

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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1950-2015



WPR Father, Daughter and Son-in-Law take on great old truck projects for winter





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Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meetings

WPR monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown).

We start with a business meeting followed by fellowship, a snack and short program. There is also a 50/50 and bonus drawing. If you enjoy old cars please join us. You do not have to own an antique car to belong.

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From Your President

I am honored once again to serve as President of the Western PA Region AACA. This year we celebrate our Region's 65th Anniversary. That's 65 years of promoting the enjoyment and preservation of antique automobiles and trucks. The presence of these vehicles in our communities is historically significant. They act as portals to the past, stimulating memories and introducing younger people to our automotive heritage. They also reflect the flavor of what it was like to live during the eras in which they were built.

The Western PA Region AACA has a great legacy to be proud of, and there are a lot of exciting things on the horizon. Take time to review the Calendar on pages 4 and 5. Plan your schedules now to enjoy as many of these great activities as you can including a WPR Birthday Party at the August 18 Monthly Meeting and two bus trips – a return trip to the Mecum Auction in Harrisburg (an overnigher) and a trip to the AACA Eastern Fall Meet car show in Hershey. Our own Paul P. Bell Memorial car show will take place on Sunday, September 6th. The more members we have out to help with and participate in this great show, the merrier. We also have tours scheduled in May, June, August, September and October. At this time, the May, June and September Tours need chairpersons. Please contact me if you are interested in chairing a tour.

Our Rev-Up Party will start off the season on April 11th. The committee is working on a really fun event. See the flyer in this issue of the Western Round-Up.

Teamwork and friendship result in shining moments. Jill and I and the WPR Board of Directors invite you to fully enjoy your membership in the WPR during 2015. Lets work together to have a wonderful year!

- Participate in the activities and tours when you can.
- Consider putting on a program at a monthly meeting.
- Consider putting on a tour.
- Suggest an activity, place to visit, goal or improvement.
- Please sell and purchase WPR Chance Car tickets.

Sincerely,
Mark Jackson



(l-r) Dave Lizza accepts the 2014 Foster Fike Award from WPR Secretary Mark DeFloria for the outstanding restoration of his 1940 Plymouth Sedan (right), which was shown at the WPR Car Show.



(l-r) WPR Vice President John Kuhns, Sr. presents the John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award to John Ross Kuhns for driving an antique vehicle to the most WPR activities and tours in 2014.

WPR Annual Meeting Sets the Pace

Members gathered to celebrate the successes of 2014 and set the cornerstones for 2015 at the Western PA Region AACA Annual Meeting which was held Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Dino's Sportsbar and Restaurant in Latrobe.

President Mark Jackson declared 2014 a very fun and enjoyable year highlighted by excellent tours and activities along with a fine car show despite the heavy dew.

The Region's bus trip to the first Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA added a different spin to our assortment of activities. Chance Car ticket sales were also good and once again supported our mission and activities along with donations to: the AACA Museum, Library and Youth Development Program; Westmoreland Cleanways Fugitive Tire Program; the Westmoreland Conservation District, and our Vo-Technical School Scan Tool Scholarship Program. Jackson acknowledged the importance of teamwork and thanked all who helped make 2014 a year to remember. He also thanked the Region directors for their time and effort, reminding members that the WPR directors have the Region's best interests at heart.

Treasurer Craig DeFloria gave an overview of the year's finances which were reviewed and approved by the Region's 2014 Audit Committee.

Members present also voted to approve changes to the WPR Bylaws which were proposed in the Western Round-Up newsletter in 2014.

Vice President John Kuhns, Sr. then presented the following awards:

The Paul P. Bell Award for the most unique antique passenger vehicle shown at a WPR event went to Dave Davis for his 1936 Pierce Arrow, which he drove to the Annual Picnic in July.

The Foster Fike Restoration Award was presented to Dave Lizza for his 1940 Plymouth Sedan, which he showed at the Region's Car Show Labor Day weekend. After Dave accepted the award, he informed members present that he recently shipped the Plymouth to his son in California, where they have been experiencing the worst drought in many years. After the arrival of the Plymouth from Pennsylvania it hasn't stopped raining in California.

The John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award was presented to John Ross Kuhns for driving an antique passenger vehicle to the most WPR events and meetings during 2014.

The Jack Clark, Sr. Service Award was presented to Mark Jackson for his dedication to the WPR in 2014.

John Kuhns, Sr. then presented **Directors service mugs** to John Ross Kuhns, Craig DeFloria and Dominic Surace.

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Western PA Region AACA – 2015 Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 17** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22** – WPR Pizza Social, 6:00 p.m., Pizza Sienna, Greensburg Shopping Center

MARCH

- 5-7** – Studebaker Swap Meet, York Expo Center, York, PA hosted by the Keystone Region, Studebaker Drivers Club
- 17** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22** – WPR Sunday Pizza Social, 6:00 p.m., Pizza Sienna, Greensburg Shopping Center

APRIL

- 11** – WPR Rev-Up Party, Saturday 3:30 p.m. Westmoreland Conservation District, J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg.

WPR Annual Meeting Sets the Pace continued from page 3

Elections resulted in John Ross Kuhns and Craig DeFloria being re-elected to the Board of Directors along with the election of new director Ron Shaulis. All members present welcomed Ron onto the WPR Board. After a brief recess the Board announced the officers for 2015 as being: President - Mark Jackson; Vice-President - John Kuhns, Sr., Treasurer- Craig DeFloria, Secretary- Mark DeFloria, Publicity Director- John Ross Kuhns and Safety Director - Ron Shaulis.

After the elections WPR members enjoyed a fine dinner of fish or stuffed chicken breast. Following dinner all were treated to a Powerpoint Presentation covering the Western PA Region's 2014 activities from the Annual Meeting to the Christmas Party. There were over 500 images in the Powerpoint and it lasted about twenty minutes. It was a nice way to wrap up the year with so many nice memories of great friends and great old cars.



WPR members enjoy good food and fellowship at the WPR Annual Meeting at Dino's Sportsbar and Restaurant in Latrobe on January 11th.

9-12 – AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.

21 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

22-26 – Spring Carlisle

25 – Downtown Irwin Car Cruise, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

26 – WPR Ice Cream Social, Brusters, New Stanton

30 - May 2 – AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by the Tidewater Region

MAY

4-6 – AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, hosted by the Eastern TN Region

7-9 – AACA Central Spring Meet, Auburn, Indiana

16 – WPR Spring Tour

19 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

24 – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m. Brusters, New Stanton

JUNE

14 – WPR Tour

16 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

21 – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Brusters, New Stanton

19-21, Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama, Butler County Fairgrounds, Butler, PA

JULY

2-5 – Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, Twin Lakes Park - WPR Car Display on the Lower Lake Dam Breast and Chance Car ticket sales.

5 – Visitation Church Car Show, Mount Pleasant, PA

10 & 11 – The Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In, Dublin, Ohio

16-18 – AACA Southeastern Fall Meet, Louisville, KY hosted by the Kyana Region

27-31 – AACA Vintage Tour, Lancaster, PA hosted by the Buzzards Breath Touring Region

21 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

26 – WPR Annual Picnic, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe

31 & August 1 – WPR Overnight Bus Trip - Mecum Auction, Harrisburg, AACA National Museum, Hershey and Hershey Outlets.

AUGUST

1 & 2 – Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA,

7 & 8 – Swigart Museum 46th Meet, Huntingdon, PA

12 – Weatherwood Manor Cruise, Weatherwood Manor, Greensburg, PA
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

18 – WPR Meeting – 65th Birthday Party

22 – WPR Progressive Dinner Tour

SEPTEMBER

6 – WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show, Legion Keener Park, Latrobe

12 – 50's Fest and Car Cruise, Waynesburg, PA

14 -18 – AACA Founders Tour, Northeast Ohio, Canton & Meander Chapters of the Ohio Region

15 – WPR Monthly Meeting

20 – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Brusters, New Stanton

26 – WPR Tour

30 – October 4 – Fall Carlisle

OCTOBER

7-10 – AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA, hosted by the Hershey Region

10 – WPR Bus Trip to Hershey Car Show

20 – WPR Monthly Meeting – October Fest

24 – WPR Pumpkin Run Tour, hosted by Ron and Alice Shaulis

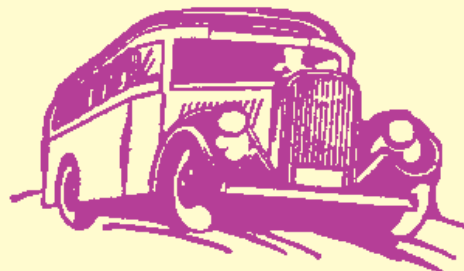
31 – WPR Chance Car winner determined by PA Lottery Big Four number.

NOVEMBER

17 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

5 – Saturday, WPR Christmas Party - Dinner Theater, The Ramada Inn, Greensburg, PA



Western PA Region AACA Bus Trips Maker reservations early. Seating is limited.

Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1 - Mecum Auction, Harrisburg, AACA Museum, Hershey, Chocolate World and Hershey Outlets

This is an overnight trip. To qualify, single or joint WPR members must sign out at least 40 Chance Car tickets to sell. (These do not have to be sold before the trip.) Bus transportation is free, but you are responsible for hotel, food and other expenses.

Saturday, October 10 - Hershey Car Show

This trip is to attend the legendary AACA Eastern Fall Meet sponsored by the Hershey Region. The large flea market will be over by Saturday. This trip is to enjoy the Car Show only. It is a one day trip - leave early and come back late afternoon. Member price is \$25. each for bus transportation. Food and other expenses are on your own.

Watch the Western Round-Up and WPR Website for more information. For now, to save a spot for either trip please contact Mark Jackson, 724-832-9074



On the Cover

Long time WPR member Al Wirick, and his daughter and son-in-law Pam and Lee Yothers, who are new WPR members, recently made a trip to the Johnstown area to pick up a 1947 Studebaker pick up as a new project for Al to tinker with. They also spied a 1937 Chevrolet flatbed truck at the same place. Once they got the Studebaker home for Al, Pam and Lee decided it would be nice to go back and get the '37 Chevy flatbed to fix up themselves. Thanks for saving these great pieces of history Al, Pam and Lee. Good luck with your projects.



Minutes of the November 18, 2014 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on November 18, 2014 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Mark Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 42 members in attendance. John Kosko was present as a guest for the meeting.

October Minutes

The Minutes of the October 18, 2014 monthly meeting were printed in the November 2014 Western Round-Up that was available for pick-up at tonight's meeting, and/or mailed to each member.

President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Howard Finney made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Craig DeFloria. President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections. Debbie Sheetz made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Dodie Ulishney and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney read the new membership application for John Kosko, Greensburg, PA. John is a past member and was present. John Ross made a motion to accept John Kosko back into the Region, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved. Welcome back to our Region John.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed By Laws Amendments – Mark Jackson

President Jackson informed the membership that the Directors have proposed three amendments to the Region's By-Laws. He explained the amendments and their purpose. The proposed amendments can be found on Page 8 of the Region's October Newsletter and Page 6 of the November Newsletter. The amendments will be voted on one at a time at the January 11, 2015 Annual Meeting.

Policy and Procedures Manual Development

– Mark Jackson

President Jackson announced that the Directors had approved the development of a Region Policy and Procedures Manual. The manual will serve as a "how to" reference guide, and cover a broad variety of topics. The manual is intended to be a guide to assist new chairpersons, or for information purposes for members who may be hesitant to volunteer to chair an event. Mark Jackson and Mark DeFloria will coordinate the development. Input from all members is needed to make up the document, especially past and present event chairpersons. More information is printed in the October Newsletter.

WPR Membership Renewals and Dues for 2015

– Mark Jackson and Mark DeFloria

President Jackson reminded the membership that WPR membership dues are due. WPR Membership Renewal Forms are in the October and November Round-Up. All members must turn in a form even if the member earned a free region membership through ticket sales. Membership renewal deadline is January 11, 2015 at the Annual Meeting. Renewal forms submitted after January 11th will be subject to a \$25 additional late fee. Forms should be submitted to Mark DeFloria, Secretary, Western PA Region AACA, P.O. Box 882, Latrobe, PA 15650.

2014 Chance Car Tickets – Duane & Diana Anderson

Duane Anderson reported that the Chance Car winner was April Fabery of Greensburg. The winning number was 0986. Tom and Dodie Ulishney sold the winning ticket at Naser's Market in Pleasant Unity. There was approximately 4,300 tickets were sold this year. Duane said he will be preparing a final report for the annual meeting.

2014 Chance Car Ticket Sales Vouchers –

Mark Jackson

President Jackson reported that the vouchers for ticket sales are ready to be distributed. Mark passed out the vouchers to the members present at the meeting. Mark will be mailing vouchers to the members who earned them. Mark thanked all who sold tickets this year to support the Region.

Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria

Craig reported that the annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6th at the Ramada Inn (old Sheridan

Inn) in Greensburg. The party will start at 2:00 PM. Rooms are available at the Ramada at a special rate. Craig reported that all is ready and all attendees should have a good time. Like last year, photographs will be professionally taken for everyone in attendance.

Tours – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked for members to consider hosting a tour. Please let Mark know if you have any ideas for tours. Mark asked the members present what activities they would be interested in next year. The Region’s goal is to try to have one activity/tour each month.

AACA Meet – Mark Jackson

President Jackson informed members that the Region has submitting an application for hosting the 2018 AACA National Grand Meet. The proposed location of the meet is the Pitt Greensburg Campus. We are awaiting word from National AACA.

Western PA Region Annual Meeting – John Kuhns Sr.

John Kuhns reminded everyone that the Region’s Annual Meeting and Banquet is on January 11, 2015 at Dino’s Lounge in Latrobe. A banquet reservation form was in the November Round-up. Please let John know if you plan on attending the banquet by January 6, 2015.

Upcoming Elections – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked that members consider running for a board position. Three board seats are up for election each year. Craig DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns, and Dominic Surace are completing their two year term.

Pizza Social – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reminded the membership that this Sunday, November 23rd is the Region’s Pizza Social. The Social will be at Pizza Sienna, Greensburg Shopping Center starting at 6:00 PM.

AACA Annual Meeting – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reminded the membership about the upcoming AACA Annual Meeting that is held in Philadelphia from February 12th thru 14th. Mark asked if members were planning to attend.

Monthly Programs – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked if anyone had any ideas for potential meeting programs. Mark said that he would like to schedule the programs ahead and let members know of upcoming programs.

From the Floor

Bill Maurer spoke of a trip that he and Carol Jean recently returned home from. They journeyed through Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Jack and Nancy Wolf recently returned home from a trip through China, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, and Hawaii.

Adjournment

President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM. Chuck Speicher made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



Past Presidents

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| 1957 - George French | 1986 - Earl Muir |
| 1958 - Charlie Davis | 1987 - Earl Muir |
| 1959 - C.H. Farr | 1988 - Paul Bell |
| 1960 - Morris Kunkle | 1989 - Alan Terek |
| 1961 - Herb Miller | 1990 - Randy Hall |
| 1962 - Arthur Brundage | 1991 - Alan Terek |
| 1963 - Galen Fike | 1992 - Jack Clark |
| 1964 - Boyd Muir | 1993 - Paul Bell |
| 1965 - Earl Muir | 1994 - John Kuhns |
| 1966 - Robert Cable | 1995 - Vincent Altieri |
| 1967 - Foster Fike | 1996 - Tom Milligan |
| 1968 - Paul Bell | 1997 - Allen Wirick |
| 1969 - Fred Nicholls | 1998 - Vincent Altieri |
| 1970 - Charlie Davis | 1999 - D. J. Heatherington |
| 1971 - William Salvatora Sr. | 2000 - Timothy Smith |
| 1972 - Fred Nicholls | 2001 - Mark DeFloria |
| 1973 - Paul Bell | 2002 - Charlie Schifano |
| 1974 - Paul Bell | 2003 - Debbie Sheetz |
| 1975 - Larry Geisler | 2004 - Daniel Calabrace |
| 1976 - Larry Geisler | 2005 - Mark DeFloria |
| 1977 - Bob Davis | 2006 - Harvey Eger |
| 1978 - Gary Cooper | 2007 - Harvey Eger |
| 1979 - Jack Clark | 2008 - Harvey Eger |
| 1980 - Jack Clark | 2009 - Harvey Eger |
| 1981 - Jack Clark | 2010 - Harvey Eger |
| 1982 - Dave Lizza | 2011 - Harvey Eger |
| 1983 - Dave Lizza | 2012 - John Ross Kuhns |
| 1984 - Jack Clark | 2013 - Craig DeFloria |
| 1985 - Bob Cirilli | 2014 - Mark Jackson |



(l-r) WPR President Mark Jackson and Director Ron Shaulis by the Region's banner in the hotel lobby.



Amazing 1903 Cadillac on display



Flashy 1959 Chevrolet on display



Promoting the Founders Tour in Northeastern Ohio which is coming up in September.

Fresh From Philadelphia - AACA 79th Annual Meeting Notes

When February rolls around it can get pretty chilly in Philly. During February 12-14, frigid temperatures dipping into the single digits did not deter Western PA Region AACA representatives Ron and Alice Shaulis, Harvey Eger, and Mark and Jill Jackson from attending the AACA's 79th Annual Meeting at Philadelphia's Sheraton Downtown. As a matter of fact, overall attendance at the Annual Meeting was excellent with folks traveling in from across the USA.

Ron and Mark attended many interesting seminars on topics like: Antique Car Appraisals, Hosting AACA National Meets & Tours, History of the Glidden Tours, Classic Cars (Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, etc) and the famous AACA Judging School.

Finishing his term on the AACA National Board of Directors, Harvey attended the Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting, Awards Banquet and several seminars. At the General Membership Meeting Harvey retired as a National Director stating that he has very much enjoyed serving on AACA's National Board, and that he "would be around" in the future.

Jill and Mark attended the President's Dinner. There Mark presented the following donation checks from the Western PA Region: \$500 for support of the AACA Museum; \$500 for support of the AACA Library, and \$250 for support of AACA Youth Development Programs. The Museum and Library donations were personally presented to the directors of those great facilities in a procession which included many other generous donations presented by various AACA Regions. Mark presented the Youth Development Program donation to AACA Youth Development Program Director Earl Mowery. Mark asked Earl to be sure the donation is earmarked for getting young people involved with antique cars. Earl told Mark of a new "Restoration Camp Program" geared for students ages 14-17 that he is working with AACA to develop in conjunction with a

college or trade school. Mark told Earl that he thought this would be an appropriate program for the WPR donation to support.

Later that evening, Mark had an opportunity to give a very brief report on WPR activities. He explained that we are celebrating our 65th Anniversary this year, and are looking forward to some great tours and activities. He informed those present that several Western PA Region members are interested in attending the Founders Tour in Ohio in September, and invited all to attend the WPR Paul Bell Memorial Car Show in beautiful Legion Keener Park, Latrobe on September 6th.

Following the President's Dinner everyone got a chance to enjoy a silent and live auction fund raiser. WPR member Dave Berg once again served as the lively auctioneer.

Throughout the Annual Meeting, a trade show offered opportunities to talk with representatives from various antique auto related services and products. AACA Regions hosting upcoming tours and meets were also enthusiastically promoting their events to potential participants. There were some interesting real-live antique cars on display too.

The awards banquet was full of interesting antique car restoration stories. Winning a National AACA Award for your car at the Annual Meeting is kind of like winning an Oscar® at the Academy Awards.

One interesting story involved a 1931 Stutz which was purchased by the owner in 1950 for \$250. After purchase, he carefully took the Stutz apart, then got involved with life's complications leaving it in pieces for over 60 years, until his grandson came along and helped him put it back together and restore it.

The WPR's website and *Western Round-Up* newsletter were both recognized with awards of Excellence certificates.

Finally, congratulations to our new AACA President Don Barlup. Don is from the Gettysburg Region and has been very involved in AACA since 1971.

Remembering

by Fred L. Nicholls



Ms. Wilson's 1939 Ford continued from Fred's article in the December, 2014 *Western Round-Up*...

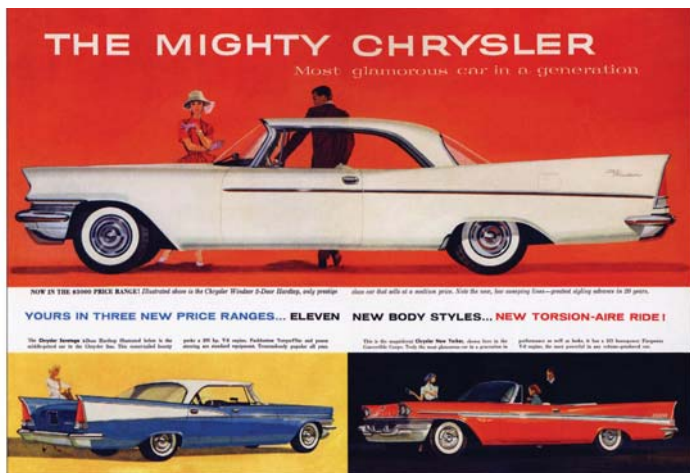
The car was a 1939 Ford Standard Coupe. The original paint was still shiny, and the chrome bumpers looked like new. She handed me the keys, still in the original leather case from the Sutton-Miller Ford Garage. I opened the door and saw the seats were covered with a blanket. Under the blanket they looked like new. After she opened the garage door about a foot, I started it right up. The system that opened the garage door was something I had never seen before. The entire door swung up into the ceiling as one piece.

I turned the car off and helped her cover it up. Then we went into the dining room and sat at the table. Ms. Wilson asked me what I thought it was worth. I gave her a figure, which she agreed to. I told her I would give her a down payment. She said no, but if I would come back tomorrow morning and take her to the bank I could pay her then. (Not having a down payment on a word of mouth deal could be bad.)

Next morning I took Ms. Wilson to the bank. She insisted I come in with her. She got her safety deposit box, took out the title and signed it. I gave her the money, returned the box, then drove her home. She also gave me the original bill of sale, showing that she had traded in a Ford Model A Tudor to by the 1939 Ford.

That night my wife Ann dropped me off at Ms. Wilson's house again. I uncovered the car and prepared to take it home. As I backed it out, Ms. Wilson asked me, "What kind of new car can I buy with a gear shift like the 1939 Ford?" The only one I could think of was a Volkswagen Beetle.

Ms. Wilson and I became friends, and she called me often. I would stop to see her on occasion. Neighbors told me that she would drive her car to school on nice days, and walked on bad days.



The Design Team A Vision to Reality

by Larry R. Huffman, *Clutch Chatter*, Tri-County AACA, Virginia,

The 1950s were exciting times in the automotive business. The economy had recovered from the war years and the shortages of the post-war period. New planned communities were springing up and the consumer was excited about some of the new and different offerings of the automobile companies. Focus was on new engineering, styling and design. The design

teams were busy putting design concepts into reality.

One of the most creative engineers in automotive history, Virgil Exner, joined Chrysler in 1949, partly to change the image of the Chrysler Corporation cars from dull to exciting. Working with engineering and sales, he knew that creating these new products would take a total team approach – by working together as a team they could create cars that were innovative, well engineered, colorful and exciting. Starting with “concept” cars, the company set a design pattern for the future.

These new designs would set a pattern for the “Forward Look” products of the mid and late 1950s. With this team approach, from design concepts to interior design and innovative engineering, Chrysler would approach the future with confidence. The final product would be a reminder of the steps in the “vision” process – first the vision is on the drawing board. The second step is to tell others about the vision and get them to buy into the vision. The next step is to create an image in the minds of the public and finally, to follow through with the exciting envisioned product. Then the sales and marketing people would take over and creatively advertise and sell the product.

The years from 1955 to 1957 would be banner years for the major manufacturers - some of the most memorable automobiles in history were produced during those years.

Just Thinking Again...

by Al Wirick



Sitting in a restaurant eating a good meal – cell phone behind me ringing, cell phone on the other side of me ringing, cell phone in front of me with a teenager talking very loud on it. How did we ever get along with out a cell phone?

Going back a long way, my dad worked for the W.P.A. He called it “We Poke Along.” It really stood for the Works Progress Administration, and the work was similar to the Pennsylvania Highway Department of today. Dad was on call 24 hours a day, mostly in the winter to spread ashes off the back of a big dump truck, as mechanical spreaders didn’t exist at the time. We therefore had to have a telephone in our house.

We lived out in the country near Luxor and at that time the only phones available out in the “boondocks” were party lines. If you wanted to make a call, and someone else was on the line, you had to wait your turn. Although, in case of an emergency the operator could interrupt a call to get a hold of emergency service people. My dad was one of these people.

In later years he worked for WRPCO and was on 24 hour call there also.

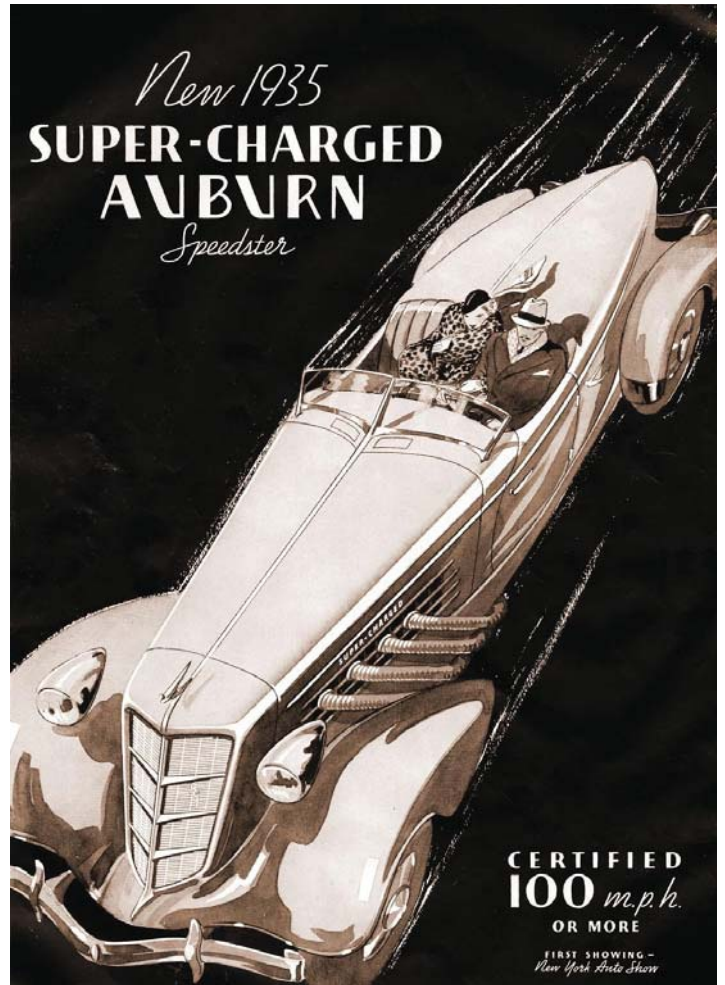
Not long ago I purchased a cell phone, took it home and hung it on the door knob. The next morning I said to myself, “What do you need THAT THING for?” “Nothing,” I said back to me. So I took it back, got my money back and lived happily ever after.

-- Enough for now,
Al Wirick



The first mobile car phone was used in St. Louis Missouri on June 17, 1946. The original equipment weighed 80 pounds and there were initially only three channels for all the users in the metropolitan area.

-- Wikipedia



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724-832-9074 email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

December's Car



December's car brought forth the "sounds of silence." No one contacted me with a guess. Perhaps it was just the busy-ness of the holidays, or perhaps the great white tiger perched on the hood scared everyone away. (As you can see, she is protecting her cub!) This photo was taken at the unique and lively 50's Fest in downtown Waynesburg, PA.

The car is a 1954 Nash Metropolitan. This was the first year it was made, and is also the year that Nash and Hudson merged to form the American Motors Corporation. During the mid-50's some of these cars were sold sporting the Hudson name plate. Nash and American Motors specialized in making smaller, high-value, high-quality cars.

Metropolitans were manufactured in England under contract with Nash and American Motors. They were available as either a hardtop or convertible. They were also the first post-war car marketed specifically to women. The first spokesperson for this car in 1954 was Miss America, Evelyn Ay Sempier. Despite their small size, Metropolitans were stylish and appointed with touches of luxury.

Famed auto author Floyd Clymer took Metropolitans for demanding test drives and "got the surprise of his life – with the car performing far better than expected." Mr. Clymer also felt very safe in the cars and thought very highly of them. Metropolitan production ran from 1954-1962. They are highly collectable today.

-- source, Wikipedia

January/February's Car



How's your "swap meet vision"? Can you identify the year and make of the powder blue project car this guy was scoping out at the Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama this past summer? Be the first to contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074 or email rpmguy2002@yahoo.com and win a bag of Milky Way candy bars.



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