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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.

2025 Calendar

Notices of future WPR meeting and event dates, times and locations to be listed and emailed as they are determined.

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 21 - Specialty Cars Limited **7:00 p.m.** 4728 Route 982 Latrobe

Tuesday, June 17 - The Lincoln Highway Experience 7:00 p.m. 3435 Route 30 East, Latrobe

Friday, June 6 - Car Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Westmoreland Conservation District (barn) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg

Tuesday, July 15 - Hoss's Steak & Sea House Dinner on your own at 6:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

South Main St., Greensburg.

WESTERN PA REGION EVENTS & TOURS

Sunday, May 25 - Tour to Mars - Visiting two Stellar Collections - 12:00 Noon - See page 6.

Departing Piper Bay (formerly Kings restaurant) 200 Sheffield Dr., Delmont, 15626. Contact Carl Erb to register by May 15. Email erbiewan@gmail.com or call 412-607-7857

July 3,4, 5 & 6 -Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival - Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg -

Antique car display, membership promotional booth, chance car ticket sales fundraiser

Sunday, July 27 - Annual Picnic, starting at 1:00 p.m. Cooperstown Club, Latrobe

Sunday, August 31 - 61st Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

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

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

See aaca.org - Events - National Shows and Tours for details and registration links

June 1-7, 2025 Vintage Tour Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

July 2-5, 2025 - Central Springs Nationals Auburn, Indiana

July 24-26, 2025 - Grand Nationals / Zenith Dayton, Ohio

September 7-12, 2025 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour[®] (Pre-1943) - Owensboro, Kentucky (VMCCA Hosted)

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



From the Editor

Dear WPR Members:

The Western Round-Up is your newsletter. Consider writing and submitting auto-related stories for publication. They could be about places you've visited, old car memories, interesting auto memorabilia, gadgets, parts, etc.

Stories don't have to be long. If you have access to a computer or tablet, stories written in Microsoft Word transfer very well to my Adobe InDesign publishing program. Three hundred to eight hundred words is a good article length. They can also be shorter or longer, depending on the subject. Hand typed and hand written stories are also acceptable. It's great when accompanying photos or graphics come with the stories. Please be careful not to submit copyrighted material.

Often, just a unique photo with a short one or two sentence description makes an enjoyable feature. To send stories email me at jacksonmark469@gmail.com or mail articles to me at 133 Alexander Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Thanks, Mark Jackson

Chance Car Ticket Sales Support WPR's Mission



ur Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) has been promoting the preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles since 1950. What better way to help celebrate our 75th Anniversary than having an antique chance car fundraiser?

Throughout WPR's 75 years, we've shown unique, antique automobiles, trucks and motorcycles at countless car shows, community parades, festivals and special events. The antique car hobby brings people together. Our members enjoy telling those interested about their unique vehicles, and people enjoy telling our members stories about the cars they once owned and experienced.

It's hard to believe that a 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible is now an antique. But time marches on, and this beautiful example is almost 30 years old. It's in excellent condition with low mileage, featuring a black interior and automatic transmission. This cool car is also fun to drive.

Tickets are \$10 each. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. The winning number will be taken from the four-digit PA Lottery number drawn at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025. The winner has 30 days to claim the prize and is responsible for title transfer and taxes. The Lottery Bonus Number does not qualify.

The Western PA Region will be selling tickets for this 1996 Camaro Z28 Convertible at our promotional booth and antique car display at the 2025 Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival. The Festival will celebrate it's 51st year at Twin Lakes Park July 3, 4, 5 and 6. The booth and chance car will be located on the Lower Lake dam breast.

We will need WPR members to help sell tickets during the Festival. A sign up sheet will be available at the May and June Monthly Meetings, or contact Mark Jackson.

WPR member Tom King is caring for the chance car. Members interested in taking the Chance Car to a local event to sell tickets need to contact Tom to schedule it. Tickets can be signed out at a WPR Monthly Meeting or by contacting Debbie and Dave Sheetz.



July 3,4, 5 and 6 at Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg, PA



Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Monthly Meeting

meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on April 15, 2025 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President John Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirty-two (32) members in attendance. There were no guest at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Monthly Meeting

The March 18, 2025, Monthly Meeting was held at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President John Kuhns asked if there were any corrections to the March 18, 2025 minutes as printed in the March/April 2025 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 Bill Holtzer and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report - Craig DeFloria

Mark DeFloria read the March Treasurers Report. President John Kuhns asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Martha Fisher, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – *Howard Finney*

Howard was present - No Report.

Newsletter - Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reminded the members present that the *Western Round-Up* was scheduled for nine (9) issues this year. There will be a January/February, March/April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November/December Issues. Mark thanked everyone that submitted items for inclusion in the *Western Round-Up*.

Website - Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded members to please continue to let him know if they have an address or email address change. Mark asked the members present if they were receiving emails from the region. All members present indicated that they received the March/April newsletter.

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 who can use some sunshine. Flo reported that one "thinking of you cards and two sympathy cards were sent out in March.

Rev-Up Party – Toni and Phil Beattie

Toni expressed concerns about the lower number of members signing up for the Rev-Up Party. It was discussed that a local car show was occurring at the same time as the Rev-Up Party. It was determined if the Rev-Up Party was held later in the day, more members would be able to attend. Therefore, the times of the Rev Up Party on Saturday, April 26 were changed to start at 4:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Conservation District (barn), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. The theme will be "Warm Up at the Rev-Up Beach Party!" The WPR will provide fried chicken, pulled pork and beverages. Members are asked to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. There will be a fun trivia and guessing games, door prizes and a 50/50. We will need help setting up at 2:30 p.m. and cleaning up afterwards. A revised flyer will be emailed to all members.

Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

The WPR Annual Picnic will be held at the Cooperstown Club, Latrobe on Sunday, July 27, 2025. July 20th is the Western PA Region's 75th Birthday!

Car Show - Flo Myers

Flo talked about the Car Show. Car Show flyers and Sponsorship forms were available at tonight's meeting. Flo spoke on how important it is to get sponsors for the classes. Printable Show Flyers and Sponsor Forms will be emailed to members and available on the Region's web site. Debbie Sheetz reported that she placed an add in the AACA National Magazine.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl is organizing a group driving tour during the Ligonier Valley's 2025 Free Museum Day coming up on May 4. Six Museums in the Ligonier Valley area offer free admission to the public along with special activities and exhibitions. Contact Carl Erb for more information and if you plan to attend. A flyer will be emailed.

Carl has scheduled a tour on May 25, to a collection of cars and another unique collection of military vehicles in Mars, PA. More information to follow.

Another possible tour this year would be to a collection in Carnegie, PA on July 6. More information to follow.

Christmas Party - John Ross Kuhns

The Christmas Party is planned for December 7 and will be held at Rizzo's in Crabtree.

2025 Chance Car

The Region has purchased a 2025 Chance Car. The car is an antique 1996 Chevy Camaro Z28 Convertible with 52,000 original miles. Debbie and Dave Sheetz have volunteered to handle the tickets. Doreen and Tom volunteered to store and handle the car. Please contact Debbie and Dave for tickets.

WPR Badge Fines

WPR Badge Fines of 25 cents each were collected during the April meeting from those not wearing their WPR name badges. The winner of the collected pot is then randomly selected from the WPR Roster at the meeting. The winner was not present tonight. Without a winner the pot will be carried forth until the May Meeting. It pays to attend!

May Monthly Meeting

The May Monthly Meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at Specialty Cars Limited, 4728 Route 982, Latrobe.

June Monthly Meeting

The June Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 at The Lincoln Highway Experience, 3435 Route 30 East, Latrobe.

July Monthly Meeting

The July Monthly Meeting will be Tuesday, July 15 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, South Main St., Greensburg.

50/50

Carl Erb won this evening's 50/50. Carl then donated his half back to the Region.

Adjournment

At 8:19 p.m. President John Kuhns called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Molly Detwiler, seconded by Martha Fisher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



Car Show Corner

By Flo Myers



he Car Show committee has had two meetings already, ribbons ordered, judged classes reworked, added AACA Senior Grand National category and addressed areas of concern. If you haven't joined in the meetings, it's never too late. Our next meeting is Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:00 PM at the Conservation Barn on Donahue Road.

With that said, there is much we still need to do, or will need, from our car club family going forward:

- Sponsorships for Classes
- Scratch-off Lottery Tickets for Lottery Board
- Yellow T-shirts Whether a new member or if you need a new size, please contact me by July 31st.
- Basket Raffle Please start thinking of items you could put into a basket or two for car show basket raffle.
- **Baked Goods** Think about the recipes you'd like to make, or if they freeze well, maybe even make them now.
- If you know of any company or business that has small items tablets, pens, cups, coupons, etc. that we can offer to drivers, please contact me.

SIGN-UP/CONTACT to help the group leaders listed below. It's entirely possible to assist in multiple areas. When one area is closed please help in another.

Baked Goods - Molly Detwiler

Basket Auction - Toni Beattie

Lottery Board - Phil Beattie

Registration – Norma Mascia

Pre-Registration – Becky Blank

Judging - Tony Mascia, Dave Sheetz

Parking - Dave Sheetz, Tony Mascia

50/50 Sales - Debbie Sheetz

Food Trucks - Becky Blank

Car Show Flyers Distribution Coordinator – Denny Blank

Ribbons - Molly Detwiler

Printing – Bill Holtzer

Publicity – Debbie Sheetz

As always, any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me: 724-331-7293. I do work during the day, so most likely your calls will be returned later in the day.

Thanks, Flo



TOUR TO MARS

★ Visiting two stellar collections Sunday May 25, 2025

The Jack Swaney Collection

Jack's cars are mostly 50's, 60's cars from American manufacturers in very good to excellent condition. There are also a number of pedal cars and lots of automobile memorabilia. Jack has a lot of T-Birds, an Amphicar and a most unusual one-of-a kind 1953 Packard with interesting parallel parking assist.





Tom Frank's Military Vehicle Collection

Tom has a unique collection of military vehicles, not just jeeps, but seldom seen vehicles like a half-track truck. He also has a lot of historical military memorabilia.



To Register

Contact Carl Erb by May 15

Email erbiewan@gmail.com or call 412-607-7857

Schedule

11:30 a.m.

Meet at Piper Bay (formerly Kings restaurant) 200 Sheffield Dr, Delmont, 15626

12:00 Noon

Begin drive to Mars, PA

1:30 p.m.

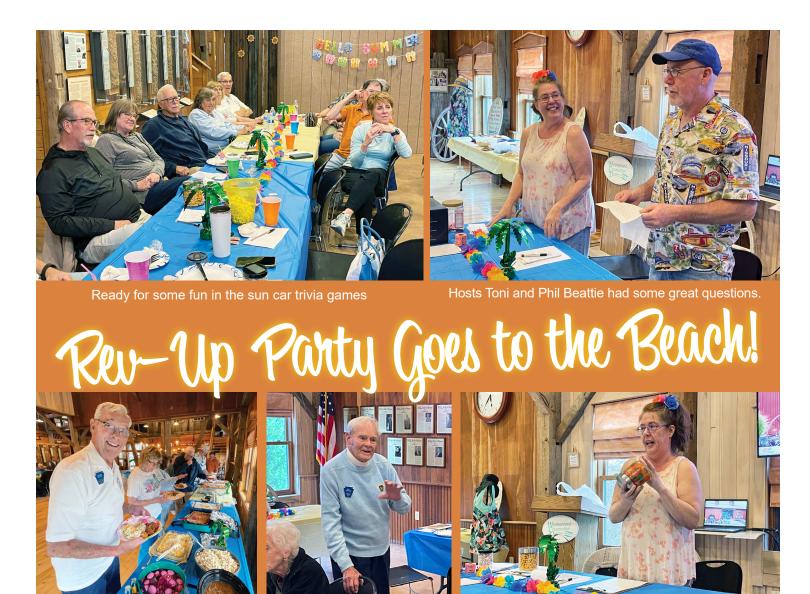
Arrive at Jack Swaney car collection in Mars PA (in your GPS enter Mars Public Library 107 Grand Ave Mars PA)

2:30 p.m

Depart for Tom Frank's Military Vehicle Collection, also in Mars. PA

3:30 p.m.

Depart for a restaurant yet to be determined.



Bill Maurer tells a great story.

ev-Up Party hosts Toni and Phil Beattie thought that, like them, WPR members had enough of winter and the wet transition into spring. So on Saturday April 26 they decided on a "Warm Up at the Rev-Up Beach Party" theme to celebrate the sun and the dawn of the 2025 cruising season.

Denny and Becky Blank at the buffet

The main hall tables of the Westmoreland Conservation District barn were decorated with colorful flowers and minipalm trees. There were also many other fun summer decorations, including a few colorful bathing suits hanging on display. At the far end of the main hall, scenic beach and surfing videos played on a giant screen with summertime oldies music in the background. You could almost smell the ocean and hear the cries of the seagulls.

The buffet dinner was amazing. Toni and Phil provided fried chicken, pulled pork, rolls and beverages. Members attending signed up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. The resulting feast and variety of scrumptious foods created a Pennsylvania-style luau - complete with "purple eggs"!

Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other and talking

about upcoming events to enjoy and sharing the old car hobby.

Toni Beattie calls the winner of a guessing game.

After dinner, Toni and Phil conducted a unique old car trivia contest tied to the Rev-Up Beach theme. Phil admitted that it was a challenge to come up with the beach themed car questions, but he did a fantastic job. Everyone learned a lot about woodies, other beach-going station wagons and more.

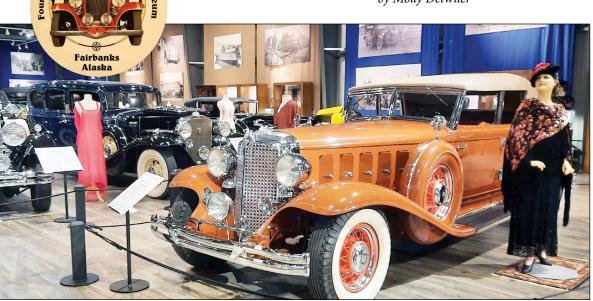
During the course of the evening, a series of jars sat on the counter towards the front of the main hall. Each jar contained different items like mini-sea shells, Swedish Fish, etc., and had a sheet of paper where people could sign in to guess the number of items in each the jar. The closest guesses to the actual numbers would win a prize. Toni announced the winners towards the end of the evening.

Special thanks to Toni and Phil Beattie for hosting the 2025 Rev-Up Party. Thanks to everyone who came and brought a delicious food item to share, and thanks to all those who helped set up and tear down. There were 29 people in attendance and they got a nice taste of summer as the days grow longer.

ALASKAN ADVENTURES with Cris and Molly - Part 2

Ladies Fashion Complements Auto Eras

by Molly Detwiler





Elegant cars and fashion in the Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum's showroom

Headpiece on display

In May 2023, during our visit to the Fountainhead Museum in Fairbanks, there was an exhibition of historic clothes that were paired with the automobiles in the showroom. The dresses along with the accessories were beautifully matched either in color or practicality with the cars. In the 1920s, women living in Alaska were aware of the trends, and they knew it's not what you wear while traveling, but how you look when traveling to a Saturday night show or party. Other arrangements of clothes and accessories that were presented at the showroom

illustrated the glamour and beauty of the ages of Victorian and Edwardian times.

One of the dresses that were on display was labeled as the Gibson Girl. Charles D. Gibson developed the Gibson Girl character to represent a post-Victorian independent woman who represented the standard of beauty, fashion and a woman who would participate in society and pursue her own interests. The evening gowns were made with a soft, flowing material and beaded with sequins and crystals to give it that 'shimmer' look.

Fashion displayed by autos from the era at the Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska











- **1.** Gibson Girl 1900-1910
- 2. 1908 Ball Gown
- **3.** 1925 Aurora Evening Dress by a 1927 Stutz
- 4. 1890 Pignat Evening Dress
- **5**. 1921 Geometric Dress







Heine-Velox Victoria with **Gold Sequin Dress**



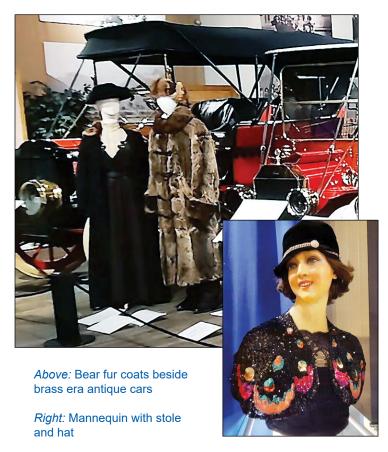
1907 Franklin with black bear fur coat

Some of the dresses and gowns were very heavy with these decorations, so these garments were only worn once for an event. One example pictured on page 8 is a ball gown created in 1908 that included a tulle overdress embellished with silver and gold beading, embroidered rhinestones, pearls, bronze thread and white ribbon. The ball gown weighed-in at eight pounds and it concealed a hidden wrist loop to allow the wearer to lift the gown's fishtail train.

A velvet gown made in 1921 was described as a dark chocolate velvet dress with copper carnival glass beading in an all-over geometric pattern with large peony blooms. A dress labeled as Gold Sequined (1923-1928) had gold sequins and crystal beads in patterns of arabesques and medallions. It was noted the gold sequins were French and due to its design, caught and reflected light differently because of its flat surfaced metal.

The 'Aurora' evening dress (1925-1926) was a beautiful example to express the style and crazy movements of the wearer who could be dancing the Charleston. The dress material was made of pale lavender chiffon that was sleeveless and decorated with sequins, rhinestones and periwinkle beads in an Art Deco design.

A couple examples of the practicality of clothes that were made for the cold Alaskan climate was an evening cloak and a black bear fur coat. The evening cloak is floor length that had a center opening with a three snap closure and it was used to keep the wearer warm and dry on those chilly nights. The black bear fur coat was made in 1915. It took three bear hides to make it and was fully lined with a quilted fabric. Pelts of



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different animals such as squirrel, hare, wolf, caribou and fox were used as coat lining, mittens and pants, making it more conducive for outdoor activities and motoring.

We hope you enjoyed these pictures of our visit, which included those examples of period-era clothing from the 1890s through the 1930s.

To see more pictures of the gowns and dresses at the Fountainhead Museum, go to the website:

www.fountainheadmuseum.com/our-collections

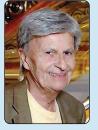
Scroll down the page to see more examples (Vintage Fashion Collection) of the clothing displayed at the museum.



1904 Rambler and gown



Long time and recent new WPR member Ron Caruso passed away March 28, 2025. In addition to the the tribute, which appeared in the March/April 2025 *Western Round-Up*, his wife of 62 years, Marianne, wanted to share Ron's United States Marine Corps title -





~ Lance Corporal Ronald A. Caruso, USMC ~



Thank you Marianne, and thank you Ron for your service.



THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

March/April's Car



There were no correct guesses for the March/April car. However, there were some close ones. Howard Finney guessed a 1941 Chevy, Tom King guessed a 1947 Chevy. Denny Blank guessed a 1946 Plymouth, while Becky guessed a 1947 Plymouth. Denny and Becky were closest, and must have recognized those 1940s Plymouth body lines, because March/April's car is a 1942 Plymouth. The photo is a bit fuzzy. Most likely due to a slow shutter speed and slight hand-held camera movement.

I was excited when our daughter Mary gave me the photo because I knew it was a 1942 model, either Dodge or Plymouth. I checked Google images to verify that it is indeed a Plymouth. The 1942 model cars have always intrigued me, since that was a "year interrupted."

Due to our entry into WW2 after December 7, 1941, all American auto makers shifted into war production – engines, transmissions, military vehicles, etc. Most of the 1942 American passenger cars that survived were made and sold in late 1941. Few of them were manufactured into 1942 since the car factory

war time transformations were kicking into high gear by then.

Another thing I find interesting is that most of the 1942 American car models that I've seen, either in person or in photos, were very attractive with fresh, new grill designs.

After the war, the "Big Three" continued using pre-war body dies from 1946 until 1948. In 1947, Studebaker advertised "First by far with a post war car" when they introduced a new, lean, body style (which they used until 1952.) The big body style re-tooling year for the "Big Three" was 1949.

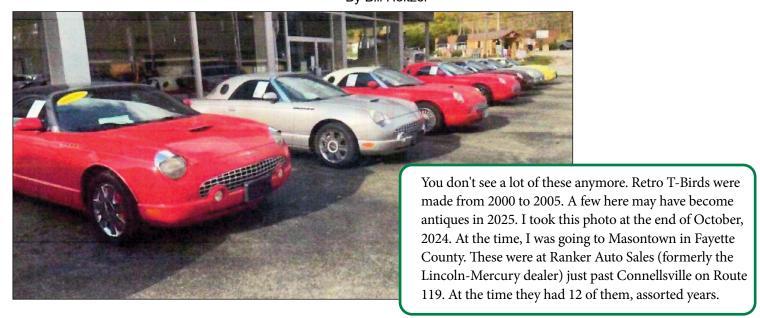
May's Car



Here's a really cool convertible, which was featured in a very cool magazine ad, once upon a time. Be the first to correctly identify the make, model and year of the classy little red car that we all deserve, and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or catch me in person at the WPR Wednesday, May 21 Monthly Meeting at Specialty Cars, Ltd. in Latrobe. Hint - the convertible was only produced two years. The ad above is for the first year.

They're Still Out There!

By Bill Holtzer





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