

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



May 2023

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment  
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



Easy entry swivel-seat in a customized 1960 DeSoto at the  
Western PA Region 2022 car show at Legion Keener Park



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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](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*.

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.

# President's Message



*Hello Everyone!*

May has definitely brought out the green leaves and spring flowers. This is my favorite time of the year. The summer is shaping up to be a busy year for the club with a cruise, a parade, a festival, tours and our show. With a little help from everyone, we will have a successful year.

The Rev-Up party is in the rear view mirror and was the perfect way to start off the new season. The parking lot was full of club members antique and classic cars. The Jacksons and helpers did an amazing job with decorations, food and prizes. The membership all enjoyed getting together reminiscing and catching up with one another.

July 2nd is our first car cruise at Latrobe Memorial Stadium. With everyones help and some nice weather, we will make this a success. For the bake sale, if you would like to dig out those once a year used Christmas themed cookie recipes and perhaps wear a Christmas hat, it will be fun to celebrate Christmas in July!

Please keep checking the calender for the next meeting location.

-- Debbie

# 2023 Calendar

Check our calendar each month for event and meeting updates.

## WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

### Tuesday, June 20 - Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982

158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650 (Pipetown)  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 18 - Monthly Meeting at Hoss's Steak & Seahouse Restaurant

1261 South Main St, Greensburg, PA 15601  
6:00 p.m. Dinner - on your own  
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 15 - Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982

158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650 (Pipetown)  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

## WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS

### Saturday, June 17 - Dell's Car Collection Tour

12:15 p.m. Meet at the former King's Restaurant parking lot (now Piper Bay Cafe), 200 Sheffield Dr., Delmont PA  
12:45 p.m. Depart for Dell's Showrooms (See page 5).  
RSVP to Carl Erb ASAP erbiewan@gmail.com or 412-607-7857

### June 29, 30, July 1, and 2, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Promotion Booth & Car Display

Twin Lakes Park - lower lake dam breast  
Thursday - Saturday 11:00 to 8:00, and Sunday, 11:00 to 6:00  
Park your antique or classic car on the dam breast as part of our region's automobile heritage display at the festival. Help host the WPR promotional booth and enjoy the festivities.  
*Space is limited.*

### Sunday, July 2 - Christmas in July Car Cruise sponsored by the Western PA Region AACA and the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee

Latrobe Stadium parking lot, Downtown Latrobe, PA  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Welcoming all show cars, trucks and motorcycles 2023 and older.  
We need WPR volunteers to help park cars and manage our fundraising and promotional booths.

### Tuesday, July 4 - Latrobe 4th of July Celebration Parade

Downtown Latrobe, PA - Contact Flo Myers ASAP if you would like to participate in the parade 724-331-7293.

### Saturday, July 22 - Progressive Dinner Tour

Salad and Dinner Stop hosts needed. Contact Debbie Sheetz  
724-454-8948

### Sunday, July 30 Annual Picnic

Cooperstown Club, Latrobe Starting at 1:00 p.m.

### 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

*NOTE: If you are interested in hosting a tour or have an idea for a tour please contact our Tour Chairman Carl Erb.*

## A LOCAL CRUISE RECOMMENDED BY OUR REGION TOUR CHAIRMAN CARL ERB

### Vinoski Winery Spring Car Cruise at the Vinoski Winery Castle on the hill Sunday, June 4

333 Castle Drive, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania 15012  
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

*Note from Car Erb: People need to get there way before noon to get a choice spot, otherwise they may be on a steep slope.*



Please join us an exciting day of cruising and entertainment at this unique venue. Live music by Silent Partner (classic rock band), dash plaques to first 110 registered vehicles, food truck, peoples choice award, giveaways. There is \$5.00 donation fee to register for prizes. All makes and models of special interest vehicles welcome. Additional details at [www.vinoskiwinery.com](http://www.vinoskiwinery.com)



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# Think Before You Restore



By Myron Smith  
VP - Regions Development  
& Support Western Division

The car is only original once.” This has become the mantra of those of us who have a strong attraction to ‘original cars’. But what about older restorations or semi originals? Many a car has been subject to an overly enthusiastic owner who starts to do a total restoration and then lacks the where with all or finances to finish it. I suggest before you throw yourself into a full-blown project to sit down and do some serious pondering. What do you wish to accomplish? Are you really wanting to put the time and money into a full restoration? You can climb the ladder of trophy seeking. AACA has 4 advancing show rungs followed by maintenance awards in AACA and probably similar awards in the marque clubs. Do you want a car you can put the kids or grandkids in and run down to the local malt shop on Saturday nights, or a car to take to Cars and Coffee? Are you wanting a ‘road car’ that you can do tours and trips over long distances?

After being in the hobby most of my life, I’ve done the show route and have several ‘trailer queens’. Once they are

restored, gotten their trophies they do one thing for sure; they deteriorate. So, if you’re committed to the show circuit, unless you sell which I seldom do, you’re going to have a vehicle subject to the perils of time, just like when the car was new. Maybe not as fast but it happens. My 1959 El Camino has been restored since 1975. It needed some work after being a daily driver in Nebraska with salty winter roads and an encounter with another car that ran a stop sign. However, with today’s technology and masterful body men, much of it’s originality could have been saved. But at the time I wanted the trophies. Do I regret the restoration? Yes, I guess I do, but we’ve had fun showing it and that is not to be discounted. I am the second-generation custodian of it being purchased new by my family and there is hope the 3rd and 4th generation will appreciate it too.

On the other hand, I have another 1959 which was not ‘restored’ although I collected new old stock pieces for it for years, then decided that with a little touch up it could still be an ‘original’ car. Personally, I like that much better. It’s gone the HPOF route and still we are able to drive it occasionally.

So, this brings me back to my original thought, “what do you really want to accomplish with your car?” If it is having a vehicle that is a work of art, restore it, just realizing that you’re probably never going to be completely done with it as shortly it’ll need freshening. If your idea of fun is to get the thing out in public, realize it’ll deteriorate also, but you can have fun playing with the thing. If you have enough originality to be able to keep it that way; it won’t get scratches, it will just get additional patina. It’s a big hobby, find your niche.

-- The Rummage Box



1959 Chevrolet El Camino advertising illustration

# Dell's Car Collection Tour

Near Tarentum, PA

## Saturday June 17, 2023



**About 50 Cars - all In Concours condition!**

- Many Have AACA Awards
- About half of Dell's collection are convertibles (Chevy, Ford, Pontiac, Packard, Buick, Hudson)
- Outstanding Pickup Trucks including 3 rare Chevrolet Cameos
- Pittsburgh Steelers Colors Cars, which Dell drives to Steeler Games!
- 2 Massive showrooms plus a 4 car and 6 car garage

### Tour Schedule

**12:15 p.m.** Meet at the former King's Restaurant (Now Piper Bay Cafe) 200 Sheffield Dr., Delmont PA

*Please Park in Upper/Greensburg end of lot, because Piper Bay is now open for business.*

**12:45 p.m.** Depart Piper Bay Cafe enroute to Dell's

**2:00 p.m.** Arrive at Dell's Showrooms

**3:30 p.m.** Depart Dell's Showrooms

**4:00 p.m.** Arrive at **J G's Tarentum Station Grill** (In the Old Tarentum Train Station) This is an upscale restaurant.

**Dinner will be buffet style featuring:**

Chicken Romano, Top Sirloin Beef Au Jus, Twice Baked Potato, Green Bean Almondine

**Cost of dinner will be \$24 each + tip**

*Please note: We will be in a private room on 2nd floor.*

**Please contact Carl Erb ASAP**  
to let him know if you will be attending.

Email: [erbiewan@gmail.com](mailto:erbiewan@gmail.com) or

Cell Phone: 412-607-7857





# Minutes of the April 23, 2023 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on April 23, 2023 at the Westmoreland Conservation District in Greensburg. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fifty-eight (58) members in attendance. No guests were present at the meeting. The April meeting was held in conjunction with the spring Rev-Up Party that followed the meeting.

## Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The March 21, 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 March 21, 2023 minutes as printed in the April 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 Cindy Fisher and unanimously approved.

## Treasurers Report – Mark Jackson

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Pete Highlands, seconded by Barbara Sugars and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership – Howard Finney

Nothing to report.

### Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson discussed the cost of publishing and mailing the *Western Round-Up* newsletter. President Debbie Sheetz further explained the need to raise the current ten (\$10) fee to twenty (\$20) for having a hard copy of the *Western Round-Up* to member's homes.

### Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria explained that some emails are returned marked undeliverable. Mark asked that members check their spam and junk folders occasionally to see if Western mail is ending up there. Mark asked members to let him know if they have an address or an email address change.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Rev-Up Party and April, 2023 Monthly Meeting

President Debbie Sheetz thanked Jill and Mark Jackson for hosting the Rev-Up Party.

### May Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The May monthly meeting will be at Specialty Cars Ltd. 4728 PA-982, Latrobe, PA 15650  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

### Christmas in July Car Cruise

President Debbie Sheetz discussed that the Western Pa Region, was sponsoring a Christmas in July Car Cruise in partnership with the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee. The cruise would be held at the Latrobe Stadium parking lot, Downtown Latrobe, PA and be open to all show cars, trucks and motorcycles 2023 and older from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday July 2nd. More details will follow.

### Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park

Mark Jackson reported that the Arts & Heritage Festival is happy that the Region will be participating this year. A remaining issue is staffing the Region's booth on Sunday, July 2nd, the last day of the festival. A sign-up sheet and more details will be provided at the May monthly meeting.

### Tours – Carl Erb

Carl Erb discussed his ideas for tours this season. With one possibly being to Sarver, PA and one to a location in Jeannette. Carl will provide more details.

### Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:06 p.m. Camille Erb made a motion for adjournment, seconded by John Meyers and unanimously approved.

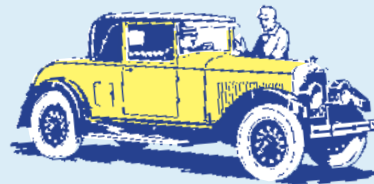
-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

# 2023 Latrobe 4th of July Celebration PARADE Registration



If you would like to drive your antique car as a part of the Western PA Region AACA unit in the Latrobe 4th of July Celebration Parade this year, please contact Flo Myers to register: 724-331-7293 or email [flojo15601@gmail.com](mailto:flojo15601@gmail.com). Please contact her ASAP. **The Parade registration deadline is June 12.**

## Member News



Luella Bell

**The legacy of fun and fellowship** living in the Western PA Region AACA today was kindled and stoked by a wonderful generation of leaders and doers, which included long-time member Luella Bell, who passed away on May 6, 2023. Luella and her husband Paul were very active in AACA and our region for many years. Paul served several terms as WPR President and developed *The Western Round-Up* newsletter. Luella and Paul enjoyed traveling in their motor-home to AACA events, such as Hershey, in the company of many great WPR friends, who they made over the years. After Paul passed away in 1995, Luella continued to attend WPR meetings and events. She enjoyed coming out to the Annual Picnic at Cooperstown Club with her friend Alice Clark, who was also heavily involved in our region with her husband Jack. Luella would also often visit the WPR Labor Day weekend car show, which is named in honor of Paul P. Bell. Our deepest sympathy to Luella's family and friends. Luella was 89.



Luella Bell often served as the "Official Judge" of the water balloon toss at WPR Annual Picnics. She had a great sense of fun, which lives on.

# OLD CARS & COOKING SKILLS SHINED AT THE *April Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner Rev-Up Party*



Ready for cruising - l-r: 1959 Chevrolet, 1990 Cadillac Eldorado, 1985 Cadillac Eldorado, 1952 Citroen Citroen Traction Avant 15CV

As the rains clear our roads of winter salt, the days grow longer and the sun starts shining brighter. Spring marks the start of the new cruising season, when it's once again time to get out those wonderful old cars and trucks. In addition to being fun to drive, when people start seeing these old vehicles on the roads it is as much an indication of Spring as the blossoming crocuses and daffodils.

Western PA Region members gathered to celebrate the new cruising season at their Rev-Up Party and April Meeting held on Sunday, April 23 at the Westmoreland Conservation District barn in Greensburg. The event started with a social and snacks, moving into a short April Monthly Meeting. There were 58 members present.

After the meeting, all enjoyed a "Pot Luck" buffet dinner, which is the kind of meal our Region hasn't hosted for a long time. The Region provided fried chicken, ham, rolls, beverage-

es, plastic ware and cups. Members with last names beginning A through K were asked to bring a side dish or salad of their choice. Those with last names beginning with L through Z were asked to bring a dessert. The marvels of a "Pot Luck" dinner are the scope and variety of culinary delights that everyone comes up with. There's no doubt about it. Our members are excellent and imaginative cooks! The variety and selection of salads, sides and desserts were absolutely awesome! Delicacies included wedding soup, hobo beans, potato salads, broccoli salads, cheese curds, relish trays, casseroles, cookies, cakes, brownies, jellos, candy and more. It was fun trying a little of everything, and no one went home hungry. There were also many leftovers to share. To highlight the "Pot Luck" buffet, Cris Detwiler made a special decoration featuring a large black cauldron-style pot with big gold letters above, which spelled out the word "LUCK".



What better way to rev-up a Rev-Up Party than with checkered table cloths.



Cris Detwiler made this "Pot Luck" buffet decoration





Region President Debbie Sheetz makes the first presentation of the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award to Dave Davis.



Enjoying the relish, cheese curd and hors d'oeuvres table. The cheese curds were courtesy of The Creamery at Pleasant Lane Farms.

During the meeting and dinner, a PowerPoint featuring 200 photos from last year's Region activities ran continuously on the large Smart Board in the background behind the director's table.

To encourage members to drive their antique or classic cars and trucks to the Rev-Up Party, those who did so were each given a ticket for a special prize drawing. When President Debbie Sheetz drew the winning ticket she presented winner Dave Davis with a beautiful wooden plaque, which had an engine timing gears and chain artfully attached along with our Western PA Region logo. Dave drove an antique 1993 Chevrolet Silverado Pick Up to the Rev Up Party. Debbie told Dave that the award was an indication of "good timing" for driving his antique truck. She also told him and those present that this award is a "rotating award" that needs to be passed on to another member for driving their antique or classic to a future

Region event. Dave could enjoy it in the "time" between, but would have to bring it to the next event to pass it on. Finally, Debbie asked Dave, who is a fantastic mechanic, what kind of engine the timing gears on the plaque were from. He answered, "Looks like a Chevy." He was right. Debbie's husband Dave Sheetz made the plaque and confirmed that they were from a Chevy.

Towards the end of dinner, Mark Jackson called out the door prize drawing winners. All of them were presented with a \$20 Sheetz gift card to help fill their gas tanks. There was also a 50/25-25 drawing. Hostess Jill Jackson wanted to have a 50/50 with two winners this time. Jill also recognized those members who signed up to help set up the Rev-Up Party in the barn the evening before, and those who volunteered to stay and clean up. Our special thanks to Jill for her outstanding coordination of this fun event and dinner.



Doreen and Tom King make their way through the sumptuous sides.



l-r: Aria Kuhns, John Ross Kuhns and Denny Blank

A new fundraising opportunity for our Region in partnership with the Latrobe 4th of July Celebration Committee

# Christmas in JULY

## Car Cruise

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& The Latrobe 4th of July Celebration Committee

### Sunday July 2, 2023

10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

Latrobe Memorial Stadium parking lot, Latrobe, PA

Welcoming all show cars and trucks 2023 and older

\$7.00 per entry at the gate

Dash plaques to the first 100 participants

DJ BZ will be playing your favorite tunes.

Participants Choice Awards for Best Car and Best Truck

Baked goods, food and drinks available

Games of chance

Santa Clause will make a guest appearance at 1:00 p.m.

Chance to win \$500.00 in the Quack Attack! Donate \$10 to get a duck to launch in the stadium at 2 p.m.

**Please bring an unwrapped toy for a local child or family in need for the upcoming holiday season!**

**Western PA Region Members - Let's work together to make this fundraiser a great success!**

#### Lottery ticket donations needed

to help build our Lottery Frame. Please bring to the May or June Monthly Meeting and give to Debbie Sheetz, Flo Myers or Mark Jackson

#### Volunteers needed for Cruise Day:

- Set up and tear down (set up starts at 7:30 a.m.)
- Bake Sale
- Registration
- Parking vehicles and traffic control

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the May and June Monthly Meetings, or contact Debbie Sheetz, Flo Myers or a WPR director if you would like to help in any way.

## The Last Ride?



By Don Barlup  
Retired Board Member

**F**ifty-three years ago my life changed! Was it marriage? Nope, did that three years earlier. Birth of a child? Nope, oldest child was a year old.

I joined AACA and my local regions in 1971 and the ride of a lifetime started. In 1973, I attended my first Annual Meeting

(Convention) at the Bellvue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia and have not missed one since. Meets (Nationals) and Tours all over the country. The collections I have seen and the people I have met, and the places I have visited. Priceless!

Working with our dedicated staff and fellow board members for the past fifteen years has been very rewarding. Serving as your National President in 2015 was a great honor, but the greatest honor was to work with and for you, our valued members.

As I retire from the AACA Board of Directors, I am not fading into the sunset, but will continue to serve as needed for the betterment of AACA.

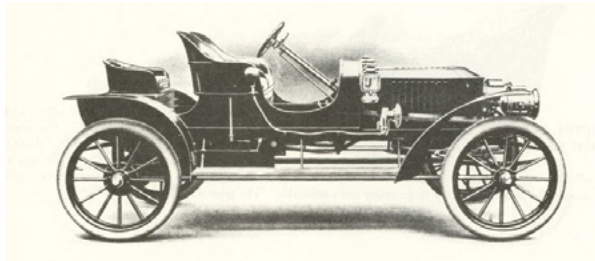
The last ride! Nope! Just a different mode of transportation!

-- The Rummage Box

# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## April's Car



Al Terek was the first to correctly identify April's car as a Stanley Steamer. We also heard from Bill Maurer and Gary Wiegand. This image is from a 1907 Stanley Steamer advertisement. You don't often see a Stanley Steamer from this era illustrated or photographed in "profile". The beautiful, unique rounded hood is usually shown in a three quarter view or straight on, and it's often adorned with the classy "Stanley" script.

The Stanley Motor Carriage Company was an American manufacturer of steam cars. It operated from 1902 to 1924. The cars made by the company were colloquially called Stanley Steamers, although several different models were produced.

Twins Francis E. Stanley (1849–1918) and Freelan O. Stanley (1849–1940) founded the company, after selling their photographic dry plate business to Eastman Kodak. They made their first car in 1897. During 1898 and 1899, they produced and sold over 200 cars, more than any other U.S. maker.

Early Stanley cars had light wooden bodies mounted on tubular steel frames with full-elliptic springs. Steam was generated in a vertical fire-tube boiler, mounted beneath the seat, with a vaporizing gasoline (later, kerosene) burner underneath.

When Stanley later moved the boiler to the front of the car owners dubbed it "the coffin nose" These are the most popular images of the Stanley Steamer as seen in movies and on television.

It is a real treat to see a Stanley Steamer run, especially when it has a steam powered horn. The blast of that horn is unforgettable.

When I was around nine years old I had a "coffin nose" Stanley Steamer Matchbox Car, which I loved so much that often I kept it in my pants pocket. Once, when I was visiting my Grandfather's farm, my cousins and I were having fun playing in the hay loft making "forts" out of the straw bales. When I got home I realized that my Stanley Steamer Matchbox Car was no longer in my pocket. We looked all over the house with no luck. I figured it was lost forever. About a year later when we were visiting the farm, my Uncle came up to me with his hand closed and said, "Guess what I found in the hay loft?" When he opened his hand there was my Stanley Steamer. It was a little worse for the wear, but I was thrilled to have it back. I kept it for many years until it finally went to one of those mystery places where childhood treasures often go.

Reference source - Wikipedia

## May's Car



Jill and I recently returned from a vacation in Newport, Rhode Island. This beauty was part of an interesting exhibition at the Audrain Automobile Museum, which we came across while touring Newport. Be the first to contact me with the correct make and year of this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com) or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message. This was a uniquely themed exhibition, which I will write a story about in a future *Western Round-Up* with some really cool pictures too!

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