

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



September 2021

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



A Summer Tour to Dave and Karen Berg's Showroom



Photos by Carl Erb, Mark DeFloria and Mark Jackson

Local Cruises & Shows



See carcruises.com for more local 2021 events and information. Search "Pennsylvania" and the month.

Ultimate Tuesday Car Cruise at Kings Kings Family Restaurant

6297 US 30, Hempfield Plaza
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MONDAYS: September 20 and 27;
October 4, 18 and 25 (no cruise Oct. 11)

The Monday car cruises at Z&M

Harley Davidson Cycle Sales are being combined with Bike Night on Tuesdays 4-8 p.m.

The Car Cruise at the Lamplighter Restaurant

6566 William Penn Highway
Delmont, PA 15626

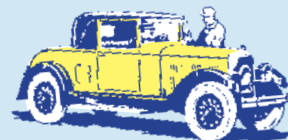
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This cruise continues each Thursday until October 28

Idlewild Halloween Boo Cruises

**Saturday, October 9 and
Sunday October 10**

Idlewild Park
2574 US Route 30
Ligonier, PA 15658



Member News

Welcome new members Pete and Cathy Highlands!

Our deepest sympathy to WPR member Jill Jackson and family on the passing of her mother Melissa Millen on September 11, 2021. Melissa and her first husband Robert Bleibtrey once owned and ran the Point Grill in Greensburg. After Bob's passing she and her second husband Phil Millen built the Midway Car Wash on Route 119 between Greensburg and Youngwood. Melissa was 86.

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for further information see the 2021 Western PA Region Roster, which is available on the Region's website.

Membership Information

Do you like old cars? We at the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America are excited to share our fun and exciting activities, events and resources.

You don't have to own an antique automobile to become a member, However, you must first join our national club, The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) before joining our Region. For national membership information and to join online visit: www.aaca.org AACA is the largest and oldest antique automobile club in the world and offers a wide variety of resources, and activities. All national members also receive the beautiful *Antique Automobile Magazine*.

For Western PA Region AACA new membership information visit <http://westernparegion.org/>

New members must attend a Western PA Region monthly meeting to be voted in and welcomed. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January. We are a Latrobe-based club.

Upon receipt of your membership application, our Membership Chairman will contact you to schedule a convenient monthly meeting for you to attend. Our monthly meetings take place at several venues in the Latrobe and Greensburg, PA area.

To learn more about our club and activities visit our website: www.westernparegion.org

Please also feel free to contact any of the directors above with questions about memberships.



Fall Foliage Tour

Saturday, October 16

**The Greenberg Cadillac Museum, Brookville, PA and
The Coolspring Power Museum, Coolspring, PA**

Meeting Place

McDonald's Restaurant

10 Resort Plaza

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

U.S. Route 22

Blairsville, Pa 15717

Depart: 9:00 a.m. Sharp

Greenburg Cadillac Museum Tour

10:30 a.m. -11:45/Noon

67 S. White St.

Brookville, (Hazen) PA 15825

Lunch at Plylers Buffet & Restaurant

12 Noon-1:30 p.m.

235 Allegheny Blvd

Brookville, PA 15825

Coolspring Power Museum Tour

2:00-3:00 p.m.

179 Coolspring Rd.

Coolspring, PA 15730



The Greenberg Cadillac Museum showcases over 70 Cadillacs from 1903 to present. This may be the largest collection of Cadillacs in the world.



The Coolspring Power Museum presents an illuminating history of the evolution of internal combustion engine technology. Its collection includes hundreds of stationary engines housed in more than 35 buildings and outdoor displays and is the largest museum of this type in the U.S., if not the world. People even travel from Europe and Australia to visit during special events!

Contact Carl Erb to register today!

email erbiewan@gmail.com

or call 412-607-7857

*Carl needs headcounts for
meal reservations.*



Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Monthly Meeting held at The Lincoln Highway Experience

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on August 17, 2021 at the Lincoln Highway Experience, 3435 State Route 30, Latrobe, PA 15650. Vice President Craig DeFloria called the meeting to order at approximately 7:11 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 31 members in attendance. Pete and Cathy Highlands were in attendance as guests at tonight's meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the July 25, 2021 meeting at the Cooperstown Sportsman's Club were printed in the August *Western Round-Up*. Vice President DeFloria asked if there were any corrections or revisions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Dodie Ulishney and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Mark Jackson

Treasurer, Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for July. President Doppelheuer asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Bill Holtzer, seconded by Lynn Ferraro and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Membership Chairman, Howard Finney, read an application for membership for Pete and Cathy Highlands. The Highlands were recommended for membership by Denny and Becky Blank. John Harvey made a motion to accept Pete and Cathy into the Region, seconded by Debi Davis and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Pete and Cathy.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked those who contributed articles for the August Round-Up, which was again a 16-page issue.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that the members let him know if they have an address or an email address change. Members

should check their inboxes to confirm that they are receiving emails from the Western PA Region.

NEW BUSINESS

September 2021 Monthly Meeting

The August Monthly Meeting will be held at our usual monthly meeting location at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). MEETING TIME 7:30 p.m.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl Erb spoke of the August 28, 2021 driving tour to Hahn Restoration, in Harmony, PA and a visit to the Harmony Museum. Tour Departs: 9:00 a.m. from King's Restaurant parking lot, 200 Sheffield Drive, Delmont, PA. Please let Carl know if you plan to attend

Carl also spoke of the Saturday, October 16, 2021, Fall Foliage Driving Tour to The Greenberg Cadillac Museum, Brookville, PA and The Coolspring Power Museum, Coolspring, PA. Meeting Place: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the McDonald's Restaurant- 10 Resort Plaza, U.S. Route 22, Blairsville, Pa 15717. The tour is departing at 9:00 a.m.

2021 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer / Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson talked about this year's Car Show. It will be open to all vehicles and be mostly non-judged with a few special awards. The cost will be \$5.00 per vehicle. The club will have our usual bake sale, Chinese Auction. Hopefully we can return to our usual judged show in 2022. There will be a Car Show planning meeting 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 27, 2021.

Adjournment

Vice President Craig DeFloria asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. Flo Myers made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

OUR MEETING AT THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY EXPERIENCE



Prior to the meeting we enjoyed a tour of the museum and a fantastic video on the history of the Lincoln Highway.



Standing between a 1937 Packard and the restored 1938 Serro's Diner, Vice President Craig DeFloria calls the meeting to order.



Region Tour Chairman Carl Erb updates members on upcoming 2021 Tours as members listen and enjoy the warm, nostalgic ambiance of the Lincoln Highway Experience. Several of our members serve as volunteers at this unique museum.



Inside the restored 1938 Serro's Diner, I-r, Cris Detwiler, Al Terek and Lincoln Highway Experience Executive Director Lauren Koker.



On display - a beautiful scale model of the Grand View Ship Hotel, which was once located on the Lincoln Highway near Bedford, PA.

The Dave & Karen Berg Showroom Tour

by Carl Erb



This 1904 Krieger-Brazier electric car resembles a elegant coach.



A Cushman Motor Scooter with sidecar



1916 Buckboards, one gas, one electric



Unique 1950 Crosley Convertible



Compact three wheelers - l-r, a 1956 German Messerschmitt and a British Reliant

If you have never been to Dave and Karen's showrooms, you are truly missing out on one of the largest and most eclectic private car and auto memorabilia collections anywhere. Dave's cars are all Concours Quality, and he has everything from a 1904 Krieger-Brazier electric car made in France to more modern-day cars like a 1999 Bentley and 2001 Mercedes Benz. At first glance the Krieger-Brazier looks like a stagecoach worthy of ownership by Royals like Queen Elizabeth. However, when you look closer you realize that instead of harness hook-ups and a set of reins behind the "dashboard" there is a steering wheel in front of the coach where the chauffeur sat exposed to the weather. Dave tells me it is probably one of only two in the world, the other being in a museum in France.

Although many of our region members have been to Dave Berg's showrooms before, it has been quite a few years ago and Dave has added numerous vehicles because he has never stopped buying and selling.

Unfortunately, because all the weather reports were predicting rain for July 11, we all showed up in our "daily drivers" except Steve Apter, a friend of Dave's, who drove his 1959 Cadillac "Land Barge" which he is comfortable piloting down the road in a heavy rain. Rather than taking a boring, high speed 1hr 3min ride on the PA Turnpike and I-79 to Dave's location, we took a scenic 1hr 33min drive passing by or through Apollo, Leechburg, Freeport, Clinton and Evans City to our rest stop at a gas station/convenience store above Cranberry. From there we went straight north to Dave and Karen Berg's "Car Collection Oasis" secretly tucked away in the woods where Dave was waiting with a few of his friends to show us where to safely park amongst the trees.

When you enter the first of the three showrooms, to the right you see a Cushman Motor Scooter with sidecar and then a couple of 1916 two-seater "Buck Boards" that

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1880's High-wheeler bicycle



Oscar Mayer Wienermobile kiddie car



1940 Cadillac



Becky Blank and Camille Erb stand by a classic school zone policeman sign



President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal electric scooter.



Early Texaco gas pumps and "automobilia"



Denny Blank checks out a 1921 Rolls Royce "Shooting Break"



Michelin Man slot machine



1952 Bentley Convertible



1930 Chevrolet Fire Truck with a Dalmatian mascot sitting up front ready to go.



This toy dashboard had to be a blast to play with.

look like go-carts, but they are real cars that were drivable in some states back in the day. They have a steel frame with bicycle wheels and wooden slats for seats. Both look pretty much alike, but one is gasoline driven and the other is electric. Next is Dave's first "Collector Car", a 1939 Dodge, then a 1949 DeSoto NY taxicab, a 1940 Cadillac, and a 1950 Crosley convertible. Along the back wall are 6 tiny cars including 1 of 100 Renault Dauphines converted to electric and called "Henny Kilowatts". Check out this link to Henny on the internet -- <https://mycarquest.com/2021/04/the-henney-kilowatt-a-daring-electric-car-from-the-late-1950s.html> Next is a British Reliant 3-wheeler, a 1956 Messerschmitt KR200 2 passenger "Bubbletop" and an iconic BMW Isetta. Along the left wall is a completely outfitted 1930 Chevrolet Fire truck, an 1880's New Male high-wheeler bicycle, an Autoette three-wheeler, a 1980's electric three-wheeler "Freeway" by HM Vehicles. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HM_Vehicles_Free-way and a Coca Cola vending machine.

Before entering the second showroom to continue your jaw-dropping tour, you need to slow down and take a deep breath like Becky Blank and Camille Erb did at the school crossing sign, because this second room contains all early, unique and extremely rare early 1900's vehicles that will take your breath away. You can start breathing slowly as you ease through the short walls connecting the buildings which are completely covered with antique license plates and about 50 of the many plaques awarded to Dave's cars. After you scan this room from right to left before you get to the unique vehicles, you see a little red wagon and three pedal cars: an Oscar Mayer, a firetruck, and a Rolls Royce as well as a Whizzer Motorbike. Along the back wall are five early 1900's vehicles including the first Oldsmobile Tow Truck built in 1920, with a cable operated "hook", a custom-made furniture delivery truck made by Walker for the Hearns Department store in New York City, a pure 1923 Duesenberg Model A 4 Passenger Coupe manufactured by the Duesenberg brothers before E. L. Cord bought the company, a 1931 Ford U.S. Mail delivery truck, and a 1921 Rolls Royce open sided "Shooting Break" hunting car. (A "Break" is the English word for what Americans call a station wagon.) Along the side wall we start with the AACA award winning Custer Handicap Scooter discretely used by President Franklin Roosevelt only in the White House, a 1914 Detroit Electric 3 passenger coupe, a 1912 Argo Electric Four Passenger Roadster, a huge white 1925 Cadillac 4 door sedan, a 1923 Dodge Brothers 10 Passenger School Bus built before Dodge became part of the Chrysler Corporation, a 1932 Chevrolet Sedan, a 1918 Chevrolet 5 Passenger Touring Car manufactured in the first year that Chevrolet became part of General Motors

and a very rare 1907 Cadillac 2 Passenger Runabout. On the other side of the second room is the previously mentioned 1904 Krieger-Brazier stagecoach-looking car and a 1905 Columbia Electric 2 Passenger Victoria Phaeton. In the corner of that room is Dave & Karen's Michelin collection including anything and everything Michelin including a one-of-a-kind custom-made Michelin Man with a 1930's working slot machine in his chest and belly. Dave used to collect slot machines and while at a slot machine convention in Chicago his wife Karen ordered the Michelin Man slot machine from a man who was there with a similar one that he had made of the Coca Cola delivery boy.

The third building houses nine of Daves "newer" cars. On the right wall is his 2001 Mercedes 320 SLK, a 1999 Bentley Arnage, a beautiful blue 1954 Bentley with right hand drive, another beautiful, classic black 1965 Rolls Royce which was the first Rolls sold by the now defunct Ascot Rolls Royce dealer in Sewickley PA, another beautiful white 1977 Rolls Royce, a 1950 Mercedes 170S with "suicide" front doors, and a "bare bones" 1961 two-owner Mercedes with no air conditioning and no power brakes, steering or windows. The last two cars in this building are two very large and classic vehicles, a beautiful 1952 two tone Bentley convertible and a "top of the line" 1963 Rolls Royce Phantom 5, the premier car that Rolls Royce made at that time.

In addition to all the Concours quality cars in his collection, which have received hundreds of plaques and trophies from every Concours Event and car clubs and organizations imaginable, Dave has managed to amass a huge collection of automobile memorabilia. There are antique license plates all over the walls along with gasoline, oil, car dealership, and any other kind of signs that have to do with automobiles. There are a couple of vintage visible gas pumps and an oil tank with a hand cranked pump to fill 1-quart glass oil dispensing bottles. He also has 25 or more glass cases filled with antique radiator caps and motor meters, scale model cars, General Motors, Mopar and Ford Motor oils, lubricants and other car care products. You could spend a week or more just viewing Daves collection of automobilia and his hundreds of awards and trophies and still not see everything, and we were only there for a couple of hours.

After the tour nearly all the 30+ people on the tour went just a few miles up the road to Brown's Country Kitchen for an early dinner and chit-chat about Dave's collection. During dinner the darkened skies blessed us with a short "down-pour" to justify why all but one of us drove our daily drivers instead of one of our treasured collectibles. Hallelujah, what a wonderful day!

Thanks Dave and Karen for the wonderful tour of your unbelievable collection. ■



1923 Dodge Brothers 10 passenger school bus



Scale model Pontiac Service Garage



1948 Tucker ash tray



Western PA Region AACA members and friends gather to say thanks to Dave and Karen Berg (second & third from the right) for a great tour.

Building Membership



By Jeff Oaks
VP – Regions Development and Support - Southeastern Division



One of the concerns that many of us have is recruiting new members for our local regions and chapters. The AACA is a great club and has much to offer, but surprisingly, some of the car folks that I run into know little about us. How can that be? We are the largest antique auto club in the world! Have we failed in advertisement and promotion?

Our local chapter decided some years ago that we needed to come up with ways to get the word out about our club and promote the AACA in general. Some of the ideas we have had was to get our old cars out of the garage more often and out in public. We have all had several in the parking lot admiring our car when stopping at a business somewhere. It is prime time to promote the club and the hobby! You can tell them about the local club and the AACA but

nothing beats having some sort of an info flyer handy in the glove box to pass along to them. Be prepared! Include an event calendar in there too! Business cards with contact and website info has also been a success. You can invite them to the next meeting and write the time and location on the back of the card. This has worked well at shows and displays like cars & coffee, cruise-ins, and most any event where old car folks are gathered. Local news articles promoting an upcoming event will spark big interest. At our annual chapter show, we have a designated space at the registration area for “Club Information & Membership” with someone assigned to answer any questions and promote the club. We have old issues of the AACA Antique Automobile, along with our Region magazine, and other items club related, recycled from our membership, and available at the show. Potential membership packets and recycled magazines are passed to those that show an interest in the club.

These are just a few of the ideas that have worked for us and there are many other options as well. Advertising and getting the word out is the key to a growing membership. Be active! By spreading the word and being public, our local chapter membership and car show attendance has tripled in recent years. All car guys and gals have a bit of salesmanship in their blood somewhere, so get out and promote the club and the hobby that we all love!

-- The Rummage Box



2021 Car Show & Cruise

Light rain and clouds made for a small, but successful and fun event

“Go ahead and complain about the weather.
It’ll change.”

– Mark Twain

After a 2020 hiatus due to the pandemic, the Western PA Region Car Show returned on Sunday, September 5, 2021, but not in its traditional form. As pandemic restrictions began to ease a bit earlier in 2021, WPR directors decided that our region could move forward to plan a car show for the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. However, due to a number of concerns including time, available people power and finances, the 2021 show would be simplified into a less formal “car show and cruise” at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe. There would be no class judging. To appeal to a broader audience and encourage more participation this year’s show would be open to all show cars, trucks and motorcycles 2021 and older, rather than only vehicles 15 years old or older.

The Car Show Committee did great adapting to this show/cruise format. Rather than class awards they came up with seven “special awards” - Best Antique, Best Truck, Best Hot Rod, Best Custom, Best Motorcycle, Longest Distance Traveled and President’s Choice.

Since car shows and cruises are outdoor activities people can easily enjoy, another phenomenon resulting from the easing of restrictions was an increase in the number of these events in the area. To encourage participation in our show/cruise we reduced our gate fee to \$5 this year, which we learned was more in line with other show/cruise entry fees. Hopes were that participants would then be able to spend more at our bake sale and basket auction. The show timing also changed. Rather than going from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an entry cut off at Noon to allow time for class judging, this year’s show/cruise would run from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with the entry gate operating all day. Hopefully this wider entry time window would result in more vehicles being able to participate.

Since Boy Scout Troop 405 was unable to have their food booth this year due to timing, WPR members collected information on possible food truck vendors as they visited other cruises and events. After personally visiting with two food truck vendors, Flo Myers was able to schedule them for our event. We were also able to connect with



At the Car Show/Cruise gate l-r, Ralph Shearer, Tom and Doreen King. Ralph, Tom and Denny Blank ran the gate. Doreen and Becky Blank coordinated this year’s Bake Sale at the main pavilion.

Barry’s Italian Ice to return to our show.

WPR members really pitched in to coordinate an excellent event. They prepared a wide variety of amazing bake sale goodies and gathered many interesting basket auction items. A special area exhibition and information area was also planned for AACA Senior Cars. Everything was looking great. However, even though the weather prior to the show was beautiful, a cloud was hanging over the Sunday, September 5 forecast.

Saturday, September 4 was clear and sunny. But, in the very early morning, show day, Sunday September 5, rain began to fall and things looked dismal. We advertised “rain or shine” and were determined to stick to it. As the morning progressed the rain dissipated into a fine drizzle. It became obvious that this weather would result in a much smaller show. The drizzle stopped around 9:00 a.m. but the clouds remained. Our members faithfully showed up and tended to their tasks. The gate, bake sale and auction items were set up and looked fantastic. Realizing that no AACA Senior Cars would venture out into the rain, John Harvey set up his educational display on AACA judging under the main pavilion near the registration area.

One of the food trucks called and canceled. However, L&I’s Food and Spirits from Penn, PA rolled in with smiles on their faces and served up delicious meatball and pulled pork sandwiches along with their specialty pulled pork over mac n’ cheese. Barry’s Italian Ice also came out

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Tom Ulishney guides a Mustang onto the show field.



A 2002 Dodge Viper and 1978 Ford Thunderbird share the line up by the stage.



A 1944 Willys Military Jeep with WWII era accessories



1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe Coupe



At L&I Food & Spirits - meatball or pulled pork sandwiches?



l-r, a 2004 Chevy SSR, 1967 Buick Gran Sport 340 and 2000 Monte Carlo SS



This 1981 Honda Goldwing featured a CHIPS TV show tribute.



"Ramblin' Rose" - a beautifully customized 1950 Ford F-150 Panel Truck

My Classic Car at The Festival of the Wheel

by Cris and Molly Detwiler



Cris talks with the TV host of *My Classic Car*, Dennis Gage, standing by our 1946 Nash Ambassador at The Festival of the Wheel in Charlottesville, Virginia

Checking the internet of a listing of car shows for this year and we found a show that is held in Charlottesville, Va. It is named The Festival of the Wheel and the show is held on the grounds of the Boar's Head Resort.

The three-day event started on Friday evening with a Cars and Conversation (meet and greet) activity. The following day a Cars and Coffee was planned in the morning that allowed local car enthusiasts to bring their pride and joy to show to the public. After the morning activity finished, cars (that were going to be on display on the concours event on Sunday) were lined up for a police escorted tour to a local winery in the afternoon. Among the group of cars in the winery tour were Ferraris, Bentleys, Ford GTs, Jaguars and Shelbys.

One of the spectators at this year's show was TV host of *My Classic Car*, Dennis Gage, and his wife Ellen. He was invited to attend the meet and give a talk about his interest in classic/antique cars and motorcycles. Cris was happy to show our car to Dennis and to talk about the endless accessories and interesting features of the Nash.

At noon, we started on our tour. The drive to the winery was very scenic while travelling over the hills through horse farms and tree shaded roads of Virginia. We were a little amused that going to a winery with a police escort was a

little 'over the top' but it was fun driving through red lights and stop signs while having the other drivers waiting for the parade to go through taking pictures of the cars.

In the evening, we had dinner at the resort and listened to a couple of speakers including Dennis Gage. Questions were asked of Gage and one asked about his likeness of the mustache character on the Pringles Potato Crisp can. He responded that it was an 'urban legend' but he said that there was a grain of truth. He explained that he was a chemist and worked with a group of food scientists in developing the Pringles brand of potato crisp. He didn't confirm nor deny that he was the model of the character but he let it up to the audience to decide for themselves.

The following day (Sunday) was for the concours show. We dressed up in our period clothing and drove to the staging area to get ready to park on our designated spot on the show field, but there was a problem with the show field. Apparently, the night before, the organizers planned to show the movie Ford vs. Ferrari on a big screen at an outdoor venue on the resort's grounds. The stage that was used for the event was supposed to be 'broken' down on Saturday night so it would be cleared to park cars for the concours show. Needless to say, we had to wait a couple of hours before the problem was resolved and we were able to park for the show.

Fortunately, we found our spot and got the car ready for the spectators and judges. We lots of visitors check out the bed and Cris a lot of time talking to curious onlookers. We received a ribbon for participating in the driving tour on the previous day but we were unsuccessful in placing in our class. We start closing up the car and sat with the car while the awards were being read off. Then Dennis Gage was asked to announce his choice of car for the show. He started to say that he enjoyed coming to car shows to see unusual cars and sometimes some 'oddball' examples of cars so he announced that his favorite classic car was the 1946 Nash Ambassador. We looked at each other and said 'did he say our car?' We smiled at the stage and waved at the participants then Dennis told us to get up here and claim our trophy.

Even though we didn't place in our class or get Best of Show, we got the best next thing and got to shake Dennis Gage's hand (touch elbows).

*Happy Traveling,
Cris and Molly Detwiler*





A view of the show field at The Festival of the Wheel held in Charlottesville, Virginia



The Festival of the Wheel cars get a police escort.



Touring the beautiful Virginia countryside.



Our Nash lined up with other participating cars at the vineyard.

A Stop to Admire Buick Skylarks Reveals Common Bonds

by Tom King



These amazing Buick Skylarks were parked at The Lincoln Highway Experience museum as part of their Club's tour of our area.

I was on my way to work one morning and noticed a Buick Skylark sitting at "The Lincoln Highway Experience." So I made a stop to admire a few beauties that were in the parking lot. By the way, thanks for mentioning in the *Western Round-Up* newsletter that the 53-54 Buick Skylark Club was having their annual meeting in our area this week.

As it seems to happen, "Car Guys" are always happy to talk about the hobby and today was no different. I met Ellis Lovel from Berea, Ohio coming out of the building and we struck up a conversation. It only took a few minutes for

us to find some common bonds. Ellis was with the group and we have so much in common it's ironic. They just sold their home outside of Cleveland and used Howard Hanna as their agent, which is the company I work for. He and I both own Corvettes. He is also very involved with the Mercedes Benz club, and I drive 2 as daily drivers. It was a fun time if for only a few minutes, but I thought you might want to share this story of how wonderful friends can always be made when you love OLD CARS!

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offering a wide variety of great flavors.

As it turned out, despite a soggy beginning, we had a decent little car show/cruise with about 35 vehicles. D. J. Pete Highlands played our favorite oldies once again and announced door prizes and other information in his warm, friendly style. The bake sale items were absolutely amazing and gobbled up. The basket auction was also very busy. After careful evaluation, the special awards were presented by President Bob Doppelheuer and everything concluded on time.

Most all agreed that had it been a nicer day the show/cruise would have been "packed." But under the circumstances we had a successful show and most importantly we showed our community that the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America is still here and "promoting the preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles" as we have been doing since 1950.

Special thanks to all participating WPR volunteers for their spirit, cooperation and flexibility planning and hosting this year's show/cruise. We hope to return to our traditional class judged show in 2022. ■

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

August's Truck



Phil Beattie was the first to correctly identify August's Truck as a Divco Milk Truck and won the Dairy Queen gift card, which was an appropriate prize for identifying this particular truck. Bill Holtzer, Bill Maurer, John Ross Kuhns and Ron Shaulis also correctly identified the Divco Milk Truck. This 1953 Divco has been beautifully customized.

Divco is an acronym or Detroit Industrial Vehicles Company. Divco became known for its multi-stop delivery trucks, particularly in use as home delivery vehicles by dairy producers. From 1926 until 1986,

The chief engineer of the Detroit Electric Vehicle Company, George Bacon, suggested using a gasoline engine for their line of delivery vehicles to overcome limits on their range and performance in cold weather. Because his bosses refused, Bacon left the company and with a group of investors and established the Detroit Industrial Vehicle Company in 1926.

The first Divco "Model A" were boxy, practical vehicles. In 1928, a larger, more conventional "Model G" was introduced that evolved into the "Model S" that was manufactured into the 1930s. During the Great Depression the company was bought out by Continental Motors Company, which supplied most of the engines installed in Divco trucks, and then spun off from Continental in 1936 to be acquired by Twin Coach, thus becoming "Divco-Twin."

A new design was introduced in 1937 featuring a welded all-steel van body and a snub-nosed hood, a model that was manufactured with almost no changes up to the end of the line in 1986.

With most Divco trucks, controls allowed driving while standing, including throttle and brake mounted on the steering column. The early models were not refrigerated, with perishable loads such as milk crates loaded and then covered with ice — making the trucks prone to rust

from the inside out. The company marketed to fleet buyers promoting their trucks as "a bigger value when you buy, produces more profit in your delivery operation, is worth more when you trade."

In 1957, Divco merged with the Wayne Works in Richmond, Indiana, to form Divco-Wayne. During the Divco-Wayne era, some Divco trucks were modified with seats and windows from the Wayne Works to produce a Divco Dividend Bus. Very few of these units were built between 1959 and 1961. The truck manufacturing of Divco-Wayne continued to be through the Divco portion. Divco was spun off from the company in 1968, and production was moved from Detroit to Delaware, Ohio, in 1969. Production ended in 1986.

-- Historic information - Wikipedia

September's Car



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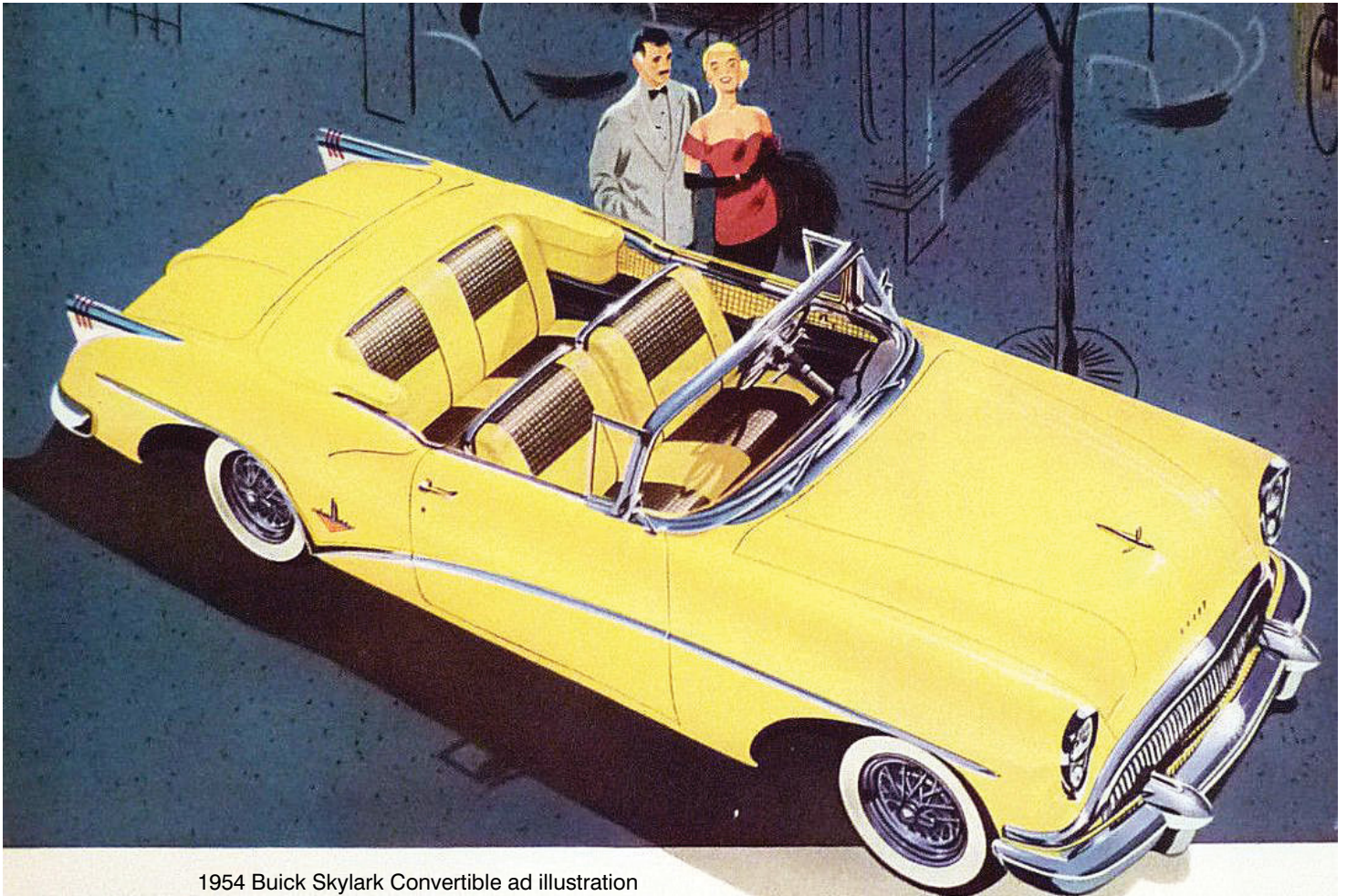
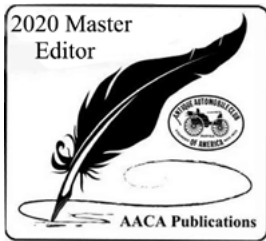
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