



Jim Winter was born in 1953 and educated at Ripley High School and Marshall University. He retired after 34 years in Research and Development with Union Carbide/Dow Chemical at the South Charleston Technical Center. He was a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt with responsibilities for project management improvement programs, training which has proven beneficial in his involvement with the West Virginia Motorcar Festival, Inc., the parent organization of The Charleston Rod Run & Doo Wop.

Jim has been active in the car hobby since high school and has been involved with antique and classic cars, custom vans, 4x4's, hot rods, street rods, sports cars, trucks and Corvettes in the years since. He has owned two of the cars currently in his collection for over 40 years! He was a Regional Director and Senior Master Judge in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) in the 1970-80's. Most recently, he served as President of the Nitro Antique Car Club, West Virginia's oldest continually-operating car club. Jim has been a volunteer with the Rod Run & Doo Wop for several years and was selected to serve as a Vice President and member of the Board of Directors in 2013.

Jim and his wife, Donna reside in Winfield. Their backyard hobby garage, The Hot Rod Grille, has been featured in a 2012 Better Homes and Gardens "WOOD" Magazine issue devoted to "Ultimate Garage Makeovers" and has received much publicity and exposure on Internet forums.