

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2003 MEETING

BY MARK DeFLORIA

President Debbie Sheetz called to order the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe, PA. Fifty (50) members were in attendance. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Jim Smith to accept the minutes as printed in the September *Round-Up*. Howard Finney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Tom Milligan read the Treasures Report. Charles Schifano made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Stan Kanick. All voted in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Membership:** Tom Milligan read the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for Shane G. Rudy of Derry. He owns a 1971 Ford Galaxy 500, 1972 Ford Galaxy 500 and a 1972 Ford LTD. Shane will be voted on next month.

**Newsletter/Website:** Mark DeFloria passed around a 8" x 11" color copy of the Western Round-up as printed from the Region's Web Site. The newsletter is now available as soon as it is printed on the web site. Our web site address is [www.aaca.org/westernpa](http://www.aaca.org/westernpa).

The September issue was the first Western Round-Up with a color cover.

**Car Show:** Dan Calabrace reported on our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show that was held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dan thanked everyone that was involved. A discussion followed regarding Street Rods competing against Antiques for Best In Show. Many views were presented. The issue will be looked at again before next years show. A member present brought up a complaint from an exhibitor that club members win all the placements. Dan went over the placement list and reported that out of approximately 90 placements, 18 club members placed. Based on this, most felt that the complaint was without warrant. The Bake Sale and the Chinese Auction were both very successful.

**2003 Chance Car:** Stan and Eleanor Kanick reported that the Region had another very successful chance car. Debi Hutka of Laughlintown, PA won the 1977 Camaro. The winning number was 8418. Tom Milligan sold the winning ticket. Tom Milligan reported that the deposits for August were larger than any other. The 2003 chance car profit numbers were very close to the previous years, which is very good considering the weather we had this past summer.

## NEW BUSINESS

**2004 Chance Car:** The Region has purchased a Chance Car for 2004. It is a 1968 Mustang Coupe. Red with a black vinyl top and interior. It has a 289 V8 engine with an automatic transmission. Stan and Eleanor Kanick volunteered to handle the chance car again this year. Tickets should be available for the December Christmas Party.

**Progressive Dinner Tour:** Debbie Sheetz thanked Al and Sally Wirik, Bud Wheeler, Paul and Elinor Carey, Brian and Pam Hendrson and John and Vickie Kuhns for sharing their homes for the Progressive Dinner Tour. All that attended reported that they had a good time.

**2006 AACA Sentimental Tour:** Debbie Sheetz asked if the club would be interested in hosting the 2006 Sentimental Tour. This would be for cars 1958 and older. After some discussion, Al Wirick volunteered to chair the tour. It was decided that the club would fill out the paperwork to request the tour.

**Fall Tour:** Our final tour of the year is the Fall Tour. Tom Milligan and Mark DeFloria to chair. The tour is October 19<sup>th</sup>. More details will be in the October Round-Up.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Badge Fine Kitty was \$96.00 for the September Meeting. \$1.25 was collected from badge fines. The Region's portion of the 50/50 (\$36.00) was added to the Badge Fine Kitty, bringing the total to \$133.25. John Fosbrink's name was drawn. John was not present. It pays to attend. The starting Kitty amount for October will be \$133.25.

At 8:35 Dave Lizza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Nicholls seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## 2003 BEST IN SHOW WINNER



John Depto - 1934 5 Window Plymouth

## CARS I REMEMBER



1940 Ford Wagon

*BY FRED NICHOLLS*

While I was in the service, cars were not of great importance. The Navy sent me to school at M.I.T. in Boston. We also lived in the Hotel Somerset on Commonwealth Avenue.

If one were relaxing on the hotel veranda facing Commonwealth Avenue on a sunny afternoon, sometimes a weird looking car with two older ladies would come down the avenue running silent. It had wire wheels and one lady would be steering with a tiller. Years later I was talking to Boyd Muir about this car, and he felt it was an electric car. At that time Boyd owned one.

Also on Sunday some of the local débutantes, doing their part for the war effort, would invite some of the fellows to their home for the afternoon. I went several times, and I believe one drove a 1940 Ford Station wagon. Several times was enough, as somehow you always felt that you didn't belong in these surroundings. Actually the food was not any better than the hotel dining room. Duty like this could have lasted forever, but it didn't,

When the war was over, and our ship was used training new crews, my rank was frozen. It meant I would serve about six more months than I expected. One of the fellows in my division lived in Virginia. So he brought his 1939 Chevrolet two door sedan to the Naval Base. All cars leaving the base were inspected for items that were USN, and not to be removed from the base. They inspected inside the car and trunk, but never looked under the hood. He took home a lot of USN items between the radiator and the grill.

He took me one weekend to his home near Danville, where they lived on a farm. Most of the silverware was from USN, not to mention a typewriter. But my discharge was just ahead, and I was heading home to my 1941 Ford.

## 1941 DODGE D-19 TOWN SEDAN



*BY ED VANCE*

The Fred Nicholls article of the Town Sedan in the August issue of the Western Roundup brought back some good times of mine.

During late fall of 1945, I was attending Navy Pilot Training Program at San Luis Obispo, CA. On one of my weekends off, I and a few of my shipmates made a trip to Hollywood, CA. I rented a Dodge sedan like the one Fred related to in his article. The enclosed picture is the Dodge I liked so. I fully intended to buy one when I was discharged from the Navy but Dodge discontinued the model. 🍷



2003 AACA FOUNDERS TOUR

**40TH ANNUAL  
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION, AACA  
PAUL P. BELL MEMORIAL  
ANTIQUÉ AUTO SHOW  
RESULTS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2003

\*LEGION-KEENER PARK-LATROBE, PA\*

**Class 1 Model T and Model A Fords**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> William Stump - 1923 Ford Touring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Leon Klingensmith - 1929 Model A Ford
- 1<sup>st</sup> James Thompson - 1930 Ford Roadster

**Class 2 Antique Autos thru 1935 except Model T and Model A Fords**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Berg - 1921 Rolls Royce
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Erny - 1932 Chevy 5 window Coupe
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Fleet - 1934 Chrysler

**Class 3 Production Autos 1936 thru 1948**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Sadler - 1936 Ford 5 window Coupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karl Mueller - 1936 Graham
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Fleet - 1937 2-door Sedan

**Class 4 Production Autos 1949 thru 1954**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Thatcher - 1951 Mercury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Gallucci - 1954 Oldsmobile
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne and Becky Worton - 1954 Mercury Montclair Convertible

**Class 5 Production Autos 1955 thru 1957**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Middlekauff - 1956 Ford Victoria
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Connie and Charlie Schifano - 1957 Chevy Convertible
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob and Cathy Pervuznik - 1956 Ford Sunliner Convertible

**Class 6 Production Autos 1958 thru 1960**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dale Frederick - 1958 Lincoln
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Milton Flack - 1960 DeSota
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Papuga - 1958 Impala

**Class 7 Production Autos 1961 thru 1963**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Feiderick - 1963 Oldsmobile F-83
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Konorosky - 1963 Pontiac Tempest Convertible
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ray and Judy Matthews - 1961 Rambler American Convertible

**Class 8 Production Autos 1964 thru 1966**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Danny and Becky Blank - 1966 Chevy Caprice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Friend - 1964 Corvair
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Schade - 1964 Corvair Monza

**Class 9 Production Autos 1967 thru 1969**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Sheetz - 1967 Camaro
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vernon Ulery - 1969 Ford Torino
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Crossan - 1989 Ford Talladega

**Class 10 Production Autos 1970 thru 1973**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> William Rose - 1972 Chevy Caprice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Yoder - 1971 Chevelle Convertible
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lloyd Watkins - 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo Coupe

**Class 11 Production Autos 1974 thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren Sheppick - 1976 AMC Pacer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim and LeeAnn Ross - 1976 Oldsmobile
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lou Kovacs - 1977 Ford LTD

**Class 12 All Corvettes 1953 thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry Logan - 1964 Vette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Rusnock - 1966 Vette
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Fontana - 1967 Vette

**Class 13 All Stock Commercial Vehicles thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave McNaughton - 1956 Mack B 71
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Shugars - 1939 Model A Truck
- 1<sup>st</sup> Clay Stoner - 1953 Ford F- 100

**Class 14 All Ford Mustangs thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Kanick - 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ross Kuhns III - 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Ulishney - 1967 Mustang

**Class 15 Street Rods thru 1948 Steel Body Only**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> George and Kathy Yurcevich - 1930 Ford Sedan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Greene - 1929 Ford Roaster
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Niebauer - 1935 Plymouth Sedan

**Class 16 Street Rods thru 1948 Fiberglass Body only**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Wayne Gorr - 1931 Chevy Coupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Bush - 1934 Chevy 2 window Coupe
- 1<sup>st</sup> Paulette Depto - 1923 Ford T- Bucket

**Class 17 Custom and Modified Cars 1949 thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> George and Janis Miller - 1955 Chevy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Thomas - 1965 Ford Mustang
- 1<sup>st</sup> Colleen Walker - 1965 Ford Mustang

## 2003 SHOW RESULTS CONTINUED

### **Class 18 Custom and Modified Cars 1979 thru 1972**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry Gray - 1983 Chevy Caprice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Stanko - 1980 Pontiac Firebird Formula
- 1<sup>st</sup> John Marasco III - 1988 Ford Mustang GT

### **Class 19 Production Muscle Cars 1962 thru 1972**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Pfeifer - 1970 Plymouth Roadster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Seminary - 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Wiegand - 1970 Dodge Challenger

### **Class 20 Production Muscle Cars 1973 thru 1988**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jay Bortz - 1985 Buick Grand National
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oran Yothers - 1984 Pontiac Trans Am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Carl Patula - 1983 Oldsmobile Hurst

### **Class 21 All Sports Cars thru 1988 except Corvettes**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Virgil Lauffer - 1955 Ford Thunderbird
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Butch & Carlotta Thatcher - 1957 Thunderbird
- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard A. Robbins - 1958 MGA Roadster

### **Class 22 All AACA Senior Cars**

- Terry Gatons - 1931 Chrysler Roadster
- Bob & Carol McDonald - 1960 Ford Thunderbird
- Richard Sloat - 1934 Chevrolet 4 Door Sedan
- Charles Vatters - 1932 Pierce Arrow closed Coupe Sedan
- Bill Maurer - 1939 Plymouth 4 Door Convertible
- Howard Finney - 1967 Buick Skylark 4 Door Hardtop
- George & Jean Santmyer - 1957 Chevrolet Convertible
- Vince Altieri - 1947 Plymouth Woodie Wagon

### **Class 23 Special Interest**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kenneth A. Seybold - 1984 Honda Goldwing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank & Rhene Kapr - 1967 Pontiac Bonneville Ambulance
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis & Jean Graham - 1958 BMW Isetta

**Longest Distance Trailered** - Richard Sloat – 210 miles

**Oldest Driver** - Reginald Fox - 84 years, 11 months

**2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest Driver** - William Stump - 82 years

**Presidents Award** - Bill Kunkel - 1968 Chevrolet Camaro ss/rs

**Best of Show** - John Depto - 1934 5 Window Plymouth