

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



1932 Nash 1082 R Coupe at the Jeff Lentz Collection during the Western PA Region AACA Double-Header Tour. See pages 6-8.





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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

Tuesday, July 16, Hoss's Steak & Sea House - Dinner (on your own) 6:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. 1261 South Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

Tuesday, August 6 - Car Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Westmoreland Conservation District barn, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. - Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982 - 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650 (Pipetown)

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. - Monthly Meeting at The Lincoln Highway Experience Museum - 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA 15650

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

Sunday, July 28 - Annual Picnic at The Cooperstown Club Pavilion, 1:00 p.m. 2541 T737, Latrobe, PA 15650 A registration flyer will be emailed to all members and included in the printed Round-Ups.

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.

NOTE: A Progressive Dinner Tour is in the works. We need one more dining stop host. There is a reimbursement budget for the hosts. If you are interested please contact WPR President Debbie Sheetz.

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

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

September 12-14, 2024 – Loveland, Colorado – Western Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Poudre Valley Region – Joe Pirrone, Chairman – joenkathy@earthlink.net

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

Saturdays - July 20, 27 August 10, 17, 24, 31
All Vehicle Cruise - New Life Cruisers at Word of Life Church, 4497 PA 136, Greensburg, PA 15601, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. No entry fee.

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.

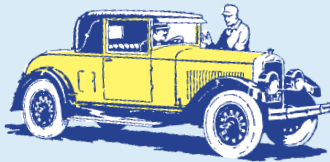
For more cruise and show listings... visit carmacruises.com Search “Pennsylvania” by month.

President's Message



WPR President Debbie Sheetz

Member News



Welcome new members:

Ron and Marianne Caruso
Brian Ellicke
Belinda Clark
Rob Grote and Patty Ostrowsky

WPR Cash for Gas Ticket Fundraiser

Please support our Western PA Region AACA programs and activities by helping sell our **Cash for Gas - Three Days to Win \$500 Each Day** tickets. Winners will be based on the 7:00 p.m. PA Lottery three digit number drawn on September 2, 3 and 4, 2024. There are two numbers on each ticket. We are selling only 500 tickets. Each ticket is a \$10 donation. Our goal is to sell out!

Text or call WPR Treasurer Craig DeFloria at 412-558-3100 to get envelopes of tickets to sell. There are 10 tickets in each envelope. **Tickets will also be available to sign out at the July 16 and August 20 WPR Monthly Meetings.**

I've heard about the Dog Days of Summer but enough is enough! If you are out there cruisin in your old cars, and I know some of you are, stay hydrated and cool!

If you missed Carl Erbs Double Header Car Collection Tour, you missed a great tour of two collections. Thank you Carl for arranging the nice day. The Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival is now behind us. Thank you all who volunteered to sell tickets and to those who brought out a car to display on the breast of the dam. With the record heat setting days, our display was enjoyed by all the visitors. Anyone needing more tickets please see Craig DeFloria.

With the annual picnic right around the corner, please send in your registrations. It promises to be a fun day as always.

It looks like Flo Myers has the car show preparations well underway. If you haven't attended a meeting or volunteered to help out at the show, there is a meeting scheduled on tuesday August 6th 7:00 at the Westmoreland Conservation District Barn. Please plan to attend for the latest updates and discussion. For anyone wishing to pre-register for the show, now is the time to send in your application.

We are still looking for another volunteer to host a stop on the Progressive Dinner Tour. Please let me know soon. As always, lets get those automobiles out for a drive so others may enjoy seeing them too!

-- Debbie



Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on June 18, 2024 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). Vice-President Flo Myers called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirty-one (31) members in attendance. Eight (8) guests were at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the May 20, 2024 monthly meeting held at Specialty Cars Ltd., 4728 PA-982, Latrobe. Vice-President Flo Myers asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the May 20, 2024 minutes as printed in the June 2024 issue of the Western Round-Up. Hearing none, Flo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by John Harvey, seconded by Cindy Harvey and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Craig DeFloria

Treasurer Craig DeFloria read the Treasurer's Report for May 2024. Vice-President Flo Myers asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Sheila Kurtz, seconded by Tony Mascia and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that there are three (3) new membership application to read, Brian Ellicke of Delmont, Belinda Clark of Bolivar, and Rob Grote and Patty Ostrowskey of Youngstown were recommended for membership.

Mark DeFloria made a motion to accept Brian Ellicke into the Region, seconded by Sheila Kurtz and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Brian.

Sheila Kurtz made a motion to accept Belinda Clark into the Region, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Belinda.

John Harvey made a motion to accept Rob Grote and Patty Ostrowskey into the Region, seconded by Kirk Fellabom and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Rob and Patty.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson talked about the cost of distributing a hard copy of the newsletter. The newsletter has nine issues, January/February, March/April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November/December. Mark reminded the members present

that the newsletter is available on the Region's web site and emailed to members when the newsletter is issued. Mailed copies of the newsletter are available for an additional \$25 fee during the initial membership application or renewal.

Website – Mark DeFloria

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

NEW BUSINESS

July 4, 5, 6 & 7 - The 50th Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that the Western PA Region AACA will once again have a promotional booth and rotating display of antique cars on the lower lake dam breast, including a Cash for Gas ticket fundraiser. A sign up sheet for hosting the promotional booth and ticket selling was available at tonight's meeting and Space on the dam breast for antique and classic cars is limited and on a scheduled host and first come basis.

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

The WPR Sunshine Committee consists of Flo Myers, Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler and Becky Blank. Please let a member of the committee know when you become aware of a member that can use some sunshine. Flo reported that two sympathy cards and one get well card were sent out in May.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl Erb reported on the upcoming "Double-Header Car Collection Tour" on Saturday June 22, 2024. We will be visiting two separate collections of antique, resto-mod and more modern cars. Each collection has 16 to 20 unique cars. Meeting at Norwin Hills Shopping Center at 10:00 AM. (Where Saturday evening car cruises were held for many years.) 8735 Norwin Ave, Irwin, PA 15642. The tour is up to about 30 people at this point. Please let Carl know if you plan to attend.

Annual Picnic – John Kuhns

John Kuhns reported that The Picnic is on Sunday, July 28th. 2024 at Cooperstown Club, 2541 Thomas Street, Latrobe, PA 15650. A reservation flyer will follow.

Annual Car Show – Flo Myers

Flo Myers reported on plans for the 2024 Annual Car Show. We have most classes covered but we still need eight sponsors. We also need donated baskets and lottery tickets. The next

Show Meeting is August 6th at 7:00 PM at the Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn building), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Christmas Party - John Kuhns

John Kuhns Sr. reported that the annual Christmas Party will be on December 8th at Rizzo's Malabar Inn. Mark your calendars!

Monthly Antique/Classic Car Award

This month the award for driving a classic or antique vehicle to the meeting was won by Tony Mascia.

Meeting Snacks - Toni Beattie

Toni Beatty brought delicious snacks for tonight's meeting.

July Monthly Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 16, Hoss's Steak & Sea House - Dinner (on your own) 6:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting. 7:00 p.m. 1261 South Main Street, Greensburg, PA 156

Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. Becky Blank made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Brian Ellicke and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



Tony Mascia receives the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award from WPR Vice President Flo Myers.

Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award

Tony and Norma Mascia won the rotating Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award at the June Monthly Meeting.

Those members who drive an antique or classic car to a WPR event or meeting are eligible to enter a drawing to win custody of this classy award. They may enjoy it until the next event when it is passed on to another winner.

The award was originally made by Dave Sheetz and features a timing chain with gears mounted on a wooden plaque with the WPR logo. Sharing this award is an honor and promotes getting those wonderful old cars out on the road. Congratulations, Tony and Norma.

Car Show Corner

By Flo Myers, Car Show Chair



WPR member Dave Davis is welcomed to the 2023 Car Show at the Main Gate by Carl Erb and Tom King.

Our Region's 60th Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe is just around the corner on Sunday September 1, 2024. **The next Car Show Committee meeting, is August 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. We welcome our new WPR members to attend and enjoy helping with this great show.**

Here is a list of things we still need:

Western PA Region yellow T-shirts requests need to be to Flo by August 1. Wearing these yellow T-shirts helps identify us as team at the car show and other events. These shirts are at no charge, one per member. If you have a yellow shirt, but you need a size change, or it's worn out please let me know.

PA Lottery scratch off ticket donations are needed by the WPR August 20 Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650 (Pipetown) See Phil Beattie.

There are 8 judging class sponsorships left. Please help us get these remaining classes sponsored by local businesses and those who may be interested in supporting our Region and Car Show. The sponsorship letter and forms are posted on the WPR website homepage. [Click here.](#)

Donations of baskets and items for the Silent Auction. Questions - please contact Toni Beattie

Donations of baked goods for our wonderful Bake Sale Questions - please contact Molly Detwiler

Other questions or concerns - let's talk soon.

Thanks - Flo

WPR-AACA Double-Header Car Collection Tour

Part 1 - Jeff Lentz Early 1930's Nash Automobiles

By Carl Erb



Admiring the fabulous colors and chrome on these stunning 1932 Nash automobiles in Jeff Lentz's showroom, l-r: John Kuhns, Sr. Tom King and Jaime Cintron.

To do justice to both collections of cars in our WPR-AACA “Double-Header Car Tour”, which took place on June 22, 2024, The Lentz Antique Nash Car Collection will appear in the July 2024 edition and the Gainfort Eclectic Car Collection will appear in our August 2024 newsletter.

Our tour of Jeff (Geoffrey) Lentz's early 1930's Nash Automobiles would not have been possible without the friendship that our WPR-AACA members Cris & Molly Detwiler have developed with him. Cris & Molly are also Nash owners who attend every National Nash event with one of their multiple AACA award winning 1940's Nashes. Cris has also been the Chairman of the Ohio-Penn Region of the Nash Car Club of America.

Although many of our WPR-AACA members have become acquainted with Jeff, his wife Dawn and their son Geoffrey while admiring his Concours Quality restored 1932, 1933 and 1934 Nashes at many local car shows, they have only seen some of his cars, one or two at a time. To see all sixteen of his Nashes at one time lined up in his spotless showroom is an absolute jaw-dropping experience. Two years ago, his cars were

featured at the center of the popular Irwin Business & Professional Association Car Cruise in downtown Irwin, PA, where just two of his cars were featured. Jeff has also been a long-time supporter of our own WPR-AACA Labor Day weekend car show at Legion Keener Park in Latrobe PA, allowing us the opportunity to see at least one of his cars every year. Whenever he shows his cars at an AACA judged event, they always receive an award. Jeff's authentically restored collection consists of fourteen 1932, '33, and '34 Nashes and he and his son are currently working on 3 more Nashes of the same vintage. [Click here](#) to see photos of his son Geoffrey with his “project” car.

Of the total 16 Nashes in his garage/showroom, two of them have been “restomodded” with modern day suspension, engines, power steering and air conditioning so his family can just plain enjoy driving around comfortably in hot weather while still, to the unknowing eye, having the cars look like beautiful original Nash productions that car enthusiasts love to admire. Like me, I am sure that many car cruise participants and spectators who have met Jeff for the first time have said, “THAT'S A



Amazing examples of the stylish and colorful early 1930's Nash automobile legacy, all in a row.



A 1934 Nash Business Coupe



A dynamic mermaid hood ornament on one of the 1932 Nashes

NASH??" There is a NASH CAR CLUB OF AMERICA with around 1,000 dedicated members, which just had their GRAND NASHIONAL Meet in Oregon IL, 100 miles west of Chicago, one week after we toured Jeff's Garage/Showroom. The Nash club has a very active and informative [website](#) that lists the regions all over the U.S. and keeps their members connected and informed about what is going on in their world. Just a few days ago, Cris informed me that Jeff was awarded Best of Show for his 1932 Nash Ambassador 4 Door Sedan Model 1096 at the NASHional Meet.

During my first visit to his garage, I asked Jeff why he has a particular interest in this era of Nash automobiles, and he said, "I just like the way they lend themselves to beautiful two-tone paint jobs". Thinking there must be more reason than that, I have since asked him that same question twice and the answer is always the same. When you look at the photos and the video accompanying this article, you can certainly understand what he means. Jeff has done all the mechanical work himself and the painting has all been done by Dale, who now performs his

high-quality art of automobile painting in part of Jeff's auto repair shop, while the upholstery has been done by a concours quality upholstery shop not far from Jeff's garage.

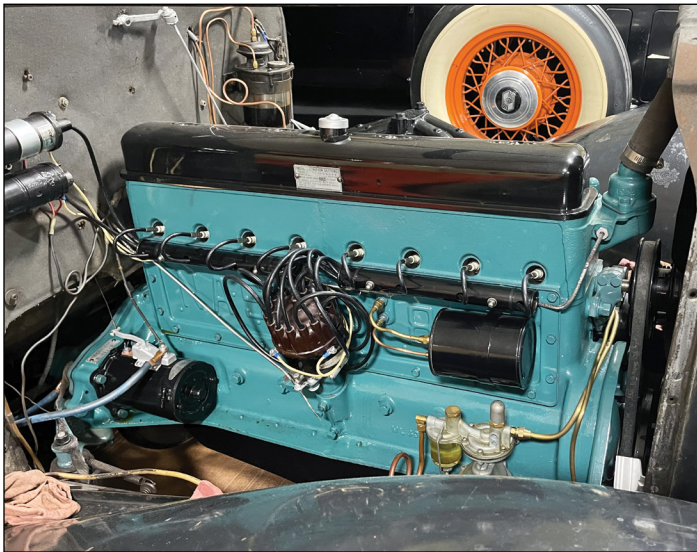
I have searched all over the internet to find collections and museums about Nash Automobiles and have discovered that Nash has become a relatively obscure brand. For some strange reason, even though Nash was produced from 1916 to 1957 and has introduced many new concepts in automobile production to the world, the brand has never become a collectible car on the same level as considerably more expensive brands like Packard, Cadillac, Lincoln etc. This is just one of the many things that makes Jeff's collection so incredibly unique. In addition to my internet research, I have spoken to our own encyclopedia of Nash knowledge, Cris and Molly Detweiler, and Jeff Lantz who may well be the world's foremost authority on '32, '33, '34 Nashes. I have not been able to find information about anyone, anywhere in the world who has keyed into

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the early 1930's era of Nash like Jeff Lentz has done. Within our own AACA Region's "backyard" we have what is undoubtedly the world's greatest collection of early 1930's Nash Automobiles. Unlike so many current and long-lost car companies, which were based in the Detroit area, Nash was produced in the state of Wisconsin. If you do a Google search for Nash Auto Museums, the only ones that come up are the [Rambler Ranch](#) in Colorado and the [Wisconsin Automobile Museum](#), but neither of them has such a specific and plentiful collection of 1932, '33 and '34 Nashes like Jeff does.

I will not try to dazzle you in this article with my lack of technical knowledge of this era of Nashes, but rather I will refer you to a great video by a young YouTube videographer, named Justin Anderson, who I met at the Beaver Falls PA Car Cruise

in June of 2023. I told him about Jeff's early 1930's Nash Collection and Justin, who just goes by "J", sought him out at the AACA show in Hershey in October 2023 and produced the following video about Jeff's 1932 Nash Twin Ignition Special Eight, which again won another AACA ward at that event. Be patient at the beginning of the video because "J" starts his videos by telling you other things that are going on in world history in the same year as the year of the car that he is featuring. In the video, which is about 13 minutes long, Jeff only shows up at the rear passenger side of his car a few times. "J" has been in touch with Jeff and will be doing a video about his entire collection, which I will make sure our members are aware of when it is completed. Visit YouTube online and search for "1932 Nash Twin Ignition Special Eight", or for a link to the video [click here](#).



A handsome Nash straight eight engine



1932 Nash Cabriolet



The 1934 lineup of Jeff Lentz's Nashes



The 1932 Nash Ambassador four-door pictured above during the 2023 Western PA Region AACA Car Show just won Best of Show at the 2024 Nash Car Club of America Grand NASHional Show in Illinois.



Western PA Region members and friends at the Lentz Nash Collection, *l-r front kneeling* - Jaime Cintron, Flo Myers, Molly Detwiler and Carl Erb, *standing l-r*, Jeff Lentz, Mike Taylor, Geoffrey Lentz, Dawn Lentz, Dave Sheetz, Debbie Sheetz, Clay Stoner, Norma Mascia, Tony Mascia, CJ Maurer, Bill Maurer, Howard Finney, Jill Jackson, Denny Blank, Camille Erb, Tom King, Doreen King, Lew Gainfort, Sandy Ruffo, Charlie Schifano and John Myers

Loving Those Old Cars at the Latrobe 4th of July Parade

By Flo Myers

It was a beautiful day for a parade celebrating the 4th of July in Latrobe, PA. We arrived early. Within had a slight bit of confusion in the organization, but it turned out well. Once we got to the designated location, we were honored to have Maisie Kuhns lead us in the pledge of allegiance (thank you Maisie). Once we finally got into the parade route, it went very smoothly. We had a lot of great reception with people cheering,

hollering what year, what's under the hood, and our friends calling out our names and giving a thumbs up

Dave and Debbie Sheetz, Tom and Doreen King, Tom and Dodie Ulishney, John Ross Kuhns III and Maisie, Toni and Phil Beattie, Maryann and Ron Caruso, John Myers and myself participated in this year's parade.



WPR President Debbie Sheetz, Dave Sheetz and their 1929 Plymouth



Maise Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns in his 1971 Olds Cutlass Supreme



l-r: Phil and Toni Beattie's 1967 Chevelle and Tom and Dodie Ulishney's 1967 Mustang are parade ready.



Ron and Marianne Caruso's 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air Convertible honored our veterans during the parade.

Helping the



Celebrate 50 Years!



l-r: Cris and Molly Detwiler, Norma and Tony Mascia



Strolling dancers in front of our display



1932 Nash from Specialty Cars Ltd.

One of the top Festivals in Pennsylvania and the USA, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg celebrated its 50th Anniversary on July 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2024. The festival features outstanding classic and contemporary crafts, demonstrating artists, a wide variety of savory foods, a juried fine arts exhibition, continuous entertainment on four stages, strolling entertainers and interesting and engaging heritage displays.

The Western PA Region AACA has been a part of the festival since 1989, showcasing our automotive heritage on the lower lake dam breast with a rotating display of antique cars, a promotional booth and various fundraisers. That's a 35 year relationship adding a unique facet to the festival's offerings.

The four days of the festival this year were beautiful, but very hot. We had many visitors stop to admire the old cars and talk with us at our booth. They asked interesting questions, shared car stories and enjoyed taking free older issues of *Antique Auto Magazine*, the WPR newsletter, older WPR dash plaques and lollipops. We had several inquires about membership and gave out WPR and AACA membership form packets. Our Cash for Gas fundraiser ticket sales were slow, but steady.

Thanks to all members who helped host the display this year and a HUGE thanks to John Ross Kuhns, John Kuhns Sr. and Specialty Cars Ltd. for providing two beautiful cars to display for the four days of the Festival - a 1932 Nash and 1967 Mustang. These cars were the anchors of our display and people loved them.



Denny and Becky Blank hosting our booth



l-r: 1957 Chevy, 1950 Willys Jeepster, 1971 Olds Cutlass Supreme



1967 Mustang admirers



Carl Erb demonstrates his 1970 Citroen DS hydraulic leveling system.



Mark and Sandy DeFloria's 1957 Chevy Convertible. Craig DeFloria's 1950 Willys Jeepster sits behind.



Casper and Craig DeFloria head for home in their 1950 Willys Jeepster

Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

June's Car



Tony and Norma Mascia were the first to correctly identify June's Car as a 1960 DeSoto. Denny and Becky Blank also correctly identified the make, but guessed the year as 1961. The '60 and '61 DeSotos were similar in style, but the 1961 models had a different grill and a shorter wheelbase. Denny and Becky also identified the owner of this car who has shown it at many local car cruises and shows. Becky then correctly answered the bonus question - "What was the name of the famous celebrity who advertised this make for many years on his classic television show?" The answer was Groucho Marx. The name of the show was "You Bet Your Life". It was a game show where Groucho would humorously interview guests to see if they would mention the "secret word" to win prize money. When a DeSoto commercial ran it would conclude with a large round DeSoto logo. The off camera announcer would say, "Visit your DeSoto-Plymouth dealer today!" Then the logo would open like a porthole window, Groucho would lean out and say, "And tell 'em Groucho sent you."

1961 was the last production year for DeSoto. The DeSoto marque was founded by Walter Chrysler on August 4, 1928, to compete with Pontiac, Studebaker, Hudson and Willys in the mid-price class. Introduced for the 1929 model year, DeSoto served as a lower-priced version of Chrysler products, with Dodge positioned above DeSoto, while Plymouth was added as the entry-level product of the Chrysler hierarchy in 1928.

The marque was named after the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto, who led the first European expedition deep into the territory of the modern-day United States (Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi) and was the first documented European to have crossed the Mississippi River. The DeSoto logo featured a stylized image of the explorer.

Wikipedia



DeSoto automobile emblem

July's Car



When WPR members visited Jeff Lentz's fabulous collection of 1932, 33 and 34 Nash automobiles during the first part of Carl Erb's "Double Header Car Collection Tour" on June 22nd, this blue beauty was sitting in a corner of the showroom. Be the first to correctly identify the year, make and model of this vehicle and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Look closely. (Hint - It's not a Nash.) Email me at jacksonmark469@gmail.com, call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or see me in person at a WPR meeting or event.

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Well-Timed Ten Millionth Model T Photo

The Museum of American Speed in Lincoln Nebraska recreated the 1924 promotional drive of the Ten Millionth Model T Ford 3,389 miles from New York to San Francisco along the Lincoln Highway in early June this year to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of this historic journey. On the evening of June 3, the 1924 Model T touring car stopped in Greensburg and was welcomed by admirers and WPR members at Barnhart's Funeral home, which is along the route.

After a 200-plus mile drive that day to Greensburg in the Model T, the crew first stopped at their hotel on Rt. 30 West to freshen up. Then they headed to Barnhart's. WPR member's Doreen and Tom King were in the area at the time. Doreen took this photo of the Ten Millionth Model T crossing Rt. 30 to continue on the original Lincoln Highway by Mount Odin. To the right is a Lincoln Highway art sculpture of an early motorist, which was featured on the 2018 WPR- AACA Grand National Meet dash plaque designed by Clay Stoner.

They're Still Out There!

By Bill Holtzer



It is amazing as you go around the area of 30-50 miles how many older cars and trucks are still out there.

This car, which is a 1946-48 Dodge Four-Door, has been sitting for sale along Route 819 in Mount Pleasant in an area called "Standard" for at least four years.

Keep watching each month for a new find. I know where there are more.

-- Bill