at a Western PA Region Car Show at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art. I remember thinking, "What an interesting location for a car show," and walked the parking lot photographing a 1904 Curved Dash Olds, 1932 Ford Model B and others. My favorite memory was seeing a beautiful 1911 Stevens-Duryea Touring Car and watching it leave the show driving south on Main Street. I may have run out of film at the time, because I remember thinking, "I am going to drink this picture in with my mind and want to remember it forever." Little did I realize that over 30 years later I would become a member of the Western PA Region and meet that car's owners, Morris and Ruth Kunkle.

Answering the Call of Fall Carlisle

by Mark Jackson

As the old car season winds down, many Western PA Region members answer the traditional call to enjoy two unique, old car events which are fortunately only about three to four hours away – Fall Carlisle and the AACA Hershey Antique Auto Flea Market and Eastern Fall Meet.

WPR member Joe Vrable and I have been close friends for over 47 years. A mutual appreciation of old cars helped fuel our friendship back in junior high school. Through the years we've visited many old farms, junk yards, events and shows searching for old car parts and just plain enjoying the sight and history of the treasures we found.

For the last several years Joe and I have made a tradition of visiting Spring Carlisle together. Our lovely wives greatly support our trip as it gives us a time to catch up on things.

This year, when it was time for the Spring Carlisle trip Joe found himself dealing with health issues and chemotherapy treatment, which prevented him from going. He told me to go ahead without him, but I couldn't do that. It wouldn't have been the same without my old friend.

By the time Fall Carlisle came around, Joe had made tremendous progress and felt much better. He was ready for a Carlisle adventure. So we took it slow and steady. We drove out and back on Thursday, and focused on what we like to do best - looking at the old cars in the car corral.

Did we buy anything? Answer – meatball hoagie, pulled pork, fries and a small piece of Studebaker script (pitted) for a Lark VIII (a gift for my son Regis).

Joe did really well walking the grounds – few rests here and there, but he is one determined guy. We hope you enjoy these photos.



There were plenty of interesting cars to see on Thursday at Fall Carlisle with more coming in as the day progressed.



Joe has his doubts about this ragtop project.



There is "patina" and there is just plain "krud."



A 1958 Buick, an explosion in chrome!



A 1958 Buick dash - geezz..what to look at first?



Good old Harley-Davidson workhorse



Interesting 1961 Triumph Convertible



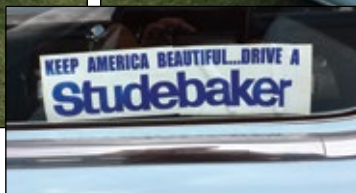
1954 Chevy Bel Air - SOLD - Someone is going to enjoy it.



Both very cool in their own way – 1958 Nash Metropolitan and 1957 Chevrolet



This 1959 Buick Convertible was so aggressively styled.



1955 Studebaker keeping America beautiful



1951 Ford - my "nice driver" vote to take home at \$8,900



Another "nice driver" vote to take home at \$8,900 - 1971 T-Bird 4 door with 38,000 miles



Nice 1957 Chevy pick up - when trucks were trucks



Dad always said, "Ford was ahead in styling", 1933 to 1938 - nice five year progression!

The Grand National Gallery

2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by the Western PA Region on June 2nd – A Dash of Dashboards



1956 Studebaker President



1915 Dodge Brothers Touring Car



1966 Oldsmobile Toronado



1976 Checker Taxi



1951 Chrysler Windsor



1970 AMC Javelin SST



1962 Pontiac



1931 Cadillac V-16



1953 Nash Healey

Western Round-Up Classifieds

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

Collection of AACA Antique Automobile Magazines

1991 - Jan/Feb issue missing

1992 - 1996 Complete

1997 - January through June (3 magazines)

1998 - March through June / Sept. through Dec. (4 magazines)

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2000 - March/April issue missing (5 magazines)

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

September's Truck



Gary Wiegand correctly identified September's truck as a 1956 Dodge Pickup. It's owner is long-time Western PA Region member Ron Underwood. Ron lives in Pittsburgh. So it is quite a drive for him to bring his truck out to Latrobe. Gary and Ron have been good friends for many years.

I was fortunate to be working a few hours at the front entrance of the car show this year when Ron came cruising along in his truck. He maneuvered the big steering wheel and shifted gears with pride as he drove on down to the gate and show field. One can certainly appreciate the pride Ron has in this great old truck when you walk around on the show field and notice the details of its pristine condition. These are the beautifully simple, straight-forward trucks that built much of America. They got people back and forth to work. They hauled building materials, farm products, and almost anything you can think of. One in this condition honors our work ethic heritage.

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welded across the windows. The men had to eat, sleep and live in the car for one year as they drove the country. When the car came to towns, people would write their initials or names on the car.

Bill Maurer said that a Hollywood director on his way to New York got off the road on 981 when he began to have car trouble in 1941. He left his 1931 or 1932 Chrysler Imperial convertible sedan or phaeton and swapped it for a 1939 Plymouth so he could continue his trip.

Finally, Paul Bell recalled the time during one of the club's first mall shows, when an elderly couple came up to him and told Paul that they had an old car they wished to sell. Paul went to their home and saw a bright yellow 1936 Buick Special rumbleseat coupe, which had a number of unusual features such as chrome window moldings, a chrome gear shift lever, a cloth front seat and a leather rumbleseat, a radio and heater. It turned out that the car was originally a pace car for the 1936 Indianapolis 500 Race, but that the car never made it to the speedway. The car's driver was former race car driver Peter DePaulo who came to Western Pennsylvania to give him a ride to Indianapolis for the race. On the way to Indiana, the friends were arrested in Ohio for drunkenness. Since they were in jail, the Buick failed to lead the race and was replaced by a 1936 Packard 120. Needless to say, Buick fired DePaulo and the car ended back in Pennsylvania when DePaulo's friend's dad bought it. Paul bought the car from the older couple, and had it for several years, but always experienced problems with it. The car constantly, for some unknown reason, would quit when Paul drove it, even though his daughter and others could drive it endlessly without any problems. Disgusted with the car one day when it broke down on him, Paul sold it to someone on the spot. Gary Cooper theorized that when Paul sat in the car, he pinched an electrical wire below the seat thus causing it to short out.

Pizza and coffee were served following the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Guy Davis

October's Car



October's car is hidden in this hot rod conversion. Can you see through the customizing and name the correct marque and year of this red beast? This was another fun car that Joe Vrable and I saw at Fall Carlisle this year. It was a well done and interesting hot rod. Joe is smiling because his dad once had a car like this – same year, marque and body style, but stock with chrome grill and bumpers and all the cool things that made this car sporty “back in the day.”

Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a pack of chocolate marshmallow cookies. Tell me at the October monthly meeting, call and leave a message at 724-832-9074 or email me at jacksonmark469@gmail.com.

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