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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.

2024 Calendar

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Thursday, February 29 - Car Show Committee Meeting

Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn)
218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 - Regular Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)
158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS

Saturday, April 13 Rev-Up Party & April Meeting

Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn)
218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601
Starting at 2:30 p.m.

A registration flyer will be coming out soon.

Sunday, September 1 - Western PA Region AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show

Legion Keener Park, 1658 Catherine St, Latrobe, PA 15650
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

March 17-23, 2024 – Lafayette, Louisiana – Founders Tour ‘Touring Cajun Country’, sponsored by the AACA Louisiana Region – Tour hosts: Ron & Dianne Sonnier – 337-581-7776 – Open to historically correct vehicles manufactured between 1932 and 1999. [Brochure](#)

March 21-24, 2004 – Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – Special Winter Nationals, sponsored by AACA Puerto Rico Region – Mario Guzman, President & Meet Chairman, Guillodavila57@outlook.com; 787-635-8976. Host hotel – Courtyard by Marriott, San Juanmiramar -787-721-7400, ext. 5547 – mention AACA Group. [Brochure](#)

April 4-6, 2024 – Charlotte, NC – Southeastern Spring Nationals and Grand National, sponsored by AACA Hornets Nest Region – Mel Carson, Chairman – 704-847-4215; melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com. [Grand National Brochure](#) [SE Spring Nationals Brochure](#)

June 9-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, Virginia – Eastern Divisional Tour, sponsored by AACA Buzzards Breath Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region Thomas Walsh, Chairman – 518-863-4987.

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS *continued*

July 10-13, 2024 – Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming – Western Divisional Tour, sponsored by AACA Nebraska Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

August 22-24, 2024 – Hampton, Virginia – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Historic Virginia Peninsula Region

September 22-27, 2024 – Fairfield, Pennsylvania – Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, sponsored by the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region – Bob Burchill, Chairman – hattiesgarage@comcast.net

October 8-11, 2024 – Hershey, Pennsylvania – Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Hershey Region – contact: fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org

October 23-26, 2024 – Huntsville, Alabama – Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA North Alabama Region – Dave Robertson, Chairman – 256-653-4036; dave.robertson44@gmail.com

LOCAL CRUISES & SHOWS

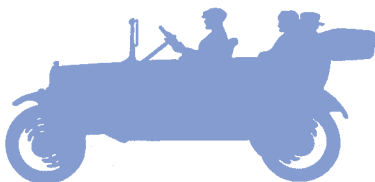
Thursday, May 2 - Thursday Car Cruises Begin at the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Highway Delmont, PA 15626, Thursdays during the cruising season 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. No entry fee

Saturday, May 4 - Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Annual Car Show presented by the Automotive Programs, 4909 Route 982, Latrobe, PA 15650, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$10 Entry fee to support the class activity fund.

Friday, August 2 - EC Cruisers Bovard VFD Burger Bash Car Cruise 2 Washington St., Bovard, PA 15619, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Entry fee \$5.

Saturday, August 3 – Sixth Annual Cruise for Conservation, to benefit the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Westmoreland Conservation District and Donohoe Center, 214 and 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, Entry fee \$5.

For more cruise and show listings visit carmacruises.com Search "Pennsylvania" by month. This is an excellent website! Check back often to see newly listed events and updates.



President's Message



WPR President Debbie Sheetz

Hello everyone! Is it really February? Punxsutawney Phil has it right. Sure feels like spring is around the corner. Dave is anxious to get a car out and go for a ride.

Another year of our club has come and gone and now we look forward to the new year of club activities. I have enjoyed being your president of the region this past year and have decided to stay on as president for the 2024 year. With everyone's continued help and support we will continue to enjoy our club tours and get together.

This year will be the club's 60th anniversary car show. With everyone's help and a little sunshine, we will have an extra special show for members and the public to enjoy.

Thank you very much for trusting in me to help lead our club into the future.

-- Debbie

A Reminder from the Editor



This year publication of *The Western Round-Up* newsletter shifts into a different schedule. There will be nine issues in 2024, rather than eleven issues as in the past 12 years. Three will be combined issues - January/February, March/April and November/December. The six monthly issues will be May, June, July, August, September and October.

Thanks, Mark Jackson



November 21, 2023

Monthly Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at Specialty Cars Ltd., 4728 PA-982, Latrobe. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:11 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-seven (27) members in attendance. No guests were at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The October 17, 2023 monthly meeting was held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the October 17, 2023 minutes as printed in the November 2023 issue of *The Western Round-Up*. President Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Norma Mascia and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Mark Jackson

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for November 2023. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Bill Holtzer, seconded by John Harvey and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

No report.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 4, 2024

There will not be a General Meeting in December or January. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2024 at Dino's Sports Lounge, 3883 State Route 30, Latrobe, PA 15650-5256. The tentative start time is 1:00 pm. There will be more information provided prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked Bill Holtzer for the items he has submitted for the newsletter. Mark Jackson also announced that Tom King was the first to identify the "Name that Car" in this month's *Round-Up*.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that members let him know if they have an address or an email address change. Mark reminded the members present that 2024 Region Dues are now Due. Please complete the 2024 Membership Renewal form and send it to Mark DeFloria, Secretary, Western PA Region, AACA, P.O. Box 882, Latrobe, PA 15650.

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

Flo Myers reported that the WPR Sunshine Committee consisting of Flo Myers, Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler and Becky Blank mailed one "thinking of you" and four "get-well" cards on behalf of our Region to members this past month.

Tours – Carl Erb

No Report.

Christmas Party – John Kuhns

John Kuhns reported that the annual Christmas Party will be on December 10th at Rizzo's Malabar Inn. Please complete the emailed registration form and return it to John Ross Kuhns, 2552 Raymond Avenue, Latrobe, PA 15650

Region 501(c)3 Update

President Debbie Sheetz announced that the Region has obtained our 501(c)3 status. Debbie thanked Mark Jackson and Craig DeFloria for their many years (at least 4 or 5 years) effort in obtaining this very important federal fundraising hurdle. Mark Jackson read the letter from the IRS and further explained the advantages and responsibilities of being a 501(c)3 Organization. A discussion followed.

Monthly Antique/Classic Car Award

This month the award for driving a classic or antique vehicle to the meeting was won by John Ross Kuhns.

Meeting Snacks

Many thanks to John Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns for the wings and snacks to tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m. Cindy Harvey made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Region's Annual Meeting Launches 2024



Western PA Region members relax with some Dino's wings, hors d'oeuvres and friendly conversation before the Annual Meeting.

The Western PA Region AACA launched into 2024 on Sunday, February 4 with its Annual Meeting and Dinner held at Dino's Sportsbar, Route 30, Latrobe, PA. About 38 members attended. Things got started with a social hour where members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres featuring a selection of Dino's legendary wings, along with a variety meats, cheeses and veggies. During the social hour, Secretary Mark DeFloria collected any 2024 WPR dues members needed to pay along with checking that their 2024 AACA National dues have also been paid.

President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order around 2:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved and Treasurer Mark Jackson gave a summarized report of 2023 income and expenses. WPR committee chair reports followed. Membership chair Howard Finney introduced new member candidate Jim Jones, who was then voted in and welcomed by those present. Reports on tours, activities and the 2023 car show followed. Information from these reports will appear in the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes, which will be published in the November/December *Western Round-Up* for approval at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Moving into the awards presentation part of the meeting, Vice President Flo Myers stood in for Director John Kuhns, Sr., whose mother, Mary Kuhns, had suddenly and peacefully passed away earlier that day. Mrs. Kuhns was 99 years old. John has organized and hosted the Region's Annual Meeting for many years and traditionally presents the awards and recognitions.

The Jack Clark Service Award, which recognizes individuals who have done the most for the Region during the year was presented to two members, Craig DeFloria and Mark Jackson for their teamwork with Attorney Maryanne Linkes over the last three years, which resulted in the Western PA Region successfully attaining 501(c)3 Non Profit Charitable Organization status from the IRS in October of 2023.

The John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award was presented to Debbie and Dave Sheetz for driving an antique car to

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Vice President Flo Myers presents the Jack Clark Service Award to Craig DeFloria on the left and Mark Jackson on the right for their teamwork in working with an attorney over the last few years, which resulted in the Western PA Region AACA attaining 501(c)3 Charitable Organization status with the IRS in October, 2023.



Vice President Flo Myers, center, presents the John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award to Debbie and Dave Sheetz for driving an antique car to the most WPR meetings, activities and events in 2023.



Dave Davis accepts the Paul P. Bell Award for showing the most unique antique car at a WPR event from Vice President Flo Myers for his brother Guy Davis. Guy's son Ben drove his 1923 Benz two door sedan onto the show field at the WPR 2023 Car Show.



Vice President Flo Myers, right, presents President Debbie Sheetz with a commemorative Yetti water bottle as a token of thanks for her service on the Region's board of directors.



Treasurer Mark Jackson presents Vice President Flo Myers with a commemorative Yetti water bottle as a token of thanks for her service on the Region's board of directors.

Awards presentation photos by Mark DeFloria

the most Western PA Region activities, meetings and events during 2023.

The Paul P. Bell Award for showing the most unique antique car at a WPR event was presented to Guy Davis for showing his 1923 Benz two door sedan at the 2023 Car Show. The Benz was driven onto the show field by Guy's son, Ben Davis. It was a significant showing, since the Benz was celebrating its 100th Birthday that year! It is one of only two remaining 1923 Benz automobiles left in the world. The other is a four door sedan in Germany. Guy's brother Dave Davis accepted the award for him.

Outgoing Directors President Debbie Sheetz and Vice President Flo Myers were then presented with commemorative Yetti water bottles as a token of thanks for their service.

An election followed the awards presentations to determine the directors who would fill three available WPR board vacancies. The six WPR Directors each serve two-year terms. Timing is such that three directors are elected each year at the Annual Meeting. Candidates for the three available positions for 2024 were Debbie Sheetz, Flo Myers and Craig DeFloria. After President Sheetz called for any additional nominations from the floor and hearing non, she asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three candidates. A motion was made and passed.

After a short recess. The new 2024 Directors were announced as Debbie Sheetz, President, Flo Myers, Vice President, Craig DeFloria, Treasurer, Mark DeFloria Secretary, Mark Jackson, Publicity and John Kuhns, Sr, Safety Director.

Upon adjourning the Annual Meeting, those present enjoyed a fine Dino's dinner.

Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award



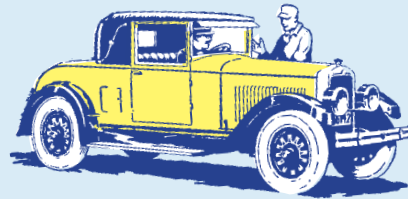
Western PA Region Vice President Flo Myers presents the "rotating" Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award to Phil Beattie for driving his 1965 Corvette to the Region's Annual Meeting held at Dino's Sportsbar, Latrobe on February 4, 2024.

Those members who drive an antique or classic car to a WPR event or meeting are eligible to win custody of this classy award until the next event, when it is passed on to another winner. Winners are determined by a drawing at each event.

The award features a timing chain and gears mounted on a wooden plaque with the WPR logo. It was made by member Dave Sheetz.

Sharing this award is an honor and promotes getting those wonderful old cars out on the road. Congratulations, Phil.

Member News



Remembering Nancy Wolfe

We at the Western PA Region AACA lost a dear friend and supporter when long time member **Nancy Wolfe** passed away on Monday, January 1, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. Nancy and Jack Wolfe were married for 55 years. They were adventurous travelers having visited all 50 of our United States and 56 countries on six continents. They also regularly participated in our Western PA Region activities, proudly showing several beautiful antique cars over the years. Nancy always supported our region with a warm smile and encouraging words. She and Jack volunteered regularly at the Region's

Car Show at Legion Keener Park. They also helped establish a Western PA Region Golf Outing, which lasted for a few years at the Robertshaw Acres Golf Course near Youngwood.

Nancy's knowledge of the many places she and Jack visited was amazing. In a captivating way, she could tell you all about everything from the Gilmore and Henry Ford Museums in Michigan to the Great Wall of China. We will miss her immensely and express our deepest sympathies to Jack, family and friends. Nancy was 75.



Jack and Nancy Wolfe by a 1931 Buick on the 2019 tour to Don Pyle's Car Collection arranged by Carl Erb.



Nancy enjoys an opportunity to sit in Zac Bell's Lamborghini during the 2021 Western PA Region Picnic at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion.

Our Sympathies to the Kuhns Family

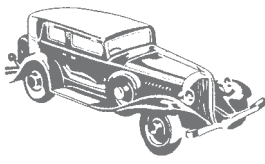
Our deepest sympathies to **John Kuhns Sr., Vickie Kuhns, John Ross and Blair Kuhns** and the Kuhns family on the passing of **John Sr.'s mother Mary Kuhns** on February 4, 2024. Mary was proud to be the first female to run a gas station in Latrobe, a Citi-Service station once located along Route 981 in front of the current location of John's Three K Cabinet Shop. Mary was incredible with numbers and as John's memorial sign in front of his shop read, "The Best Bookkeeper Ever, My Mom". She kept the books for John's businesses until just recently without

the aid of a calculator or computer. Mary was 99 years and 8 months old.

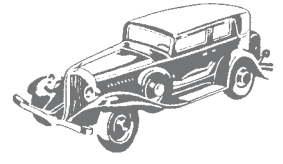
Welcome Jim and Hanna Jones

Welcome new members **Jim and Hanna Jones** who were voted in at the Annual Meeting February 4, 2024. Jim owns a 1963 Chevrolet Impala. We look forward to enjoying some great times in the future with you exploring and promoting the wonderful old car hobby.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." — Amy Poehler



2024 Car Show Update



By Flo Myers, Car Show Committee Chair

A meeting was held in January 12th, 2024 to discuss areas of concern from 2023's show, needs and start securing arrangements for 2024.

At this meeting, John Harvey, Dave Sheetz, Howard Finney and Tony Mascia have taken on the project of balancing the prospective Classes for 2024. Becky Blank will make arrangements with food vendors. Cindy Harvey will handle pre-registrations. Molly and Cris Detwiler will take care of award ribbons. John Ross will secure Legion Keener park. Mark Jackson will publish the show on CarCruises.com and design and order the 2024 dash plaques. Toni and Phil Beattie will take care of silent auction and lottery frame. The porta johns will be secured by Flo Myers. WOW, that's a lot and I thank each individual who

has stepped up. There's something for everyone to help with.

Please keep in mind THIS IS NOT ALL! We have a lot more to do as the year progresses. We'll need members to distribute flyers and seek sponsorship donations. We will also need donations of baskets and items for the silent auction, lottery tickets for the lottery frame, and baked goods for the bake sale.

The next Car Show Committee meeting will be Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at the Westmoreland Conservation District (barn) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, starting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you would like to help with this year's car show. It's a lot of fun and takes a team effort.

If you have any questions, suggestions or offerings, please contact me: 724-331-7293.

Have you considered being a Judge?



By Vicki Bolton
Director at Large



It takes cars and car owners to put on the AACA Nationals, but it also takes judges and administration staff. AACA has one of the premier judging programs in the country. To be a judge, you first have to take a judging school. Schools are typically offered at all Nationals. After taking the school, your first assignment on the judging field will be to take part in the apprenticeship class. During the apprenticeship class you will be "instructed in judging principles and procedures" as described in the Official Judging Guidelines. You will receive a copy of the Guidelines when you attend the Judging School. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Guidelines.

Are you thinking about being a judge? You need to be a member of AACA, either have a driver's license or be eligible to get a driver's license and have the ability to be fair and honest when judging a car. Judges must take a school every year to maintain eligibility. Judges are also encouraged to take classes called continuing judges' education (CJE). These classes are offered at all Nationals. CJE's are offered in a variety of subjects. These subjects include Interiors, Exteriors,

Model T's, Motorcycles, engines and many more.

Judges receive a credit for each judging experience. They also receive a credit for one school per year and one CJE per year. You can also get an additional credit for a CJE when you reach a milestone. Milestone levels are when you reach certain judging credit levels such as 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, etc. Judges receive a judging chip for each judging experience.

Judging Schools and Continuing Education Classes are very important to the AACA judging program as they contribute to the education of the judges and the continued level of excellence of the overall judging program. They also contribute to the consistency of the judging and the awards presented to the car owners.

Judges who reach 5 credits are known as a Senior Judge and receive a certificate. Judges who reach 10 credits are known as a Master Judge and Judges with 25 credits or more are known as Senior Master Judges. Pins that signify the specific credit level achieved are awarded to each judge who reaches 10 credits and above.

There are judges that judge the cars on the field and there are judges that are members of the judging administration team that process the judging paperwork. These people follow the same guidelines as field judges. They are also required to take a school every year and take the CJE courses. The team members get judging credits for working in administration.

Even if you are not interested in being a judge on the show field, if you show a car it is very beneficial to the car owner to take the judging school as it will help you better understand the judging process.

-- The Rummage Box

Automotive Pioneer Henry M. Leland

How the Cadillac & Lincoln Luxury Automobiles were born

Henry M. Leland was born February 16, 1843 in Vermont. He was an inventor, engineer, and automotive entrepreneur, and founded the two premier American luxury automotive marques, Cadillac and Lincoln.

Henry Leland learned engineering and precision machining in the Brown & Sharpe plant at Providence, Rhode Island. He subsequently worked in the firearms industry, including at Colt. These experiences in toolmaking, metrology, and manufacturing steeped him in the 19th-century movement of interchangeability.

He applied this expertise to the fledgling motor industry as early as 1870 as a principal in the machine shop Leland & Faulconer, and later was a supplier of engines to Ransom E. Olds's Olds Motor Vehicle Company, later to be known as Oldsmobile. He also invented the electric barber clippers, and for a short time produced a unique toy train, the Leland-Detroit Monorail.

Leland created the Cadillac automobile, later bought out by General Motors. In 1902, William Murphy and his partners at the Henry Ford Company hired Leland to appraise the company's factory and tooling prior to liquidation. Leland completed the appraisal, but he advised Murphy and his partners that they were making a mistake to liquidate, and suggested they instead reorganize, building a new car powered by a single-cylinder engine Leland had originally developed for Oldsmobile. The directors lost no time in renaming the company Cadillac. At Cadillac, Leland applied many modern manufacturing principles to the fledgling automotive industry, including the use of interchangeable parts. Alfred P. Sloan, longtime president and chair of General Motors, considered Leland to be "one of those mainly responsible for bringing the technique of interchangeable parts into automobile manufacturing."

Leland sold Cadillac to General Motors on July 29, 1909, for \$4.5 million, but remained as an executive until 1917. With Charles Kettering, he developed a self-starter for the Cadillac, which won its second Dewar Trophy in 1913 as a result. He prodded Kettering to design a workable electric starter after Byron Carter, a Cadillac engineer, was hit in the head by a starting crank when an engine backfired, which later resulted in Carter's death.

Leland left General Motors in a dispute with company founder William C. Durant over producing materiel during World War I. Cadillac had been asked to build Liberty aircraft engines, but Durant was a pacifist.

Leland formed the Lincoln Motor Company in 1917 with a \$10,000,000 wartime contract to build the V12 Liberty aircraft engine. After the war, the company was reorganized, and the

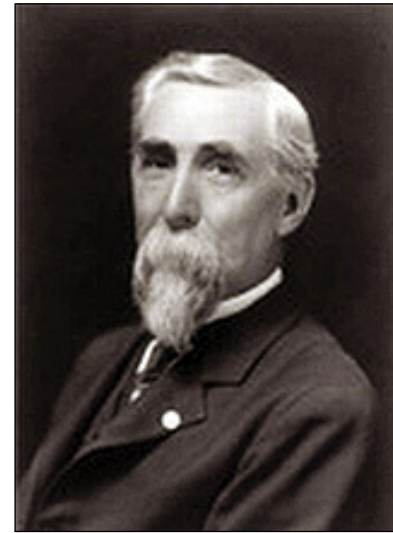


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Henry M. Leland, 1843-1932

Lincoln Motor Company Plant was retooled to manufacture luxury automobiles. The V8 engine used in the first Lincoln automobiles is said to be influenced by the Liberty engine's design. Leland named Lincoln Motor Company after Abraham Lincoln, stating that in 1864 Lincoln was the first President for whom he ever voted.

In 1922, Lincoln became insolvent and was bought out by Henry Ford's Ford Motor Company. Ford's bid of \$8 million was the only bid at a receivers sale. Ford had first offered \$5 million, but the judge would not accept it for a well-equipped company whose assets were conservatively estimated at \$16 million. Ford deliberately low-balled his offer as revenge against Leland's role in the creation of Cadillac.

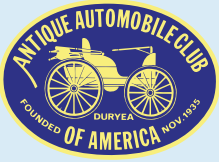
After the sale, Leland and his son Wilfred continued to run the company, believing they would still have full control to run the company as they saw fit. Ford assigned a number of their people to Lincoln, they said to learn. However, it soon became clear they were there to streamline their production and stop the loss of money that had bankrupted Lincoln. Relations between the Henry Ford and Leland workers continued to deteriorate.

On June 10, 1922, Ford executive Ernest Liebold arrived at Lincoln to ask for the resignation of Wilfred Leland. When it became clear that Liebold had the full authority of Henry Ford, Henry Leland resigned as well. That afternoon both men were shown out of the factory they had created.

Automotive pioneer Henry M. Leland died on March 26, 1932. The Lincoln continues to be part of the luxury line of Ford to the present day.

Source - Wikipedia

What's it Going to Take?



By Dave Anspach
2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer



What's it going to take to get things to change? The membership of the greatest Antique Automobile Club on the planet has been steadily declining for years and nothing that has been tried has changed it. Now don't get me wrong... we aren't in great danger, but if the declining membership doesn't turn around, before long there will be a big problem. There is an answer... it is YOU!

It has probably been stated a thousand times that if every member just got one new member, our membership would double. It's a simple concept. JUST GET ONE NEW MEMBER! Surely every person out there has a family member who isn't an AACA member. Get them a membership for Christmas! Any person with even a little interest in cars will appreciate the fine issues of *Antique Automobile* with its excellent pictures and articles.

How about a friend or neighbor? There is a car person in your life who would love such a gift! If you don't want to give a membership, how about using a free one from your local region? Every region would love an opportunity to sign up a new member. And let's not forget those free military memberships. Here is an opportunity not only to give something to those folks who have protected our freedom, but to add to the club membership at the same time. In both of the above cases, you are giving someone something for free!

I will tell you that in both cases, do yourself a favor and fill out the form with the person present and send it in for them. I have lost a lot of prospective members due to forgetfulness.

Finally, don't forget those people you meet at car shows, cruises and on the road! Always have membership materials, promotional items and spare magazines with you. You meet prospective members everywhere! People will see how much you enjoy the hobby and they just might want to join you!

So what's it going to take to get YOU to get a new member? It's YOUR club, it's up to you to make it grow and prosper! It is the responsibility of every member. Got any other ideas on how to grow the club? Contact me or any board member! We all would love to hear what YOU think!

-- The Rummage Box

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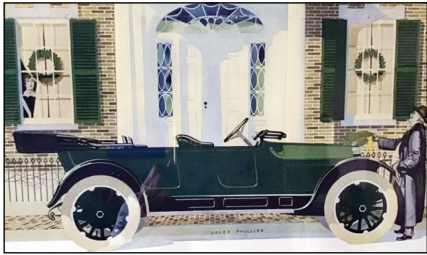
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time and talent, which helped produce this issue.

Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

December's Car



Phil Beattie was the first to correctly identify December's car as an Overland, which he also pointed out later became Willys-Overland. Congratulations Phil.

The Overland Automobile Company was the founding company of Willys-Overland and one of the earliest mass producers of automobiles.

The Overland Automobile department was founded in Terre Haute, Indiana by Claude E. Cox, when Charles Minshall of Standard Wheel Company decided to expand into automobile manufacturing. Standard Wheel were major suppliers of wheels to the carriage industry.

Cox developed a gasoline runabout in 1903. His runabout was an advanced design with a water-cooled 5-hp vertical single-cylinder engine mounted up front under a hood, rather than under the seat which was common practice. It featured a jump-spark ignition and a two-speed planetary transmission operated by a foot pedal. Priced at \$595 (equivalent to \$19,379 in 2022), 11 were built in 1903, doubling to 23 in 1904 when a two-cylinder engine was introduced. Claude Cox continued development adding a 16-hp four-cylinder engine, shaft-drive instead of chain and a steering wheel instead of a tiller, by 1905.

In 1905, Standard Wheel moved Overland production to Indianapolis, Indiana, but decided to leave automobile production and sold Overland to Claude Cox. David M. Parry became a 51% investor and formed the Overland Auto Company. Overland production was now in an extension of Parry's buggy factory. Now producing two models, production was only 37 cars in 1905 because of the moves. In 1906 production increased to 47, all sold to John North Willys, a car dealer in Elmira, New York.

The 1907 Panic caused David Parry to go bankrupt, including the loss of his house. By 1910 he had recovered enough to start the Parry Auto Company. J. N. Willys arrived in Indianapolis to protect his investment and ended up taking over Overland Auto Company.

In 1908, control of Overland was purchased by J. N. Willys and he managed to increase production that year to 467 Overlands. Overlands were rationalized to one design of a

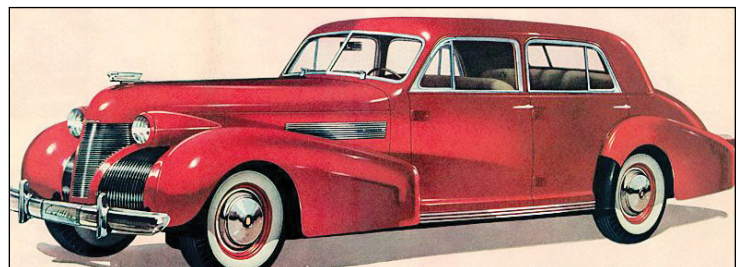
24hp four-cylinder car on two different wheelbases selling for \$1,295. In 1909 the production soared to 4,907 Overlands and Claude Cox left and formed his own laboratory business (now Testek, Inc.) in Detroit. In 1909, the Pope-Toledo factory was purchased and Overland moved to Toledo.

Production continued to grow and Overland remained a top three U. S. automobile manufacturer through 1919. In 1912, it was renamed Willys-Overland Company. Overland models expanded in the mid-price automobile market until 1917 when a new \$500 Overland to challenge the Model T Ford was announced. A disastrous strike delayed introduction until 1919 when it was priced at \$845 with electric lights and a self-starter. Willys revised this car to the Blue Bird and Red Bird models which helped Willys-Overland return to strength following a Receivership. Willys-Overland continued to use the Overland marque until 1926 when it became the Overland Whippet and then Willys Whippet.

When it became clear that the United States would be involved in WWII the Army contacted companies to design and create a working prototype of a four-wheel drive reconnaissance car. Although American Bantam in Butler, PA was able to meet the tight Army deadline, Willys-Overland and Ford were awarded the production contracts due to their production capabilities. The designs and engineering for what became known as the "Jeep" were based on the American Bantam prototype.

Source - Wikipedia

January/February's Car



Be the first to name the correct year and make of this big, red, stylish sedan and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card.

Here are two hints – It's the same year that the movies "The Wizard of Oz" with Judy Garland, "Gone With The Wind" were released. The establishment of the make of this car was the result of recommendations made by an automotive pioneer featured on page 9 of this newsletter.

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The Paul Motor Studebaker Dealership was along Route 30 near Jeannette, PA where the Route 66 Turnpike is today.

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