

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



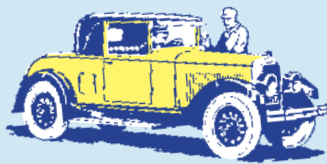
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of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



1935 Buick Convertible owned by John Gallagher at the 2018  
AACA Grand National Meet hosted by our Western PA Region





# Member News

It's hard to say goodbye to our long time WPR friends with whom we've shared so many great times and memories.

**Richard "Dick" McKelvey** passed away on April 5, 2022. Dick and his wife Nancy brought a special glow to our region. They regularly attended our events and tours driving one of their interesting and beautiful antique cars, which included a 1951 Mercury, a stunning turquoise and white 1958 Edsel Convertible, 1961 Oldsmobile SS 88 "bubbletop", and 1950 Ford Pickup. The McKelveys helped support the WPR by working at our Annual Car Show and selling chance car



Dick McKelvey wears his '61 Olds T-shirt at a WPR Picnic.

tickets. Dick also served as the *Western Round-Up* newsletter Editor for several years.

Early in his career, Dick worked as a draftsman for General Motors in Michigan. He then moved back to Latrobe and had a 42 year career with Kennametal.

Dick was an Eagle Scout and was well known for his volunteer work with the Boy Scouts of America, serving for many years as Scoutmaster of Troop 309, Latrobe. He was also very involved with his church and community.

Dick and Nancy were married for 65 years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nancy and family. A memorial service was held on April 20 at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latrobe. Dick McKelvey was 85.

Welcome new WPR members **Sam and Christy Kuhns** of Latrobe. They were sponsored by Bob and Barbara Shugars. Sam and Christy were voted in and welcomed at our Annual Meeting on April 3, 2022.

## Western PA Region AACA Directors



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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](http://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 [www.westernparegion.org](http://www.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](http://www.westernparegion.org)

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

# WPR Annual Meeting Gets Us Going



Region Secretary and Webmaster Mark DeFloria reports.

Traditionally, the Western PA Region Annual Meeting and Dinner are held in January. Adapting to the pandemic in 2021, the Annual Meeting was held outdoors at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion in late April. As we headed into 2022, although there was the Omicron Covid surge December and January, we were able to have our Annual Meeting a few weeks earlier on Sunday, April 3, indoors at the Westmoreland Conservation District's barn. Hopefully, the pandemic will continue to dissipate so we can return to normal schedules.

Over 60 members attended the April 3 Annual Meeting and enjoyed getting together again to kick off 2022. Doors opened at Noon with hors d'oeuvres which included assorted cheese curds from Pleasant Lanes Farm Creamery, pepperoni, crackers and fresh veggies. There were also a variety of beverages available. A PowerPoint slide show featuring over 200 photos from Western PA Region activities and tours played continuously in the background on a large monitor. Despite the Covid situation, our region really did have a fun 2021.

The meeting started at 1:00 p.m. chaired by Vice President Craig DeFloria. President Bob Doppelheuer could not attend due to an illness (not Covid), however, his wife Karla read his "state of the region" president's message to those present highlighting the value of the teamwork shown among our members during 2021.

During the meeting Membership Chairman Howard Finney helped us welcome new members Sam and Christy Kuhns, who were sponsored by Bob and Barbara Shugars.

After the various committee reports, John Kuhns, Sr. presented the Region's 2021 Awards. The Paul P. Bell Award for driving the most unique antique auto to a Western PA Region event was awarded to Karl Erb for his 1952 Citroen Traction Avant 15CV. The Jack Clark Service Award was presented to Flo Myers for her outstanding service to the region in 2021 with the Region's car show, and her creative ideas and hard work which help make our activities meaningful and enjoyable. The John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award for driving an antique automobile to the most Region events and meetings

was a "double header" presentation. The 2020 Participation Award was presented to Tom and Doreen King and the 2021 Participation Award was presented to Guy Davis.

John also recognized outgoing directors for their service - Craig DeFloria, Bob Doppelheuer and John Ross Kuhns. Traditionally these directors are presented with an engraved mug recognizing their service. The mugs are on order, but were not available for presentation at the meeting due to pandemic-related supply line delays.

After the awards, we had an election for the 2022 Western PA Region board of directors. Of the six director positions, three slots were open. With four candidates running for these three slots, an election by ballot was held. Debbie Sheetz, Flo Myers and Bob Doppelheuer were elected to serve as directors for two-year terms each. The newly elected directors and standing directors then had a short meeting to determine the officers. They then announced Debbie Sheetz as President,

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## John Kuhns, Sr. Presents the WPR Awards



Carl Erb receives the Paul P. Bell Award for driving the most unique antique car to a 2021 region event, his 1952 Citroen Traction Avant 15CV

Flo Myers receives the Jack Clark Service Award for her outstanding service to the WPR.



Presenting John Ross Kuhns III Participation Awards for driving an antique car to the most WPR events and activities.



2020 - Doreen & Tom King



2021 - Guy Davis



# The Road Less Traveled By

By Guy Davis



1967 Dodge Charger advertising illustration



Early 1970s Chevy Vega advertising illustration

Circumstances in the early 1970's significantly affected the automobile industry. One such circumstance was the oil embargo of 1973 which quadrupled the price of petroleum and lead to gas shortages and long lines at the pumps. Another factor was the automobile insurance industry which levied surcharges on automobiles with high performance engines. The third element to hit automobile manufacturers was the Clean Air Act of 1970 which caused the auto industry to address air pollution standards and incorporate emission controls on all of their new vehicles. These three circumstances sounded the death knell for automobiles which featured high compression, mega-horsepower engines. Such engines required high octane leaded fuel and with the rise of gas prices, automobiles which housed mega horsepower motors became too costly to drive and to insure. No longer would we be able to order a Road Runner with a 426 hemi engine with its two four barrel carburetors or a Charger with a 440 Magnum or a 428 Cobra Jet Mustang or a Boss with a semi-hemi 429. Gone would be the option to drop a 454 engine into the bay of your new Chevelle or check off the option box for a 401 cubic inch mill inside your new AMX Javelin. The 427 COPO, 427 SOCH, and 429 Super Cobra Jet engines would be relegated to legendary historical status. They would join the exotic 413 Max Wedge, the muscular 409, and the 389

with three deuces as power plants that would never be seen again. The small block high compression Boss 302, the fuel injected 283, the 289 Hi Po, and the 351 Cleveland would be fondly remembered as power plants of a bygone era. Shelbys and Yenkos would soon disappear into the mist on the road less traveled by.

So what did the American automobile industry come up with to replace the tire spinning, smoke belching, fire breathing Super Bees, Torino GTs, Scramblers, Cameros, Cougar Eliminators, Chevelle SS's, Talladegas, Cyclones, Daytonas and GTO Judges? Unfortunately, the answer turned out to be Chevy Vegas, Ford Pintos, Dodge Aspens, Plymouth Volares, and AMC Pacers. Now if that line-up of new cars featuring lawn mower size engines, tiny tires, and catalytic converters doesn't increase your pulse rate and start your mouth to water then I don't know what will. A close friend of mine once owned a new 1974 Vega with a manual transmission which he used to commute to and from Saint Vincent College. Though economical to drive, the little tin and plastic car soon turned into a rust bucket on four wheels. Another acquaintance of mine from that time period drove a 1975 Pacer of which 37% of its body's surface is glass. With her girlfriends aboard, the Pacer looked like a human filled terrarium going down the road. Chrysler would detune the optional V8 engine in the

## MEGA HORSEPOWER MOTORS WITH MUSCLE



390 Thunderbird engine in a 1962 Thunderbird



383 Magnum engine in a 1967 Dodge Charger



396 engine in a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS



new Aspen and Volare so that horsepower was now a mere 170, and Ford's subcompact Pinto with its 1.7 litre engine would become famous for its exploding gas tank during rear end collisions! Other boring cars from the malaise era included the Pontiac Astre, AMC Hornet, Ford Maverick, Oldsmobile Omega, and Mercury Bobcat.

The cars built in the 1970s have long ago reached classic and antique automobile status. They can now take their places among the many vehicles displayed at auto shows, cruises, and in museums throughout America. Over the years I have been fortunate to have visited Hershey and Carlisle as well as participate in several national meets and even a Concours D' Elegance. I have also enjoyed many local car shows, tours, and cruises. The variety of vehicles displayed at the museums and events which I have visited included one and two cylinder automobiles, classics from the twenties and thirties, the post war cars of the forties, the colorful cars of the nifty fifties, and the muscle machines from the sixties. Funny thing, though, of all the car events which I have ever attended over the years, I have yet to see a 1970's Chevy Vega.



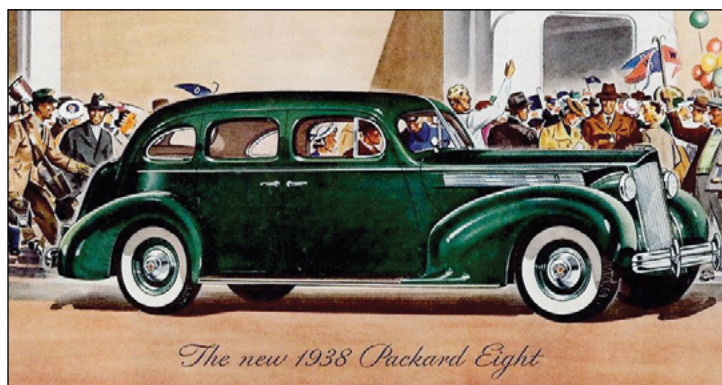
428 Cobra Jet engine in a 1968 Shelby Mustang



Early 70s Ford Pinto advertisement

## Yes, They are Still Out There

By Bill Holtzer



The auctioneer that had the other two auctions of antique cars has another online auction of 15 cars in the Monroeville area listed on the internet.

Of the 15 listed I know that one is relisted from the second auction possibly one or two others. I think when the winners came to get the car they had bid on they seen the condition and changed their mind about buying them.

Here is a list of the cars up for auction:

- 1911 Ford Model T Fire Chief Car
- 1967 Mercury Cougar
- 1965 Mustang Convertible
- 1920 Oldsmobile Series 37B Sedan Wilson
- 1920 Dodge Touring Sedan
- 1932 Plymouth Convertible with Rumble Seat
- 1951 Hudson Commodore 8
- 1923 Hudson 5 passenger 4 door Sedan
- 1926 Studebaker Sedan
- 1939 Packard Series 17 Model 17
- 1938 Buick Special 2 door Sedan
- 1938 Packard Eight 4 door Sedan
- 1919 REO Firetruck
- 1960 Cadillac Convertible
- 1928 Willys-Knight 4 door Sedan

The auction ends on Thursday May 12th at 7 PM.

If you are interested to bid or just browse you can get on your computer and punch into the auction website. It is [banderson.auction.hibid.com](http://banderson.auction.hibid.com) "HAPPY BIDDING".

Also last week I went out Donohoe road and just past the Coca Cola building on the left there is an older Jeep pick up truck that has been sitting there for a while. I think it is from the 1950's- 60's because they didn't change for a long time.

It may not be for sale, BUT they are still OUT THERE.

John Kuhns, Sr., Vice President, Mark Jackson, Treasurer, Mark DeFloria, Secretary, Flo Myers, Publicity Director and Bob Doppelheuer, Safety Director.

Following the election everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner by Kings Pointe Catering of Mount Pleasant with salad, stuffed steak, chicken parmesan, parselied potatoes, green beans, rolls and cake. Door prizes were drawn as everyone enjoyed their dessert. Appropriately, there were five \$20 Sheetz gift card prizes to help fill gas tanks for cruising fun.

After dinner, Past WPR President Al Terek updated everyone on the Route 30 Frederick Duesenberg cast aluminum historical marker, which was originally furnished and erected by the Western PA Region many years ago. It marked the approximate place where Mr. Duesenberg, creator of the legendary Duesenberg automobiles, had an accident in 1932 while driving a Duesenberg Roadster. A few weeks later he lost his life at the Johnstown Hospital as a result of his injuries and complications from pneumonia. Al gave some interesting historical details about Mr. Duesenberg, his classic automobiles and the story behind this tragic accident, and the WPR historic marker. The marker was knocked down several times through the years by snowplows, etc. Then restored by our region. More recently it has disappeared completely. Al asked for any help members could give to publicize the region's desire to find and return the marker to its proper place along Route 30.



l-r, Jill and Regis Jackson and Karla Doppelheuer serve the delicious buffet dinner by Kings Pointe Catering.

WPR Past President Al Terek tells everyone about the now missing Frederick Duesenberg historic memorial marker, which the WPR installed along Route 30 many years ago, it's history, and the current quest to locate and reinstall it.



## SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks and kudos to John Ross Kuhns and Craig DeFloria for their outstanding service as WPR Directors over these past years. Each of them served as President for several terms, among other offices, bringing a creative and youthful vitality and insight to our region - BRAVO!



# 2022 CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, May 18 - WPR May Monthly Meeting**  
**7:30 p.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District**  
**(barn) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg**

**Saturday, June 4 - Tour to Al and Mary's Antique Car & Music Box Collection**

Tour Al & Mary's private collection of early 1900's concours quality cars. Al is a member of several car clubs including AACA and CCA, as well as brand marque specific clubs. Al and Mary also have one of the largest collections of beautiful music boxes from the 1900s, 1800s and 1700s.

**11:15 a.m.** - Meet at King's parking lot, Delmont

**11:30 a.m.** - Depart from King's

**12:00 p.m.** - Pit Stop at Sheetz - 717 South Pike Rd, Sarver, PA

**12:30 p.m.** - Depart from Sheetz

**1:00 p.m.** - Arrive at Al & Mary's Antique Car & Music Box Collection

**2:30/2:45 p.m.** - Depart from Al and Mary's

**3:00 p.m.** - Arrive at Primanti's Bros Restaurant

**June 30, July 1, 2 & 3 - Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival** - WPR Antique Car display on the lower dam breast and information booth.

**Saturday, July 9, 1:00 p.m. - Tour to Dan's Cars, Pittsburgh**

**Sunday, July 31 - WPR Annual Picnic**, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe

**Sunday, September 4 - WPR AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe**

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## Fun Spring Cruises You Won't Want to Miss!

**Saturday, April 30 - The Downtown Irwin Cruise**

**Noon to 5:00 p.m. Downtown Irwin, PA** - Main Street, side streets and parking lots fill with nearly 400 fabulous show vehicles. Specials by great Downtown Irwin restaurants and shops along with fun oldies music.

**Saturday, June 11 - The 4th Annual Cruise for Conservation**  
*Benefiting the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association and our natural resources.* **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donohoe Center, Donohoe Road, Greensburg** Featuring judged awards, door prizes, a basket auction, great food and your favorite oldies played by D.J. Pete Highlands. Donohoe Center is a beautiful, unique setting for a car cruise.



# Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

## March's Car



Howard Finney was the first to correctly identify March's Car as a 1937 Packard. Howard also correctly identified the location where the photo was taken as "The Lincoln Highway Experience" located on Route 30 east of Latrobe by the Kingston Dam. Our region enjoyed having a monthly meeting there in 2021. "The Lincoln Highway Experience" showcases the history of The Lincoln Highway (U.S. Route 30) with interpretive displays, photos, artifacts, a reproduction of a 1930's era motor court cabin and a restored early 20th century diner. Howard volunteers at this unique museum, which draws a huge number of tourists each year.

We at the WPR hope to return for another meeting at The Lincoln Highway Experience soon. Bob Inhoff, Nancy McKelvey and Gary Wiegand also called and correctly identified the Packard and photo location.

## April's Car



I remember Dave Sheetz saying to me as I photographed the amazing cars at the 2018 Grand National Meet WPR hosted, "You're going to have a lot of great photos to use for a long time." And he was absolutely correct. Here's another. Be the first to name the correct year and marque of April's Car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Gas is quite expensive right now. Thank goodness hot dogs are cheaper. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com) or tell me in person at a WPR meeting or activity.

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when you drive up in an Edsel





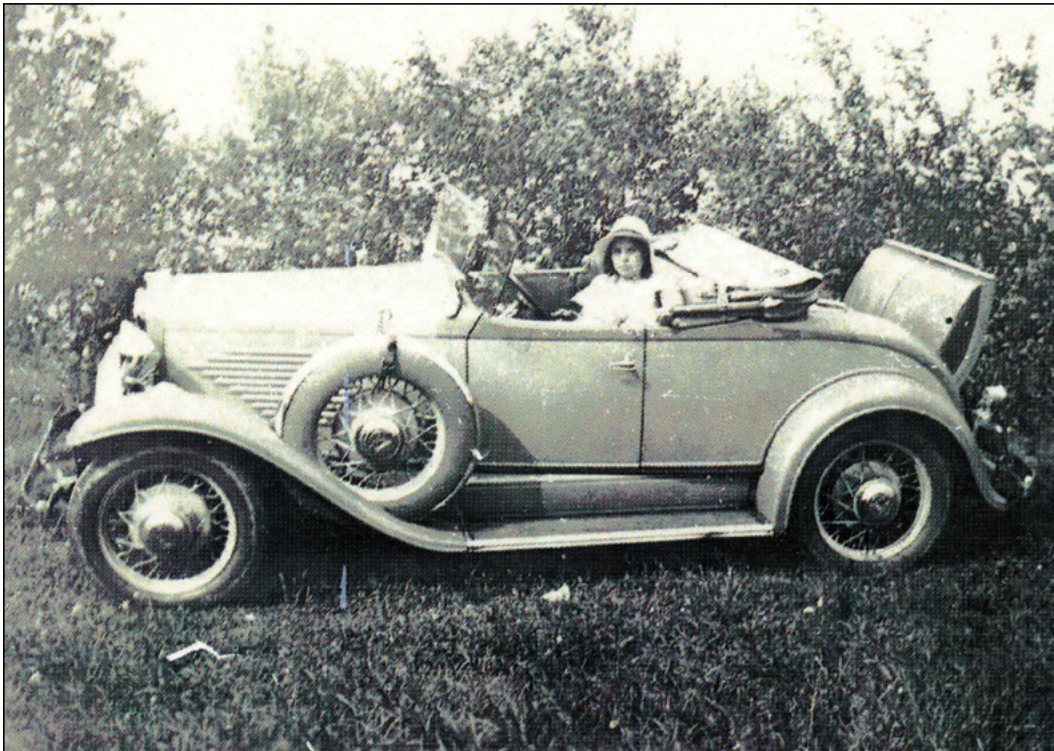
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## Let's Help Identify This Mystery Car

By Mark Jackson



Barbara Shugars came up to me at our Annual Meeting on April 3rd and asked if I could share this photo in the *Western Round-Up* to see if members could help identify the make and year of this snazzy roadster. Barbara's mother is behind the wheel. Bob Shugars is very good at identifying antique cars, but is not quite sure on this one.

Perhaps some of you will recognize this car right away. Please put on your thinking caps. Get on Google, Wikipedia or pull out those old car magazines. All guesses are welcome. Email me at [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com) or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message. We'll publish the answers in the next *Western Round-Up*.