

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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Bob Shugars's 1941 Buick Super at the Western PA Region Picnic



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How to Become a Member

Do you like old cars? The Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) invites you join our region. Make new, like-minded friends. Enjoy our fun activities, events, and "know-how networking."

You don't have to own an antique vehicle to become a member, However, you must first join our national club, The Antique Automobile Club of America, before joining our Region. For national membership information and to join on line 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*.

Then visit our Western PA Region website for membership information, forms and examples of our activities <http://westernparegion.org>

Our new members are required to attend a Western PA Region monthly meeting to be introduced, officially voted in and welcomed. Our region's 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, which take place at several venues in the Latrobe and Greensburg areas.

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

2023 Calendar

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 19, Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, (Pipetown)
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, (Pipetown)
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS

Sunday, September 3, The Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

Details on a tour in September or in the Fall will be announced.

If you are interested in planning and hosting a tour, or have an idea for a tour please contact our Tour Chairman Carl Erb.

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

October 3 - 6 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA



If you attended the Sewickley Creek Watershed's Fifth Annual Cruise for Conservation at Donohoe Center, Greensburg on August 5 you probably enjoyed seeing the oldest vehicle on the showfield - an 1880's Studebaker Farm Wagon on loan from The Compass Inn Museum, Laughlintown, PA.

Studebaker Brothers in South Bend, Indiana manufactured all types of wagons, carriages and harnesses from 1852 until 1919. They entered the automobile market in 1902 with electric cars, and in 1909 with gas powered vehicles. As old car people know, Studebaker produced innovative and popular cars and trucks until 1966.

CAR SHOW PREPARATION

The 59th Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show
September 3, 2023 at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA



Silent Auction Baskets Needed

Please consider putting together and donating a basket for the Silent Auction. Gather some fun new items and arrange them in a basket. Themed baskets are popular - food, sports, picnic, games, books, household items, etc.

Bring the baskets to the Car Show at Legion Keener Park the morning of Sunday, September 3. If you have some interesting new individual items bring them too. Toni Beattie and crew will add them to enhance an existing basket or present them in an appealing way. For questions, Toni can be reached at 724-596-0734.

Toni will have a selection empty baskets available at the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 16 at the Westmoreland Conservation District.



Show Field Set Up

Show field set up is planned for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2. We will meet at the main pavilion at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe to mark off the different judging class areas and making sure all is in order at the park.

Help will be appreciated. Questions call Bob Doppelheuer at 724-366-5930 or Mark Jackson at 724-961-3563.

Show Day Arrival

On Show Day, September 3, Western PA Region members should plan on being at Legion Keener Park between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. to get ready for our show. The Gate opens at 9:00 a.m. for all show vehicles.



A Bake Sale Donation Message from Molly

Hello Members,

We are counting down the weeks for the annual WPR car show in Legion-Keener. Our bake sale at this event is very popular and the patrons are very happy to see what goodies are available to buy. If you are planning to bake an item for the bake sale, please remember to label your baked good of the ingredients especially if it contains 'NUTS'.

If you want to bake an item suited for the Fall season such as pumpkin cookies, gingerbread, or any other-themed item, it would make the selection more varied. We do get request for low-sugar or non-gluten items, if you have a recipe that fits that need, that would be great.

Depending on the weather, the baked items will sit in room temperatures (or warmer) on the table so we will not be able to keep the items chilled (if needed). Thanks!

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Detwiler at 724-925-2321.

Thank you for your baked good donation to the Bake Sale! We appreciate any baked item(s) and our show patrons always look forward to a large selection of goodies.

** Request: I will need to borrow a large coffee urn to be used at the Bake Sale. Call Molly at 724-925-2321 if you have one to borrow for the day.

Thank you,
Molly



Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The July 18, 2023 Monthly Meeting that was held at Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant, 1261 South Main St., Greensburg, PA. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were thirty (30) members in attendance. No guests were present at the meeting.

Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The June 20, 2023 monthly meeting that was held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the June 20, 2023 minutes as printed in the July 2023 issue of the *Western Round-Up*. Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Cindy Harvey, seconded by Bill Holtzer and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Mark Jackson

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for June 2023. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Tom King, seconded by Cindy Fisher and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Progressive Dinner Tour July 22nd

President Debbie Sheets reminded everyone of the upcoming Progressive Dinner Tour on July 22, 2023.

The tour will start at Debbie Sheetz's home at 10:00 a.m. Then progress to Craig and Casper DeFloria's home at about noon. Leaving Craig and Casper's, the tour will conclude arriving at about 3:00 p.m. at John and Vickie Kuhns's house for dessert in John's garage. Contact Debbie for more information.

August Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The August monthly meeting will be at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Latrobe 4th of July Parade - Flo Myers

Flo Myers reported that there were 10 Western Pennsylvania Region vehicles participating in the parade. And the vehicles were well received. Flo thanked the participating members.

Latrobe July 2nd Christmas in July Car Cruise

President Debbie Sheetz reported that due to rain and lightening the Christmas in July Car Cruise in partnership with the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee was canceled.

Twin Lakes Arts & Heritage Festival - Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that the peddle car winner was Paul Tickner from Uniontown. Mark and Flo Myers met Paul and Mary Tickner at Specialty Cars, Ltd. in Latrobe shortly after the Festival and presented the pedal car to them there. The Tickners are originally from Australia and told a few stories about antique Hupmobiles and Studebakers their family had on a farm there. There were 331 entries at the Festival in the pedal car "free" drawing.

We had many people stop by our Festival booth to talk with us and admire the antique cars on display on the dam breast. We also distributed copies of *Western Round-Up* newsletters with membership information inside. Mark thanked all the members who participated.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl Erb discussed his ideas for tours this season, with one possibly being a September tour on September 23rd or 24th. Carl will provide more details.

Annual Car Show - Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that the Rosettes and Dash Plaques are ordered. There will be a sign-up sheet at the August Meeting.

Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Doreen King and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



Western PA Region members enjoyed a good meal followed by the July 18 Monthly Meeting at Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant in South Greensburg. At the end of the meeting the winner of The Good Timing Award was selected by a special drawing for those who drove an antique vehicle to this WPR event. The winner was Dave Sheetz, who originally hand-crafted this beautiful award. Vice President Flo Myers presented the award to Dave. He gets to keep it until it is passed onto another member in a similar drawing at a future WPR event.

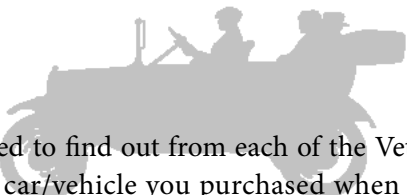


Calling All Veterans!

By Flo Myers

The Western PA Region AACA car club would like to recognize ALL of our active members who have served the United States of America at our monthly meeting in October.

In order to make sure we have complete list, and building on my list from 2022, ANYONE who has joined since July of 2022, please get in touch with me either my phone: 724-331-7293 or email: flojo15601@gmail.com by September 30th, 2023.



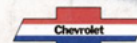
ALSO - I need to find out from each of the Veterans, what was the first car/vehicle you purchased when you exited the military. I will also be asking each of you to give 2 or 3 interesting details or specs about that car. Soooo be prepared.

1975 MONTE CARLO

When a car makes you feel good about its looks, that's styling. When it makes you feel good about yourself, that's character.



And that is what Monte Carlo 1975 is all about. It is Chevrolet's offering for the discriminating side of you - honest and tasteful with classic design and handsome interiors. Monte Carlo is also neat in size, agile and responsive - a superb driving experience. And though it comes well equipped, a lengthy roster of available features lets you make Monte Carlo as personal as your signature. Why not give in to your desire for distinguished yet sensible driving? And enjoy, enjoy.



CHEVROLET MAKES SENSE FOR AMERICA

The Progressive Dinner Tour Returns



Gathering at Debbie and Dave Sheetz's house for Brunch



(l-r) Bill Maurer, John Myers, Dave Sheetz and Howard Finney enjoy the Sheetz's automobilia collections.



(l-r) Charlie Schifano, Sandy Ruffo, Nancy Vrable, Nancy McKelvey and C.J. Maurer at a Brunch table in the Sheetz's garage

A favorite Western PA Region tradition returned on Saturday, July 22. The first Progressive Dinner Tour since 2017 turned out to be a wonderful, belly-filling drive on a beautiful day. A "Progressive Dinner Tour" is pretty much as it sounds. Participants drive a designated tour route and enjoy scheduled stops at various dining destinations hosted by WPR members along the way. This year's dining stops consisted of Brunch, hosted by WPR President Debbie Sheetz and husband Dave at their home, Lunch, hosted by Craig and Casper DeFloria at their home, assisted by Mark and Sandy DeFloria, and Dessert, hosted by John Sr., and Vickie Kuhns at John's garage.

Debbie and Dave Sheetz coordinated with the DeFloria and Kuhns families and arranged two-hour visits at each dining stop. They also plotted a scenic, country drive to these stops. As tour participants arrived at the Sheetz's house for Brunch the morning of July 22, Debbie and Dave handed them a copy of the country drive directions to the DeFloria's and the Kuhns's, which included the day's schedule.

The weather that day was perfect for a car tour, especially for

convertibles. Participants began arriving at the Sheetz house around 10:00 a.m. An important thing to bring along on a Progressive Dinner Tour is your own folding chairs. Although the hosts try to provide as much seating as possible, personal folding chairs help make things more comfortable as everyone gathers to visit and eat.

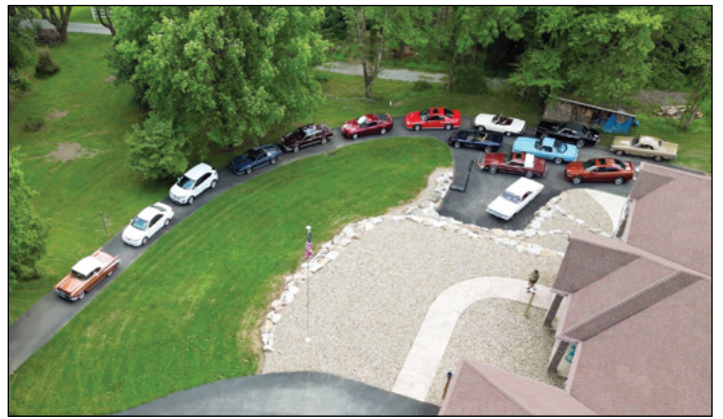
Debbie Sheetz is a chef extraordinaire and prepared scrumptious "egg bakes", Blueberry French Toast bake with fresh blueberry sauce (one of her family specialties), cinnamon rolls, savory sausages and fresh fruit along with coffee and juices. The Sheetz home sits on a large, wooded lot in the country with plenty shade and room for parking. All enjoyed visiting and seeing Dave and Debbie's garages and collections of automobilia and racing memorabilia, along with their antique cars, including their AACA Grand National Award winning 1970 Camaro Z-28.

When Noon rolled around, the tour group got into their cars and followed the pleasant country driving route to Craig and Casper DeFloria's for the Lunch stop. Upon arrival at the

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As tour participants arrive at Craig and Casper DeFloria's house, Mark DeFloria directs them around the house to the parking crescent.



A drone's eye view of the parking crescent around the DeFloria house, which arranged everyone for an easy departure.



Craig DeFloria (left) flies his drone at a low level and tour participant wave hello in the background.



Tom Ulishney tries the amazing Big Green Egg pulled pork.



Sheila Kurtz enjoys the savory variety of the DeFloria's Lunch buffet.



Norma and Tony Mascia are ready for some fresh fruit prepared by Sandy DeFloria



Craig and Casper DeFloria playing a round of corn hole in their spacious back yard.



Flo Myers takes her turn tossing a corn hole bean bag to the opposing board.



Parked at John Kuhns, Sr.'s garage ready for Dessert.



The Dessert stop - delicious pies, cookies and cake are all in a row.

DeFloria's house, which is also located in a beautiful country setting, Casper and his Grandfather Mark DeFloria directed the cars up a long, paved driveway. Then around the back of the house through a spacious yard, returning to the edge of the driveway, parking in a semi-circle sequence for an easy departure. Craig was flying his drone that day and got some interesting aerial photos of this crescent of antique, classic and modern cars.

Everyone congregated in their folding chairs on the DeFloria's beautiful back yard patio, or under the canopies, which were set up to provide some additional shade. Craig and Casper love to cook using their "Big Green Egg" grill. It's a unique ceramic grill system, which renders a phenomenal, juicy taste to all that's grilled upon it. For Lunch, Craig and Casper prepared amazingly delicious pulled pork in their Big Green Egg. They use this interesting grill so often that Craig designed and built a



A wonderful dessert in the ambiance of John Kuhns, Sr.'s ice cream parlor and outstanding automobilia and Americana collections



(l-r) Jaime Cintron and John Myers at the Dessert stop.

custom table for it. Other Lunchtime delights served up by the DeFloria's included meatballs in a sweat sauce, baked beans, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, fresh fruit, corn bread and a variety of sodas and water. Craig's mom Sandy DeFloria helped set up and coordinate the wonderful Lunch buffet.

Tour participants were also able to enjoy playing "ladderball" and "corn hole" lawn games, which were set up in the back yard. Many also enjoyed walking through Craig's large garage to see the stunning 1950 Willys Jeepster and 1965 Mustang Convertible. Mark and Sandy's 1957 Chevy Convertible was parked at the lead of the car crescent in the driveway.

When the clock reached 2:30 p.m. everyone moved to their cars to begin the journey to John Kuhns, Sr.'s garage in Latrobe for Dessert. The country drive tour route to Latrobe was a well-plotted delight.

John welcomed all to his garage with a long line of tables filled with tempting desserts, which included a variety of fresh baked pies, pineapple upside-down cake, brownies and cookies. John's garage is quite the visual treat as well. Not only is it a home for several of his outstanding antique cars, it's a wonderful and carefully collected "time capsule" of automobilia and Americana featuring an authentic ice cream parlor, and a recreation of the front of the Cities Service Gas Station once owned and operated by his Mom. John worked at that gas station when he was a kid and also ran a little candy store there. At his ice cream parlor counter, John served up chocolate and vanilla treats. Fixn's were available at the dessert table. Guests could also enjoy coffee, pop and water. John had the large garage doors closed so people could just sit at the ice cream parlor tables and in an arrangement of their own chairs socializing in air conditioned comfort.

At 5:00 p.m. it was time to head for home. Sincere and warmest thanks to Dave and Debbie Sheetz, Craig, Casper, Mark and Sandy DeFloria, and John Sr., and Vickie Kuhns for planning, coordinating and hosting the return of the Western PA Region Progressive Dinner Tour, a "favorite" tradition. ■



(l-r) Phil Beattie, John Kuhns, Sr. and Toni Beattie enjoy a discussion at the Dessert stop.

Summertime is Western PA Region Picnic Time



It was the perfect day for the 2023 WPR Summer Picnic at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion in Latrobe.



The bountiful picnic buffet combined catered and homemade delights.



John Ross Kuhns starts the bubble gum bubble blowing contest (l-r) Linda Tierney, Mark Jackson, Nancy McKelvey and Debbie Sheetz.

July 2023 ended with two fabulous food and fun Western PA Region events! On July 30, the Sunday following the return of the Progressive Dinner Tour on July 22, our region's Annual Summer Picnic, took place at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion in Latrobe. John Ross Kuhns and Blair Kuhns and the Kuhns family have hosted the summer picnic for many years. They once again put together another fun and memorable shindig for all to enjoy. It was a beautiful day encouraging many to drive their antique, classic and custom cars to the picnic.

Post Avenue Catering once again provided their summer specialties - roast pig, roast turkey, pasta, buttered potatoes, and corn on the cob.

In past years, attending members and guests were asked to bring a dessert. This year, those with last names starting with the letters A through K were asked to bring a dessert, and those with the letters L through Z were asked to bring a side dish. The results were terrific. We still had an amazing selection of desserts to choose from, and the creative side dishes fully complimented the Post Avenue Catering selection, resulting in one extraordinary picnic feast! For example - new region members Chuck and Karen Wichrowski arrived with a warm, heavy, mysterious ceramic pot with a lid on it. Upon opening the lid everyone discovered the most delicious, homemade, baked beans with bits of shredded pork mixed in!

After dinner John Ross Kuhns coordinated the picnic games. First was the bubble gum bubble blowing contest. John Ross invited participants to come forward telling them that this year he was able to get a "softer" bubble gum than used in the past.



Nancy McKelvey amazes everyone with her bubble gum bubble.



John Ross begins the Oreo Cookie Contest. (l-r) Vickie and Aria Kuhns, Craig and Casper DeFloria are "faced" with the challenge!

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Participants included Linda Tierney, Mark Jackson, Nancy McKelvey and Debbie Sheetz. Nancy McKelvey gave long-time bubble blowing champion Debbie Sheetz a run for her money, but Debbie eventually won out for the biggest bubble.

Then John Ross conducted the "Oreo Cookie Contest". This involves sitting with an Oreo cookie placed on your forehead and working it down into your mouth without using your hands. The contestants included Vickie and Aria Kuhns and Craig and Casper DeFloria. This contest is not a piece of cake. It's a cookie, which is not easy to manipulate using only facial muscles and neck motions. Ultimately, Casper DeFloria was the victor.

The traditional water balloon toss was held on the new basketball court following the cookie contest. Howard Finney

served as the line judge. Teams of two lined up in parallel lines facing each other. Then tossed their balloons and stepped back as called by Howard. Drop and burst your balloon, and you're out. The winning team was Craig DeFloria and John Ross Kuhns

The final game was everyone's favorite, BINGO, as called by Casper DeFloria helped by his "Pap" Mark DeFloria. Dollar bill cash prizes were awarded along with fresh zucchinis, which were donated by Tom and Doreen King from the bounty of their garden. Toni Beattie and Jill Jackson were among the winners, along with Charlie Shifano, who won the last game which goes for a full card.

A special thanks to John Ross and Blair Kuhns and the Kuhns family for hosting this fabulous picnic tradition once again. Your efforts brought forth so many smiles, much laughter and a bunch of cool cars to see and enjoy! ■



The crowd gets a kick out of the bubble gum and Oreo Cookie contests.



Casper DeFloria calls BINGO assisted by his "Pap", Mark DeFloria



Focusing on BINGO, (l-r) Jaime and April Cintron, Glen Brewer and Lee Herbermann.



Joyful Jill Jackson won a round of BINGO - two zucchinis and four bucks.



Nancy Wolfe enjoying the festivities.



The Cooperstown Pavilion was flanked by some beautiful vehicles.



Tom and Doreen King's 1963 Corvette dashboard ready for summer.

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

July's Car



Howard Finney was the first to correctly identify July's Car as a 1956 Pontiac Star Chief Convertible. Denny and Becky Blank and Gary Wiegand also correctly identified the Pontiac. We also heard from Tom King. The 1955 and 1956 Pontiacs were similar, but with noticeable differences in the grill design and other subtle body features. Howard is a Pontiac fan and I had a feeling he would be the first correct answer this time. He beat the Blanks with a correct email by 37 minutes!

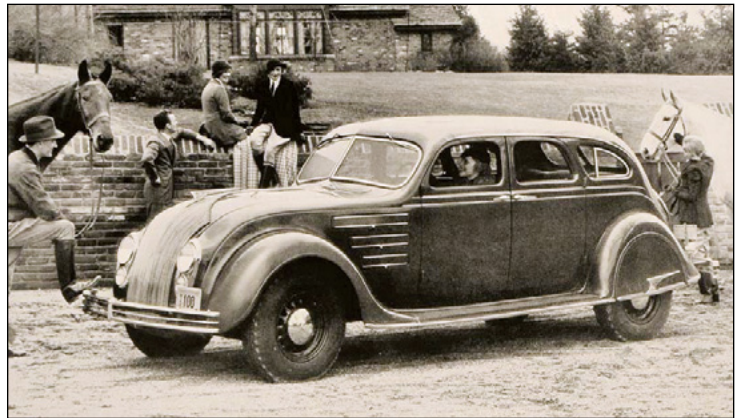
I also asked if anyone could identify a stylish Pontiac trademark that appeared on the cars for many years. Tom King named the unique lighted Indian head hood ornament, which was an impressive feature. I also remember seeing chrome Indian head hood ornaments on some 30s and 40s Pontiacs. However, the feature I was thinking about is the Pontiac chrome stripe down the top of the hood from the top of the grille to the firewall. My Dad told me about this feature many years ago. He said "Buick had holes in the side of the hood and Pontiac had a chrome stripe going right down the middle of the top of the hood." As you can see in the photo above, the 1956 Pontiac had two chrome stripes on its hood. Pontiacs from 1935 until 1956 showcased this chrome stripe feature. Then in 1957 it disappeared. These unique features were an interesting part of the General Motors branding of "cars for every purse and purpose."



HERSHEY Spaces Available!

I have two spaces for the Hershey Flea Market the first weekend of this October, that I will not be able to use this year. If any member of the club would like to use them to sell their extra or excess parts please contact me at 724-771-4183, Bill Holtzer.

August's Car



Can you identify the year, make and model of this interesting car for August? It is one of my favorites, which I remember seeing at Idlewild Park's Old Fashioned Days antique car parades when I was a kid in the 1960s. Be the first to correctly identify this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Hint - in this photo from a classic advertisement, the car's year is the same as when it was first introduced. Contact me at 724-832-9074 and leave a message, email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or see me in person at a region meeting or event.

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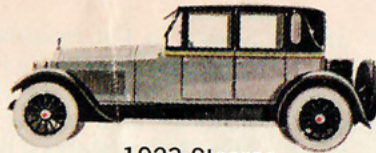
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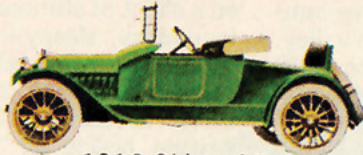
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1923 Stearns



1930 Cord



1916 Oldsmobile



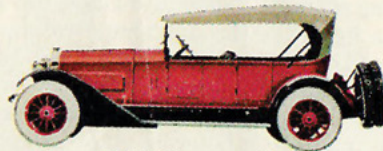
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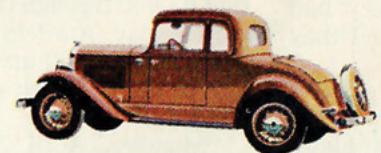
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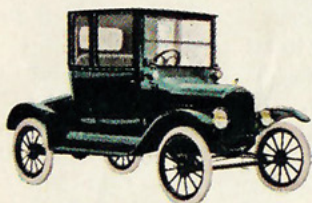
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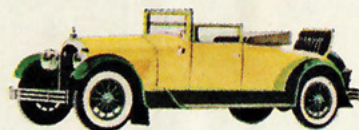
1925 Locomobile



1932 Essex



1918 Ford Model "T"



1926 Kissel



1933 Dodge

A section from a Goodyear Tire ad featuring various cars 1915 to 1967