

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

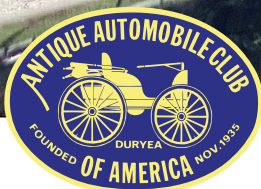
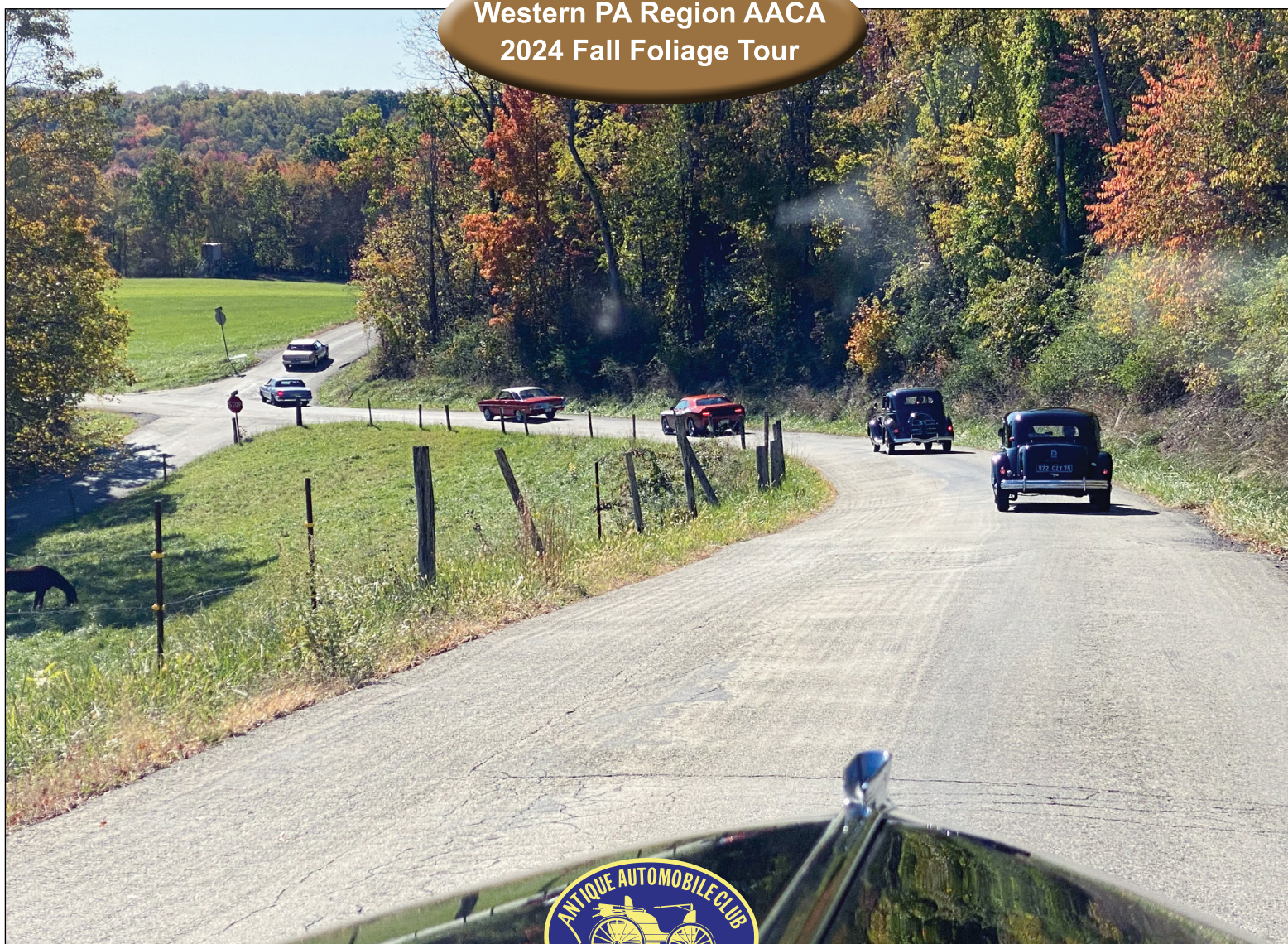


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Western PA Region AACA
2024 Fall Foliage Tour



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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 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.

2024 - 2025 Calendar

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 19, Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe

Sunday, February 2, 2025 - Western PA Region AACA Annual Meeting

Dino's Sports Lounge, 3883 US-30, Latrobe, PA 15650

1:00 p.m. Social Hour, 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

3:00 - 4:00 (approx.) Dinner - A registration form will be emailed in December. (Your 2025 AACA National dues and Western PA Region dues must be paid by this time.) You do not have to attend the dinner to attend the WPR Annual Meeting.

Friday, February 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - Western PA Region 2025 Car Show Committee Meeting

Westmoreland Conservation District barn,
218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg.

Note - There will be NO Regular third Tuesday Monthly Meetings in January or February.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Location to be announced

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

Sunday, December 8 - WPR Christmas Party

Rizzo's, Crabtree, PA - Registration forms have been emailed and U.S Mailed to those who receive a printed Round-Up. Registration Deadline is November 29, 2024

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

February 6-8, 2025 - AACA National Convention

Charlotte, North Carolina

April 3-5, 2025 - Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, North Carolina

May 1-3, 2025 Western Spring Nationals/Grand National

Tucson, Arizona

June 1-7, 2025 Vintage Tour

Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

July 2-5, 2025 - Central Springs Nationals

Auburn, IN

July 24-26, 2025 - Grand Nationals / Zenith

Dayton, OH

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

Honoring Our Veterans

By Flo Myers

On October 15th, 2024, at our monthly Club meeting held in John Kuhns, Sr.'s private garage showroom at his home, we had the privilege to honor our club members who served this great county we call the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

With each new member I always inquire if they served and if so, what was the first car they bought after exiting the military. Each year I try to find a new avenue to expand upon their first purchase. This year, I asked each of them in attendance to share with us the most exciting/wildest ride they took in that vehicle. The stories ranged from inducing labor, racing down the hollow on Route 30, still having the car today (and a newer version), to what they REALLY wanted.

We were pleased to have: Denny Blank, Ron Caruso, Carl Erb, Kirk Fellabom, Howard Finney, Rob Grote and John Myers share these experiences with all. We also gave recognition to: Jaime Cintron, Debbie Davis, Guy Davis, Brian Ellicker, Pete Highlands, Lee Herbermann, Bill Maurer, Myron Shoaf, Clay Stoner and Jack Wolfe.

The Poem: "The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute" by Joanne Fuchs was read followed by a prayer. At the end of the meeting, all were invited to share a delicious military decorated cake and ice cream. Again, a special thank you to each of our Veterans, and every Veteran who served.

-- Flo

The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

by Joanna Fuchs

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran", and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
They are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;
They're exceptional; no other group compares.
We're grateful for the many things they've done;
They're always in our hearts and prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they're worth.
These men and women served us and our country,
Our veterans -- the very best on earth.

President's Message



WPR President Debbie Sheetz

Wow! Fall has come and the leaves are down already. Tony and Norma Mascia's fall driving tour was an absolutely beautiful day. Everyone on the tour was treated to an array of fall colors and sunshine.

At our last meeting Flo Myers held a program to honor the veterans of our club. The stories the veterans told about their old cars were enjoyed by all those in attendance. Thank You.

Next we look forward to the annual Christmas Party. It is again being held at Rizzo's restaurant in Crabtree. So pull out your finest holiday attire and join fellow club members for some merriment.

Please mark your calendar on February 2, 2025 for our annual meeting and dinner. It will be held at Dino's restaurant in Latrobe. Start thinking ahead to the meeting where we will be voting in the new board members for the 2025 year.

See you at the next meeting.

-- Debbie

Dues Reminder

We hope you enjoyed your 2024 memberships in AACA and our Western PA Region. If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your memberships for 2025.

AACA National - You can renew using forms that came with your recent *Antique Automobile Magazine*, or you can renew online by clicking [this link](#). You can also call AACA headquarters at (717) 534-1910 to renew by phone with a credit card. during business hours, talking with an AACA staff member.

Western PA Region - Once you renew with AACA National, you can renew your Western PA Region Membership. To download and print a renewal form [click here](#). We will mail renewal forms to members who signed up to receive a printed *Western Round-Up* newsletter. **BOTH AACA National and Western PA Region dues must be paid by the Western PA Region Annual Meeting Sunday, February 2, 2025.**



Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on October 15, 2024 at John Kuhns, Sr.'s home garage, Latrobe, PA. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-six (26) members in attendance. Richard Flickinger was our guest at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. – Monthly Meeting at The Lincoln Highway Experience Museum, 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA 15650. President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections to the September 17, 2024 minutes as printed in the October 2024 issue of the Western Round-Up. Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Craig DeFloria

No Report. Craig DeFloria was not present at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that there was one new membership application to read. Howard read the application for Roxana and Richard Flickinger. Roxana and Richard Flickinger have a 1911 Renault Touring, 1923 Buick Roadster, 1929 Ford A Touring and a 1992 Cadillac STS. Roxana and Richard Flickinger were recommended for membership by Howard Finney and Mark DeFloria. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to accept Roxana and Richard Flickinger into the Region. A motion to accept Roxana and Richard Flickinger into the Region was made by John Myers, seconded by Becky Blank and approved. Welcome into the Western PA Region, Roxana and Richard.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

No Report. Mark Jackson was not present at tonight's meeting. Members can request hard copies for an annual fee of \$25 to help cover printing/postage costs. (Reminder newsletter issues are January/February, March/April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November/December.)

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded members to please continue to let him know if they have an address or email address change.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

The WPR Sunshine Committee consists of Flo Myers, Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler and Becky Blank. Please let a member of the committee know when you become aware of a member that can use some sunshine. Flo reported that three get well cards were sent out in September.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl has some ideas for Spring 2025 tours. Carl reminded members of the upcoming "Fall Tour" on Saturday, October 19th Chaired by Tony and Norma Mascia. Tony said they will be meeting at 11:00 am at "THE MEADOWS" on the corner of Route 981 and Route 22. The tour will be stopping at the Loy-alhanna and Conemaugh Dams, as well as the Concord School and Carriage House. The tour will end at Keystone Kitchen in New Alexandria for lunch (self-Pay) at about 1:00 pm. Please let Norma know if you will be attending.

Christmas Party – John Kuhns

Reminder the annual Christmas Party will be on December 8th at Rizzo's Malabar Inn. Mark your calendars!

Veteran's Recognition – Flo Myers

Flo Myers read a poem for our members who are veterans. Flo then asked each veteran to reflect on their first car after leaving the military. Our veterans present graciously told of their first car following military service and a brief story related to the vehicle. A red, white and blue cake and ice cream was enjoyed following the meeting.

Monthly Antique/Classic Car Award

This month the award for driving a classic or antique vehicle to the meeting was won by Tony Mascia.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown) Hall, 158 American Legion Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650. The monthly meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. Becky Blank made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



Save the Date

Friday, February 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Western PA Region 2025
Car Show Planning Meeting

Hello Everyone:

I realize it's early, but for 2024 we started in February and you all knocked it out of the park, having all the T's crossed and I's dotted, not to mention all duck's in a row. (I can't think of any other idioms).

The meeting will be at the **Westmoreland Conservation District barn**, 218 Donohue Road, Greensburg.

Please jot down any questions, pros/cons and other concerns and bring them with you to the meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

-- Flo

Your Headquarters



By Steve Moskowitz, CEO
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-- The Rummage Box

It is sometimes very frustrating for all of us when resources available to our membership go unused or are forgotten. Please remember that AACAA is a service organization and is here to help our members and regions/chapters in all sorts of ways.

First, we have a beautiful all-new membership brochure, a special brochure for region/chapter use and Mustang cut-out cards available to you for free to help promote our mutual growth. Our magazine, *Antique Automobile*, *Speedster* and this *Rummage Box* also are meant to support efforts to enjoy our hobby and promote its growth.

We also have two Facebook pages (Antique Automobile Club of America and AACAA Antique Automobile Club of America), our website/forums and Instagram. They are all useless unless we take advantage of them. Please get familiar with what the club has to offer. It will make life easier for you and help you to increase your enjoyment of AACAA. Our staff at national is happy to serve you so do not hesitate to call with any concerns or questions. All the staff will endeavor to help you with any question.

Western PA Region AACA Fall Foliage Tour

Tour arranged by Norma and Tony Mascia, Story by Car Erb



Enjoying our colorful country roads.



The scenic Conemaugh River Dam



Outside the 1848 Concord School

*"Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
My, oh, my, what a wonderful day
Plenty of sunshine headin' my way
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay!" **

Those words from a popular old tune pretty much sum up the wonderful day for our WPR-AACA "Fall Foliage Tour" that was arranged by members Norma and Tony Mascia. If you weren't on that tour, it would be impossible to fully describe to you what a wonderful day it truly was! The combination of a beautiful warm fall day, slowly driving our treasured antique cars on very narrow tree-lined roads in the peak of a Western PA fall foliage season would have been enough. However, to add to the beautiful scenery through which we drove, Norma and Tony also led us to short stops at two significantly historic flood control dams and a boat launching /camping/hiking area, all of which were in beautiful park-like settings. They also made reservations for us to visit The Stonehouse Museum in Saltsburg PA, which is normally only open on Wednesdays, and the Historic Concord School and Carriage House which is only open to groups by special arrangements. The entire tour pretty much circled the area in which both Norma and Tony were born and have lived all their lives. When they were young, the roads were mostly dirt, something that Norma reflects on in the days when, as a young girl, she rode most of them on horseback.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is so much information available via the internet about the stops on this tour that there are multiple links, highlighted in blue, to click onto. Some of the links even have links within them, especially at stop #5.*

We met early before our 11:00 AM departure time at The Meadows Ice Cream store on Route 22 in New Alexandria where we could "OOO" and "AAHHH" over each other's an-

tique cars and catch up on things since our last meeting. There were 13 cars and 22 WPR-AACA members on the tour. I was particularly pleased to see a couple of cars that looked like my 1930's (looking) car that actually were 1930's cars. That would be Tom & Doreen King's original looking 1938 Chrysler Imperial "restomod" and Dave & Debbie Sheetz' all original 1935 Ford 4 door sedan which they recently acquired. Tony was driving Norma's 1975 Oldsmobile Cutlass, that she has owned since it was new. They led us to Stop #1 at the [Bush Recreation Area Boat Launch - Google Maps](#) which has a boat launch area, a campground and hiking trails. The creek at this point has been transformed into a long recreational lake created by the Loyalhanna Dam.

We continued our tour to Stop #2 at the [Conemaugh River Dam](#) where we stopped for a long enough break to see great views of the dam and learn about its history. You can also find numerous videos about this dam on YouTube.

From the Conemaugh Dam we proceeded to Stop #3 in the Borough of Saltsburg PA where Loyalhanna Creek joins the Conemaugh River to form the Kiskiminetas River which then flows Northwest through Avonmore, Apollo, Vandergrift and Leechburg before emptying into the Allegheny River just north of Freeport. The joining of all these bodies of water and their numerous feeder streams is why Saltsburg and many communities downstream from there suffered devastating flood damage in 1889, the same year as the infamous Johnstown Flood. There was also severe damage in 1936 and in several other years with lesser damage. Saltsburg Borough gets its name from the many boiling salt springs that generated an industry that created a town. (**Although most people call small communities in PA towns, Bloomsburg is the only officially incorporated town in all of PA. The rest are all officially titled as boroughs, municipalities, townships etc.*) Saltsburg was linked to the "outside world" first

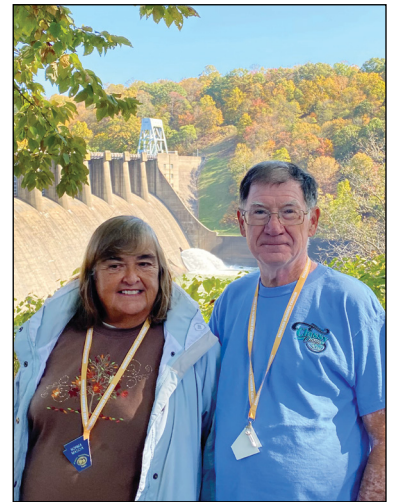


Inside the 1848 Concord School, tour participants are seated at the desks and ready to learn.



Dr. Victoria Ent

Photos by Tom and Doreen King, Cris and Molly Detwiler



The PA Main Line Canal ran through Saltsburg. In the Carriage House by the 1848 Concord School. Tour hosts Norma and Tony Mascia

by The Pennsylvania Main Line Canal that ran through it and provided transportation for their salt products to Pittsburgh on the western end and to Philadelphia on the eastern end. The canal, which was completed in 1852, ran right through Saltsburg but was eventually replaced by the Western Pennsylvania Railroad that served the same purpose of shipping the salt because it was faster and could haul heavier loads. To tell all the history of Saltsburg would take up too much space in this newsletter, so if interested click on these 3 very informative links — [Historic Saltsburg](#) — [Rebecca B. Hadden Stone House Museum in Saltsburg, PA! - YouTube](#) — [Stone House Museum Photo Gallery](#)

On the day I went with Noma and Tony to help determine how much time to allot for each stop on this tour, we checked out the Saltsburg Stonehouse Museum only to find that it was only open on Wednesdays OR by special arrangement. We looked across the street at the All-American Barber Shop that also looked like a museum, only to discover that it was a real live barber shop that just looked very old and had been in business for nearly 100 years. The barber, P.J. Hruska, was very helpful, giving us the names of Jack & Linda Maguire, Sharon Morich and Chuck Colton, all who were there the day of our tour, to tell us about the museum. Jack appeared

on “The American Pickers” when they visited the old “mill” a few years ago to do some “picking”. [American Pickers: Century-Old Building Filled With Treasures \(Season 24\)](#) There are several American Pickers videos on YouTube about Saltsburg and one of them shows where they bought a 1957 Chevy from Jack to help finance the restoration projects. The old grist mill in this video is in the process of becoming a museum but was not yet in a state to be visited because of all the lumber stored inside to reside the outside of the building. This will be another place to visit in the future, hopefully in conjunction with the annual Saltsburg Car Cruise.

After Saltsburg we continued our tour to Stop #4 at the [Loyalhanna Dam](#). Then after our stop here we proceeded to Stop #5, at the [1848 Concord School and Carriage House](#). We parked our cars in a grassy area at the Concord One-Room Schoolhouse and were enthusiastically greeted by Dr. Victoria Ent who is the owner, curator, and head docent of both the Concord Schoolhouse and the Carriage Museum. Victoria's recently deceased mother Eleanor Ent was an alumna of this school and was obsessed with restoring it with Victoria and other family members and friends when in 1984 she and her husband Girard Ent purchased the Doubletree Farmstead on

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Wedding Cookie Table Community - Cookie Colleges

By Sheila Kurtz

When attending a wedding reception in the surrounding areas, you probably have enjoyed the tasty cookies families and friends have spent many hours baking for the wedding cookie table. This is a local, time-honored tradition from the 20th century.

First, here's a little history of The Wedding Cookie Table. The population of the area was largely blue collar, with many having European immigrant roots in an area described as a melting pot. People who didn't speak the same languages, learned to live together, gaining an appreciation of each other's backgrounds.

Life was difficult for people who were drawn to the region by the promise of a better life. Men toiled in the mills and the mines, and women worked equally hard as they trended to the home and family. Strangers grew to become family to each other. They didn't have a lot but they shared what they had.

The people of the region marked life's milestone events together, both happy and sad. Members of the community would show up (and still do) with complete dinners representing their unique heritage, and cookies were always a part of the offering.

For weddings, the family often prepared a complete meal with cake, but friends and relatives would add to the offering by bringing cookies representing their background. Cookies prepared for a wedding were especially fancy and plentiful and people would look forward to the grand assembly which covered an entire table. A new, regional tradition was born where people don't ask, "How was the wedding"? They ask, "How were the cookies"?

The Wedding Cookie Table Community was created in 2015 and has carried the tradition to many parts of the U.S. and corners of the world. The community founder is Laura M. Magone. You can visit The Wedding Cookie Table Community on Facebook.

Each year the Wedding Cookie Table Community has a "Cookie College". I attended my first one in May of this year at the Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn. There were many vendors and demonstrations. They had basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing. However, the most impressive part was the huge and very elaborate wedding cookie table! All of the cookies were hand-made by volunteer bakers. When we checked in we were given a colored piece of paper that would act as our ticket for selecting 10 cookies. When a cookie tray would be about to run out, the ladies would add more of the same cookies to it.

Then in August, they planned a "Christmas Cookie College" for August 25th. They were again in need of bakers. Now I decided it was my time to bake cookies for the event. I submitted my recipe for "Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Cookies". We had to make 12 dozen of our cookies. Each baker had to submit the recipe and picture of their cookies on a plate. The plate I chose was Justin's cookies for Santa plate. There were

over 200 different kinds of cookies on display. I took my cookies to the event the day before in new pizza boxes labeled with my name and type of cookie. When I pulled up to the event's door I was greeted by a lady with a cart for my cookies. I also made and donated a counted cross stitch, "Christmas Cookie House" wall hanging for their raffle. It was exciting to see my cookies displayed on the cookie table. Everyone was given a box to select a dozen cookies to take home.

There was such a demand for the recipes at the May and August Cookie Colleges, that The Wedding Cookie Table Community printed cookie recipe books. All of the cookie recipes were featured along with pictures of the cookies. I purchased both books and plan to try some new recipes. The recipe I submitted is below. Give it a try sometime.

Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Cookies

Yield: 3 dozen

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter flavor shortening
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts (see note)

Instructions

- Pre-heat oven to 305°
- Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
- With electric mixer, cream butter flavor shortening and both sugars until smooth.
- Add vanilla and egg mixing well.
- Sift flour and baking soda.
- In a bowl combine dried cranberries, white chocolate chips, and walnuts with a tablespoon of flour. Stir these into the dough.
- Using a tablespoon size cookie scoop, drop the dough onto a prepared baking sheet two inches apart.
- Bake until edges are set - about 9 minutes. Check after 9 minutes to see if they need a little more time.
- Cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes, and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- Store in an airtight container.

Note: You can use macadamia nuts or pecans instead of walnuts.





Relegated to feed storage on a farm, rusting away under a large pine tree for 11 years and almost scrapped, this unique 1977 Chevrolet Beauville Series 20 passenger van was rescued and restored by my brother Dave Davis.

The Road Less Traveled By

By Guy Davis

One of the most gratifying feelings that a person can experience in the antique and classic car hobby occurs when you obtain a vehicle which was in the process of being disposed of due to its extremely poor condition, and then you bring it back to life. That good feeling is multiplied exponentially when the salvaged vehicle is a bit unusual and not commonly seen at today's shows, rallies, or the neighborhood cruise-in. The restoration of such a vehicle may prove challenging especially if few replacement parts are available and there is little demand for any company to manufacture reproduction items. In such a case, the restorer must have skill, perseverance, patience, and an innovative mind to get such a vehicle back on the road again.

In 1977, Roy Palmer of Greensburg purchased a new Chevrolet Beauville Series 20 passenger van. It was an attractive vehicle sporting a two-tone blue paint scheme, chrome bumpers, and aluminum trim. The interior featured two bench seats situated behind the two front bucket seats and could comfortably accommodate eight passengers. Faux wood appliques appeared on all door panels and interior trim. The van came with Chevrolet's dependable 350 cubic inch engine which delivered power to the rear wheels via an automatic transmission. Air conditioning, an AM-FM radio, and cruise control ensured a pleasurable drive on any road less traveled by. In addition to local trips, Roy used the van to transport his family to rodeos throughout the western part of the United States often crossing long stretches of barren desert lands.

As the years passed, the van was relegated to a space in a Morton building on Roy's farm. There it would remain until one of Roy's sons took possession of the vehicle. Unfortunately, the van was relocated to a spot under a large pine tree where it would reside immobile for the next eleven years. During that time period, it was used to store animal feed and grain. The feed attracted many local pests including rodents who took up

residence in the headliner, under dash cavities and in the engine compartment. Pine needles which had accumulated on the roof of the van and remained damp from years of rains and snows transformed the metal into something resembling Swiss cheese. In time, Roy's son realized that the old van needed to go to the scrap yard.

Rather than dispose of the vehicle, another one of Roy's sons decided that he would try to make the van roadworthy again. He used a tractor to tow the van to his nearby residence where he attempted to start the engine by installing a new fuel pump and then emptying four cans of either down the carburetor. Unfortunately, the lack of proper engine prep prior to a restart caused serious internal damage to the motor. It now became the consensus of all in the Palmer family that it was definitely time to have the sad-looking van hauled away.

Fortunately, my brother Dave who knew the Palmer family made a deal for the forlorn Beauville and hauled it off to our Greensburg garage. Over the next two years, Dave would

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The Beauville's interior featured comfortable seats for up to eight passengers and faux wood appliques on the door panels and trim.

assume the role of welder, mechanic, painter, upholsterer, detective, and innovator. A four-bolt main 350 cubic inch engine from a 1978 Chevrolet Blazer was installed in the van. A good roof and passenger side fender were removed from a wrecked 1971 GMC van, a hood was found in Reliable's Salvage Yard behind Seton Hill University, replacement door handles came from New York, and a grill was found in the town of Tom's River, New Jersey. Since no company produces headliners for a 1977 Chevrolet van, Dave utilized sheets of marlite from Lowe's for a substitute. My son, Ben, was able to track

down several rare items on the internet including fender name badges and decals. Family friends Eric Wigginton and Henry King also put their times and talents into the restoration effort.

Today, the van which was only a few days removed from a trip to the scrap yard is once again an attractive, reliable vehicle which could comfortably traverse the nation's highways and byways. Even though Mustangs, Camaros, Corvettes, T-birds and Chargers are a common sight at today's shows and cruises, you might just want to check out that spiffy looking two-tone blue Chevrolet Beauville if you happen to see it at an event because chances are that it will be many a day before you ever see another one.

WPR Members John & Cindy Harvey Recognized for AACA National Show Support

Although they are not members of the AACA Hershey Region, John and Cindy Harvey have been helping the Hershey Region for a number of years during the Annual National Show each October – assembling judging team packets, teaching judging school, checking registrations at breakfast and other things needed done during the week.

Each year, after the event, John and Cindy have received incentives given to all Hershey Region members who work the event. The Harvey's have become "family" for many of the Region members.

The Harvey's continued support for the Region and the National AACA was recognized and celebrated this year. John and Cindy were "pinned" with the AACA Extra Mile Award. In

addition, for the third year in a row, they were recognized in the event program available to the attendees.

Later in the week, Cindy and John were invited to a private dinner for six at The Hotel Hershey. The dinner was hosted by AACA President Jack Harris and the AACA First Lady Audrey Harris.

The Harvey's are looking forward to the 2025 event.



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which the schoolhouse is located. When Victoria's parents purchased the property, the schoolhouse still had all the educational tools in it since the day it closed in 1953. It was shy of a few things that were stolen when vandals broke through one of the brick walls, but Victoria has been able to collect many of the same items. to restock the school.

After Victoria's "lecture" in the schoolhouse, she took us to the Carriage House, which contained the most complete collection of horse-drawn sleighs, buggies, and wagons that exist anywhere in this part of the country. There were all types of wagons and carriages on the main floor and all types of sleighs on large balconies on a second-floor level above. Perhaps the most significant wagon in this collection is the Kane Dairy Milk Wagon manufactured by Studebaker, which has found a home here, thanks to a member of the Kane family. The wagon is hitched to a horse in the middle of the large building.

At the end of our tour most of the members went to the Keystone Kitchen, just across Route 22 from where we started. The restaurant had a reasonably priced menu and tasty meals, a delightful end to a fantastic tour. Thanks Norma & Tony for the wonderful tour.

** Work Cited: Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah composed by Allie Wrubel with lyrics by Ray Gilbert, 1946*

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

October's Car



Becky Blank was the first to correctly identify "Buttercup" as a 1956 Mercury. Howard Finney, Doreen King, Bill Holtzer and Gary Wiegand also correctly identified "Buttercup".

In this photo, owner Jim Spar was driving "Buttercup" to the main pavilion at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe to receive the second place award in Class 3 at the 2024 Western PA Region Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show.

The first planning meeting for the 2025 show will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District barn, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg.

November/December's Car



Can you identify this car based on this photo from a promotional brochure? People really got dressed up to look at a car back in the day!

Be the first to correctly identify the year and make of this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com.



Senior Security & Safety

By Brian A. Ellicker
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To my fellow members and friends. Today, I'm sure that we're all aware that we, as an aging population, can all too easily become targets of everyone from scammers to pickpockets to robbers and thieves. As a career police officer, I recognize that with just a few suggestions and thought, we can all be just a bit safer as we go about our daily lives.

As for our own public safety, consider the following. Walk with a friend when possible, and in a well lighted area. Ladies, if you do choose to carry a purse or bag, keep your valuables, such as cash and credit cards, in a pocket and **NOT** in a carried bag that is easily ripped from your arm as you walk. And **NEVER** leave your bag or purse alone and unzipped in a shopping cart. A visible wallet can be grabbed simply by someone walking past. Believe it or not, thieves actually do practice these easy moves, as do pickpockets. Men, be aware of people near you, or bumping into you, in crowds or store aisles. Again, thieves do practice, and become quite efficient at making your property their own.

ALWAYS use locks on both cars and in your home. Today, assailants no longer fear confrontation, especially of an older individual who may appear as easy prey. Even as we males are no longer the youthful individuals that we were a few years ago. Both male and female friends should carry mace or a defensive spray. If you choose to carry a weapon, be efficient

in its use and properly licensed to carry it off of your property in a public place.

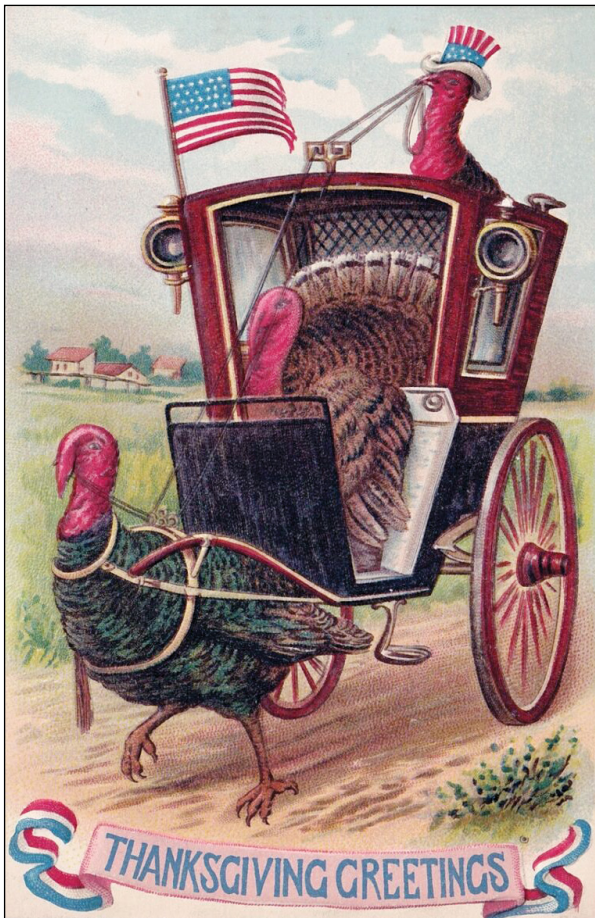
When you aren't, **AND EVEN WHEN YOU ARE** home, **USE OUTSIDE LIGHTS!** Potential burglars or home invaders **LOVE** the dark. Having interviewed many burglars during my almost 20 year career, I've learned that potential burglars do "case" a home or neighborhood before they decide on a target. Make your home look lived in and as if someone is home. If you travel, have a trusted friend take down old decorations. Nothing shouts **"NOT AT HOME"** like out of season decorations hanging on a house. Install Dead Bolt locks. The common doorknob pull locks, sometimes called slam locks, can be easily opened by those practiced. I once broke into my own home several years ago in 22 seconds using a plastic Giant Eagle card. And **NEVER** give personal information over the phone or internet! **NEVER!**

Finally, no matter what type of defense that you decide is best for you, be it alarms, a weapon, or a friend; our **BEST** defense against becoming a victim is **OUR OWN COMMON SENSE**. If something feels wrong, don't just dismiss it. As you go through your day remember the old railroad crossing signs that read **"STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN"**.

Stay safe, my friends.



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They're Still Out There!

By Bill Holtzer



These are all in a fenced area at a mini-storage near Irwin. The white Cadillac is in rough shape. It used to be covered, but not for the last couple of years. This shell of a 1955 Chevy Nomad has a 1990 inspection sticker.



We will have a Toys For Tots collection box at the Western PA Region Christmas Party, December 8 at Rizzo's in Crabtree, Noon - 3:00 p.m. If you are not able to attend and would like to donate a new toy, contact me, Denny and Becky Blank or Flo and John Myers, or drop off your toy(s) in a Toys for Tots box at a local business.