

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



October 2024

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of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



Dave and Debbie Sheetz at the AAA Revival Glidden Tour® with past WPR President Randy Hall and the 1911 Buick he purchased from past WPR President Paul Bell over 30 years ago.





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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 Calendar

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

John Kuhns, Sr.'s home garage (NOT the Dealership)
2339 Raymond Avenue, Latrobe, PA 15650

Featuring a special tribute honoring WPR Veterans!

Tuesday, November, 19, 7:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 982, Latrobe

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

Saturday, October 19 - Fall Driving Tour - Hosted by Tony and Norma Mascia, enjoy a country drive to Loyalhanna Dam and a lunch at an old school house. More details to come.

Sunday, December 8 - WPR Christmas Party

Rizzo's, Crabtree, PA - Registration and details to come

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

October 23-26, 2024 – Huntsville, Alabama –

Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA

North Alabama Region – Dave Robertson, Chairman –
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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)

September 18-20, 2025 – Southeastern Fall Nationals

Corydon, IN

October 7-10, 2025 – Eastern Fall Meet

Hershey, PA

WESTERN PA AACA
RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 7:00 PM •
John Kuhn, Sr's showroom at
His house
2339 Raymond Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650
(also was the last stop in the Progressive Dinner Tour)

We know what the 1st car was they bought when exiting the military, now we'll find out the wildest ride they took in the car!!!

October 19th, 2024 at 11:00 AM
WESTERN PA AACA FALL DRIVING TOUR

Hosted by Tony and Norma Mascia

Meet at **THE MEADOWS** on the corner of Route 981 and Route 22. We will stop at the Loyalhanna 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 1:00

Please call Norma to let know you will be coming at 724-244-5656

Hope to See You!

President's Message



WPR President Debbie Sheetz

Thank you to all who helped and participated in the annual Progressive Dinner Tour. Dave and I were sorry we could not attend but we had an exciting week touring the Gettysburg and Maryland regions on the National 78th Glidden Tour.

Now we can all look forward to the Fall Tour on October 19th hosted by Tony and Norma Mascia. They have planned a fun route to view the fall foliage of our area.

Fall Carlisle and the Hershey show and flea market are on a lot of our members schedules also. We look forward to hearing stories of the unique items found in the flea markets of both events!

As always, lets get those automobile out for a drive in the country side.

-- Debbie

Special thanks from Westmoreland Food Bank

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the following donors for their support of Westmoreland Food Bank and those we serve:

- Clelian Heights School held a "dress down day" food drive and collected 154 pounds of food.
- Western PA Antique Automobile Club collected 84 pounds of food and \$31.
- S&T Bank collected 123 pounds of food.
- Representative Jill Cooper and her staff held a food drive during a shredding event. They collected 248 pounds of food and \$40.
- Notre Dame in conjunction with Franklin Regional High School held a food drive and collected 20 pounds of food.
- VFW Aux 781 collected 125 pounds of food.
- Denmark Manor UCC collected 72 pounds of food and \$50.
- Thank you to The Palace Theatre and the Westmoreland Cultural Trust for hosting a food drive during The Oak Ridge Boys concert. A total of 218 pounds of food was collected.



Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on September 17, 2024 at The Lincoln Highway Experience Museum, 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA 15650. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-eight (28) members in attendance. Carol Polidora was our guest at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the April 20, 2024 monthly meeting held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the August 20, 2024 minutes as printed in the September 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 Brian Ellicker, seconded by Bill Holtzer and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Craig DeFloria

Secretary Mark DeFloria read the Treasurer's Reports as prepared by Treasurer, Craig DeFloria. Craig was not present at tonight's meeting.

June 2024 treasure report was read. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Bill Maurer and unanimously approved.

July 2024 treasure report was read. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Denny Blank, seconded by Kirk Fellabom and unanimously approved.

August 2024 treasure report was read. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Tom King, seconded by Norma Mascia and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard was not present at tonight's meeting.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked Phil and Toni Beattie for their article and everyone who have submitted articles and photos for the newsletter. Mark also discussed publication and mailing cost

associated with the newsletter. Members are emailed copies of the newsletter automatically. 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 asked that members let him know if they have an address or an email address change or any club-oriented information, they would like presented on the Region's 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. Flo reported that two get well cards were sent out in August.

Annual Car Show – Flo Myers

Flo Myers reported on the 2024 Annual Car Show. The car show was a huge success with the hard work and help from many club members. Flo thanked everyone for their help with the show. Molly Detwiler thanked all the members who brought items for the bake sale and helped. Toni Beattie thanked all the members who donated baskets for the basket auction. Toni also thanked Casper DeFloria for his help with the "Kids Corner". Debbie Sheetz thanked Debbie Davis and Doreen King for helping her with the 50/50. Becky Blank reported that all four food truck vendors showed up for the day of the show. All seemed happy with their sales doing the show. Becky also reported that Fire House Subs donated \$120 to the Region. Dave Sheetz reported that there were no real problems encountered during the gate process or on the car show field.

Cindy Harvey was not present at tonight's meeting but prepared a report thanking Beck Blank, Sandy DeFloria, Martha Fisher, Louise Marks and Norma Mascia for helping with registration. Cindy also thanked Norma who kinda got pushed to directing people at the giveaways and driver participation games. Flo Myers thanked Bill Holtzer for printing the car show flyers. Flo also thanked Tom King for donating the new tires he installed on the Region's storage trailer. (Secretary Note: Please accept my apologies if I missed noting anyone.)



The September 17 WPR Monthly Meeting was held at the fabulous Lincoln Highway Experience museum, Route 30 East, Latrobe.

Raffle Tickets – Craig DeFloria

Mark DeFloria read a report provided by Craig DeFloria. Craig reported that 250 of the 500 raffle tickets were sold. Two winning tickets were sold, with the third day's ticket remained unsold. About 20 members/families sold raffle tickets. The Region's raffle was successful even with the number of unsold tickets.

Progressive Dinner Tour – Tom King

Tom King reported about the upcoming Progressive Dinner Tour scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd. Tom said that about 28 members have registered for the tour. Tom passed out directions to those members present for the tour. Brunch will be hosted by Tom and Doreen King, Lunch hosted by Louise Marks and Dessert hosted by John and Vickie Kuhns. Tom asked that members with any questions call him at 412-855-7887.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl Erb spoke about potential future tours. Carl reminded members of the upcoming "Fall Tour" on Saturday, October 19th 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 Loyalhanna 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 call Norma to let know you will be coming at 724-244-5656. Registration Form will be emailed.

Christmas Party - John Ross Kuhns

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

Monthly Antique/Classic Car Award

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at John Kuhns, Sr.'s home garage (NOT the Dealership – Same location as the last stop on the Progressive Dinner Tour), 2339 Raymond Avenue, 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 8:18 p.m. Becky Blank made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Toni Beattie and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award

Mark Jackson won the Drive Your Antique or Classic Car Award at the September Monthly Meeting held at the Lincoln Highway Experience along Route 30 East, Latrobe. Mark drove an antique 1999 Buick Regal LS, which originally belonged to his wife Jill's mother.

Members who drive an antique or classic car to a WPR event or meeting can enter a drawing to win custody of this classy award to enjoy until the next event, when it is passed on to another winner.

Originally made by Dave Sheetz, the award features a timing chain and gears mounted on a wooden plaque with the WPR logo. Let's keep driving those great old cars.



WPR President Debbie Sheetz presents the award to Mark Jackson

WPR Progressive Dinner Tour Delights!

By Molly and Cris Detwiler



Starting with brunch at the Kings.



Tom and Doreen King's quiet wooded setting.



l-r: Craig and Casper DeFloria with Cris and Molly Detwiler relaxing on the deck.

The Western PA Region AACA 2024 Progressive Dinner Tour was held on Sunday, September 22nd. It was a beautiful warm, sunny day and perfect for a driving tour to three member-hosted dining stops. There were about 28 members and 15 cars on the tour. We started out at Tom and Doreen King's home near Jeannette. Doreen prepared scrumptious brunch items including a sausage, cheese, and hash brown casserole and a cinnamon French toast dish. The King's home was in a quiet, woods setting. It was very relaxing.

Tom then led a nice country road tour from he and Doreen's house to Louise Marks' home in Greensburg. We traveled on some roads that a few people were surprised that they had never been on before. Louise had prepared ham and chicken salad

sandwiches with chips and pretzels. There were also two hot items – chicken soup with homemade-style noodles and chili.

After the visit to Louise's we continued our drive to our last stop at the Kuhns' family home in Latrobe for dessert, enjoying some fabulous scenery along the way. We were greeted by John and Vickie at their garage. They served up a nice selection of baked items including pies, peach cobbler and cookies. John also had ice cream available. Members wandered through their garage enjoying the amazing automotive and soda fountain memorabilia collections and beautiful antique cars. We relaxed in their backyard for a while, then headed home after sharing a wonderful day driving some great old cars.

Photos - Molly and Cris Detwiler, Tom and Doreen King



A beautiful day for a country drive



Capping off a great day with desserts in the Kuhns garage.



l-r: Vickie Kuhns, Sandy, Mark and Casper DeFloria



Progressive Dinner Tour cars parked by the Kuhns home while touring members enjoy dessert.



Tom King and Cities Service rep



Left: In the 1970s, TV and film star Ricardo Montalban appeared in many Chrysler ads extolling the virtues of the new Cordoba. Above: Ben Davis reflects a similar sophistication proudly standing by his great grandfather's 1976 Cordoba.

The Road Less Traveled By

By Guy Davis

It is not unusual for a parent to eventually hand down the family car to their child. It becomes a little less common when that same car finds its way into the hands of a grandchild. When a great grandchild one day takes ownership of that same car, it now becomes a story.

Charles Metz who lived his entire life in the coal patch town of Wyano, Pennsylvania purchased a new Chrysler Cordoba from Pleasant Hills Chrysler-Plymouth of Pittsburgh in 1976. Charles was always a Chrysler product man and just prior to buying the Cordoba, had owned a Dodge Phoenix. The Cordoba's exterior sported a mirror-like black finish which complimented the luxurious red cloth interior. It was powered by Chrysler's lean-burn 400 cubic inch engine. The Cordoba was equipped with power steering and power brakes, air conditioning, and an AM/FM stereo radio. Charles took pride in his new purchase. He attended to all maintenance recommendations, kept both the exterior and interior spotless and housed the Cordoba in a garage.

In time, the Cordoba was passed on to Charles daughter, Betty Snyder. As her father had done previously, Betty carefully maintained the car and kept it covered and parked in a heated garage. Since the Cordoba was not the primary means of transportation for the Snyder family, mileage was kept to a minimum. In time, Betty gave the Cordoba to her daughter, my wife, Leona who also kept it mostly garaged with only an occasional drive. Most recently our son, Ben, came into ownership of the Cordoba. Ben has registered it as an antique vehicle and is in

the process of repairing and replacing some items which have naturally deteriorated over time. The Cordoba evokes a certain style of class and prestige and its comfortable interior and soft ride makes any road less traveled by a pleasure to navigate. Now 48 years after Charles Metz made his purchase, he can rest assured that his great grandson will continue the legacy of care and maintenance to his prized Cordoba.



This stunning, black 1976 Chrysler Cordoba, handed down through our family to Ben, features a classy and comfortable interior. The door panels show below are well designed and nicely branded "Cordoba". Ben has registered it as an antique.



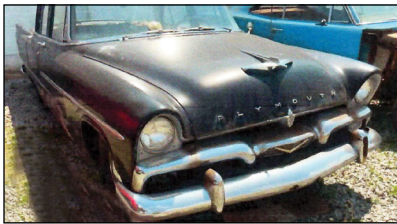
They're Still Out There!

By Bill Holtzer

These three vehicles are sitting by a body shop along Route 31 in Acme, PA.



1958 Dodge Truck



1956 Plymouth



1950 Plymouth



Cris Detwiler has a way of finding the most unusual and interesting automotive artifacts. Here's a handy device for paying those turnpike tolls - once upon a time. Rather than toss coins into the turnpike toll booth basket, you could spring load quarters into his little gun and shoot the proper fee into the toll basket from your car!

Western Round-Up Classified Ads

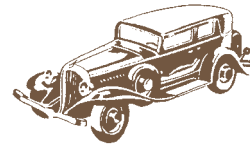
Western Round-Up classified ads are free to WPR members. Contact the editor at jacksonmark469@gmail.com to submit an ad. Ads will run for three issues unless you notify us to take it down. Ads are for vehicles and auto-related items - parts, memorabilia, etc. Photos may be used, but should be of good quality.

1949-52 GM exterior sunvisor. NO rust or dings. It has the front stainless trim piece with a small ding. No mounting hardware or center top trim piece. Asking \$125.00

also...

Vintage Allstate rear station wagon mat
 It is 42x72 and is in 2 pieces that snap together. It is in excellent shape and is red & black (would look great in a green or orange car (Ha!!! Ha!!!))
 Asking \$99.00

Contact Bill Holtzer at 724-771-4183



Auto Wisdom from Dad

A former National Guard Sergeant, Dad believed in "first echelon" car maintenance. Check oil, fluids, tire pressure once a week and be sure all the basics are in good order.

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Each issue is also posted on the Region's website: www.westernparegion.org. Members may choose to receive this newsletter by email or a mailed hard copy at an additional cost.

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Our 2024 AAA Revival Glidden Tour® Adventure

By Dave Sheetz

Debbie and I participated in the National 78th Revival AAA Glidden Tour® on September 22-27th in Central Pennsylvania. Eligible cars were from 1943 and older. The oldest car was a 1910 Ford Model T. There were 116 cars present. We drove our 1930 Plymouth Model 30U. It rained all week long. We worked out the bugs on our car all the first day. The rest of the week was uneventful as far as our car was concerned. The tours took us through scenic rural roads around the Gettysburg and Maryland area. We toured Gettysburg and Antietam Civil War battlefields. One of our stops was at the Historic Round Barn in Biglerville. We visited the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and the WW II American

Experience Museum. We toured Bill McGrew's collection of antique tractors and trucks.

We had special guests, WPR members Bill and C J Maurer seeing us off two days from the host hotel. We met many new and old friends including past WPR president Randy Hall who was driving a 1911 Buick that he bought from past WPR president Paul Bell more than 30 years ago.

We drove 430 miles on the tour and completed all five tour days! AAA was the sponsor of the tour so they had two roll back trucks available for break downs and they were kept busy all week. We are looking forward to our next national tour.



Working the "bugs" out of our 1930 Plymouth before hitting the road.



Here's an overview of Bill McGrew's amazing collection of antique trucks and tractors along with some cool old signs.



These old tractors had solid metal wheels instead of rubber ties.



The Glidden Tour® cars by the Historic Round Barn in Biglerville.



Inside the Round Barn you could see the intricate support structures.



Debbie enjoys a crab dinner.



We couldn't resist taking this photo.

Let's Get Social!



By Steve Rossi
VP-Public Relations
& Event Planning



For those who can't just get enough of the AACA experience, it might be a long haul between the bi-monthly arrival of the hardcopy *Antique Automobile* magazine and even the monthly frequency of our electronic Speedster newsletter. But that doesn't mean members can't communicate to their heart's content because in this day and age of cyberspace, online is yet another answer.

AACA.org includes a comprehensive Forum platform that allows members to interact and chat on a myriad of antique auto subjects. There's everything from General Discussion, Technical and What is It? areas to topics that include Museums, Legislation and expansive Buy/Sell listings. Photo's and Videos are featured as well, along with specific dialogue on the Library, Shows, Tours, Judging and Regional activity. To say that you could while away many an hour on our AACA Forums would be an understatement. CAUTION... it could become addictive!

AACA also hosts a huge assortment of dedicated Club subgroups on the Forum such as Classics and the Horseless Carriage era. Then there are a myriad of Domestic make and International marque pages that run the gamut from Auburn to Volvo. And motorcycles, too. The Forum includes 56,756 total members. But wait, there's more...

As an outgrowth of a special strategy session that was held just before the recent February Chantilly, VA Annual Convention, the AACA Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff embarked on a new Digital/Social Media offensive to not only

promote awareness and build rapport within the old car community, but to likewise drive membership growth. AACA's new Digital/Social agenda began by further leveraging existing Facebook and Instagram resources with dedicated and defined cadence.

To give you an idea of the immediate effectiveness of the effort, an unsolicited member just commented; "I have no idea who the new social media content creator is, but I want to say as a marketing person for 30 plus years I say bravo! Great messages are going out that are clean and attractive! Please pass my excitement on to whomever it is!" Obviously, we've gained some immediate traction.

Antique Automobile Club of America is our official, national Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AntiqueAutomobileClubOfAmerica>). There's also an AACA Antique Automobile Club of America private group page that was started by a member that we monitor. In addition, you can also find us on [instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/](https://www.instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/) Meanwhile, we will now start a further Digital initiative to target AACA advertising to the antique automobile universe at large in the interest of recruiting new members and promoting our events. The younger demographics of the target audience are in our favor! with past members who haven't renewed. Plus... we will go after "lookalike audiences," which means those with antique automobiles,

We will also pursue those who have independently visited our website (remarketing) and will further follow-up with past members who haven't renewed. Plus...we will go after "lookalike audiences," which means those with antique automobiles, classic cars, etc. online tendencies. With definitive calls to action TO JOIN.

We look for the Regions to help spread the word that AACA has now aggressively entered the Digital arena in a meaningful way. And invite you to enjoy such new and dynamic old car camaraderie.

So...let's get Social!

-- The Rummage Box



1960 Rambler
advertising
illustration

Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

September's Truck



Gary Wiegand was the first to correctly identify my best friend Joe Vrable's resto-rod pickup truck as a 1941 Chevy. Thanks to Tom King and Bill Maurer for also participating. 1941 was the first year for this style of Chevy pickup. At the time it was dynamically different. This basic style lasted until 1946. Joe was really proud of his truck being a pre-WWII 1941 model.

After getting my driver's license in the early 1970s, I would drive out to visit Joe at his parents' house near Youngwood. We would often go to a nearby farm where he once worked to check out some rusty old cars and trucks. They were sitting around in the fields and along dirt farm lanes. One of these was a 1946 Chevy pickup, which he really admired.

Many years later, Joe purchased a similar 1941 Chevy pickup. At the time it was very stock looking with a tan painted body and bed. The fenders and grill were painted dark brown. The original 1941 six-cylinder engine had long ago been replaced with a newer 1950s six-cylinder engine. Joe had it running like a charm and used it as his regular work truck during the 1990s. He would get smiles from the sales people at the O.C. Cluss Lumber Company in Greensburg when he drove into their yard to pick up 2 x 4s for a home project.

Joe and Tammy Vrable's son Joey (Joe III) has many childhood memories of the tan and brown work truck. After the Disney Pixar movie "Cars" came out, Joe and his family nicknamed the pickup "Mater" after the funny tow truck character in the movie. They had a lot of fun with their "Mater" over the years, but Joe's dream was to transform that stock 1941 Chevy pickup into a classy resto-rod.

Since Joe once owned an automotive machine shop, one of the first things he did was to build a muscle engine for "Mater". He then moved on to adapting and transforming everything to compliment the engine, but to maintain the classic 1940s stock appearance. He did much of the work himself getting specialized help when needed.

Joe wanted the finished truck to be painted black and burgundy. He based the burgundy color on a Duesenberg paint mix. Not wanting the black headlight housings to blend into the

black fenders, Joe wanted the parking light spears atop the headlights painted burgundy so they would pop out and help visually pull everything together with the burgundy hood sides, doors and truck bed.

Joe worked on his pickup project for many years as he had time and money. He bought a chrome replacement grill and other parts trying to keep it looking stock. He was working towards a classy 1941 pickup truck with a powerful engine mated to a modernized drivetrain and underpinnings.

Joe's wife Tammy lovingly supported his dream. Even after he was diagnosed with cancer, they tried to find ways to finish the truck. One of his dreams was to drive it to the annual Western PA Region car show. Sadly, he never got that chance, passing away in December, 2018.

Tammy, son Joey and his wife Maggie were determined make Joe's dream become a reality. They found the help they needed and on the morning of Sunday, September 1, 2024 "Mater" was on the way to the 60th Western PA Region AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe.

I was walking towards the show's main entrance gate that day when I heard the familiar whistling sound of Joe's muscle engine. I looked up and there was Joey and Maggie driving "Mater" ready to enter the showfield main gate. I paused, stared in awe, then wiped a few tears from my eyes. Tammy was following "Mater" in a modern car with her grandchildren aboard. I went up and joyfully welcomed them, as did Tom King and Denny Blank at the main gate booth.

Joe, Tammy and family were faithful members of our Region for many years. It was heartwarming to see them make Joe's 1941 Chevy pickup dream come true.

I wish Joey, Maggie, Tammy and family many more happy miles to come enjoying "Mater."

October's Car



Did you see "Buttercup" at this year's WPR car show? Be the first to tell me the correct year and make of this bright, happy car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com.



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1937 DeSoto at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

Photo courtesy of Guy Davis