

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



April 2023

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



Providing opportunities for people to see, learn about and remember those great old cars



Summer 2022 - Top photo - Latrobe July 4th Parade, Bottom photo - WPR display
at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival in Twin Lakes Park. See page 5.



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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 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.

President's Message



Hello Everyone!

I hope everybody has a nice holiday and gotout to enjoy some of that nice weather. I really hop spring tempertures are here to stay. So dust off those antique and classic automobiles and lets have a great showing at thw annual Rev-Up Party and meeting on Sunday April 23rd. Anyone driving an old car will receive a ticket for a special drawing.

Plans are coming along for the July 2nd Car Cruise at La-trobe Memorial Stadium. We would like donations of scratch off lottery tickets to make a raffle lottery frame. It should be a nice fundraiser for the club. Please give lottery tickets to Flo or myself ASAP.

Save the date for the return of the Progressive dinner tour on July 22nd. More details to come. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Rev-Up Party...

-- Debbie

Car Show Games Request



We're looking for large vessels/jars that can be used in questing games at our region's car show.

Please contact Flo Myers.

2023 Calendar

Check our calendar each month for event and meeting updates.

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - April Monthly Meeting and Rev-Up Party

Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn building)
218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601
Starting at 1:00 p.m.
Registration required. Registration forms will be distributed in March.

Tuesday, May 16 - May Monthly Meeting at Specialty Cars Ltd.

4728 PA-982, Latrobe, PA 15650
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

June 29, 30, July 1, and 2, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Promotion Booth & Car Display

Twin Lakes Park - lower lake dam breast
Thursday - Saturday 11:00 to 8:00, and Sunday, 11:00 to 6:00
Park your antique or classic car on the dam breast as part of our region's automobile heritage display at the festival. Help host the WPR promotional booth and enjoy the festivities.
Space is limited.

Sunday, July 2 - Christmas in July Car Cruise sponsored by the Western PA Region AACA in partnership with the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee

Latrobe Stadium parking lot, Downtown Latrobe, PA
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Welcoming all show cars, trucks and motorcycles 2023 and older. We will need WPR volunteers to help park cars and manage our fundraising/promotional booths. More information to come.

Tuesday, July 4 - Latrobe 4th of July Celebration Parade

Downtown Latrobe, PA - More information to come.

Saturday, July 23 - Progressive Dinner Tour

More information to come.

Sunday, July 30 Annual Picnic

Cooperstown Club, Latrobe Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3, The Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

NOTE: If you are interested in hosting a tour or have an idea for a tour please contact our Tour Chairman Carl Erb.

POPULAR LOCAL SHOWS & CRUISES

Downtown Irwin Cruise - Saturday, April 29

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Downtown Irwin (If you want to show your car get there early.)

Thursday Night at Lamplighter - May 4

Every Thursday until Halloween, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Lamplighter Restaurant, Route 22, Delmont

Cruisin Mineral Beach, Finleyville, PA

Fridays - May 5, 12, 19 and 26

4 p.m - 9 p.m. Mineral Beach, Route 88, Finleyville, PA

Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center, EWCTC, Annual Car Show - Saturday, May 6

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 4904 Route 982, Latrobe

New Live Cruisers at Word of Life Church

Saturdays - May 6, 13, 20 and 27

4 p.m. to 8 p.m., 4497, Route 136, Greensburg.

Ultimate Saturday Car Cruise at Murrysview Shoppes - Saturday, May 20

4 p.m. - 8 p.m. 5030 William Penn Highway, Monroeville, PA

2nd Annual Classic Car Cruise at Four Seasons Brewing Company, Latrobe - Sunday May 21

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 745 Lloyd Ave. Ext, Latrobe

Ultimate Monday Car Cruise at King's Family Restaurant - Monday May 15 & Monday, May 22

4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Route 30 West, Greensburg

[Visit carcruises.com for more cruise listings](http://carcruises.com)

AACA 2023 NATIONAL EVENTS

Eastern Spring Nationals

May 18 - 20, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Sponsored by the AACA Gettysburg Region
Wyndham, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

[Click here for a brochure.](#)

AACA Founders Tour

July 16-22, Ontario & Quebec Canada

Sponsor: AACA Ontario Region

[Visit the AACA National Calendar at aaca.org](http://aaca.org)



Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on March 21, 2023 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirty-five (35) members in attendance. There were four (4) guests at tonight's meeting. Guests included Cindy and Martha Fisher, Tom Bowman and Clint Bowman.

Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the November 15, 2022 monthly meeting held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the November 15, 2022 minutes as printed in the January/February 2023 issue of the Western Round-Up. Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Denny Blank, seconded by Cindy Harvey and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Reports – Mark Jackson

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for November 2022. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Tom King, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for December 2022. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Bob Inholff, seconded by John Myers and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for January 2023. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made Bill Holtzer, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Mark Jackson read the Treasurer's Report for February 2023. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made Nancy Wolf, seconded by Kirk Fellabom and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that there was one new membership application to read. Howard read the application for Cindy and Martha Fisher. Cindy and Martha have a 1986 Chevrolet C10 Pick-Up. Cindy and Martha were recommended for membership by Joseph (Tony) Mascia and Norma Mascia. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to accept Cindy and Martha

into the Region. A motion to accept Cindy and Martha into the Region was made by Tom King, seconded by Bob Inholff and unanimously approved. Welcome into the Western PA Region, AACA Cindy and Martha.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked everyone that submitted items for inclusion in the Western Round-Up. President Debbie Sheetz presented the 2022 AACA National Master Editor Award to Mark Jackson.

Website – Mark DeFloria

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

2023 Region Dues – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded the members that 2023 Region Dues are passed due. We currently have ninety-one (91) members. Members with an email address will automatically have the Region's Newsletter emailed. The Region's Newsletter is also available on our web site. Members that would also like to have the Region's Newsletter printed and mailed should check the box on the Renewal Form and include an additional \$10 to help cover the cost. Mark Jackson spoke about the Director's decision to raise the additional fee for having newsletters mailed beginning January 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev-Up Party and April, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Mark Jackson talked about the upcoming Rev-Up Party. Sunday, April 23, 2023 - April Monthly Meeting and Rev-Up Party Combination will be held at the Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn building), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Starting at 1:00 p.m. Registration required. The dinner will a Pot Luck Dinner. Mark Jackson explained that the Region will provide fried chicken, ham, rolls, beverages, plates, plastic ware & cups. Members with last names beginning with A through K - Please bring a side dish or salad of your choice. Members with last names beginning with L through Z - Please bring a dessert of your choice. Please bring your own serving spoons. Please see reservation forms. Registration forms will be distributed in March.

May Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The May monthly meeting will be at Specialty Cars Ltd., 4728 PA-982, Latrobe, PA 15650 Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas in July Car Cruise

President Debbie Sheetz and Flo Myers reported on the possibility of the Western Pa Region, sponsoring a Christmas in July Car Cruise in partnership with the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee. The cruise would be held at the Latrobe Stadium parking lot, Downtown Latrobe, PA and be open to all show cars, trucks and motorcycles 2023 and older. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday July 2nd. A discussion followed with the members present expressing that they were in favor of the event. More details will follow.

Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park

Mark Jackson reported that the Heritage Festival would like the Region to participate in the festival as we have for the past several years. Mark Jackson explained to the committee that we do not have a chance car and the event would be cost prohibitive for the Region at this time. The festival committee offered our Region the same spot with parking on the dam for our antique automobiles at a substantially reduced price. One problem would be staffing the Region's booth on Sunday, July 2nd the last day of the festival. Following discussion with the members present that it was in the best interest of the Region to participate in the festival again this year and several members indicated that they would be able to cover the time period that overlaps with the July 2nd Christmas in July Car Cruise. More details to follow.

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

Flo reported on the WPR Sunshine Committee Flo Myers, Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler and Becky Blank. Please let a member of the committee know when you become aware of a



Western PA Region President Debbie Sheetz presents *The Western Round-Up* Editor Mark Jackson with the 2022 AACA Master Editor Award certificate. She and husband Dave attended the 2023 AACA Annual Meeting & Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia in February. In addition to enjoying the great seminars and tours, they picked up the award for Mark to present to him at the March Monthly Meeting.

member that can use some sunshine.

Meeting Snacks – Toni Beattie

Toni Beattie brought delicious cupcakes and snacks for tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

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

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

On The Cover... Providing opportunities for people to see, learn about and remember those great old cars



The crowd enjoys our Western PA Region AACA contingent during the Latrobe July 4th Parade in 2022.

In addition to the unique feeling of driving and riding in an antique car or truck, one of the greatest pleasures is “turning heads” as you go by or stop along the way. America is a country of people on the move. The automobile has played an intricate role in most of our lives. Antique vehicles in public view can attract a lot of attention. They inspire memories, stories and invite curiosity.

We will have two unique opportunities to share our antique cars with the public again this year - The July 4th Celebration

Parade in downtown Latrobe and The Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park near Greensburg. We've had a promotional booth at the festival since 1989.

This year, we are also partnering with the Latrobe July 4th Celebration Committee to host and present a “Christmas in July Cruise” at Latrobe Stadium at Legion Keener Park on Sunday, July 2. The 2023 Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival will be held on June 29, 30 and July 1 and 2. This is the heart of summer, and as you can see, there is one day overlap of these fun events on Sunday, July 2.

At our upcoming meetings we will be passing around sign-up sheets for members to participate in these events. At the Festival we need to schedule teams to host our promotional booth for approximately two hour shifts from 11 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is limited room on the lower lake dam breast to display your antique cars. Any WPR member can bring their antique car out to display during the festival. It's the best parking at the event and it's free for our members. Display cars rotate on and off during the day as our members come and go.

Watch your emails and this newsletter for more information to come on participating in these unique, fun events.

Second or Third Place



By Myron Smith
*VP - Regions Development
& Support Western Division*

So, you received a 2nd or 3rd place AACA trophy for your car. Disappointed? Many are. I've always viewed judging as kind of a report card like when I was in school. It's an evaluation of how I'm doing with my restorations. My view has changed somewhat over the years and I've gravitated more toward showing in HPOF for some time now. However, this year I decided to put a 'car' again in class judging. It got a second. I feel pretty good about it. As a part of my own evaluation of what I take to events I have always taken into account, what is the award worth. If a carpet has a little stain, is it worth a whole new carpet. Or, if there is a scratch somewhere, is it truly worth the expense and time to repaint a whole panel? Now if it's some high dollar value vehicle, the answer may be yes, but I don't show real high dollar cars. I like to call it common sense restoration.

While I rarely sell anything, I don't like to be too upside down on what money I put into a car. And, I don't take judging too seriously. It can lead to ulcers. Our judging system is if not the best, close to it. It's impossible to be an expert on everything and occasionally a judge may make a mistake, but this is not my subject of interest in this column.

I do try to bring vehicles to be judged in what I think is up to their greatest potential per dollar spent. This year we showed a 1997 Suburban. (not exactly a high buck show car). It came out of a salvage yard in 2017. It had 170,000 miles and had a bad intake manifold gasket. I intended to use it as a winter driver in the snow and salt. After we fixed the engine, I got to looking at it in more detail. There was one small spot of rust that needed to be repaired and a few scratches and door dings. Other

than that, it was very clean inside and out especially for something with so many miles and its age. Somebody had cared for it for a lot of its life. It was just too nice to abuse in Nebraska winter weather. It had come out of Montana by the dealer sticker on the back, which explained the lack of rust. We cleaned and detailed it as much as seemed logical (engine compartments on this new of a vehicle is a nightmare with so many components, nooks and crannies). We also drove it to the show. It got a second. Not too bad in my book considering what I knew of its history and where it had come from. Will it ever get an AACA 1st Junior? Probably not. It might qualify for HOPE. It's nice to drive, comfortable and there are some things more important than a trophy. It is also signed up for the AACA MAP award, which I think is very worthwhile for additional enjoyment of our vintage vehicles. We've driven it enough to get our first milestone on it.

My conclusion is to enjoy your vehicle even if it's an imperfect diamond rather than a freshly polished stone.

-- *The Rummage Box*

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

March's Car - Trivia

with Bill Holtzer



Last issue we asked if anyone knew what GM-based car in the 1954 Motorama they took the name and roof line from as a follow up in 1955 to introduce the Chevrolet Nomad station wagon. Denny and Becky Blank guessed the Pontiac Safari. Jim Heatherington also called and left a message. He too thought the Nomad's origins were linked to Pontiac. No one had the correct answer this time, which is the Chevrolet Corvette.

Here's an interesting background from *Wikipedia* – Chevrolet Nomad is a nameplate used by Chevrolet in North America from the 1950s to the 1970s, applied largely to station wagons. Three different Nomads were produced as a distinct model line, with Chevrolet subsequently using the name as a trim package.

Marketed as a halo model of the Chevrolet station wagon line for the Tri-Five series, the Nomad was repackaged as a station wagon counterpart of the Chevrolet Bel Air and Chevrolet Impala from 1958 to 1961. From 1968 to 1972, the Nomad returned as the base-trim Chevrolet Chevelle station wagon.

Making its debut on a 1954 concept car, the nameplate has again seen used by Chevrolet on multiple concept vehicles; none have reached production.

The Chevrolet Nomad was introduced in 1954 as part of the General Motors Motorama line of “dream cars” developed by GM head stylist Harley Earl. As a follow-up to the Chevrolet Corvette roadster and Chevrolet (Corvette) Corvair fastback of the year before, the Nomad was a “dream car” alongside the Pontiac Bonneville Special and Oldsmobile F-88; the latter two were experimental prototypes built on Corvette chassis.

Adopting the front fascia of the Corvette to a two-door wagon body, the Nomad shifted away from the utilitarian design of traditional station wagons, introducing a forward-slanting B-pillar and nearly wraparound rear windows.

Following a positive response to the Motorama design, GM approved the Nomad for 1955 production. As a prerequisite for approval, the design was to be adopted to the standard A-body Chevrolet chassis, both larger and more widely produced than the Corvette. The use of the A-body also allowed GM to produce the vehicle as a Pontiac.

While it is believed that GM ultimately destroyed the concept vehicle (as was common practice of the time), several reproductions of the Nomad concept exist today, mating Corvette front fascias to production Nomad bodies.

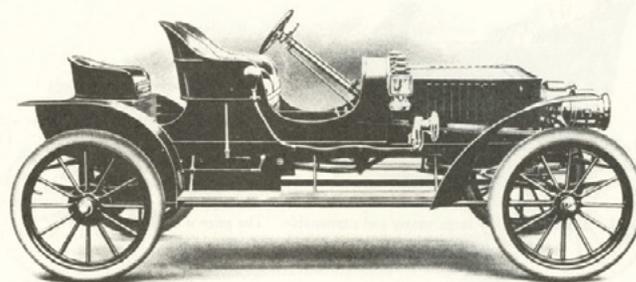
Chevrolet Nomad Production Numbers for the Classic Tri-Five Years

1955	1956	1957
8,386	7,886	6,103

Tri-Five total produced = 22,375



April's Car



Can you name the make of this early brass era car? Study this distinguished profile carefully. Don't worry about the year. Just be the first to tell us the correct name of this car to win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or see me in person at the upcoming Rev-Up Party/April Meeting at the Westmoreland Conservation District barn.



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A reproduction of the 1954 Chevrolet Nomad concept car with a Corvette front end and tail lights.



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Luxurious Jade Velour Interior

the mood is Jade

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