

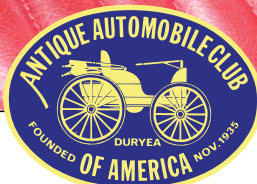
# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



75  
YEARS  
1950 - 2025

July 2025

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment  
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



Behind the wheel of a 1953 Buick Skylark  
Convertible during the WPR tour to Mars, PA





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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.

# 2025 Calendar

Notices of future WPR meeting and event dates, times and locations to be listed and emailed as they are determined.

## WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

**Tuesday, July 15 - Hoss's Steak & Sea House**  
**Dinner on your own at 6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

South Main St., Greensburg

**Tuesday, August 19 - American Legion Post 982 at 7:00 p.m.** 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe (Pipetown)

**Tuesday, September 16 - American Legion Post 982 at 7:00 p.m.** 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe (Pipetown)

## WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

**Sunday, July 20 - 75th WPR Anniversary Drive**  
**Details to be announced.**

**Sunday, July 27 - Annual Picnic, starting at 1:00 p.m.**  
Cooperstown Club, Latrobe

**Sunday, August 31 - 61st Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show**  
Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

**Sunday, December 7 - Annual Christmas Party**  
Rizzo's, Crabtree, PA

## AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

[See aaca.org - Events - National Shows and Tours](http://aaca.org)  
for details and registration links

**July 24-26, 2025 – Grand Nationals / Zenith**  
Dayton, Ohio

**September 7-12, 2025 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour®**  
(Pre-1943) - Owensboro, Kentucky (VMCCA Hosted)

**October 7-10, 2025 – Eastern Fall Meet**  
Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA –  
717-566-7720

**October 18-22, 2025 – Central Divisional Tour –**  
San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region – 214-498-0531

**October 23-25, 2025 – Central Fall Nationals –**  
Galveston, TX – hosted by Gulf Coast Region AACA –  
832-693-4008



## From the Editor



How about that? Both our Western PA Region and AACA have a lot to celebrate in 2025. We're celebrating 75 years and our National organization is celebrating 90 years – both of us promoting the enjoyment and preservation of antique automobiles! Our timing chains are synchronized and running smoothly. Congratulations to AACA and to us. Let's build a great future together. Participation is where the magic is.

Take the opportunity to participate and enjoy an AACA National Meet, Tour or activity whenever you can. See the schedule on page 2 and check out their website. As a participant or spectator you'll take home some great memories.

-- Mark Jackson



The WPR antique 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible Chance Car

I would like to thank everyone that came out to sell chance car tickets and hopefully have some fun and participate in the festivities at the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival July 3, 4, 5 and 6. We sold a total of 326 tickets over the four days, which I consider a success.

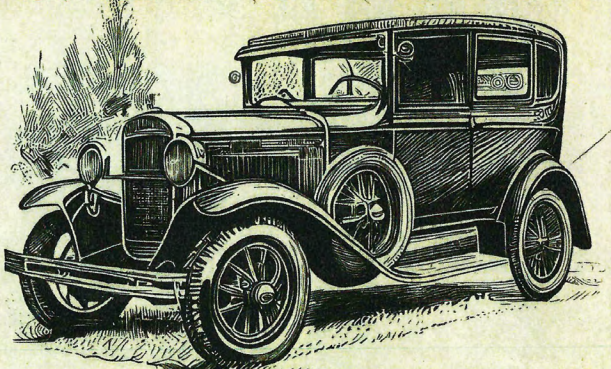
Thanks to everyone who volunteered and spent time at our Western PA Region booth. The success of our club is paramount to having everyone participate, have fun and join in as many activities as you are able to do. We couldn't do it without you.

-- Tom King

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4<sup>th</sup> Annual

# CAR CRUISE



Rev up your engines and cruise on over to the most anticipated car show of the year! Whether you're a car enthusiast, a collector, or just someone who appreciates the beauty of finely crafted automobiles, this event is for you. Our 4th Annual Car Cruise will feature a stunning array of classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods, and exotic vehicles from all eras. It's a celebration of automotive history and innovation that you won't want to miss, featuring music from East Coast Turnaround and food from Smoking Ed's BBQ Ribs & More!

Lincoln Highway Experience, 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA

For more information and to register your vehicle

www.lhnc.org  
724-873-4241

7  
SEPTEMBER  
AT 12PM

SEE YOU THERE!



Setting up the WPR promotional booth on the Lower Lake dam breast at Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg



Doreen and Tom King greet a Festival visitor at the WPR booth.





# Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on June 17, 2025 at The Lincoln Highway Experience, 3435 Route 30 East, Latrobe. President John Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-four (24) members in attendance. Linda Perry was a guest at tonight's meeting.

## Minutes of the May 21, 2025 Monthly Meeting

The May 21, 2025, Monthly Meeting was held at Specialty Cars Ltd., Latrobe. President John Kuhns asked if there were any corrections to the May 21, 2025 minutes as printed in the June 2025 issue of the Western Round-Up. Hearing none, John asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Becky Blank, seconded by John Myers and unanimously approved.

## Treasurers Report – Craig DeFloria

Craig was not present. No Report.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership – Howard Finney

A new membership application was read for Joseph and Linda Perry of Champion. Kirk Fellabom made a motion to accept Joseph and Linda into the Region, seconded by Brian Ellicke and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Joseph and Linda.

### Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark was not present – No Report.

### Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded members to please continue to let him know if they have an address or email address change. Chance car tickets are now available online from our web site. Many thanks to Craig DeFloria for setting it up. Mark asked the members present if they were receiving emails from the region. All members present indicated that they received the June newsletter.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 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 were sent out in May/June.

### Rev-Up Party – Toni and Phil Beattie

Toni reported that the members that attended the Rev-Up Party had a good time. The Rev Up Party was held on Saturday, April 26 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District (barn), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. The theme was "Warm Up at the Rev-Up Beach Party!" The WPR provided fried chicken, pulled pork and beverages. Members were asked to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Phil directed an auto trivia and a guessing game. Door prizes were given out.



Norma Mascia receives the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award from WPR Vice President Flo Myers at the Lincoln Highway Experience museum, Route 30 East, Latrobe.

## Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award

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

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 beautiful award. They may enjoy it until the next event when it is passed on to another winner.

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

Our region encourages members to enjoy driving their old cars. When doing so they inspire warm nostalgia and a sense of automotive heritage in our communities.

### **Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns**

The WPR Annual Picnic will be held at the Cooperstown Club, Latrobe on Sunday, July 27, 2025. July 20th is the Western PA Region's 75th Birthday!

### **Car Show – Flo Myers**

Flo reported that the food truck vendors have confirmed their participation for the car show. Flo also reported that the Judges sheets have been revised reducing the categories from ten to five categories. The car show is on September 4th from noon till 4:00 pm. Members are asked to come earlier to help.

### **Tours – Carl Erb**

Carl reported that the July 6th tour to a collection in Carnegie, PA has been postponed.

### **Christmas Party – John Ross Kuhns**

The Christmas Party is planned for December 7 and will be held at Rizzo's in Crabtree.

### **2025 Chance Car**

The Region has purchased a 2025 Chance Car. The car antique 1996 Chevy Camaro Z28 Convertible with 52,000 original miles. Debbie and Dave Sheetz have volunteered to handle the tickets. Doreen and Tom volunteered to store and handle the car. Please contact Debbie and Dave for tickets. Tickets can be purchased on line from the Region's web page.

### **WPR Badge Fines**

WPR Badge Fines of 25 cents each were collected during the April meeting from those not wearing their WPR name badges. The winner of the collected pot is then randomly selected from the WPR Roster at the meeting. #77 was selected, Geneviev Snively. Geneviev was not present. Without a winner the pot will be carried forth until the July Meeting. It pays to attend!

### **July Monthly Meeting**

The July Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, South Main St., Greensburg.

### **August Monthly Meeting**

The August Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday, August 19 at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown).

### **Meeting Snacks – Toni Beattie**

Toni Beatty brought cookies, cheese and brownies snacks for tonight's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

At 7:43 p.m. President John Kuhns called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Bill Maurer, seconded by Tony Masscia and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

## **Car Show Corner**



### **Greetings – It's me, Flo Myers!**

I'm sure by now you are all aware of the routine as the August 31st Car Show approaches. I'm asking each member to participate to the most of their ability.

With that said, the following are major parts of the show that need to be addressed:

- **SCRATCH OFF LOTTERY TICKETS** for Lottery Board ASAP
- **YELLOW T-SHIRTS**, must contact me by July 31st.
- **BASKET RAFFLE**, please start thinking of items you could put into a basket or two for car show auction.
- **BAKED GOODS**, think about the recipes you'd like to make or if they freeze well, maybe even make now.
- Know of any company that has small items like tablets, pens, cups, coupons, etc., that we can offer to drivers, see me.
- **SIGN-UP** to help group leaders. It's entirely possible to assist in multiple areas-when one area is closed, please help in another.
- **NEXT/FINAL MEETING BEFORE SHOW** – August 5th at 7:00 PM at the Westmoreland Conservation District (barn) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg.

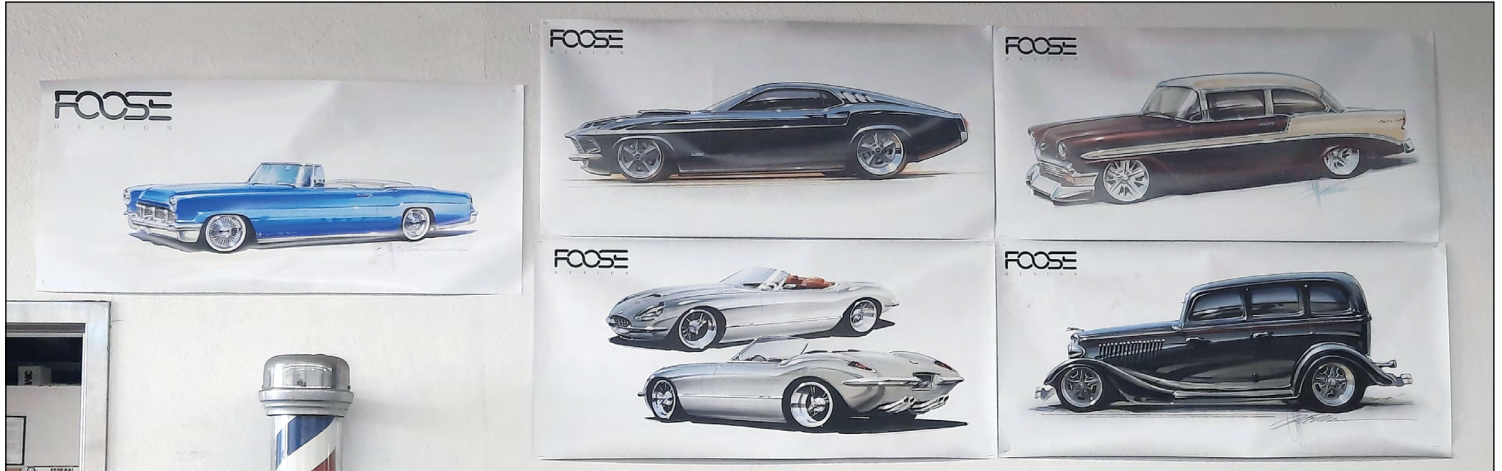
### **Group Leaders:**

**Baked Goods** – Molly Detwiler -HELPERS NEEDED  
**Basket Auction** – Toni Beattie – HELP NEEDED FOR BREAKS  
**Lottery Board** – Phil Beattie – HELP NEEDED FOR BREAKS  
**Registration** – Norma Mascia – HELPERS NEEDED  
**Pre-Registration** – Becky Blank  
**Judging** – Cris Detwiler – MANY JUDGES NEEDED  
**Parking** – Dave Sheetz, Tony Mascia – HELPERS NEEDED TO DIRECT CARS ON THE SHOW FIELD  
**Class Assigning at Gate** – Dave Sheetz, Tony Mascia and John Myers  
**Entrance Gate** – Tom King, Denny Blank  
**50/50 Sales** – Debbie Sheetz – HELPERS NEEDED  
**Food Bank** – Flo Myers – HELPER NEEDED  
**Food Trucks** – Becky Blank



# California Adventures *with Cris and Molly - Part 2*

by Cris and Molly Detwiler



End result drawings by Chip Foose of cars in the shop



Work-in-progress cars in the garage



1936 Ford Roadster in the gift shop showroom

While in California, we visited another car shop/garage owned by well-known car designer, Chip Foose. The American public was introduced to Foose through a television show called *Overhaulin'*. The show was a car restoration reality show featuring Foose as one of the hosts. He would design and help with the restoration of old cars which had an interesting back story, and whose owners were secretly nominated by family and friends because they could not afford to restore the cars themselves.

Chip started working for another car designer, influencer, Boyd Coddington who designed and built cars in southern California. Chip was a designer for Boyd and he actually designed Boyd's logo. There was a disagreement between Chip and Boyd, so Chip went on his own to Huntington Beach, CA in 1999. After Boyd's death and his shop closed, Chip brought in

some employees from Boyd's business to make sure they were not out of a job.

We drove to take a tour of Foose's garage. We saw on the website that tours are available Monday through Thursday and they are given promptly at noon. The garage has eight bays and he employs about eight people at this site. We walked up to the garage gate and waited for the garage's secretary to unlock the gate. There were four people at the beginning then two more people arrived for the tour.

We were allowed to walk around the cars in the shop and take pictures. There were drawings (drawn by Chip) on the wall to show the end result of the cars being worked on at the garage. The cars that are in progress were a 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II (modified), a 50s DeSoto, '56 Chevy Bel Air, and a 30s Ford. There was also a finished Manx Dune Buggy





1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II in progress



1930s Ford in progress



Foose 1956 Bel-Air interior drawings



Form shaping buck hung on the ceiling



Foose's own personal Manx Dune Buggy with Porsche engine

(a Manx body with a Porsche engine), which is Chip's personal vehicle. The tour guide said the restoration of the '56 Lincoln Continental will cost about a million dollars, and the family has a second Lincoln that is at a different restoration shop being restored to AACA standards, so that when completed both cars will travel to shows and be displayed side by side.

Chip also likes to collect bicycles and those are located throughout the shop.

One of the visitors on the tour wanted to have Chip work on his car so he asked about the cost/expense of restoring a car at Foose's garage. The secretary/tour guide said that most cars start at \$300,000 and can go up to \$5 million with a 2 year waiting list.

The gift shop, next door to the garage, housed Foose's awards and recognitions including the SEMA's Hall of Fame, four

Ridler awards (awarded for the Best Roadster) and the Petersen Museum Visionary award. Also at the gift shop was one the 2005 Ridler award winning car, a 1936 Ford Roadster (The Impression). The headlights have V8 etched in the glass.

Currently in the garage, there is a car that was previously-built by Boyd Coddington that Chip is in the process of updating. Foose's garage was used for filming the television, 'Overhaulin'', for the last two years of its production.

Here is a Youtube video of Chip's tour of the garage (filmed in February 2025).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymtCSg\\_dphs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymtCSg_dphs)  
California Dreaming



# HPOF Class is Now AACA Original



By Dave Bowman  
VP - Judging

Since its founding, AACA has been dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of automobiles. In the furtherance of the “preservation” mission, in 1987, the AACA Board of Directors established a program to encourage the saving and display of collector vehicles in their original, as-manufactured condition. **This program entitled the “Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF)” was updated in 2025 to “AACA Original.”** The AACA Original program encourages owners of vehicles 25 years old or older, to maintain significant original features in this original condition, and to show them at AACA Nationals. A vehicle may be entirely “original” or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as delivered. These vehicles will not be point judged. **It should be noted, that there is no change to the evaluation process or scoring sheets for this class.** A vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive an AACA Original board, AACA Original chip, and an AACA Original badge. The badge should be visibly mounted on the vehicle. No vehicle will be re-certified if it does not display the AACA Original badge. The badge will be engraved with the year awarded.

A vehicle having achieved the AACA Original certification award is now eligible for certification at a subsequent Nationals in order to achieve the Senior AACA Original award. If certified as a Senior AACA Original, the owner will receive an AACA Senior tab to be mounted behind the AACA Original badge on the vehicle and a Senior AACA Original preservation chip for mounting on the board. If the vehicle does not certify at the Senior AACA Original level, it will receive a repeat AACA Original chip provided it meets the AACA Original certification standards. If a vehicle is not certified as a Senior AACA Original, it can be reconsidered for the award if the owner submits a request to the VP Judging. The VP will inform the owner whether the request has been granted or denied. If granted, the vehicle can be entered in a subsequent Nationals to be evaluated again for the Senior AACA Original award. The vehicle will either be certified at that time as a Senior AACA Original or if

it still does not meet the criteria, it may continue to be eligible for repeat AACA Original awards provided it meets the certification standards. If the re-consideration is denied, the vehicle maintains AACA Original status and is eligible to be shown for AACA Original repeat awards at all future AACA Nationals. No previous National First Prize winners are accepted unless they are original and have been maintained to preserve their originality. An AACA Original certified vehicle that is significantly restored will lose its AACA Original certification.

- a. Vehicles that received their First HPOF certification prior to 2025 will be evaluated for Senior AACA Original Status.
- i. Vehicles certified as an AACA Original but not a Senior will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year and AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings unless successful at petitioning for a reconsideration from the VP of Judging.
- ii. Vehicles certified as a Senior AACA Original will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year, Senior Tab, and Senior AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat Senior AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings.
- b. Members who choose to either a) not recertify their HPOF vehicle into the AACA Original program at a national show, or b) who wish to have their original HPOF certification date on their AACA Original Badge can purchase updated badges.
  - i. Purchased AACA Original Badges will be engraved with the year of HPOF Certification at a cost of \$15.00.
  - ii. HPOF and Repeat HPOF vehicles may only purchase the updated AACA Original Badge.
  - iii. AACA Original HPOF Vehicles must have both the updated AACA Original Badge and Senior Tab, additional charges may apply.
  - iv. For Chip replacement, please contact National Headquarters. The former HPOF and AACA Original HPOF chips are no longer available.









# Segments of a Milton Hershey Biopic Filmed in Ligonier

Photos by Clay Stoner

Long time WPR member Clay Stoner paid a visit to the town of Ligonier to watch the filming of a biopic on Milton Hershey. Filming took place June 4-7. The movie crew transformed Ligonier to represent early 20th century Hershey, PA. Streets were closed off near the Ligonier Diamond and covered with mulch and wood chips to look like dirt roads. Period correct vehicles were also brought in. Storefronts were altered to resemble an old time drugstore, photography studio, millinery

and others. Cast members were also dressed appropriately.

Locals could watch the preparations and filming. Some even served as extras. The film stars Finn Wittrock as Milton Hershey, Alexandra Daddario as Catherine "Kitty" Hershey and is directed by Mark Waters. It scheduled for release in 2026.

Other PA towns including Pittsburgh and Harmony were also used for filming. Enjoy these spectator photos Clay took of Ligonier's transformation during the filming.



Ligonier streets closed for filming.



Wood chips and mulch were brought in to simulate dirt roads of long ago.



Placing a prop sign.



Horsedrawn wagon



A Model T Ford ready for action



An antique truck and brass era Buick



Cast members in early 20th century era costumes



Ligonier transformed to a time gone by.



# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## June's Car



Denny and Becky Blank were the first to correctly identify this spiffy little diecast car as a Henry J by Kaiser. Other members to correctly identify the Henry J were Howard Finney, Tom King and Tony and Norma Mascia.

This is the first Henry J diecast I've ever seen. This car always fascinated me. As a kid in the 1960s, I remember seeing an elderly couple from Greensburg who drove this odd, little dark blue car to the Davis Supermarket on Pittsburgh Street. It was work worn with faded paint and stood out against the large, flashy 1960s cars parked around it. When I asked my Dad what kind of car it was he replied. "That's a Henry J. It was cheap little car made by Kaiser."

Later in life I learned that the early Henry J cars didn't even have a trunk lid. Now I wonder how those elderly owners managed loading their groceries way back then.

## July's Car



### WPR 75th Anniversary Memories

Here's a photo from a batch of photos given to me many years ago by long time member Al Wirick, which he and his wife Sally took during their years with WPR. Both Al and Sally are gone now. To help celebrate WPR's 75th Anniversary I thought it would be nice use one of their photos in this feature.

Be the first to name the correct make and year of this beautiful car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Bonus - identify the owner standing beside his car, who has and continues to represent a high standard of excellence for both WPR and AACA. Email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com) or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message.

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## Pictures of Special Thanks



This photo took a long time to get into the *Western Round-Up*. Jon Leimkuehler hosted a tour to his amazing collection of mostly antique Rolls-Royce automobiles in September 2023, and then welcomed WPR members into his home for a dinner buffet. Carl was able to present this thank you group photo to Jon in April, 2024. I intended to post it in May, 2024, but forgot. So with apologies I am posting it now. Thank you Carl for all your detailed work in arranging this unforgeable tour, which also involved two other area car clubs. [See the October, 2023 Western Round-Up on the WPR website.](#)





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## Going to the Drive-In Movies

Once upon a time, Drive-In movie theaters were plentiful in our corner of Pennsylvania. They were fun and economical entertainment. Families would pile into a mammoth station wagon to enjoy the show. Couples would sit together in a cozy sedan or convertible. As the sun went down the screen came alive with the latest cartoons, comedy shorts and features. And don't forget the animated dancing hot dogs and popcorn boxes announcing the intermission.

Guy Davis shared this June 1954 series of Drive-In Theatre ads from the Latrobe Bulletin. The Odin Drive-In was located along Route 30, Greensburg where the Gabriel Brothers plaza is today. In June of '54 they were showing *The Caddy*, which is one of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis's best comedies.

There are a few area Drive-Ins still operating today. But remember to bring a good radio to tune into the sound system. Check out - [The Evergreen Drive-In](#), [Mount Pleasant](#), [The Comet Drive-In](#), [Connellsville](#), [Riverside Drive-In](#), [Vandergrift](#) and the [Dependable Drive-In](#), [Moon Township](#).