THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA REGION

November/December 2026

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.

Western PA Region Chance Car Winner Takes the 1994 Mustang Convertible Home!



Presenting the keys: *left to right,* Doreen King, Tony Mascia, Chance Car Winner Michelle Langdon, President Debbie Sheetz and Norma Mascia



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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.

Calendar 2026

Western PA Region
Monthly & Special Meetings & Locations

Tuesday, November 17 Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Location - American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe (Pipetown)

Western PA Region Events

IMPORTANT UPDATE

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT RIZZOS

A registration flyer will be distributed soon.



2027 AACA National Events

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

February 4-6, 2027 - Annual Convention
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania - AACA National 717-534-1910

February 18-20, 2027 Winter Nationals
Melbourne, Florida - AACA National 717-534-1910

April 8-10 - Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, N.C. - Hornets Nest Region - 704-847-4215

June 3-5, 2027 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Fredericksburg, VA

June 6-11, 2027 – Founders Tour – Winchester, VA

July 22-24, 2027 – Central Spring Nationals – New Ulm, MN

August 25-28, 2027 – Central Fall Nationals – Crystal Lake, IL

September 8-11, 2027 – Special Fall Nationals – Vernon, NY

September 19-24, 2027 – AAA Glidden Tour – Branson, MO

October 5-8, 2027 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA

October 25-29, 2027 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Swedesboro, NJ

On the Cover...
Chance Car Winner Thrilled



Michelle Langdon ready to drive her 1994 Mustang Convertible

This year's Western PA Region AACA Chance Car winner was Michelle Langdon from Jeannette, PA. She had the winning ticket number 2074 which was based on the PA Lottery evening number drawn on October 17. WPR members Tony and Norma Mascia sold the winning ticket.

Michelle was thrilled with the 1994 Mustang Convertible. She is the Mayor of Jeannette and plans to drive the Mustang in an upcoming community parade. Congratulations Michelle!

Our sincere thanks to all who supported the Western PA Region by purchasing a Chance Car ticket this year. Special thanks to all the Western PA Region members who sold and purchased tickets and to the dedicated members who managed this important fundraiser: Tom and Doreen King for storing the Mustang and scheduling it for ticket sales events, Dave and Debbie Sheetz for managing the tickets, Tony and Norma Mascia for maintaining it, and Molly and Cris Detwiler for getting the Chance Car to the Hershey AACA Eastern Nationals to sell tickets. Molly drove the Mustang to and from. Finally, thanks to all of the community cruises, events and festivals who welcomed us and supported our mission - "The preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles." This classy red convertible brought smiles wherever it went.

From *The Western Round-Up* Editor

The November/December issue of *The Western Round-Up* newsletter is the final one this year. The next one will be the January/February 2027 issue.

My sincere thanks to all who have contributed wonderful stories, photos, links, information and suggestions. These contributions are the shining stars that make our newsletter come alive, and gather us together as a fun and active Region of the greatest antique automobile club in the world, AACA. I have been honored to serve as editor for 17 years. Please keep those shining stars coming.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Mark Jackson



WPR President Debbie Sheetz and Dave Sheetz strike classic poses with their 1935 Ford.

WoW! This year is moving along fast! I really hope everyone had been enjoying the unseasonably wonderful weather we had for October.

Hershey weather was perfect followed by the awarding of our chance car to a very excited Michelle L. of Jeannette. Dave and I were busy for 8 days tracking our daughter as she traveled for work to Hong Kong and Vietnam. Next up we will once again ride a rail car for the Toys for Tots collecting toys along the way.

We have already had Halloween with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner. With five grandchildren it is always a busy time of year for us.

Our club Christmas party is December 13th at Rizzo's in Crabtree. I hope to see everyone there. With the occasional sunny days, we are hoping to get an antique car out for a couple more rides before the snow flies. Come join us on the road...

-- Debbie

It's Time for Membership Renewals



We are looking forward to enjoying more old car fun together in 2027.

AACA National Memberships can be renewed using the mail-in forms included with *Antique Automobile Magazine* or through their website by clicking here.

Western PA Region Membership renewal forms can be downloaded using this link. Please mail them with payment to the address on the form.

As in previous years, the **deadline for 2027 Western PA Region, is the same day as the Western PA Region, AACA Annual Meeting.** AACA Memberships must be renewed prior to renewing Western PA Region Memberships. *Thank you.*

Minutes of the October 20, 2026 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on October 20, 2026 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 23 members in attendance and no guests at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the September 15, 2026 Monthly Meeting

The September 15, 2026, Monthly Meeting was held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections to the September Minutes as published in the October 2026 issue of *The Western Round-Up.* Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve them. A motion to approve was made by Kirk Fellabom, seconded by Brian Ellicker and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - *Doreen King*

Treasurer Doreen King was not in attendance, but provided the October Treasurer's Report to President Debbie Sheetz, which she read aloud. President Sheetz then asked if there were any additions, corrections or questions concerning the report. Hearing none, she then asked for a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve was made by Brian Ellicker, seconded by Cris Detwiler and unanimously approved.

Membership - *Howard Finney*

Nothing to report at this time.

Newsletter - *Mark Jackson*

Mark was not present tonight. All members are welcome to submit photos, stories and information for publication in *The Western Round-Up*. Just contact Mark.

Website - *Mark DeFloria*

Mark was not present tonight. Please let him know if you have an email address change or if you discover that you are not receiving Western PA Region emails.

Sunshine Committee - *Flo Myers*

Committee member Molly Detwiler reported that no cards were sent out last month.

Tours - *Tom King*

Tom reported that no one volunteered to host a Fall tour this year.

Chance Car

The winning number was 2074 which was based on the PA Lottery 4 digit evening number drawn on October 17, 2026. Michelle Langdon was the winner of the WPR 1994 Mustang Convertible Chance Car. Michelle was thrilled about winning the Mustang. She's the Mayor of Jeannette and plans to drive it

The Hat Came Back...at the November Meeting



At the October Meeting, WPR Directors John Kuhns, Sr, (left) and Tony Mascia (right) react as President Debbie Sheetz proudly wears the pretty yellow hat that she coveted at Hershey, which found it's way to her head through a kind friend and Norma Mascia.

While at the AACA Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey selling Chance Car tickets, Debbie Sheetz spied a pretty yellow hat for sale at a booth owned by a friend they made during an AACA Founders Tour. Although Debbie wanted the hat, husband Dave was too frugal (cheap) to buy it for her.

Later, that friend came down to the WPR Chance Car booth and gave the hat to Norma and Tony Mascia to present to Debbie at the next WPR Meeting. He asked if WPR meetings are lighthearted. Tony and Norma replied, "Yes they are."

Norma took this photo to send the Sheetz's friend to confirm delivery.

in a future community parade.

Tony and Norma Mascia sold the winning ticket. Thanks to all of the WPR members who sold and bought tickets, and to the wonderful people and organizations in our community who supported our Chance Car fundraiser. Also, special thanks to: Tom and Doreen King for storing and scheduling the Chance Car, Tony and Norma Mascia for maintaining it, Molly and Cris Detwiler for driving it to the AACA Hershey, and Dave and Debbie Sheetz for managing the tickets.

The proceeds help support our mission - "The preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles."

Christmas Party - *John Ross Kuhns*

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6, 2026 at Rizzo's Malibar Inn in Crabtree. A registration flyer is will be distributed.

Drive Your Antique Car Award

Phil Beattie was the winner of the award drawing for driving an antique car to the meeting.

Badge Fines

Members attending a monthly meeting without wearing their name badges are fined $1.00 each. The fines go into a "kitty". At each meeting a WPR member's name is randomly selected from the current roster. That member wins the "kitty" if they are in attendance that evening. If they are not present the "kitty" grows and rolls over until the next WPR Monthly Meeting. October's winner was Dave Berg, who was not present at the meeting, and so the "kitty" grows (purrs) and rolls over.

Members for 50 Years Plus

John Kuhns researched and discovered two members who had 50 plus years in our club. They are Dave and Guy Davis, who were at tonight's meeting. This led to a lot of reminiscing about the early years of our club.

From the Floor

Members present talked about the recent **AACA Eastern Fall Nationals** in Hershey. Dave and Debbie Sheetz's 1935 Ford, John Kuhns, Sr.s' 1970 AMC Rebel Machine and Cris and Molly Detwiler's 1948 Nash were nominated for awards.

The WPR Chance Car was also at Hershey with WPR members present selling tickets in rotating shifts.

Dave and Debbie Sheetz shared stories from their recent **AACA Glidden Tour** in the Delaware area.

Adjournment

President Sheetz called for a motion to adjourn the October Meeting. A motion was made by Clay Stoner, seconded by Louise Marks and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by John Kuhns, Sr. and Debbie Sheetz assisted by Mark Jackson

October Drive Your Antique Car Award



Phil Beattie was the winner of the October Drive Your Antique Car Award for driving an antique car to the meeting. He will get to cherish possession of this beautiful award until the next meeting where can be passed on to another member for driving their antique car that day.

Above - President Debbie Sheetz presents the award to Phil Beattie. Notice that Phil is also wearing his blue, keystone-shaped WPR name badge.



Our 2626 Glidden Tour Adventure!





Debbie by the fountain at the historic Mount Harmon Plantation, Earleville, MD



Dave by the base of the massive artillery gun from the USS Missouri at Fort Miles.

by Dave and Debbie Sheetz

This was our third Glidden Tour adventure. Glidden tours are for cars 1942 and older. This time we drove our 1935 Ford Sedan.

The tour host hotel was the Bailey Dover Casino Resort in Dover, Delaware. It is also the site of the Dover Motor Speedway. On day one we drove to the Lewes Ferry terminal and put our cars on the ferry for an 85 minute 17 mile ferry ride to Cape May New Jersey. We visited the Cape May lighthouse. We then drove through the historic town of Cape May before returning back to the ferry. The water was rough, sending the boat rocking side to side.

Day two we visited the Marshall Steam Museum that contained a large collection of Stanley Steamers. They were also actively restoring a steamer. From there we visited the Hagley Museum and Dupont Gun Powder manufacturing facility.

The third day took us to Fort Miles, Cape Henlopen State Park. Fort Miles was a coastal installation built in 1941 to protect the Delaware River from the threat of the German navy. They have a massive gun battery. On display is an artillery gun from the USS Missouri. From there we drove and toured the lightship "Overfalls". When this ship was in use, it would have been anchored out in the water and its function was the same as a lighthouse with a beacon light.

On day four we toured the Air Mobility Command Museum at the Dover Air Force Base. We toured the C-5 Galaxy plane. It is one of the world's largest planes. After that stop we drove back to the Dover Motor Speedway where we got a photo of our Ford in front of the Monster statue. We had a short briefing and following the pace car, we drove our car for five laps around the



Our 1935 Ford in front of Miles the Monster at Dover Motor Speedway, Dover Delaware.



Our 1935 Ford joins other Glidden Tour participants for five laps around the Dover Motor Speedway with its steep banking corners.



We toured the lightship "Overfalls", which once served the same as a lighthouse using a beacon light when it was anchored out at sea.



A rearview mirror point of view as our Glidden Tour prepares to board the Lewes Ferry for a 17 mile voyage to Cape May, New Jersey. It took 85 minutes on rough seas.

speedway. The track is one mile long with a 24-degree banking on the corners. It was very exciting!

Day five had us touring the Massey Air Museum for our coffee stop. It featured a 3,000-foot grass runway. They have many 1930's biplanes, Piper Cubs and a legendary Douglas DC-3.

We then toured the Historic Mount Harmon Plantation. The plantation dates back to 1651 and was a tobacco shipping port. The driveway to the main house is 1.9 miles long.

These were just some of the highlights of the tour. We met many friends from previous tours and made new friends. There was a coffee and donut stop every morning, with lots of ice cream stops along the way. We drove through many small towns and through the countryside of Delaware where we personally saw five bald eagles!



A 1941 Boeing Stearman Kadet WWII military flight trainer in a hanger at the Massey Air Museum.



A 1915 Stanley Mountain Wagon Steambus at the Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights, which has a wide variety of Stanley Steamers on display.

They're Still Out There!

by Bill Holtzer

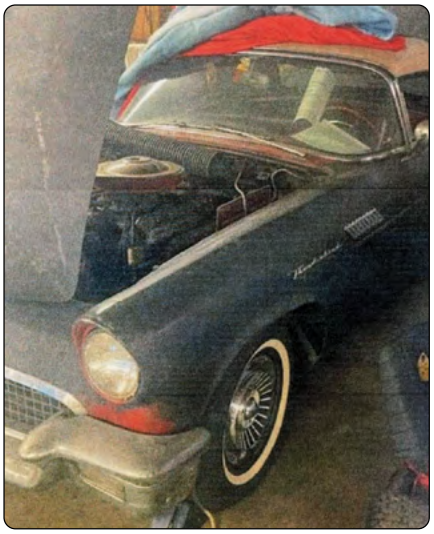
A few weeks ago, my daughter and I went to pick up some things I had won at an online auction.

We went past a place that I had seen a couple of times in the past that looked like a bunch of cars covered up. Well guess what...I was right. The front of one was uncovered and it was a 1955 Ford. Being that I have been doing this article for a while, we stopped and got out of the car to see what was there.

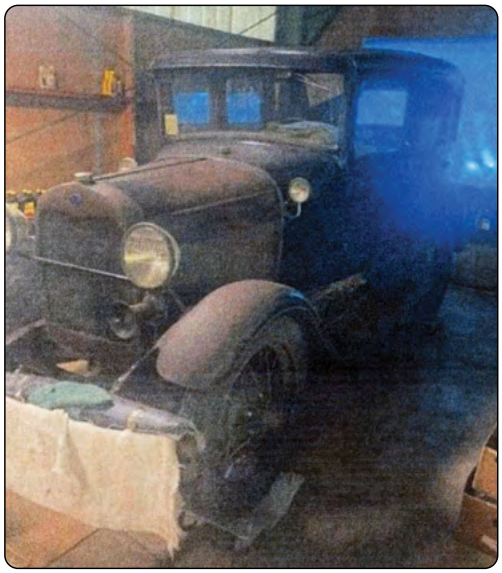
There I was walking with my cane and there were "Keep Out", "No Trespassing" and other signs to stop, but I kept going up to the door and knocked a couple of times. Finally, a lady came out another door and I said, "I made it this far and didn't get shot." She replied, "that's because he isn't here." Then she asked what I wanted and I explained my purpose. She said to leave my number and she would have him give me a call and come back another time. So I did.

A few minutes later he called and I again explained myself. He said we could come back, so we did. After talking to him for a while and he knew I wasn't a screwball...(little did he know). He unlocked the garage and this is what I saw. These cars are all original (not molested). All that they need would be gone over and got running and they would make great HPOF cars to take to car shows or just drive and enjoy!

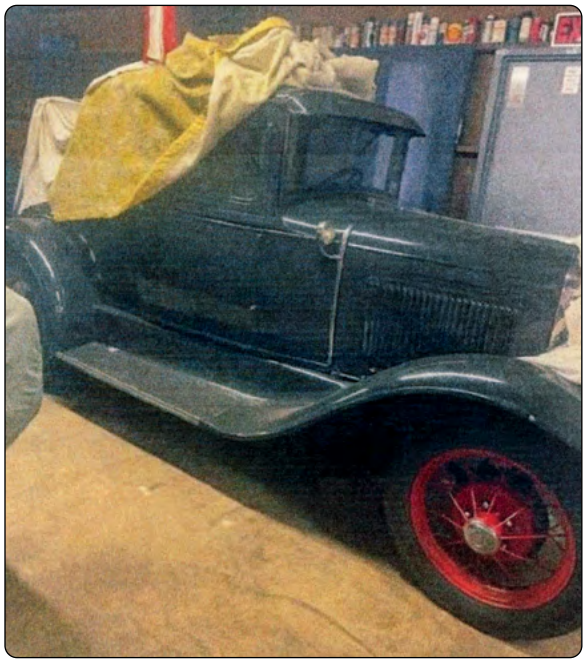
Eat your hearts out, but they are "Not For Sale" and I cannot disclose the location. There is another building that he said is N.O.S. parts for these and other cars. I may get to go see them next year.



This 1957 Ford Thunderbird originally had a "F code" 312 supercharged engine. The blower was removed.



1929 Ford Model A Sedan



1931 Ford Model A Coupe



1965 Olds Starfire Convertible



Chevy C10 Pickup Truck





1931 DeSoto



1933 Dodge Sedan with suicide doors



1932 Ford Coupe V8

Making The Ask

By Steven Rossi
VP Public Relations
and Event Planning



If you attended the Eastern Fall National Meet in Hershey, PA you may have noticed that the Public Address (P.A.) system was put to good use during the Flea Market to gently solicit new memberships and renewals. It was an old school, proactive measure used in sales and fundraising that's referred to as "Making the Ask."

Making the Ask involves consciously asking for the purchase or commitment after establishing rapport by personally engaging with the prospect or audience…thereby gaining insight into their interests and understanding their desires.

Garnering an opportunity to simply make the ask means that you have already generated enough AACA interest and awareness to attract participants to your events and activities. So the stage has been set.

But simply leaving membership applications on a table and expecting enthusiasts to gobble them up is not enough. Take such passive tactics and actively rev them up by injecting personal energy into the process. And use all the tools at your disposal to do so. Like a P.A. system if one's available.

Maybe new members aren't joining because they're not being asked. So don't be shy, be the one to…ask! And don't be put off by rejection, it's a normal part of the process.

Speaking from experience, you might even have a bit of fun in the process. Ask me how I know!

-- The Rummage Box

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

October's Car(s)



I was surprised that nobody tried to guess October's cars. You can tell by the prices on the Sheetz sign that this photo was taken several years ago.

What we have here are two Studebaker Grand Turismo (GT) Hawks, hopefully on their way to a new home and restoration.

The Grand Turismo Hawk was a grand touring coupe sold between 1962 and 1964. The top of the Studebaker line, it was the final development of the Hawk series that began with the Golden Hawk in 1956. The GT Hawk's styling was a fairly radical facelift by designer Brooks Stevens of the older Hawk shape. Stevens went after a European-inspired, clean look. The grille inside the radiator frame was patterned after the Mercedes.

Background source - Wikipedia

November/December's Car



I love the old school car advertising illustrations from the early 1900s to the mid-1960s. I understand what it took to create this artwork and remember some local "commercial artists" who used conventional water colors, tempera paints, pen and ink and airbrush to hand-render stellar product art for clients.

Can you identify the year and make of the car in this classic winter-themed advertising illustration.

Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a Sheetz $10 gift card if you have not won one already. If you've already won this year go ahead and contact me with your guess just for fun. Email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message.

When Car Makers Flew - The Crosley Flea

by Mark Jackson



Photo - Mark Jackson

1935 Mignet-Crosley HM.14 Pou Du Ciel miniature airplane at the Simithstonian Air and Space Museum

This past September, Jill, Regis and I spent a week in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia near Washington, DC. Old Town Alexandria is a beautiful, historic area. King Street is the main thoroughfare with a free trolley service stopping at various points along this one mile stretch, which is lined with more than 200 delightful shops and restaurants.

Regis wanted to visit his friend Chris who lives in the area and see the Smithstonian Air and Space Museum, which neither of us had never seen before. Chris went with us to the Smithstonian, guiding us through the amazing "DC Metro".

One could spend many hours taking in the great displays at the Air and Space Museum. Magic was in every corner, including this little airplane that I found.

The production of the "The Crosley Flea" was sponsored by Powell Crosley, Jr., maker of the Crosley automobile, radios and other inventions. In the 1930s he coordinated with Frenchman Henri Mignet to produce a plane that amateurs could build and teach themselves to fly.

Specs: wingspan: 19ft; height 5'6"; weight empty 250 lbs; top speed 65mph; engine-ABC Scorpion; The plane was manufactured by Edward Nirmaier, Sharonville, Ohio. The uniquely staggered wings were a safety feature to resist stalling.

The Crosley Flea was first built and flown for demonstrations in the United States. Then it was popular in England and France. French media called it Pou Du Ciel, "The Flying Flea". Unfortunately, accidents in 1935 and '36 deterred enthusiasts from flying it.

"Crosley Flea" information source: The Smithstonian Air and Space Museum interpretive panel at the display

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