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Front Cover—Philadelphia Region Members Cars at the 2024 Eastern National Meet in Morgantown, PA.

Back Cover—Photos courtesy of Greg Merksamer and Jim Casilio

**Thanks to Tom Wizda for providing most of the pictures in this issue.**



## Director's Message:

Dear Fellow Philadelphia Region Members, I hope you all are enjoying this Holiday Season in good health with Family and Friends. As we look back on 2024, we had a full calendar of events including our Peddlers Village show and also the Eastern National Meet in Morgantown, Pennsylvania at the classic auto mall.

2025 promises to be a blockbuster as our region again will host the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania at the Wyndham Hotel [from September 16 through September 21, 2025](#). Your Management team is putting together a full schedule of events for you to enjoy, so please try to attend as we really need everyone's involvement and participation.

As we reflect back through the year, please keep in your prayers those Members who have passed on, namely Ron Ross, Tony Russo, Ray Bickert and Ron Ladley as they will surely be missed.

Lastly, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Philadelphia Region Lincoln + Continental Owner Club gaining a Charter and to celebrate this momentous occasion we are planning a big celebration and Banquet that will be held [on Sunday, November 2, 2025](#) at the beautiful Mendenhall Inn in Mendenhall, Pennsylvania. We are pulling out all the stops for this so please mark your calendars from now to attend. More details will be forthcoming.

As always, please take care of yourselves and have a safe and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Continentially yours,

Carl Villone

Philadelphia Region Director

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Philadelphia Region LCOC Club News

## **EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone:

I just wanted to express my gratitude for a wonderful experience at the Eastern National Meet. It was fantastic to see how everyone got along and enjoyed each other's company and cars. We all took time to admire each other's vehicles, sharing thoughtful and encouraging comments.

I didn't know much about these cars going in, but on Saturday, so many of you took the time to show me ways to improve and enhance my knowledge. I learned so much from each of you, and I truly appreciate your generosity in sharing your expertise.

What stood out most to me at my first National Meet was the camaraderie and the friendships I formed, even more than the cars themselves. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I had a great time getting to know everyone better and look forward to future meets.

Warm regards,

Theresa Lauro, Editor



Philadelphia Region Members at the  
LCOC 2024 "Tony Russo Memorial" Eastern National Meet

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## UP COMING EVENTS

- Sunday April 27th - Spring Picnic at The Nickett’s.** In conjunction with the Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club, and others. Doylestown, PA
- June 6th – 8th - Carlisle All Ford Nationals** Carlisle, PA
- June 19th- 23rd - LCOC Mid America Meet** – Cincinnati, Ohio
- Saturday June 28th – Philadelphia LCOC Cruise at Gateway Classics,** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Runnemede, NJ
- Sunday September 7th – Philadelphia Region Annual Peddlers Village Meet.** In conjunction with the Valley Forge Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Rain date September 28th
- September 16th - 21st LCOC Eastern Meet – Gettysburg, PA, Hosted by our region**
- October 7th – 10th – AACA Hershey,** Hershey, PA
- Sunday November 2nd – Philadelphia Region 40th Anniversary Celebration - Mendenhall Inn in Mendenhall, PA**
- March/April—Date TBD—Grand Opening of new Holman Lincoln Dealership. We have been asked to bring our cars to this event.**



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You won't want to miss the  
**2025 LCOOC National Meet**  
**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

Save these dates **NOW**  
**JUNE 19 TO JUNE 23, 2025**  
*Hosted by Southern Ohio Region*



Our host hotel  
Marriott Cincinnati Northeast



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## The Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club is proud to host the 2025 Eastern National Meet “The Gettysburg Address”

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Region (1985-2025)



**Monumental Achievements**

More than 1,300 monuments, memorials, markers, and tablets stand among 17 square miles of the Gettysburg Battlefield. They honor armies, states, units, individuals, and headquarters of both sides of the Civil War. Notable among many, these few are well worth a visit.

**Virginia Monument**  
West Confederate Avenue

**Soldiers National Monument**  
West Confederate Avenue

**North Carolina Monument**  
West Confederate Avenue

**The Pennsylvania Memorial**  
Blancock Avenue

**Lincoln Address Memorial**  
National Cemetery

**Dobbin House Tavern**  
1776

Enjoy Historic Hospitality in a house built the same year as the founding of the United States of America - 1776.

- ★ Casual and Fine Dining
- ★ Oldest House in Gettysburg
- ★ National Register of Historic Places
- ★ Secret Slave Hideout
- ★ Adjacent B&B Inn
- ★ Group Menus available
- ★ Search "Dobbin House reviews"

For pictures and menus, visit [www.dobbinhouse.com](http://www.dobbinhouse.com)  
For Reservations, call 717-334-2100  
9 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg, PA

**September 16-21, 2025**  
At the Wyndham Hotel in historic  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

You history buffs won't want to miss this event!



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## *The 2024 Eastern National Meet “Tony Russo memorial Meet”*

The 2024 Eastern national meet was held at the Classic Auto Mall and event center in Morgantown, PA in October. While this meet was conducted by LCOC National, Philadelphia region director Carl Villone led the effort to make this meet a success.

Participation from our region was outstanding. Over 30 members of our region were in attendance and 22 of the 63 cars on Saturday's show-field were from the Philadelphia Region.

The meet began Wednesday October 23rd with an evening welcoming reception. The next day featured a driving tour to the AACA museum in Hershey, PA. followed that evening with a short drive to, and a tour to the Tom Masano dealership in Reading. Friday's activities included a driving tour to the Boyertown Antique Auto Museum and an added "popup" tour of Joe Roger's classic, mostly Lincoln, collection.

Friday night featured a dinner followed by the auction with all proceeds benefiting the LCOC.

As a luxury for our luxury cars (and their owners) Saturday's show was held at the indoor event center of the Classic Auto Mall.

On Saturday evening LCOC members in their best attire came together not just for dinner and awards, but to also remember Tony Russo. We were honored to have Tony's wife Fran along with Tony's nephew and niece David and Meredith Bradley with us during this meet.



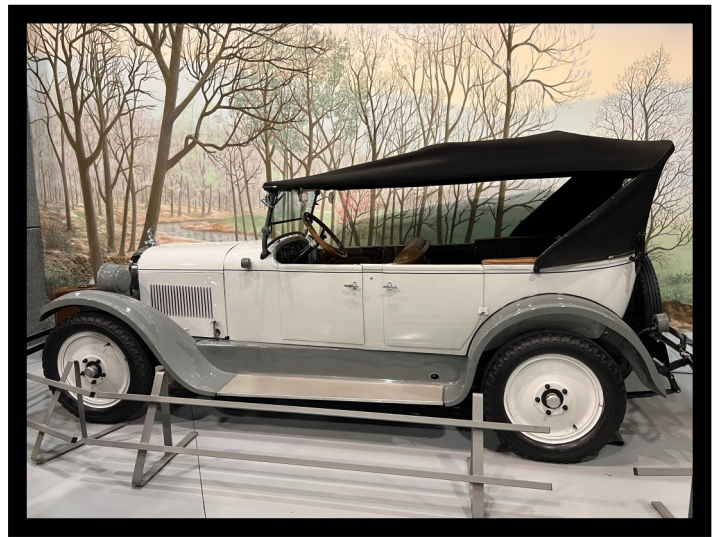
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The AACA Museum and the adjacent AACA Headquarters and Library hosted LCOC members on Thursday October 24, 2025 . Located in Hershey, PA. the AACA complex is home to one of the most impressive car, bus, and trucks collections in existence. It is also an event center! *Where you would want to have your wedding.* The AACA library houses an extensive collection of reference material that provides a wealth of information help restore and preserve our cars as they were built.



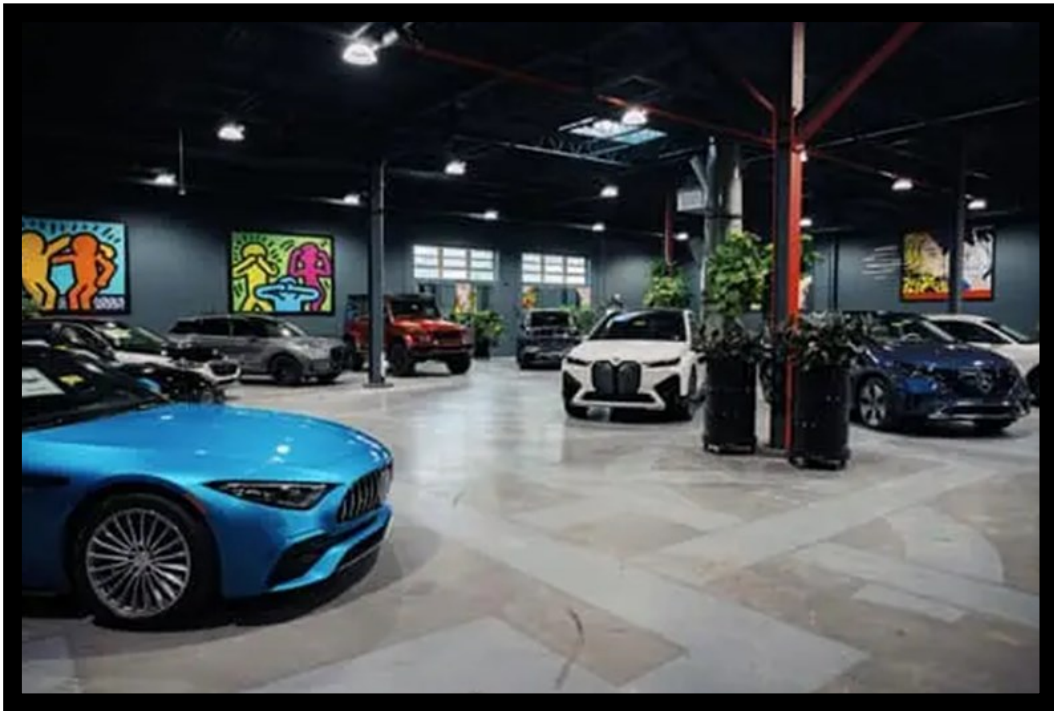


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The Tom Masano Auto Group Hosts LCOC Members at a Car Dealership Like None Other



An Andy Warhol next to a Maybach, BMW's beneath works from Reading, PA's own Keith Haring, and of course plenty of Lincolns alongside giant Lichtensteins. That is only a portion of what you see in this two story, 300,00 square foot, 150 plus cars "way cool place".

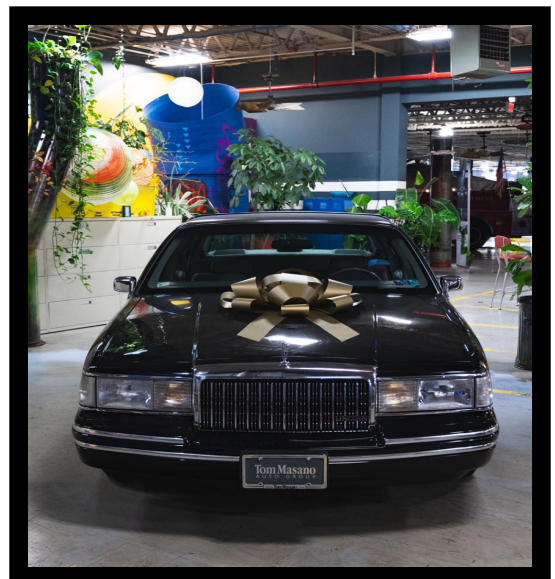


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John Masano and the team at Tom Masano Auto were gracious hosts all evening. It may be hard to believe from these pictures but yes this is a car dealership.



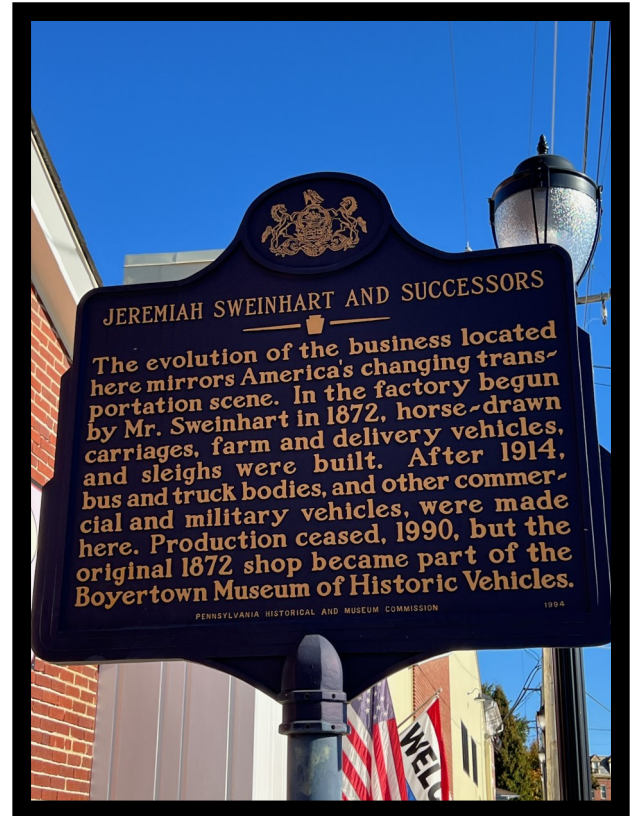
Started by Tom and Bruce Masano in 1954, this third generation multi dealer family business has grown into a leading Family-Owned Automotive Group. New and Used Dealership in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Current manufacturers include America's iconic brand, Ford, Lincoln and world-class luxury brands such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz trucks, SUVs and cars for sale.



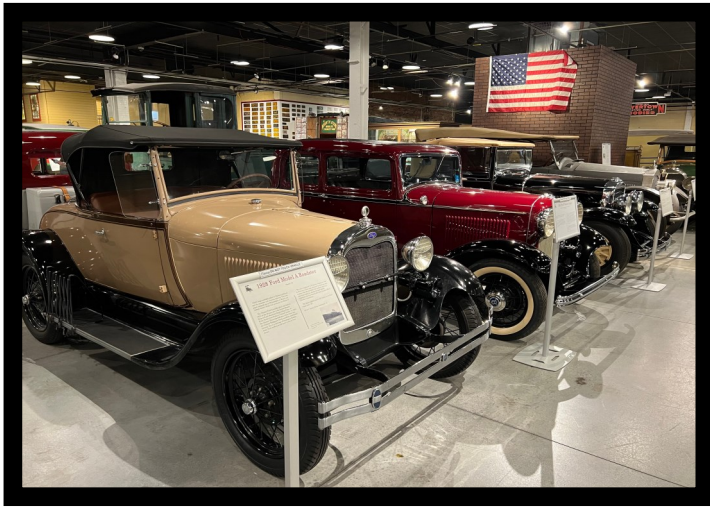
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Friday October 25th—Road Trip to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

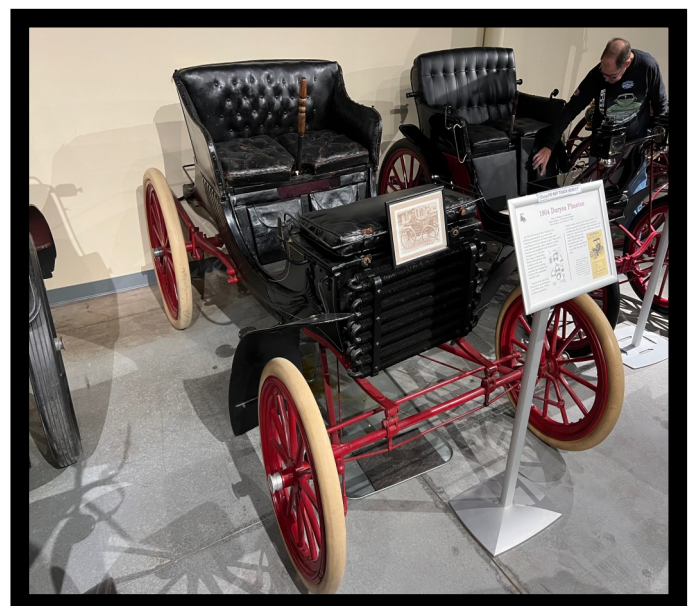
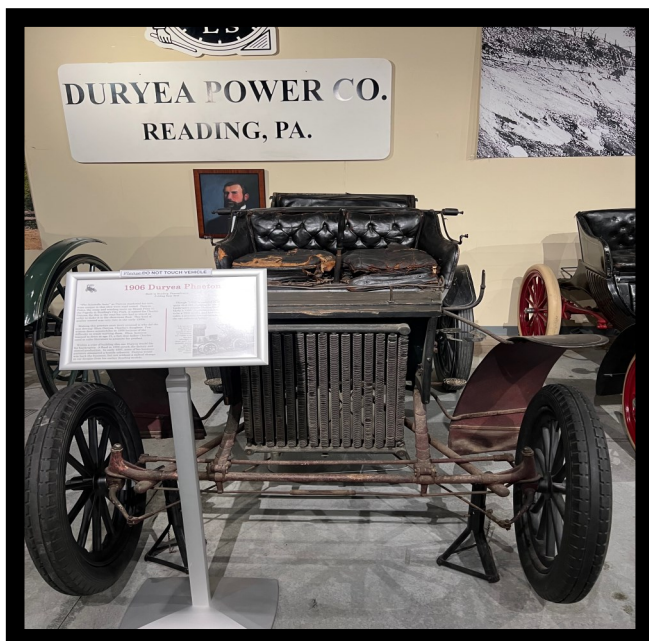
The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles is a museum of road transportation, vehicles, artifacts, roadside culture, alternative propulsion, and vehicle builders focused on Pennsylvania and the Greater Delaware Valley; as well as the historic vehicles built by Jeremiah Sweinhart's Carriage Factory 1872-1914 and by Paul Hafer's Boyertown Auto Body Works 1914-1990 in the historic Industrial Age factory.



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1952 Masano



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LOC member Joe Rodgers hosted us at his workshop with his impressive collection



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**LCOC Membership Chairman and Auctioneer Jim Cappello  
at Friday's Evenings Auction**



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2024 Eastern National Meet Show Field





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2024 Eastern National Meet—Saturday's Awards Banquet



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2024 Eastern National Meet—Saturday's Awards



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1988 Lincoln Mark VII Bill Blass Edition Luxury Coupe



Current mileage 20, 600 original as of August 30, 2024

Four Owners since new, most in central New Jersey. The current owner purchased this car in July 2022 with 18,800 original miles.

Exterior- dark Cabernet clear coat metallic paint with three clear coats, repainted under prior ownership four years ago. Original factory pinstripe retained with clear coat applied. Factory wire wheels are slightly hazy but presentable and have been balanced. Exterior brightwork is intact and present well. Two paint defects on the right side of the hood.

Interior - Sandalwood velour upholstery with matching carpet and Bill Blass carpeted floor mats, in excellent condition. An extra set of daily front floor mats included. Dual eight-way power front seats with headrest.

Engine/Drivetrain original 5.0 L 225 HP V8 with electronic fuel injection. 4 speed automatic overdrive. Current documented service within the past year records available. Converted to R134 in November 2021.

Suspension - Front struts replaced in July 2022. Rear shocks in all four airbags are intact and function as expected. No sag after sitting for months.

Additional detailed information available

**Asking Price 18,900 obo.**

**Michael Stinson 267-251-8588**

**Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com**

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**FOR  
SALE  
BY OWNER**



1970 Lincoln Mark III

The odometer reads just over 30,000 miles which I believe to be valid as I have maintenance records/repair receipts going back to 1998 which track with the current mileage. It originally left the factory in Light Gray Metallic, the car was repainted Black by the prior owner and treated to a new vinyl roof in 2013. The dark red Nylon Tricot Knit cloth interior appears original and in very fine condition. I originally purchased the car in September of 2017, due to loss of storage and with space tight here at the house I've decided to move forward with the sale. Nicely equipped it carried a sticker price of \$8884.50. Included with the sale: Original Documentation including Build Sheet, Delivery Documents, Repair/Maintenance, Lincoln Maintenance Manual CD-ROM, Car Cover & additional set of 1970 Mark III hubcaps. The car is located in Waretown, NJ. I'm asking \$18,500 OBO and would be happy to discuss the car further with any interested parties.

Thanks, Ray Koziol, 908-963-9517, e-mail: [Koziolr@comcast.net](mailto:Koziolr@comcast.net)



1972 Continental Mark IV

All Original  
31,651 miles  
Garaged  
Dark Brown exterior  
Brown leather interior  
Excellent condition

Phil 610-417-8323

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## 2024 Peddlers Village Meet



Our annual Peddler's Village Meet was held on Saturday October 19th, 2024. While originally scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, and cancelled due to inclement weather, October 19<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a perfect fall day.

As we have done for the past few years we co-hosted this meet with the Valley Forge Region of the Cadillac and LaSalle owners club.

This year we had over 93 cars on the show field. We have been very fortunate with the not only the weather these past few years but the amount of and quality of the cars in attendance.

Our thanks to all that who came out.

Next year's meet is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Peddlers Village 10/19/24



TOP 30



Best in Show 1966 Mustang



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**The Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club  
and Lincoln & Continental Owner's Club Philadelphia Region  
*Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler's Village***

**DATE: Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 9AM-2:30PM. Awards Presented at 2PM.**

**Rain Date: Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Open to All Years, Makes and Models. Over 90 Cars participated last year!

*Top 20 High Scores (all makes), best Lincoln, Best Cadillac, Best of Show (any make)*

167 Carousel Lane, Lahaska PA 18931

For Maps, Directions, and a GPS address, visit [www.peddlersvillage.com/directions](http://www.peddlersvillage.com/directions)

See the *new* car show field location on the attached map.

Pre-Registration Fee: \$20., Day-of-Show = \$25. Please make checks payable to VFR-CLC. Pre-Registration is strongly recommended; payment by check is preferred.

Show Field Opens at 9AM. Please, no "early birds".

**VFR-CLC and Phila LCOC Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler's Village**

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Rain Date: Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-registration MUST be received by Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>! No Refunds.**

Mail Registration Form and payment to: John Wood, 327 Bellevue Ave, Pennedl, PA 19047-5310  
267-939-5925 [renopa@verizon.net](mailto:renopa@verizon.net)

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Club Membership:</b>	
<b>Vehicle Year, Make, Model, Body Style</b>			
<b>Trailer parking? Y/N</b>			

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