# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP





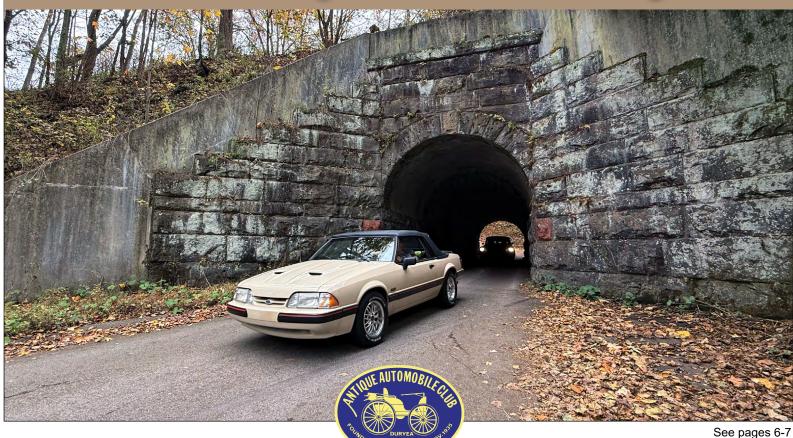
November/December 2025

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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: <a href="www.aaca.org">www.aaca.org</a> 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 <a href="http://westernparegion.org">http://westernparegion.org</a>

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.

### Calendar 2025 - 2026

#### WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

**Tuesday, November 18 - WPR Monthly Meeting** Featuring a program on Idlewild Park. American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe (Pipetown)

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Annual Meeting, Awards & Dinner - Location and time to be announced.

#### **WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS**

**Sunday, December 7 - Annual Christmas Party** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rizzo's, Crabtree, PA

#### **AACA NATIONAL EVENTS 2026**

<u>See aaca.org - Events - National Shows and Tours</u> for details and registration links

**February 5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/National Awards** – Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA

March 19-21, 2026 - Special Nationals - Guaynabo, Puerto Rico - hosted by Puerto Rico Region

March 26-28, 2026 - Winter Nationals - Cartersville, GA - hosted by Lake Allatoona Region

**April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nationals** – Charlotte, NC – hosted by Hornets Nest Region

April 23-25, 2026 - Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals - Las Vegas, NV - hosted by Las Vegas Region

May 28-30, 2026 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA – hosted by Shannock Valley Region

June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN – hosted by Volunteer Region

**June 15-19, 2026 – Sentimental Tour –** Mechanicsburg, PA – hosted by Pontiac-Oakland Worldwide Region

July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI

August 19-22, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards – Allentown, PA – 717-534-1910

**September 9-14, 2026 – Founders Tour (1932-2001)** – Williamsburg, VA – hosted by Historic VA Peninsula Region

September 20-26, 2026 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) - Dover, DE

October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region



# Member News



Past WPR member Lena "Lee" Speicher passed away on October 27, 2025. Lee and Chuck Speicher and their son Jeff were devoted WPR members for many years. They regularly participated in our activities and events. Chuck served on the WPR Board of Directors for several years and would often host meetings at his home, where Lee would provide delicious, freshly baked treats after the meetings. We extend our deepest sympathies to Chuck and the Speicher family. Lee was 87.



#### 2025 Jack Clark Service Award Nominations

The Western PA Region Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Nominations for the 2025 Jack Clark Service Award will be accepted at the November 18 Monthly Meeting. This award honors an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the Western PA Region this past year. Please consider a member who deserves this award and nominate them at the meeting.

#### 2026 Dues are Due

Don't miss the old car fun in 2026. Renew your AACA National dues for 2026 first and then your 2026 Western PA Region dues. AACA National dues can be renewed online <a href="https://members.aaca.org/membership/Membership.php">https://members.aaca.org/membership/Membership.php</a>

Western PA Region 2026 dues can be paid using a form available on the website <a href="https://westernparegion.org/membership/membership-renewal.html">https://westernparegion.org/membership/membership-renewal.html</a>

2026 dues must be paid before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

### 2025 Chance Car Update



2025 Western PA Region AACA Chance Car 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible

#### The winning number was unsold

The winning PA Lottery four digit number drawn at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025 was 6164. The winning ticket was not sold.

The Chance Car will be auctioned at a date to be anounced. The auction is limited to club members. More information will follow.

#### 2025 Ticket Sellers Christmas Party Credit

Chance Car Ticket selling WPR members are recieving a credit on their Christmas Party Reservation. If you sold Chance Car Tickets please subtract the credit from your total cost on your resurvation form.

The credit is \$35 per household.

## From the Editor

Hello Western Round-Up Readers:

This combined November/December issue is the last that will be published in 2025. The next issue will be a combined January/February 2026 issue, which I will do my best to have out before the WPR Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations on February 1, 2026.

The Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting will be published in that issue for approval at the upcoming 2026 Annual Meeting. The Minutes from the November 2025 Monthly Meeting will then be published in the March/April 2026 *Western Round-Up*.

We publish the *Round-Up* nine times per year. Combined issues are: January/February, March/April and November/December. Monthly issues come out in May, June, July, August, September and October.

Thank you to all WPR members who contributed to the content of this newsletter in 2025. This issue marks 16 years of serving as *Western Round-Up* editor for me.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

-- Mark Jackson



# Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Monthly Meeting

meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on October 21, 2025 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President John Kuhns, Sr. called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 34 members in attendance and no guests.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Monthly Meeting were printed in the October *Western Round-Up*. President Kuhns asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes. Hearing none he then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as published. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Kirk Fellabom and unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's Report - Craig DeFloria

Craig presented the Treasurer's Report President Kuhns asked if there were any questions or corrections to the report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. A motion was made by Kirk Fellabom, seconded by Tony Mascia and unanimously approved.

#### **Membership** - Howard Finney

No report

#### **2026 Dues**

President Kuhns reminded those present that 2026 WPR dues are due, and to be sure and renew dues with AACA National first.

#### Website - Mark DeFloria

No report

#### **Newsletter** - Mark Jackson

Mark thanked WPR members who contributed to the content of the October *Western Round-Up* including Cris and Molly Detwiler for their Freedom Road Rally article, Debbie and Dave Sheetz for their article on their participation in the 2025 Glidden Tour with their 1935 Ford, Guy Davis for the 1929 Latrobe Bulletin REO ad and Glenn Brewer for the historic panorama photo of the Uniontown Racetrack.

Mark stressed the importance of members contributing articles and photos.

#### **Sunshine Committee** - Flo Myers

A card was sent to long time WPR member Debbie Davis who had recent heart surgery and we received a reply that the encouraging card was much appreciated.

Howard Finney informed those present that he had a correction to information printed in the September *Round-Up* about Jack Wolfe. Jack is not back living at his home in Youngwood and working in his garden. He is now living in a skilled care facility, which has a garden that he can enjoy.

Flo thanked Becky Blank, Sheila Kurtz and Molly Detwiler for their help with the Sunshine Committee outreach and asked members present to let her know of any WPR members who may need an encouraging ray of sunshine.

#### **Chance Car** - Debbie Sheetz

Dave and Debbie Sheetz sold tickets using a poster at WPR member Al Terek's booth in the AACA Hershey flea market earlier in October.

There is still time to sell Chance Car tickets on the 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible. However, all tickets and money will need to be turned in soon. The ticket goes off Saturday, November 8, based on the four-digit PA Lottery number drawn at 7:00 p.m. The ticket sales QR code still works. All tickets and money need to be turned in by November 1st.

Debbie collected ticket stubs and money from several members who were present at the meeting.

#### Car Show - Flo Myers

Flo thanked everyone who helped make the 2025 Car Show one of our best ever. Sponsorships and beautiful weather also helped make the show a very successful fundraising event. The class and event sponsors received a framed thank you photo showing their sponsorship signs in place at the show by the cars in the class they sponsored. Flo thanked Regis Jackson for taking the excellent photos.

This year's Car Show donation to the Westmoreland Food Bank totaled 201 pounds. We also have some Food Bank jar openers left for any member who would like one, while they last.

Flo reminded those present that we will start planning for the 2026 show early next year.

#### WPR Christmas Party - John Ross Kuhns

The Christmas Party will be at Rizzo's in Crabtree, PA on Sunday, December 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A registration flyer will be sent out by email soon.

#### WPR 75th Anniversary - President John Kuhns, Sr.

The Western PA Region AACA was established on July 20, 1950. Cris and Molly Detwiler are working on a special 75th Anniversary keepsake, which should be ready by the Christmas Party on December 7.

#### WPR Future Meetings - President John Kuhns, Sr.

- The November 18, 2025 Monthly Meeting will be held at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)
   A program on Idlewild Park is planned.
- The 2026 WPR Annual Meeting, Awards & Dinner will be February 1, 2026. The location and time will be announced.
- President Kuhns asked for suggestions for short, informative programs for 2026 Monthly Meetings.

#### From the Floor

Guy Davis informed those present that the Rotary Club sponsors a Spelling Bee and that the winner traditionally gets to ride in a convertible in the Greensburg Christmas Parade. Unfortunately, this year a convertible is not available. He said that the Spelling Bee winners have really enjoyed their convertible rides and asked if anyone would be willing to give this year's winner a ride in their convertible in the parade.

AACA Hershey Meet and Flea Market - Members attending this year included: Cris and Molly Detwiler, Dave and Debbie Sheetz, John Kuhns Sr. and John Ross Kuhns, and Al Terek. There were 940 cars in the car show. The flea market and car corral were noticeably lighter this year. John Kuhns, Sr. and

John Ross Kuhns helped with the car corral. President Kuhns acknowledged the Hershey AACA Region for the dedicated work they put into this much looked-forward-to event.

#### **Badge Fines**

WPR Safety Director Cindy Fisher collected badge fines of 25 cents each from those members present at tonight's meeting who forgot to wear their name badges. The collected fine money then went into the badge fine kitty bringing it to \$19.25. A member number was then chosen at random from the WPR Roster. The winning member was number 16, which is Norma Mascia. Norma was present tonight and won the \$19.25 kitty. As per our WPR Directors, "It pays to come to meetings!"

#### **Drive Your Antique Car Award**

Those who drive an antique car to WPR meetings get a chance to win custody of this award until the next winner is determined. Tonight's winner was Norma Mascia.

#### Snacks - Toni Beattie

Toni and Flo Myers provided snacks for tonight's meeting to compliment the special Veteran's Recognition program.

#### Adjournment - President John Kuhns, Sr.

President Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the October Meeting. A motion was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Tony Mascia and unanimously approved.

-- Submitted by Mark Jackson substituting for Secretary Mark DeFloria

### A Tribute to Our Veterans

fter the adjournment of the October WPR Monthly Meeting, Vice President Flo Myers presented a heartwarming tribute to our WPR Veterans, many of whom were present at the meeting. She thanked them for their service and read a poem by Joanna Fuchs titled, "The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute". She then went on to ask those Veterans present, "What vehicle did you drive while you served?" At first the word "Jeeps!" was shouted from the crowd. Flo then replied, "Yes, I'm sure many of you drove them." Then, one at a time, she asked the Veterans present to recall the vehicles they

drove. The answers were varied and interesting. They ranged from a Plymouth Caravan and '47 Ford to a "Deuce and a Half" troop carrier and a M113 Armored Personnel Carrier, which Carl Erb said he was instructed to drive though wooded areas in Europe thinking 18 feet ahead.

After the interviews Flo read a list of names of WPR members who had served, a few of which had passed away earlier this year. At the conclusion of the tribute all enjoyed fellowship and the tasty snacks prepared by Toni Beattie and Flo.



Guy Davis told Flo a story about a Plymouth Caravan.



(I-r) Brian Ellicker and Kirk Fellabom share military vehicle stories.



(I-r) Clay Stoner, Dave Sheetz, Flo and Tom Ulishney. Clay had a '47 Ford story.



Marianne Caruso brought this Marine Corps portrait of her husband Ron to share. Ron passed away March 28, 2025.

## Tom & Doreen King's Scenic Fall Driving Tour



route directions before hitting the road.



(I-r) Brian Ellicker, Tom King and Kirk Fellabom review tour Doreen King snapped this photo of Tom King at the wheel of their 1938 Chrysler Imperial at Mount Odin Park, Greensburg.

selection of beautiful Westmoreland County country roads made up most of the fifty-two miles traveled by WPR members during the scenic fall driving tour planned and hosted by Tom and Doreen King on Sunday, November 2.

To start the tour, participants met at Noon in front of the Howard Hanna Real Estate office adjacent to the Best Buy store along Donohoe Road, Greensburg. It was a perfect day for a fall drive. Tom and Doreen handed out tour route instructions and told everyone that they would be driving through a variety of villages and neighborhoods, and passing by several points of interest. A few photo ops were planned as well as a rest stop. The final destination would be DeNunzio's Restaurant at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe for an early dinner. There were 14 cars on the tour. The oldest was Tom and Doreen's 1938 Chrysler Imperial, which led the way.

Departing the Howard Hanna office parking lot, the tour traveled along Donohoe Road and made a left turn to venture through the historic, single-lane, stone railroad tunnel leading to the village of Bovard (once called "Crowsnest"). This tunnel is unique since it has a low ceiling, no lighting and conveys two-way traffic on a single lane. Drivers need to honk their horns before entering to be sure that no other cars are coming through from the opposite end. If you hear a honk inside the tunnel before you enter you need to stay outside of the tunnel. Pull your car aside and wait for the car coming through from the other end of the tunnel to come out. Then you may take your turn going into the tunnel while honking your horn. Our tour group took turns driving through the tunnel one-at-a time. Doreen King was on the opposite end of the tunnel and took photos of each participating tour car as they exited.

From Bovard tour participants drove towards the village of Hannastown passing the historic Hanna's Town Westmoreland County Park along the way with its colonial fort and restored buildings. This was the site of Westmoreland County's first county seat before it was moved to Greensburg.

The fall foliage colors on the rolling hills were magnificent as the cars drove along Route 119, 819 and old Route 66 onto the Old Lincoln Highway up to Mount Odin Park on the west side of Greensburg. The views from the Mount Odin golf course are amazing. Here tour participants parked for a short while along the side of a park road for some photo ops. From Mount Odin everyone drove through Hempfield Township along Route 136, Middletown Road and Shrader Road ending up at a Sheetz gas station/store in New Stanton for a rest stop. Completing the journey, the group motored south to Kecksburg and Mount Pleasant Township eventually catching country roads leading to Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and DeNunzio's Restaurant for dinner. The DeNunzio's staff did a great job getting everyone seated and served.

Thank you Tom and Doreen for an excellent day and a relaxing scenic fall drive. We covered Westmoreland County central, north and south, proving you don't have go far to enjoy the beauty of our region, Western Pennsylvania.

### Along this tour we drove through and by...

#### Communities

Greensburg **Bovard** Hannastown Forbes Road Beech Hills Carbon Fort Allen Middletown **Old Stanton New Stanton** Mount Pleasant Kecksburg Lycippus Baggley

Youngstown Latrobe

#### Points of Interest

Westmoreland Mall Howard Hanna Real **Estate Services** Old Hanna's Town Totteridge Golf Club Hempfield Twp. Park Greensburg Country Club Golf Course **Greengate Center** Mt. Odin Park Tollgate Auto Salvage Hempfield Schools

**UPS Distribution Hub** WIDC Park (former Sony and VW Plant) Mount Pleasant **Doughboy Statue** Norvelt Golf Course Kecksburg UFO Monument Stone Villa Winery **Bradish Farm Baggley School** Latrobe Country Club Kennametal Complex Arnold Palmer Regional Airport



Driving by the restored log buildings and fort at Historic Hanna's Town, which served as the first Westmoreland County Seat, 1773-1782.



Cindy and Martha Fisher's Corvette at Mount Odin, Greensburg



Brian Ellicker beside his 1978 Chrysler Cordoba in New Stanton



Carl and Camille Erb exit the single lane Bovard railroad tunnel in their 1970 Citroen DS 21 Pallas EFI.



Carl and Camille enjoy a scenic fall drive in their 1970 Citroen on a colorful Westmoreland County country road.

## Don't Wait Until...



By Phillip Cole
VP– SE Regions Development
and Support-Southeast



few years ago, former National Director, Wayne Burgess, posted on our AACA Forums, "We have a local region that is close to folding up, because they cannot find someone to step up and become their leader, their President. Their present President has been there for 12 years. He needs a break. I just wonder does anyone have any new ideas to help prevent the club from closing down?"

Wayne received some good suggestions from other members. Here are a couple:

Matt Hinson, former *Rummage Box* Editor, said, "I don't know if I can suggest a quick fix, but I do have an idea about how to combat that sort of thing... It just takes time... The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly. Our members attend the local Cars and Coffee and other local non-AACA car club shows, and typically sign up a new member or more every month. That keeps new blood coming into the Chapter. Driving your old cars, and being willing to speak to other potential new members about their car and about AACA, and having a packet of the forms needed to sign up a new member available when you "sell" them on joining, makes it easy to sign up new members... Having one person be President for more than about 2 years is typically a warning sign that the club has become

stagnant. It is time to get some new blood into the leadership, but you have to develop your members so that they feel comfortable in being a leader."

Walt Gosden, noted automotive historian and author, shared, "The important thing is that you need to attract new members constantly... But you also need to make the new members feel welcome. A new member doesn't have to be someone who is new to the hobby! The club needs to have high interest but low cost activities that will encompass the whole family... Some of the events should involve a younger generation as well who can attend with their parents or grandparents - make it an interesting family affair."

A popular process in small businesses nowadays is "on-boarding", where you bring motivated, far-thinking new members on your local board. That's a good place to start, but if you wait until you cannot find executive officers it will be an uphill climb. Contact your AACA VP of Regions Development & Support. (If you live in the Southeastern United States, that's me! Feel free to contact me at pcole@wnccumc. net or call 704-577-8576.)

Here are other basic, onboarding ideas:

- Make membership meaningful for all members. Keep all members involved in all projects and plans.
- Assign a mentor to new members.
- Communicate! Emphasize our mission.
- Reach out in your local community.
- Rotate officer responsibilities.

And yes, as Matt and Walt suggested, "Don't wait until... Get out in front of growing your membership and leadership!"

-- The Rummage Box



### Adventures with Cris and Molly

### FREEDOM ROAD RALLY - CONCLUSION

by Cris and Molly Detwiler

Editor's Note: Continued from the "Adventures with Cris and Molly - Freedom Road Rally article, which was printed in the October 2025 Western Round-Up.

Day 5 and 6 of the Rally. We conclude our story of our trip of the Hudson Valley:

he fifth day of the rally, we travelled north to Hyde Park, New York. Our first stop was the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidential library and museum. The museum focused on Roosevelt's presidential career, but it was located close to the Roosevelts' summer home. After lunch, the second stop was the Vanderbilt Mansion that was occupied by one of Commodore Vanderbilt's grandsons, Frederick Vanderbilt and his wife, Louise. The couple had the mansion built in 1880 for two million dollars and had a staff of sixty people. Since the couple didn't have any children, the mansion was passed on to a niece who in turn sold it to the National Park Service due to not finding any buyers for the home during the Depression.

The next morning on the last day of the rally, we drove to the Walkaway Over the Hudson. It is a pedestrian bridge that



Statue of Eleanor and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the Presidential Library and Museum



A bout with polio left Franklin D. Roosevelt paralyzed from the waist town. This 1936 Ford was specially equipped for him to drive on his own.



Comodore Vanderbilt's grandson Fredereick and his wife Louise built this 54 room mansion in Hyde Park, NY in 1880. It is situated on a bluff overlooking the Hudson River.



A den in the Vanderbilt Mansion.

allows walkers, joggers and bicyclists to travel over the river. It was originally a 19th-century railroad bridge that stands 212 feet above the river and it is considered the world's longest elevated pedestrian parkway.

After checking out of the hotel, we headed north east towards the town of Red Hook, NY. We were greeted by an employee who has worked at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome since she was a teenager. She started as one of the characters, Miss Trudy Truelove, who with other actors performed a show on the weekends during the summer. The performance would feature World War I airplanes including a Fokker DR-I Triplane and a 1909 Bleriot. The Freedom Road Rally guests were allowed to fly in a bi-plane on a grassy field nearby (\$150 for a fifteen minute flight). There were three hangers that housed several pre-war and World War I planes inside along

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with some antique cars on the premises.

Our next stop was to visit a gentleman and his wife to view his collection of Fords and Mercurys. After spending time looking, we continued to the town of Hudson and we visited the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) museum to look at antique fire trucks, wagons and fire equipment. It was very interesting reading the history of the fire fighting in Colonial America and to read the development of improvements in firefighting. Some of the wagons were used for ceremonial activities such as parades were decorated with gold and glass which made them very fragile.



Getting into a biplane for a ride in Rhinebeck, NY.



1869 Clapp & Jones Steam Fire Engine

We enjoyed our week long trip to the Hudson Valley area and we got to visit and see museums that varied from historic to educational. If you were thinking on signing up for next year's Freedom Road Rally event, the group is planning to visit the St. Louis, Missouri area and if there are a lot of registrations, they will plan two dates to choose from.

Website: <u>freedomroadrally.com</u>

Happy Travels - Cris and Molly Detwiler

# October Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award



*I-r:* Norma Mascia accepts the October Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award from WPR Vice President Flo Myers

Norma Mascia won the rotating Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award at the October 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 originally 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.

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# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

#### **October's Car**



Debbie Sheetz was the first to correctly identify October's Car as a 1951 Studebaker. She also correctly identified the movie this car starred in as the Muppet Movie made in 1979. Howard Finney also correctly identified the Studebaker and the movie.

I took this photo when Jill and I attended the 61st International Studebaker Drivers Club Meet, which was held at the Washington, PA Fairgrounds in September, 2025. The Meet was hosted by the Allegheny Region Chapter. Past WPR members Craig and Garvin Piper from Westmoreland Antique Car Restoration in Blairsville were heavily involved with the planning and coordination of this Meet.

Jill and I got to the Meet late on the last day. Many of the cars and trucks were already gone. But this 1951 movie car was still there. This car was recently restored to its original movie shooting glory by the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, Indiana and on loan for the International Meet.

In the Muppet Movie this 1951 Studebaker was driven by Muppet character Fozzie Bear with Kermit the Frog riding along collecting other Muppet characters along their road trip to Hollywood and the pursuit of show business dreams, while escaping a dastardly villain.

For scenes involving Fozzie driving this Studebaker, a little person would sit in the trunk and control the Studebaker via remote control. A television monitor showed him what was ahead.

The wild paint job was done by Muppet characters Dr. Teeth and Scooter to help disguise the car and avoid the villain. This movie was very successful and nominated for Academy Awards including best song, "The Rainbow Connection". *source - Wikipedia* 



Jill and I with a 1950 Studebaker Starlight Coupe at the 2025 Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds

#### November/December's Car



Here's another great memory from our amazing 2025 Car Show. What's rolling in the gate as the driver stops to talk with WPR volunteer Kirk Fellabom? Our show has a way of attracting really unique cars that you don't often see anywhere else. Be the first to correctly identify the make and year of this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Email me at jacksonmark469@gmail. com or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message.

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#### 1975 Corvette Stingray

350 engine 4 speed manual Original motor and transmission \$13,800.

> Contact Brian Ruff 724-771-0383



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