

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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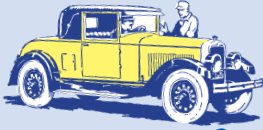
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of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



One year ago the Western PA Region hosted the 2018 AACA Annual Grand National Meet at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. This was the first time this high profile event was ever hosted in Western Pennsylvania. It's great success was the result of careful planning, excellent teamwork and great leadership – something we can be proud of for years to come.

In this photo (l-r) Tom Ulishney, Dave Sheetz and Mark DeFloria welcome a 1932 Cadillac to the show field.





## Member News



James M. Barchesky

Long time Western PA Region member Jim Barchesky passed away May 28, 2019. Jim was the owner and operator of Superior Motors, Latrobe. He was 76. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Jane and family. The Barcheskys have always been very supportive of our Region.

Photo source: James M. Barchesky Obituary



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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.

## 2019 Western PA Region AACA Scan Tool Scholarship Presented at Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center in New Stanton



Above (l-r), Western PA Region AACA Treasurer and Scholarship Committee representative Mark Jackson presents a 2019 Scan Tool Scholarship Certificate and Innova Scan Tool to Brenden Lydick of New Alexandria, PA. Brenden is a graduating Senior from Greensburg-Salem High School. He currently works at Kenny Ross Chevrolet in Irwin working on used cars doing basic mechanical work and new car prep. He also works part time helping out at Boggs Hollow Farm. Brenden plans to continue his automotive education at the Community College of Allegheny County in their ASEP program, which involves General Motors training. As part of the Scan Tool Scholarship, Brenden also received an AACA National membership and membership to our Region. He was unable to attend the Region's May monthly meeting due to work commitments, but he hopes to attend a region activity in the near future. Congratulations Brenden!



Participating in the Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center's Student Fun Day, WPR member Denny Blank took the region's 1965 Mustang to the Fun Day Car Show, where it drew a crowd. Charlie Schifano also participated with his 1950 Chevrolet pick up truck.

# CALENDAR 2019

*Great fun for the cruising season. Don't miss the special Western PA Region Tours & Events!*

## **June 29 - Western PA Region Driving Tour to the Don Pyle Car Collection in Morris Town, PA**

Enjoy a scenic drive south towards the West Virginia border to visit this beautiful collection of antique cars. Details (meeting place, departure time, etc) - to be discussed at the June 16th meeting. Watch for a special email and flyer coming out soon.

**July 4, 5, 6 & 7 Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park** Western PA Region promotional booth with Chance Car. **Please bring your antique and classic cars and trucks and park on the lower lake dam breast as part of our antique car display. This is the best FREE parking at the Festival whether you are visiting the festival or selling tickets** Festival hours 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closes at 6:00 p.m. Sunday. (Please, no for sale signs in the car windows, but you may have a small sign inside on the front seat.)

**Sunday, July 7, 10th Annual Visitation Church Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show** - 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., 740 Walnut St., Mount Pleasant, PA, Class Judged show, Great food, music and more. Volunteer judges needed.



**Tuesday, July 16, Western PA Region Monthly Meeting at Hoss's Restaurant, Greensburg** Plan on arriving between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner (on your own) in the private dining room. A short meeting will start around 7:00 p.m. **Drive your antique and classic cars and park in the lot beside the restaurant to help draw attention to our club.**

**July 20 - Fairfield Car Cruise** Noon - 5:00 p.m. Come show your classic car and enjoy great food and fun door prizes. Fairfield Development, Warwick Drive off of Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg. Pre-registration required. Contact Howard Finney for more information.

**Sunday, July 21, Western PA Region Driving Tour to the Downtown Indiana, PA Car Show**, Show is 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will meet at a designated parking lot in the Latrobe/Greensburg area and drive up from there. Details to come.

**July 20 - 21, Saturday & Sunday - Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh**

**Sunday, July 28, Western PA Region Annual Picnic** Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, Dinner starts at 1:00 p.m. See registration flyer included in this issue.



## **Saturday, August 3 and Sunday August 4, Western PA Region Overnight Bus Trip to Mecum Auctions in Harrisburg, PA**

Leaving from Latrobe. Also visiting Hershey Chocolate World, AACA Museum and Tanger Outlets. A registration flyer will be emailed and U.S. mailed to all members in June. Guests are welcome. Bus seating is limited. The cost is \$225 for couples and \$190 for singles. This includes round-trip bus transportation, admission to the auction and a hotel room. The AACA Museum admission is free to AACA members, but you MUST show your membership card. Chocolate World and Tanger Outlets are free admission. Meals and food are on your own.

**Saturday, August 3, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/ Tri-City Meals on Wheels Car Cruise**, 501 Fairfield Drive, West Point housing plan, Greensburg, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 17 - Western PA Region Driving Tour to TP Tools Auto Museum in Canfield, Ohio** More information to come.

**Sunday, September 1, Western PA Region Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA - The longest running car show in Southwestern PA.

**Saturday, September 14, Western PA Region Progressive Dinner Tour**, Details to come.

**September 14, 50's Fest and Car Cruise Downtown Waynesburg, PA.** Great 50's music and fun.

**Saturday, October 5, October Fest Car Show** Hebron Lutheran Church, Blairsville, Great German food and fun.

**October 9-12 AACA Eastern Fall National Hershey, PA**

**Sunday, October 20, Western PA Region Fall Tour to Grice Community Museum, Clearfield, PA** Tentative

**Saturday, October 26, Western PA Region Octoberfest Monthly Meeting and Winning Chance Car ticket number Drawn** - PA Lottery 7:00 p.m. At the Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg. Registration required. More information to come.

**Sunday, December 1, Western PA Region Christmas Party**, DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe, PA



# Minutes of the May 21, 2019 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on Tuesday May 21, 2019 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Bob Doppelheuer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 26 members in attendance and guests John and Cindy Harvey.

## Minutes

The minutes of the April 16, 2019 monthly meeting were published in the *Western Round-Up*, which was distributed prior to the May meeting by email. Printed copies of the minutes were also available at the May meeting.

President Doppelheuer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. John Myers motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

## Treasurers Report - Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson read the treasurers report for April, 2019. President Doppelheuer asked if there were any questions about the report. Tom King motioned to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Charlie Schifano and unanimously approved.

## Scan Tool Scholarship

The Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (CWCTC) recipient of the Western PA Region's 2019 Scan Tool Scholarship Award is Brenden Lydick of New Alexandria, PA. Mark Jackson attended an awards ceremony at the center and presented Brenden with the scan tool on behalf of the region. Brenden also received a membership in AACA and our region. Brenden was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to work obligations at Kenny Ross Chevrolet.

Denny Blank and Charlie Schifano recently attended a car cruise at a student "Fun Day" held at CWCTC. Denny took the 1965 Mustang Chance Car for the students to enjoy and it drew a crowd. Past region member and Western PA Region Car Show D.J. Pete Highlands is an instructor at CWCTC and helped organize this event. Mark Jackson added that it would be nice to arrange a tour of the center for our region and that Brenden, Mr. Hayes the guidance counselor, and the automotive technology

instructors are very appreciative of the Scan Tool Scholarship Award and the continued support of our region.

## Community College of Allegheny County Car Show

Our region's 2018 CWCTC Scan Tool Scholarship winner Bryan Sager attended April's meeting and invited members to attend a car show at the Community College of Allegheny County in Oakdale, PA on May 18th. Bryan is continuing his automotive training here and helping with the show. Carl Erb participated in the show and met up with Bryan who was proudly wearing his region name badge. Carl was very impressed with the school facility and the event.

## Newsletter - Mark Jackson

Mark encouraged members to submit articles and photos for the *Western Round-Up* as they enjoy their summer activities.

## Chance Car - Sheila and Joe Kurtz

Sheila informed those present that 2,500 tickets have been signed out thus far. She and Joe had tickets available to sign out at the meeting.

Denny Blank asked members not to leave things in trunk of the Chance Car as it tends to leak when it rains.

## Car Show - Bob Doppelheuer

The region's car show will be on Sunday, September 1st, with a rain date of September 29th. Bob said that he hopes to hold a car show planning meeting in June. Mark Jackson will update the car show flyer and also have those available in June.

Bob reminded members to bring gift baskets to the Annual Picnic on July 28th to participate in the Chinese auction basket contest. Prizes will be awarded for the favorite baskets as voted on by members and guests at the picnic. All baskets are donations for the Car Show Chinese auction. Please use all new items.

## Tours - Carl Erb

Carl informed members present that Charlie Schifano shared some information about visiting a great car collection owned by Don Pyle in Mount Morris, PA, which is south of Waynesburg, PA near the West Virginia border. Carl is hoping to set up a tour for June 29th.

A tour to the TP Tools Auto Museum in Ohio is planned for August 17th and a tour to the Grice Museum in Clearfield, PA is in the works for the fall.

Tom King invited Western PA Region member to join the Laurel Region on a driving tour to the Beaver Falls Cruise on Saturday, June 8th. It is one of the biggest cruises in PA. More information on arrangements to come.

There will be a cruise to the Downtown Indiana Car Cruise on Sunday, July 21st.

The Progressive Dinner Tour is planned for Saturday, September 14th. We still need some dining stop hosts.

Annual Picnic - John Ross Kuhns

The Annual Picnic is coming up on July 28th at the Cooperstown Club. A registration flyer will be with the June *Western Round-Up*.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Moving TWO Region Monthly Meetings from the American Legion Post 982 to other Venues

The July 16th Monthly meeting will be held at Hoss's Restaurant on South Main Street (Route 119) in South Greensburg. Dinner (on your own) will start at 6:30 p.m. in their private dining room with a short meeting to follow. Members are asked to drive their antique and classic cars and park in the lot on the right side of the restaurant in order to attract attention to our club.

The October Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday evening, October 26th at the Westmoreland Conservation District on Donohoe Road in Greensburg. Plans are to have an Oktoberfest dinner and then be able to see the winning Chance Car number drawn on the PA Lottery and the winner informed. More information to come.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Visitation Church Car Show - Bob Doppelheuer

The Visitation Church Car Show will be held on Sunday, July 7th 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Mount Pleasant, PA. Region members are invited to participate in and help to judge this fun show. We will also be selling Chance Car tickets at the show.

### Mecum Auction Harrisburg, PA Overnight Bus Trip

The Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA overnight bus trip will be August 3 - 4. Cost will be \$225 per couple and \$190 per single which includes bus transportation auction admission, and hotel. The AACA Museum is free admission to AACA members, but you MUST show your membership card. Admission to Hershey Chocolate World and Tanger Outlets is free.

A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting. A formal registration form will be mailed to all members. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Western PA Region members will be able to register in June. Then registration will be opened to guests in July. Space on the bus is limited, first come, first served.

### Adjournment

President Doppelheuer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Debbie Sheetz and unanimously approved.

### Snacks - Debbie and Dave Sheetz

Thanks to Debbie and Dave for providing some delicious pies.

### Special Presentation - Carl Erb

After adjournment Carl presented part 2 of his presentation on the 100th Anniversary of Citroën and the French auto maker's unique innovations.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark Jackson  
substituting for Secretary Mark DeFloria

## Members Enjoy Part 2 of Carl Erb's Presentation Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Citroën



After the May Meeting Carl Erb shared more interesting information about the innovative French automaker Citroën.



Members talk with Carl and check out his diecast Citroën models.



## Beaver Falls 29th Annual Car Cruise 2019

By Carl Erb

**WOW!** To use such a small word to describe such a huge Car Cruise is of course way less than adequate. However, no matter how many additional positive descriptive words I could use to describe it, you still would not believe the *Beaver Falls Annual Car Cruise* until you experience it for yourself. Although I have always been very interested in cars and owned some pretty nice iconic ones, I really only started to pay close attention to car cruises when I purchased my first antique car in 2009. I quickly discovered that there are so many cruises in the Western PA area that it is practically impossible to attend them all. However, you just have to believe me when I tell you that the *Beaver Falls Car Cruise is one you absolutely have to put on your list of "Car Cruises I Must Attend Every Year"* no matter how far away you live.

For the past 3 or 4 years while attending car cruises, mainly east and north of Pittsburgh from my home in

Monroeville, many people have told me about the "big" car cruise in Beaver. Growing up in central PA I always knew about Beaver Springs and Beavertown in Snyder County, where my parents were born, but did not know about towns in Western Pa with that moniker as part or all of their name. Although I am not a native Pittsburgher one would certainly think that I have lived here long enough to know that there are actually two towns in Western PA only about 5 miles apart that fit that bill, Beaver Falls and Beaver. Not until just recently did I discover that fact, so I did a search on the internet to find out about this "big, monstrous, fantastic, unique" (and whatever additional positive words you can think of) car cruise I kept hearing about takes place. The first thing that popped up on my screen was "*29th Annual Car Cruise Beaver Falls PA*". My main motivation at the time was to find venues to which our Western PA Region of AACA could take our "Chance Car" to sell more tickets. Now I am trying to figure out how I can get our Chance Car to the event next year and also bring one of my own cars along to cruise up and down 7th Avenue because I did not see one car there that looked like either of mine.

I first contacted Steve Peterson whose phone number was listed on their 2019 "Flyer". Steve referred me to Tom Gargaro who is in charge of all the vendors. Tom called me almost immediately and I told him a little about Western PA Region and AACA. I then told him about our "Chance Car" and asked if we would be allowed to bring our car to their event to raise money for the non-profit organizations we help support. While several other towns and events, which I won't mention here, have flat out told me "NO you can't bring your car here", **Tom was so enthusiastic about the idea I found it hard to believe.** He whole heartedly agreed with me that having such an iconic car as a 1965 Mustang at their event to be raffled off would be a significant added attraction. Not



Hopped-up 1962 Chevy Pickup Truck parked along 7th Avenue.

only does our Chance Car appeal to those who already own old cars, but it also offers the opportunity to people who might not otherwise be able to afford an antique car to win one. Tom immediately referred to our getting together as “partnering”, a term he used frequently when talking to us.

Since I had never been to Beaver Falls he quickly described the wide boulevard of 7th Avenue which is a little more than a mile long. The street is so wide that they are able to park cars diagonally and still have enough room for people to safely walk up and down while cars continue slowly cruising up and down all day long. Tom asked me to send a copy of the flyer for our Mustang Chance Car so they could post it on their Facebook page and to talk about it during the several hours of interviews they would have on their local radio stations 1230 WBVP and 1460 WMBA in the days and weeks leading up to the cruise. He also asked us to post their flyer for the 29th Annual Beaver Falls Car Cruise on our Facebook page, which we did.

Denny Blank had committed to help me with ticket sales at this event several weeks before and I am sure glad he did. The day before this cruise we had just worked together for “Mustang Night” at Victory Church Car Cruise in Cranberry, so the Mustang was back at Denny’s house in Greensburg that night before. Saturday he picked me up at my house in Monroeville at 8:00 AM for the one hour + drive to Beaver Falls. Although the cruise doesn’t

officially start until 12:00 noon, when we pulled onto 7th Avenue about 9:15 AM parking spaces were already nearly filled up while cars were cruising up and down 7th Avenue and others were being parked along some side streets. We cruised down 7th Avenue about ½ mile to 13th Street where Tom had reserved a spot for us right in the center of action at the plaza next to the Carnegie Library in front of Cruise Headquarters.

Although cars were cruising up and down the Avenue from the time we arrived, at 12:00 the “official” start of the cruise was led by a Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag and a female vocalist singing The Star Spangled Banner. This was followed by a parade of a few rare military vehicles, including an Army 2 ½ ton troop transport and an army “Mule”. (You can see these two vehicles if you click on the link to watch the following video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H95yu6Jxo3Q> There were also lots of additional cars with Veterans on board from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. If there were any veterans from parts of the world where we are still doing battle, I apologize for not for not noticing them in the parade. Beaver Falls Car Cruise Organizing Committee did an excellent job of honoring our veterans.

At the headquarters/T-shirt sales/registration plaza Denny and I were greeted by numerous members of the Volunteer Cruise Support Staff and Tom Gargaro. These folks were so gracious and happy to see us that we felt

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Our region's 1965 Mustang Chance Car attracts attention along 7th Avenue at the 29th Annual Beaver Falls Car Cruise.



(l-r) Carl Erb and Denny Blank pause at the Chance Car ticket sales table. Their smiles show how they are enjoying the day.

a bit like celebrities. That might have had something to do with the fact that where our Mustang was parked and the way our table was set up we were staring straight at the commemorative plaque for native Beaver Falls football celebrity Joe Namath (nah he wasn't there). The staff also told us not to hesitate to partake of their secret stash of non-alcoholic cold beverages as we needed. Since it was a beautiful, hot sunny day, we frequently took them up on that offer. Ticket sales started a little slow, but as people started walking up and down the street all "heck" broke loose. Denny and I had established a system where he collected the money and stubs while I talked to the customers about the raffle, opened the envelopes and made sure everybody filled out the tickets, but we were so busy that didn't always work out as planned. An hour or so after things really started popping John Myers, whose car was parked probably 1/2 mile away, showed up at our spot and unbeknownst to me called his wife Flo to come down to help us too. Shortly thereafter I got a tap on my shoulder and I was a pleasantly surprised to turn around and see Flo's smiling face. She dove right in to help us until late afternoon and I don't know what we would have done without her because I was scheduled to do a live radio interview to talk about WPR, AACA and our Chance Car. Thanks Flo and John for showing up unexpectedly and diving right in to help.

I was a bit nervous about being on live radio to talk about Western PA Region, AACA and the Chance Car, but Denny told me I pulled it off OK with just one mistake. Prior to going "On Air", I had a brief talk with

the program director, Frank Sparks, about who we were and what we do. I am glad we had that pre-air talk because when we went live, he expertly remembered to ask me things I probably would have forgotten to talk about. The organizers of the cruise had speakers up and down the entire length of 7th Avenue. Throughout the Cruise the radio station and the Cruise DJ, in a separate location, frequently mentioned our Chance Car and where to buy tickets. Because of this we could observe that a large number of tickets were presold because we would see people walking straight up to our table with money in their hands or their hands in their pockets or purse to get money.

God willing and the creeks don't rise too much, Denny and I will be back again next year, hopefully with some additional help with whom we will be more than willing to share credit for the sales of tickets. I think our Region should also plan to schedule the Beaver Falls Car Cruise as one of our touring events for the rest of the members. Perhaps we can cruise 7th Avenue as a group as representatives of WPR AACA with signs on our cars. I think Beaver Falls Cruise Committee would probably like and agree to that idea.

*To Tom Gregaro, Steve Peterson, and all the Committee Members and Volunteer Staff of Beaver Falls Car Cruise along with the air time given to us by 1230 WBVP / 1460 WMBA and Program Director Frank Sparks, we want to express our sincere thanks for allowing us to be part of the 29th Annual Beaver Falls Car Cruise.*



Checking out a "Back to the Future" DeLorean tribute.



Flo Myers (right) pitches in at the Chance Car ticket sales table.



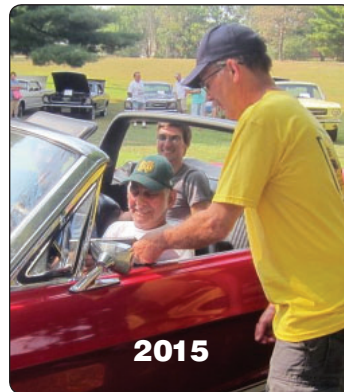
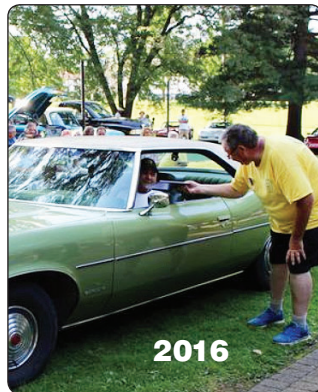
A 1950 Studebaker passes a 1972 Chevelle cruising 7th Avenue.

Photos by Denny Blank



# The Road Less Traveled By

By Guy Davis



Photos by Mark DeFloria

**Owen Snyder receiving the Oldest Driver Award through the years at the Western PA Region AACA's Car Show**

Every year the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America hosts a car show on the Sunday prior to Labor Day at Legion Keener Park in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Aside from the trophies presented in each vehicle classification, there are a number of specialty awards distributed at the event including Best of Show, longest distance driven, and oldest and youngest drivers. My father-in-law, Owen D. Snyder, has been the recipient of the oldest driver award for at least the past 5 years. As he approaches his 91st birthday, however, both Mother Nature and Father Time have indicated to him that his driving days are now best seen in the rear view mirror of life. Consequently, this year, the oldest driver award will be presented to someone else.

While I have your attention, I would like to tell you a little bit about the man, Owen Snyder. He was born on a small farm in New Alexandria. As a child, he walked several miles to a red brick, one-room school house where he received his formal education. Though his studies were completed following the eighth grade, I would challenge any college graduate today to match my father-in-law's rote memory, mathematical skills, and command of the English language. During the summer months, young Owen rode his bicycle to Greensburg's St. Clair Park where outdoor movies were shown every Friday night. A few years later, he proudly served his nation on German soil as an Army infantryman and member of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Division aka the Big Red One. Following an honorable discharge, Owen returned to Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Owen married Betty Metz whose Italian name of Magliatucci was shortened by a processor on Ellis Island when Betty's grandparents arrived there in the early 1900s. Following several temporary jobs, Owen began a

career deep in the boughs of the earth as a coalminer. After the birth of their first daughter, a tragic fire destroyed the house they were renting leaving the Snyder family with only the clothes on their backs. Owen was seriously burned fighting the fire. A few years later and now with a second daughter, Leona, who one day would become my wife, the Snyders purchased a home in the small coal patch town of Wyano. In the late fifties, Owen bought a used 1956 Oldsmobile Holiday 88 convertible from the Frank Pultz Oldsmobile dealership in Greensburg. Mr. Pultz had special ordered the celery green and black Olds for his wife. It came with many novel options

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Portraits of Owen Snyder during his World War II service days as an Army infantryman and member of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Division aka the Big Red One. Owen served on German soil.

# Join for the Cars, Stay for the People



Mark McAlpine  
Vice President - National Activities

**W**e all became involved in the AACA for different reasons, but we stay for a common one: the people.

My wife Marion and I were almost obligated to get involved in the AACA and antique automobile hobby because of birth and circumstances. Marion & I were both born and raised in the Detroit metropolitan area, and we're "Baby Boomers," so we grew up during the high-point of Detroit's muscle cars (until, arguably, today) and muscle car culture. Unlike some of today's teenagers, when we came of age it was inconceivable to not have a driver's license and not get it as soon as possible. A driver's license – and if you were lucky, a car – meant freedom. Freedom to drive to school and not have to ride the bus; freedom to get an after-school job; freedom to socialize with friends; freedom to date; freedom to just go do something whenever you wanted.

As children of Detroit, cars were in our DNA. It was probably an omen of things to come for Marion & I that our first date was to the Detroit Auto Show. Shortly after we married, we purchased and customized a Chevy van, and almost started a customizing shop with my father-in-law (a chief clay modeler for GM), but I joined the Air Force instead. My military career made it difficult for us to own an antique car – we moved 18 times in 25 years – but we never lost our love for cars. Everywhere we lived we attended car shows and cruise-ins, and made the

pilgrimage home to Detroit as often as we could to attend the Detroit Auto Show. In 2004, after attending another car show, Marion told me, "We need to buy an old car." We purchased a 1970 Chevelle Super Sport and transported it to Tucson, Arizona, my last active duty assignment, where we discovered the AACA. Fifteen years later, I'm fortunate to be a member of the AACA's Board of Directors (something I never aspired to, let alone expected).

I suspect we joined the AACA for reasons shared by many of our fellow members: to enter our car in the local AACA Region's annual show. We renewed our AACA membership and over the years got more involved in both our local region and the national club not just because of the antique vehicles, but more so because of the fun we had, the nice people we met, and the friends we made.

At one of the first AACA Board of Directors meetings I attended, one of the other directors said something I'd never heard before but which rang so true: "Members join the club for the cars, but they stay for the people." We all need to keep this in mind – not just the AACA National Directors, but also every region and chapter officer and every member. In order to survive as a club – let alone continue growing – we need to be welcoming to everyone (regardless of what kind of vehicle they own or like), and our club and regions/chapters need to be fun.

- - *The Rummage Box*

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724-771-5170

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and accessories. Owen was proud of his purchase and it served the growing family well especially when a third daughter arrived. Unfortunately, tragedy struck again one work day when a roof in the Delmont Fuel mine which was located in Hunker collapsed crushing the body of Owen. A surgeon from Pittsburgh, Dr. Paul Steele, operated on Owen and saved his life. He was, however, in a full body cast for many months while his broken bones knitted. With no paycheck coming in, the company store in Wyano allowed Betty to purchase food on credit so that the family might eat. However, with only two payments left on the Oldsmobile, the bank showed no mercy as two representatives came to the Snyder home and repossessed the car, even while seeing my father-in-law lying helpless on his bed. Owen later asked Dr. Steele to remove at least part of the body cast so that he could somehow get back to work. Eventually, Owen did return to the mines and worked his way up to a managerial position. Soon after, daughter number 4 was born. Now working in the Ocean Five mine which was located in Smithdale, a wall collapse covered Owen. The injuries he sustained in that accident ended his mining career. Owen continued to persevere to support his family. He did not complain about circumstances that altered his life nor place blame on anyone. He also did not depend on any government assistance, grief counseling, time-out rooms or therapy dogs. He and his family survived on sheer determination, the providence of God, a belief in one another, and a tremendous work ethic. Together they would journey and endure on that road less traveled by.

I recently drove my father-in-law to the voting station in Wyano. As we entered the building, I watched him slowly make his way to the voting machine. He used the wall for support and to keep his balance. After voting, he sat on a small bench to rest and converse with the poll watchers. Even with his battered and broken body aching with pain, Owen was determined to fulfill his civic duty and participate in the electoral process. You see, he knew too many men and women who died to ensure that right for all of us, and he was not about to let them down.

It is my hope that I might attend this year's car show in Latrobe, and I would like nothing better than to have my father-in-law sitting beside me in the front passenger seat. If God provides us with that opportunity, I invite you to stop by and visit with the man, Owen Snyder. No, let me rephrase that. I invite you to stop by and visit with the man and a half, Owen Snyder. He will offer you a firm handshake, a warm smile, and friendly conversation. Believe me; you will come away having met one of the finest gentlemen from one of America's greatest generations. ■

# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## May's Car



John Ross Kuhns and Gary Weigand came close to correctly identifying May's car. Gary was the closest when he guessed a 1963 Chrysler Imperial. It is actually a 1964 Chrysler Imperial. Sorry to say, no winner this time.

## June's Car



From the Sheetz family archives - can you name the year and make of this sedan? Look closely at the tail lights. Be the first to contact me at the June meeting, or email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com) or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message. This month's prize - cinamon rolls!

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