

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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YEARS  
1950 - 2025

September 2025

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment  
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



## 2025 Western PA Region AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show



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

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

## WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

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

## AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

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

### 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

## AACA NATIONAL EVENTS - 2026

**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

## LOCAL SPECIAL EVENTS

### September 20, 2025 – International Avanti and Studebaker Joint Meet at Washington, PA -

Washington County Fairgrounds and Meadows Casino  
9:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Annual International convention  
of the Avanti (AOAI) and Studebaker (SDC) car clubs.  
Over 1,000 attendees from both clubs.

Car Show open to all makes on Saturday, September 20  
at the Washington County Fairgrounds. No entrance fee  
for spectators. Car exhibition fee is \$10. Vendor fee \$20.



*From Flo Myers, Car Show Chair*



**WE DID IT!!!** Another wonderful show in the books.

This wouldn't have happened without the committee chairs, the meetings, donated goods and ALL THE YELLOW SHIRTS THAT SHOWED UP TO HELP.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*From Molly Detwiler, Bake Sale Chair*

*Hello Everyone,*

I wanted to THANK the members who donated baked items for this year's car show bake sale. There was a great selection of cookies, bread and other tasty treats.

Also, I want to acknowledge my bake sale team members, Camille (for helping setup the tables and pricing items), Sheila (for waiting on patrons) and Ara (Flo's daughter-in-law, who jumped in at the last minute to help out) and for helping with the clean-up too!!

Thank you Ladies for your time and effort in making the Bake Sale a success!! This year's Bake Sale profit was \$640.

-- Molly



Sheila Kurtz helping customers at the bake sale.



Tasty treats ready for purchase on the bake sale table.



# Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on August 19, 2025 at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President John Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-two (24) members in attendance. There were no guest at tonight's meeting.

## Minutes of the July 15, 2025 Monthly Meeting

The July 15, 2025 Monthly Meeting was held at Hoss's Steak & Seafood House Restaurant in Greensburg. President John Kuhns asked if there were any corrections to the July Minutes as printed in the August issue of *The Western Round-Up*. Hearing none, John asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Martha Fisher and unanimously approved.

## Treasurer's Report - Craig DeFloria

Treasurer Craig DeFloria has been dealing with challenging health issues and was unable to be present at this meeting. He provided President Kuhns with WPR 2025 monthly Treasurer reports covering January through July. President Kuhns read these reports to those present. He asked for a motion to approve the reports as presented. A motion was made by Tom King, seconded by Tony Mascia and unanimously approved.

## Membership - Howard Finney

No report

## Newsletter - Mark Jackson

Mark thanked all the members who contribute articles, photos and content for *The Western Round-Up* and emphasized the importance of continued contributions. He also thanked Norma and Tony Mascia for their article on, and photos from their participation in the AACA July 2025 Grand Nationals, which were hosted at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

## Website - Mark DeFloria

No report

## Sunshine Committee - Flo Myers

Flo reported that she heard from Camille Erb that Carl is home from the hospital recovering from his recent surgery.

There was good news from Jack Wolfe's daughter that he is now home and has been working in his garden.

Long time member and Past WPR President Jim Heatherington passed away July 29, 2025. Howard Finney attended Jim's memorial service.

Flo asked members to contact her, Molly Detwiler or Sheila Kurtz if they know of anyone who an encouraging and comforting WPR sunshine card should be sent to.

## Chance Car - Debbie Sheetz and Tom King

The 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible Chance Car is ready to go and available for members to take out to ticket selling venues. The Chance Car will be at the upcoming WPR Car Show on August 31 with members selling tickets. Ticket sales have now covered the cost of the Chance Car and sales for our fundraiser continue. Contact Tom King to schedule the Chance Car.

The Chance Car will need inspected soon. Tony Mascia told members present that he could get it inspected before the car show.

## Car Show - Flo Myers

Flo asked that members wear their yellow WPR shirts, name badges and be at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 31 to set up for the show. Water and snacks will be provided. Bring a chair if you need it. Please bring old AACA magazines and WPR newsletters. Most importantly, bring your smile. We can still use door prizes and prizes for guessing games - gift cards, etc.

The judging areas have been simplified and combined to make the process easier. A team of two judges can easily split the five categories. Finished judging dot stickers go on the windshield cards. When totaling up your points there should be no ties. Figure 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Judging sheets should be in the folders for each judging class. Deduct for windows down, trunks/hoods closed and the owner not there to open them.

Prior to judging there will be a meeting of the car owners at 12:15 p.m. at the Main Pavilion for orientation from Chief Judge Cris Detwiler. Then all car owners are asked to stay with their cars until they are judged.

Flo reported that 20 judging Classes were sponsored out of WPR's 25 classes, which really helps support the show and awards. She thanked all who sponsored these Classes and members who helped get sponsors.

Please remember to promote our car show Westmoreland



At the August Monthly Meeting, Western PA Region President John Kuhns, Sr. presented an interpretive sign he had made about the AACA Grand National Award. The sign will be displayed by the AACA Grand National Award vehicles in a special show field Class at the WPR Car Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe on August 31.

Food Bank collection and bring non perishable food items to donate. Help fill Flo's truck to give back to our community.

### **Car Show - AACA Senior and Grand National Award Display and Recognitions - John Kuhns, Sr.**

President John Kuhns, Sr. presented an educational display sign he had made for the AACA Grand National Award vehicles which will be at the car show. The interpretive sign explained criteria for earning the Grand National Award. The AACA Senior Award and Grand National Award classes will be showcased in the center of the show field in front of the Legion Keener Park stage. A special trophy is available to all pre-registered AACA Senior Grand National vehicles.

### **Christmas Party - John Ross Kuhns**

The annual WPR Christmas Party will be held at Rizzo's in Crabtree, PA on Sunday, December 7.

### **WPR 75th Anniversary Mementos - John Kuhns, Sr.**

President Kuhns asked members present for ideas on mementos to help celebrate our region's 75th Anniversary - license plates, special drink cups, etc. were discussed.

### **WPR Future Monthly Meetings - John Kuhns, Sr.**

September 16 - American Legion Post 982, Latrobe  
October 21 - American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (tentative)  
Flo asked for ideas and themes to help honor our veterans at the October Meeting. President Kuhns also asked for suggestions

for future meeting programs.

### **2025 AACA Grand Nationals**

This year the AACA Grand Nationals were held at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. The Museum was an amazing location for the Grand Nationals. Three WPR Members received awards:

Tony and Norma Mascia - Senior Grand National Award for their 1981 Fiat X 1/9

Jaime Cintron - Grand National Award for his 1986 Chevrolet Camaro IROC Z

John Kuhns, Sr. - Grand National Award for his 1968 Camaro.

### **Drive Your Antique Car Award - Debbie Sheetz**

The winner of the drawing for the Drive Your Antique Car Award was Dave Sheetz.

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

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

-- Submitted by Mark Jackson substituting  
for Secretary Mark DeFloria

### **Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award**



Dave Sheetz receives the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award from WPR Publicity Director Debbie Sheetz at the August Monthly Meeting at Hoss's Restaurant, Greensburg

Dave Sheetz won the rotating Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award at the August 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. 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.

# Western PA Region AACA Showtime!



above: The Class 17 cars – hoods up, fire extinguishers out and ready for judging.  
left: Our 2025 dash plaque features a 1950 Plymouth to celebrate our 1950 birth year!



Our 61st annual car show celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) in grand style at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe on Sunday, August 31, 2025. Ours is one of the most looked-forward-to annual car shows in Western PA, and Legion Keener Park is a beautiful, relaxing venue. The weather was excellent and 236 vehicles were featured on our show fields this year.

Planning the show is a year-long process. Car show chair Flo Myers led the devoted Western PA Region Car Show Committee with passion, thoughtful delegation and hands-on hard work. This tempo, along with regular meetings, energized our volunteers to maintain, adjust and improve all aspects of the car show according to our available resources.

Our show has adapted to the times through the years and continues to do so. We're one of the few area shows maintaining a class judged show field. Over the years we've refined and adjusted our classification system to group various years and

types of vehicles so they can be judged fairly.

The gate opens at 9:00 a.m. but entrants start lining up well before then. Our volunteers process and park the show vehicles as efficiently as possible. The gate closes at Noon. There's a drivers meeting at 12:15 p.m. Then the judging begins.

This year we also had special show field Classes, interpretive signs and recognitions for AACA Senior and Grand National Award cars and trucks. These "best of the best" vehicles were showcased by the central main stage and were very popular!

In addition to our friendly registration table, there was a lot to do at the Main Pavilion including our wonderful Bake Sale, Silent Auction, guessing games, kids activities and D.J. Pete Highlands playing oldies and announcing door prizes.

We also had some amazing food vendors this year including King's Family Restaurant, The Lunch Lady, The Hot Dog Man, Carmine's Brick Oven Pizza and The Creamery Ice Cream. With free parking for spectators, our show is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. You'll often see vehicles here that you won't see anywhere else.

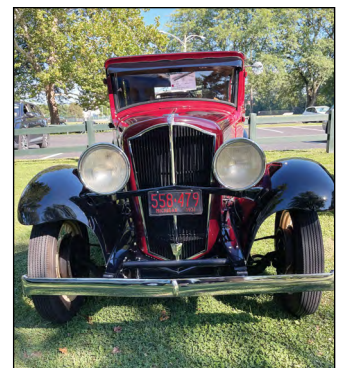
Our sincere thanks to all of our sponsors, vendors and volunteers for helping keep this show a gem in our community!



A seldom seen 1974 Saab Sonett sports car



This 1992 Peterbilt has traveled well over two million miles!



De Vaux cars only built 1931- 32

# 2025 CAR SHOW AWARD WINNERS

Event Sponsor - 82nd Airborne Division Association - America's Guard of Honor



President John Kuhns, Sr. presents the Best of Show Award to Ron & Chris Sklenar for their 2008 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500.

## Best of Show

**2008 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500**  
Ron & Chris Sklenar

## Class 1

**Production/Stock Car/Truck  
up to 1941**

*Sponsored by Moyer Insurance  
New Alexandria*

**Third - 1931 Ford Model A**

Art & Cheryl McMullen

**Second - 1941 Cadillac 60 Special**

Richard Tatano

**First - 1934 Chevy Master Deluxe**

Michael DiFranco



Class 1, First Award - 1934 Chevy Master Deluxe owned by Michael DiFranco

## Class 2

**Production/Stock Car 1942 to 1957**

*Sponsored by The Collision Shop  
by Jason Mignogna*

**Third - 1948 Ford Coupe**

Bob Thatcher

**Second - 1952 Oldsmobile Super 88  
Sedan**

James Ressler

**First - 1955 Ford Crown Victoria**

Dave Bell

## Class 3

**Production/Stock Car 1958 to 1965**

*Sponsored by Thatchers Notary  
of Greensburg*

**Third - 1963 Ford Thunderbird**

David Sullivan

**Second - 1962 Dodge**

Jack Rose

**First - 1959 Chevy Impala**

Ron Starry



Class 3, First Award - Ron Starry's 1959 Chevy Impala

## Class 4

**Production/Stock Car 1966 to 1972**

*Sponsored by Delaney Automotive  
of Greensburg*

**Third - 1968 Camaro**

David Seminary

**Second - 1971 Oldsmobile 442**

**Convertible**

Jim Ciccone

**First - 1969 Camaro**

Frank Masney, Jr.

## Class 5

**Production/Stock Car 1973 to 1983**

*Sponsored by Starry Auto*

**Third - 1980 Triumph Spitfire**

Ned Stokes

**Second - 1983 Oldsmobile Cutless  
Supreme**

Ken & Sherry Stankiewicz

**First - 1983 Pontiac Trans Am**

Ken Barker



Class 5, First Award - 1983 Pontiac Trans Am owned by Ken Barker

## Class 6

**Production/Stock Car 1984 to 2010**

*Sponsored by Friends of Howard Finney*

**Third - 2002 Pontiac Trans Am  
Collectors Edition**

George Hoffman

**Second - 2007 Pontiac Solstice GX**

Greg Facemyer

**First - 2003 Ford Thunderbird**

Ron & Laura Davis



Class 6, First Award - 2003 Ford Thunderbird owned by Ron & Laura Davis

## Class 7

**GM Factory High Performance  
1949 to 1969**

*Sponsored by The Collision Shop  
by Jason Mignogna*

**Third - 1967 Pontiac GTO**

Randy Pudlich

**Second - 1969 Camaro Z28**

Jim Fontana

**First - 1969 Camaro**

Dennis Stern

## Class 8

**GM Factory High Performance  
1970 to 2010**

*Sponsored by The Collision Shop  
by Jason Mignogna*

**Third - 1986 Pontiac Trans Am**

Peggy Kozar

**Second - 1977 Pontiac Fire Am**

Mike Kozar

**First - 2010 Camaro**

Dino Carota

## Class 9

**Ford Factory High Performance  
1949 to 2010**

*Sponsored by Friends of Howard Finney*

**Third - 1970 Ford Mustang**

Jay Fritz

**Second - 2008 Ford Shelby GT 500**

Gary Sklenar

**First - 1969 Mercury Cougar Eliminator**

Don Cole

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### **Class 10**

#### **All Other Factory High Performance 1949 to 2010**

*Sponsored by  
Super Car Workshop of Latrobe*

##### **Third - 1970 Dodge Charger**

Charles Aftosmis

##### **Second - 1969 1/2 Dodge Super Bee**

Scott & Carol Weishorn

##### **First - 2005 Lotus**

Greg Keller

### **Class 11**

#### **Production/Stock Trucks 1942 to 1974**

*Sponsored by  
Edward Jones Investments*

##### **Third - 1971 Chevy C-10**

Paul Dunlap

##### **Second - 1974 Chevy Super C-10**

Robert McConnell

##### **First - 1956 Chevy**

Jack Elder

### **Class 12**

#### **Production/Stock Trucks 1975 to 2010**

##### **Third - 1978 Ford F-250**

Ed Lanyi

##### **Second - 1999 Chevy Silverado**

Jeff Weir

##### **First - 2004 Chevy SSR**

Bobby Ruble



Class 12, President John Kuhns, Sr. presents the First Award to Bobby Ruble for his 2004 Chevy SSR

### **Class 13**

#### **Corvette 1953 to 1982**

*Sponsored by Clark Motorworks  
of Latrobe*

##### **Third - 1967 Corvette**

Jack Eidemiller

##### **Second - 1980 Corvette**

Mark Troutman

##### **First - 1954 Corvette**

Barry Kistler

### **Class 14**

#### **Corvette 1984 to 2010**

*Sponsored by Superior Motors  
of Latrobe*

##### **Third - 2001 Corvette**

Gary Miller

##### **Second - 1987 Corvette**

John Corcoran

##### **First - 2007 Corvette**

Joe & Mi Theis

### **Class 15**

#### **Mustang 1964 to 1985**

*Sponsored by Investment Retirement  
Solutions of Greensburg*

##### **Third - 1985 Ford Mustang**

Debra Graham

##### **Second - 1968 Ford Mustang**

Michael Blissman

##### **First - 1969 Ford Mustang**

Craig Rouse

### **Class 16**

#### **Mustang 1986 to 2010**

##### **Third - 2005 Ford Mustang GT**

Francis Adams

##### **Second - 2009 Ford Mustang**

Albert Heiles

##### **First - 2007 Ford Mustang GT**

Steve Evans

### **Class 17**

#### **Modified Custom Cars 1949 to 2010**

##### **Third - 1973 AMC Javelin**

Jack Kean

##### **Second - 1969 Camaro RS**

Chris & Krisann Hosbach

##### **First - 1969 Chevy Camaro**

Brian Maglosky



Class 17, Presenting the First Award to Brian Maglosky for his 1969 Chevy Camaro

### **Class 18**

#### **Modified Custom Trucks 1949 to 1967**

*Sponsored by  
Victory Automotive Group of Delmont*

##### **Third - 1953 Chevy 3100 Pick-up truck**

Kris Free

### **Second - 1961 Chevy Panel truck**

Bartley Wagner

### **First - 1952 GMC truck**

Bridget O'Neil



Class 18, Presenting the First Award to Bridget O'Neil for her 1952 GMC Truck.

### **Class 19**

#### **Modified Custom Trucks 1968 to 2010**

*Sponsored by  
Campbell Tire Services of Latrobe*

##### **Third - 1998 Dodge Dakota**

Paul Hadducks

##### **Second - 1985 Chevy Scottsdale C-10**

John Logan

##### **First - 1969 GMC truck**

Jack Vieselli

### **Class 20**

#### **Street Rods up to 1933**

##### **Third - 1932 Ford 2-Door Sedan**

John Kuhns

##### **Second - 1931 Chevy**

Norm Seybold

##### **First - 1932 Ford**

Ken Eriksson

### **Class 21**

#### **Street Rods 1934 to 1948**

*Sponsored by The Collision Shop  
by Jason Mignogna*

##### **Third - 1947 Chevy Sedan Delivery Truck**

Ron Zappone

##### **Second - 1934 Chevy Coupe**

Terry Slusser

##### **Third - 1934 Chevy Coupe**

Jerry Martz

### **Class 22**

#### **Special Interest 2010 and older**

##### **Third - 1958 VW Dune Buggy**

Allen Furey

##### **Second - 1963 VW Dune Buggy**

Scott Gelsdorf

##### **First - 1967 Shelby Cobra**

Joe Miller

## Class 23

### Motorcycles 2010 and older

**Third - 1974 Harley-Davidson**

Joe Curtmin

**Second - 2006 BMW K1200S**

Peter Gettemy

**First - 2003 Suzuki Intruder**

James Gilley



Class 23, Presenting the First Award to James Gilley for his 2003 Suzuki Intruder.

## Class 24

### AACA Senior Class

*Sponsored by The Detwiler Family*

**1964 Chevy Corvair Monza Spyder**

Joanne & Paul Colligan

**1978 Dodge LilRed Express truck**

Dave Powers & Lisa Hileman

**1986 Chevy Camaro IROC-Z**

Jaime Cintron

**1978 Chevy Impala**

Sheila Kurtz

**1989 Buick Park Avenue**

Cindy Harvey

**1948 Nash Super 600**

Cris Detwiler

**1967 Corvette**

John Kuhns



Learning about the AACA Senior Awards and the cars on display.



AACA Senior and Senior Grand National Award cars on display in front of the stage.

## Class 25

### AACA Senior Grand National Cars

*Sponsored by Specialty Cars of Latrobe*

**1985 Chevy Monte Carlo**

Jeff Yoder

**1981 Fiat X19**

Tony Mascia

**1970 Plymouth AAR Cuda**

Randy Duncan

**1970 Camaro Z28**

Dave Sheetz

**1963 Corvette**

John Kuhns, Sr.

**1967 Corvette**

John Kuhns, Sr.

**1969 Camaro**

John Kuhns, Sr.

**1967 Pontiac GTO**

John Kuhns, Sr.

**1983 Pontiac Grand Prix**

Cris Detwiler



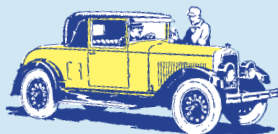
Father and son judging team at work - John Kuhns, Sr. and John Ross Kuhns



Head Judge Cris Detwiler reviews class judging results.



Special thanks to WPR volunteer Becky Blank for coordinating our great food vendors!



## Member News



WPR member Chuck Wichrowski informed us that his long time friend WPR member Lee Herbermann had passed away on May 4, 2025. Both Chuck and Lee joined the Western PA Region about the same time several years ago. Lee's professional

career spanned an impressive 40 years at Gulf Oil Corporation. He also served on the Board of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club, having a special fondness for Cadillacs. Our deepest sympathy to his wife of 61 years Judith, family and friends. Lee was 84.

*Source - Obituary*

## Support our Mission - It's a Great Time to Sell Chance Car Tickets!



As the Chance Car drawing date of November 8, 2025 draws closer, the opportunity to sell tickets heats up. Many people like to buy tickets that go off closer to the time they buy them. The drawing is now less than three months away! There's still a lot of cruises, and community events to take the Chance Car to. Ticket sales support our Western PA Region AACA mission - "The preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles."

Our beautiful 1996 Camaro Z28 convertible is a pleasure to drive and attracts a lot of attention.

Contact Tom King to schedule to take the Chance Car out to an event to sell tickets.

Contact Debbie Sheetz to sign out tickets and turn in sold tickets.

[See our website westernparegion.org for more information.](http://westernparegion.org)



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**Special thanks to:**

**Mark DeFloria, Cris and Molly Detwiler, Regis Jackson and Flo Myers for their time and talent, which helped produce this issue.**

# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## August's Car



Tom King was the first to correctly identify August's car as a 1959 Ford Retractable. We also heard from Denny and Becky Blank, Bill Holtzer, Norma and Tony Mascia, Howard Finney and Bill Maurer. Thanks for participating.

Ford's retractable top operated via a complex mechanism that folded the front of the roof and retracted it under the rear decklid. Instead of the typical hydraulic mechanisms, the Skyliner top used seven reversible electric motors (six for 1959 models), four lift jacks, a series of relays, ten limit switches, ten solenoids, four locking mechanisms for the roof and two locking mechanisms for the trunk lid, and 610 ft of wiring. The top largely consumed available trunk space, limiting the car's sales, though the mechanism operated reliably. Production totaled 20,766 units in 1957, declining to 14,713 in 1958 and to 12,915 in 1959.

-- Source: Wikipedia

## September's Car



This year's WPR car show supplied a broad variety of great vehicles to enjoy and photograph. Jill and I were very busy judging two classes this year. So we asked our son Regis to take photos of the cars and classes. He's a good photographer and likes to get interesting angles. He lifted his cell phone camera high over his head to get this point of view.

Be the first to correctly identify the make and year of September's car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com)

Many of Regis's car show photos are featured on the covers and in the car show articles of this *Western Round-Up* issue. I'm very proud of his creative efforts. Photos taken by Mark DeFloria and myself are also included. But the lion's share are Regis's.

## Where's the Starter?



By Dave Bowman  
VP - Judging



**T**here have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where is the key fob.

Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong, but stay with me.

In the 1930's, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage the starter gear and then the starter. A little difficult at times; left foot on the clutch, choke and throttle set, toe pushing the starter pedal while the heel of the right

foot pumps the gas. Buick, on the other hand, chose an almost automatic starting system in 1936. With a switch on the carburetor, all you needed to do was turn the ignition switch to on and press the accelerator pedal. Very convenient when you stall the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage and the engine will restart. This was continued through 1960.

Starting a 1940's Studebaker with manual transmission, you press the clutch pedal to the floor and engage a button under the clutch to start it. If you own a 1954 Nash with automatic transmission, shift to Neutral and then pull the gearshift lever towards you and the car will start. On many other cars of the 1940's, it was turn the key to the "on" position and then find the starter button somewhere on the dash.

Last on the list is the 1957-58 Chrysler products with automatic transmission. These were the push button shifters, but you had to push the Neutral button in farther to actuate the starter.

Now that you know how to start it, where does the gas go?

-- The Rummage Box



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