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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.

2025 Calendar

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 21 - American Legion Post 982, Latrobe - 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe (Pipetown)
Honoring our veterans.

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

Sunday, November 2 - End of the Season Driving Tour - Meet at Noon at the Howard Hanna Greensburg office near Best Buy, 133 Donohoe Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601. Come enjoy a country road drive.

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

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS 2026

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

Please Join Us for a Last Chance, End of Season Driving Tour Sunday, November 2, 2025

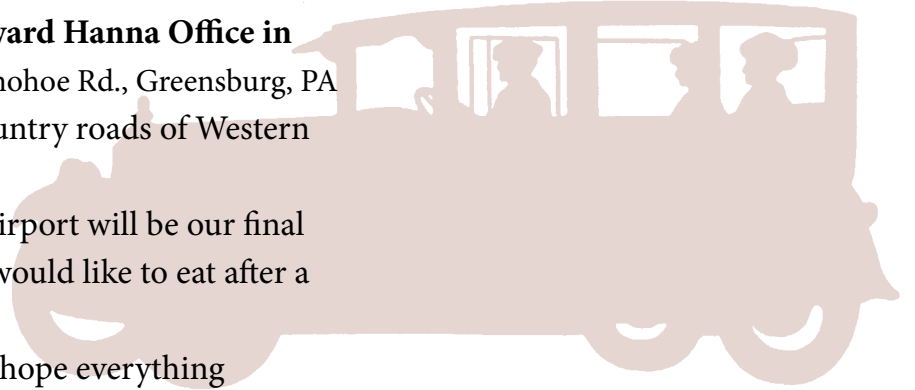
by Tom King

Hopefully, the weather will be good and we can give our cars a little exercise before their winter sleep.

We will meet at 12:00 Noon at the Howard Hanna Office in Greensburg, just next to Best Buy (133 Donohoe Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601.) It will be a driving tour over the country roads of Western PA with a few stops along the way.

DeNunzio's Restaurant at the Latrobe Airport will be our final destination to enjoy dinner for those who would like to eat after a leisurely day of driving.

We will keep an eye on the weather and hope everything cooperates, and if not, the rain date will be the following Sunday, November 9, 2025.



It's Time to Turn in Those Chance Car Tickets

Winner to be taken from the four digit PA Lottery number
drawn on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



WPR member Glenn Brewer selling Chances to win an antique 1996 Chevrolet Camaro Z 28 Convertible during our region's 2025 Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe.

Debbie Sheetz asks that WPR members bring their Chance Car tickets, stubs and money to the October 21 Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown), or make arrangements with her to drop them off.

Any questions, please call Debbie
at 724-454-8948
or email her: antdebit@hotmail.com



Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on September 16, 2025 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). Vice President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-five (25) members in attendance. There were no guests at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Monthly Meeting

The August 19, 2025, Monthly Meeting was held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). Vice President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections to the August 19, 2025 minutes as printed in the September 2025 issue of *The Western Round-Up*. Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Brian Ellicker, seconded by Glenn Brewer and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Craig DeFloria

Craig was not present at tonight's meeting. Secretary Mark DeFloria read the August Treasurers Report as prepared by Craig DeFloria. Vice President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Tom King, seconded by Martha Fisher and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard was not present at tonight's meeting. No Report.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson, Editor of *The Western Round-Up* thanked all the

members who contribute articles, photos and articles for *The Western Round-Up*. Mark thanked Flo Myers, Doreen King & Molly Detwiler for providing information and articles. The October and November/December issues remain.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded members to please continue to let him know if they have an address or email address change. Mark asked the members present if they were receiving emails from the region. Chance car tickets remain available online from our web site.

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.

Car Show – Flo Myers

The weather cooperated with a beautiful day for our show. The food truck collected 201 pounds of food for the food bank. A new record topping last year's total of 84 pounds. The vendors all reported good sales during the show. We had 236 Vehicles on the show field. Our annual car show was a success.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl was not present at tonight's meeting. Tom King mentioned the possibility of putting together a tour in October. More information will be provided at later time.

Historic Uniontown Speedway Panorama Photo Displayed at the WPR September Meeting



The Uniontown Speedway was a wooden board track located in Hopwood near Uniontown, PA. It operated from 1916 to 1922. The May/June race was known as the Universal Trophy, so named because Carl Laemmle, president of Universal Films, had sponsored the \$3,000, solid silver trophy. Laemmle's company filmed

each race, playing them at local theaters. Two National Championship races were held at Uniontown, in 1921 and 1922. A Universal Films cameraman is visible on the right. Louis and Gaston Chevrolet raced here. Duesenbergs also won many of the races. Special thanks to WPR member Glenn Brewer for sharing this photo.

Christmas Party – John Ross Kuhns

John was not present at tonight's meeting. The Christmas Party is planned for December 7 at Rizzo's in Crabtree.

2025 Chance Car

The Region's 2025 Chance Car goes off on November 8th. The car antique is a 1996 Chevy Camaro Z28 Convertible with 52,000 original miles. Tickets are available from Debbie Sheetz. Contact Doreen and Tom King to schedule to take the car out to sell tickets. Tickets can be purchased on-line from the Region's web page. Debbie asked that the members return to her any tickets, stubs and money at or by the October 21, 2025 meeting.

WPR Badge Fines

WPR Badge Fines of 25 cents each were collected during the meeting from those not wearing their WPR name badges. The collected amount was added to the previous amounts collected bringing the badge fine kitty up to \$17.75. The winner of the collected pot is then randomly selected from the WPR Roster at the meeting. #62 was selected, C.J. Maurer. C.J. was not present. Without a winner the pot will be carried forth until the October Meeting. It pays to attend!

Meeting Snacks – Toni Beattie

Toni Beattie brought cookies, brownies snacks for tonight's meeting. Thank you, Toni!

October 21st Monthly Meeting

The October Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21st at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown).

Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m. Vice President Debbie Sheetz called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Denny Blank, seconded by Brian Ellicker and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award



WPR Secretary Mark DeFloria presents the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award to Debbie Sheetz at the September Monthly Meeting held at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe. Debbie and Dave Sheetz drove their 1983 Camaro Z 28 to the meeting.

Debbie Sheetz won the rotating Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award at the September 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.

WPR Members Participated in the 2025 Fort Ligonier Days Parade



On Saturday, October 11, 2025, some WPR members drove their antique cars in the legendary Fort Ligonier Days Parade in Ligonier, PA. Fort Ligonier Days is the Premier Fall Festival in Westmoreland County. Antique car parade participant applications are reviewed and chosen by a committee. *(left photo)* Lining up for the parade - Jaime



Cintron standing with his 1932 Plymouth PB Roadster Convertible, followed by Tom and Doreen King's 1938 Chrysler Imperial and Dave and Debbie Sheetz's 1930 Plymouth Model 30U. Pete Highlands also participated with the Shriners. *(right photo)* Looking through Tom and Doreen King's 1938 Chrysler Imperial windshield during the parade.

Adventures with Cris and Molly

FREEDOM ROAD RALLY

Poughkeepsie, New York - June 2025

by Cris and Molly Detwiler



Hawks Nest scenic drive along the Hudson River



Lighthouse along the Hudson River



Cris at the Maritime Museum

In early June, we traveled up to New York's Hudson Valley area for this year's Freedom Road Rally. We were planning to drive our '83 Pontiac Grand Prix, but it had developed some problems that caused us to return back home. So we took a modern car. Fortunately, the organizers of the Freedom Road Rally allowed people to attend the meet even if their registered vintage car (prior to 1974) isn't available. We drove up to the hotel for the first night and got our decals for the car.

On the first day of the Rally, we stopped at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. We looked at the displays of boats, photographs, drawings, ship models and other boating memorabilia. The Hudson River was important in early American history, and it was used by Native Americans, by European explorers and in the development of the fishing and logging industry in the New York area. We took a ride on a boat up and down the Hudson River. The captain gave us some history of the river and the people who lived and worked on the river.

Our next stop of the day's rally was the United States Military Academy also known as West Point. The academy was founded in 1802 and it was built to educate cadets for service

as commissioned officers in the United States Army. It is the oldest of the five military academies in the U.S. It was very impressive reading the history of the school and seeing the military uniforms, weapons and artifacts on display. There was a long list of generals who had attended and graduated in West Point, which included Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Dwight D. Eisenhower, George Patton and Norman Schwarzkopf.

The second day of the Rally, we headed south and visited the Motorcyclepedia Museum in Newburgh, NY. The 85,000 square-foot facility had a display of over 600 motorcycles including Indian and Harley-Davidson. The museum has been curated by a father and son who had spent over 80 years building their collection. The museum included motorcycles that were used in television and in the movies. There were several galleries of motorcycles that were labeled as choppers, police and military, European and lightweight. The Indian gallery had on display one of each bike from the years of 1901 to 1953. The European gallery had mostly British motorcycles from BSA to Triumph.

After the motorcycle museum, we continue our drive to



West Point sign



West Point - The Long Gray Line of graduates



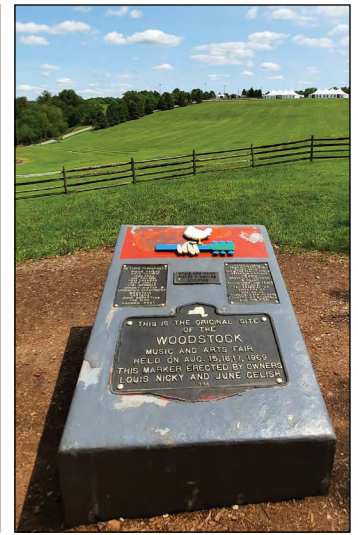
"Tar bucket" cap



Motorcyclopedia Museum - 1884 Copeland Steam Engine Velocipede



Motorcyclopedia Museum - Recreations of the bikes from the 1969 movie Easy Rider starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper



The field where the famous 1969 Woodstock Concert took place



Motorcyclopedia Museum - 1913 Rambler-Husqvarna motorbicycle.



A billboard design for the 1969 Woodstock Concert listing the dates and legendary performers

Bethel Woods. This is the site of the original Woodstock concert in 1969. The site is still used for outdoor concerts and it has a small museum that displays memorabilia including programs and pictures of the activities that happened during the weekend of August 15, 1969. There were videos of the concert and the bands/singers who performed during the 3-day weekend music festival. We drove back to the hotel using the Hawk Nest scenic route that follows along the Hudson River. The route had a lot of twists and turns but it was fun to drive.

Day 3 and 4 of the Rally, we continued our trip through the Hudson Valley. On the third day of the Rally, we headed south west to the town of Goshen, NY. We visited the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame. The building was originally used as a stable and the museum developers decided to keep the stalls to use as room for displaying harnesses, bridles, saddles and other horseman equipment, including jockey uniforms and trophies. There is a working track behind the museum where we were able to watch riders with their horses practicing for upcoming races. A visitor asked the museum guide, why were the horses trotting clockwise instead of counter-clock wise on the track. She told him that if the horse trotted on the track counter-clock wise, the horse would be tempted to 'run' and

it might hurt itself.

On the next stop we drove to the Perkins Memorial Tower on Bear Mountain. The forty-foot stone tower was dedicated in 1934 and it provides a wonderful view of the Hudson River Valley and on a clear day, a person could see the New York City skyline about 75 miles away. We were able to see some of the NYC skyline using binoculars. The tower was originally used as a weather tower for the US government then a fire tower. The height of the tower is 1,305 feet above the Hudson River.

Our last stop of the day was the Malcom Pray Achievement Center. We were met by a guide (who worked for the family) and she allowed us to look at Mr. Pray's private car collection. Mr. Pray worked as a car dealer, especially with Volkswagen. We noticed that a 1974 Cadillac convertible had a Volkswagen hood ornament and asked 'why?' The story goes that Mr. Pray was visited by a Volkswagen representative from Germany (since he was one of the best sellers of VWs in the US) and the VW rep was not too 'happy' that his best dealer was not driving a VW. So the Pray family got a VW hood ornament and mounted it onto the hood of Mr. Pray's Cadillac.

He started his achievement center with the intention of in-

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Harness race horses practicing behind the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY.



Cris's next job after retirement as a harness race jockey!

viting school-age children and helping them with advice and recognizing their talents in the working world. He was known to shake everyone's hand and ask for their name when he greeted them individually, which is what our guide did when we arrived at the center.

The fourth day, we headed south east to the small town of Camel Hamlet and walked on the grounds of the Chuang Yen Monastery. The monastery houses the largest Buddha statue in

the Western Hemisphere. The statue is housed inside the Great Buddha hall and it is about thirty-seven feet tall on an eight foot pedestal. Before entering the hall, we had to remove our shoes. There were 'shoes' to put on your feet if you were not comfortable walking barefoot or in socks. The room was massive. On the grounds, there were many granite statues of different gods to walk by that were displayed at the front of the hall.

We continued our drive into Connecticut and we visited the



Malcolm Pray's private car collection at the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center



A highly successful VW dealer, Mr. Pray added this VW hood ornament to his Cadillac.



From Perkins Tower on Bear Mountain we could see New York City 75 miles away.



Walkway to the Buddha Temple



The Buddhas Temple at the Chuang Yen Monastery in Camel Hamlet, NY



The largest Buddha statue in the USA Progressive broom making graphic at the Eric Sloane Museum in Connecticut

Eric Sloane Museum. Sloane was an artist known for painting New England landscapes and for his skills in woodworking. The building was small but it housed a lot of farming equipment, colonial tools, his artwork and the artist studio with furniture and belongings of Mr. Sloane, who had passed the age of 80 in 1985. The museum offers classes in woodworking, blacksmithing, and broom making, among others during the summer.

Our last stop of the day was the Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum (CAMA) in Kent, CT. The museum covered eight acres that included several buildings housing trains, farm equipment including tractors, mining and geology, sawmill, a

blacksmith shop, and early gas and oil engines. There were so many displays and items to look at that it would probably take us two days to see and read everything. They host several festivals during the summer to educate the public of these turn-of-the-century machinery and tools.

After returning back to the hotel, we decided to have dinner at a pizza restaurant in downtown Poughkeepsie named the Hudson & Packard. They served Detroit-style pizza (deep dish), which was very good.

Freedom Road Rally Days 5 & 6 will be featured in the November/December 2025 Western Round-Up.

Remembering REO



WPR member Guy Davis shared this 1929 REO automobile ad from *The Latrobe Bulletin* for a once upon a time Latrobe REO dealership.

The REO Motor Car Company was a company based in Lansing, Michigan, which produced automobiles and trucks from 1905 to 1975. At one point, the company also manufactured buses on its truck platforms.

Ransom E. Olds founded multiple companies in the automobile industry. In 1897 Olds founded Oldsmobile. In 1905 Olds left Oldsmobile and established a new company, REO Motor Car Company, in Lansing, Michigan. Olds had 52% of the stock and the titles of president and general manager. To ensure a reliable supply of parts, he organized a number of subsidiary firms, like the National Coil Company, the Michigan Screw Company, and the Atlas Drop Forge Company.

Originally the company was to be called "R. E. Olds Motor Car Company", but the owner of Olds' previous company, then called Olds Motor Works, objected and threatened legal action on the grounds of a likely confusion of names by consumers. Olds then changed the name to his initials.

Lansing Michigan is home to the [R. E. Olds Transportation Museum](#).

2025 Glidden Tour to Owensboro, Kentucky

by Debbie and Dave Sheetz



Glidden Tours were organized in 1904 to promote auto reliability and road improvement. Today these annual tours celebrate automotive history. Participating cars are pre-1943.

Following a brass era Hupmobile.

We had a wonderful week of touring in Kentucky and Indiana September 7-12 on the 2025 Glidden Tour. The tour was hosted by the Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) and was for pre-1943 cars. The host hotel was situated along the Ohio river. The theme of the tour was "Barbecue, Bourbon and Bluegrass". Some highlights were the James Audubon Museum, Evansville Wartime Museum, Santa Claus, Indiana, Squire Boone Caverns and the Bill Monroe Bluegrass Festival.

We drove 553 miles on the five-day tour. There was a lot of easy driving through corn and soybean fields with a couple of tobacco fields.

There were 147 cars registered with 11 not able to make it. Thirteen cars broke down and had to be brought back on flat beds by AAA. They followed us all week and there was no charge for any service. Our 1935 Ford made the whole tour with no problems.



Crossing a historic wooden bridge on a country road.



A distinguished line up of pre-1943 cars on the 2025 Glidden Tour



With Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa Claus, Indiana



Our 1935 Ford beside a WWII era plane.

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

September's Car



Tony and Norma Mascia were the first to correctly identify September's Car as a 1975 Chevrolet Caprice Convertible. Norma emailed and told us that Tony use to work on these at a Chevy dealership. We also heard from Denny and Becky Blank. Chevy Caprices were large, comfortable cars.

My Dad was a Chevy guy. One of the last cars he ever owned was a 1989 Chevy Caprice Brougham. It was a beautiful car. My best friend Joe Vrable worked at Grabiak Chevrolet in New Alexandria. He and Tony worked there at the same time for a while. Joe knew Dad was looking for a car and called him about a beautiful Caprice that was just traded in. Dad and Mom went right out and bought it. Our daughters loved riding in "Pap Pap's car" when they were little. After Dad died in 2005 we held onto the Caprice for quite a while. It eventually became our daughter Mary's car and she loved it. At times, people would call out to her at red lights and stop signs asking to buy the car. She just said no and drove it until it could go no more.

October's Car



Do you recognize this famous car? It was prominently featured in a 1979 movie. Be the first to correctly identify the make and year of this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. If you can also correctly identify the movie it starred in you'll win a \$5 bonus added to your gift card.

This car was recently painstakingly restored to its former movie glory and now resides in a reknown museum. Contact me by emailing jacksonmark469@gmail.com or calling 724-832-9074 and leaving a message.

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1975 Corvette Stingray

350 engine

4 speed manual

Original motor and transmission

\$13,800.

Contact Brian Ruff

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Another Look at the 2025 WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show

