

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2004 ANNUAL MEETING



BY MARK DeFLORIA

The January Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was called to order at 4:10 PM on Sunday, January 23, 2004 by President Debbie Sheetz. Sixty-eight (68) members were in attendance at the meeting that was held at Dino's Lounge, Route 30 West, Latrobe, PA. Debbie welcomed all members and recognized all past Presidents. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The January 2003 Annual Meeting minutes were read aloud by Secretary, Mark DeFloria. A motion was made by Tim Smith to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Wiegand. All voted in favor.

Tom Milligan read the final Treasure's report for 2003. Howard Finney made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Charlie Schifano. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership: Tom Milligan reported that members are paying their dues. Approximately 70% of members are paid. The region signed up 5 new members in 2003. A moment of silence was held for the following members who have passed away in the last year; George French (last surviving founding member), Jim Erny and Merle Carns.
2. Kick Off Party: Debbie Sheetz reported that the party was held on April 12, 2002 at the American Legion. 75 people were in attendance. The cost of attending was three dollars per member. Over \$1000 worth of prizes were given out. John Vance won the 20" flat screen TV. Post Avenue Catering provided food for the event.
3. Picnic: The committee for the picnic was Tom Milligan, Debbie Sheetz and Mark DeFloria. Debbie gave a report saying that 110 people attended the picnic on Sunday, July 27, 2003 at the Slovak Picnic Grounds in Latrobe. The charge for the Picnic was \$1.00 per person. Members either brought a salad or dessert. From the pig roast, turkey and spaghetti, to the nice weather and the gift certificate door prizes, a nice day was enjoyed by all that attended. Debbie also announced that next years picnic will be held on July 25, 2004.

4. Duesenberg Sign: Debbie reported that the long awaited re-installation (due to insurance and casting of the sign) of the Duesenberg sign along Rt 30 near Jennerstown was completed by Al Terek and Vince Altieri. Dan Calabrace brought in an article from the Latrobe paper marking the replacement of the sign. The Duesenberg portion of the article was read.
5. 2003 Chance Car: Stan and Eleanor Kanick were in charge of the Chance Car this year. Stan provided a report and thanked everyone who helped with the car. There were 51 sellers. The region realized a nice profit from the fundraiser. Tom Milligan sold the winning ticket, number 8418, to Debi Hutka of Laughlintown at the Westmoreland County Fair. Tom sold 609 tickets, Tom Ulishney sold 418, followed by Howard Finney with 400.
6. Tours: Debbie Sheetz reported that the Region enjoyed many tours this past year including the Gravity Hill Tour hosted by Ralph Shearer, Longaberger Basket Company Bus Trip hosted by Sally and Al Wirick, The Old Fashion Tour by Fred Nicholls, Progressive Dinner Tour organized by John Kuhns, and the Fall Poker Run Tour by Tom Milligan and Mark DeFloria. Any suggestions for next year are welcome.
7. Car Show: Dan Calabrace once again chaired the annual Paul P. Bell Car Show. Dan said that we had 55 pre-registered cars and 178 cars on the field at the show. It was a wonderful day for a show. Dan thanked Connie Schifano, Debbie Rusnock and Debbie Sheetz for organizing the bake sale and Chinese Auction. He also thanked Mary Anne Brant for taking charge of the 50/50. Dan thanked all who helped. Next years show is September 5th.
8. Christmas Party: John Kuhns was in charge of the Christmas Party, which was held at the Blue Angel Restaurant on December 6, 2003. The Gene Peterson Trio entertained the 123 members and guests at the party. 126 reservations were taken. A visit from Santa and the give away of a TV and lots of prizes concluded the evening. Doris Barron was the winner of the TV. Any suggestions for next years' party will be welcomed.
9. Monthly Meeting Hospitality & Badge Fines: Debbie Sheetz spoke about the monthly meeting hospitality. (Debbie was nice enough to prepare most of the treats we enjoyed at the monthly meetings). She asked if anyone had any suggestions to please let her know. Badge Fines are collected at regular monthly meetings. A 50/50 drawing is also done at the regular monthly meetings. The clubs portion of the 50/50 is added to the Badge Fine Kitty. The winner of the money in the kitty is drawn at each regular meeting. The member must be present to win. There is \$233.75 in the kitty.

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- 10 Newsletter: Mark DeFloria thanked everyone who submitted photos and articles for the *Round-Up*. He thanked Fred Nicholls, Ed Vance & Mike Kosko for their frequent submission of articles for the *Round-Up*. The *Round-Up* is now published with a color cover. Mark has been notified that he will receive the "Award of Excellence" and the "Master Editor" awards at the National Meeting in Philadelphia for the *Round-Up*.
- 11 Scholarship: Tom Milligan reported that Guy Davis attended the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology School's annual banquet to present a \$1000 scholarship to Lucas P. Holbrook of Latrobe.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Audit: Tom Milligan reported the annual audit was held this past week by Howard Finney, Harvey Eger and John Kuhns. The committee reported that all was in order.
2. Website: Mark asked members to look at the website and let him know of any suggestions.
3. 2004 Chance Car: The Chance Car for 2004 is a red 1968, Mustang Coupe, to be raffled on September 25, 2004. Stan and Eleanor Kanick have volunteered to handle the Chance Car. Tickets are available.

Tim Smith made a motion to destroy the 2003 Chance Car destroyed, which was seconded by Bettyann Finney. All voted in favor.

4. Sweat Shirts: John Kuhns is in charge of Region Apparel. John had a sample sweat shirt on hand to show the members. An apparel order form will be in an upcoming *Round-Up*.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Rusnock, John Ross Kuhns III and Charlie Schifano were on the election committee. Bill Rusnock replaced John Ross Kuhns III as he was running for office. The committee previously nominated Doug Murphy, John Ross Kuhns III, Tom Milligan and Mark DeFloria. Asked for nominations from the floor, there were none. A motion was made by Charlie Schifano to close the nominations which was seconded by Clay Stoner. All voted in favor. The membership was also instructed to vote for the winner of the Jack E. Clark Sr. Award. The award is given to the member or members who contributed the most to the Western Pa Region in 2003.

A brief reorganization meeting took place after dinner, and the following was announced to the membership:

President	Dan Calabrace
Vice President	John Kuhns
Treasure	Tom Milligan
Secretary	Mark DeFloria
Safety	Doug Murphy
Publicity	Tom Ulishney

AWARDS

Awards were given out to Charlie Schifano, John Kuhns and Dan Calabrace for their service on the board for the past 2 years.

- ø The Paul P. Bell Award was awarded to Dave & Karen Berg for their 1928 Rolls Royce.
- ø The Jack E. Clark Sr. Award went to Sally and Al Wirick.

At ~ 8:30 Howard Finney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Smith. All voted in favor.

FROM THE MAILBOX

December 30, 2004

To: The Officers and Directors of the Western Pa. Region

As the winner of the RCA television at the Christmas party I wish to THANK YOU. It was quite a surprise and happened at an ideal time. Our television has been slowly dying.

We have been associated with the Western Pa Region since the year 1960 – a long time. We attended many Christmas parties – often when the weather was snowy and icy to drive over the mountain. We remember when our girls were small and sat on Santa’s lap – many fond memories of Christmas parties over the years. We made many nice friends in this region, and hope 2004 will be a good year for the club.

Thank You again from Doris Barron and Wayne too.

Thinking Back

By E. Kay Myers

Fred Duesenberg Plaque is back

(reprinted from the Latrobe Bulletin)

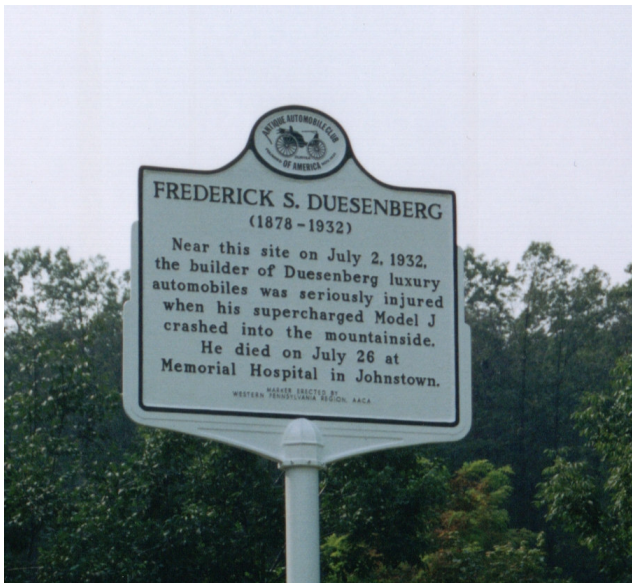
Switching gears again, I am pleased to report that the Route 30 highway plaque about Fred S. Duesenberg finally has been replaced. The Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Car Association restored the highway marker that was knocked over two winters ago.

It is located just west of the Sliding Rock Golf Course on the eastern slope of Laurel Mountain. The plaque notes that Duesenberg, president of the luxury Motorcar Company that bears his name, died following an accident when his touring car crashed into a tree while he was traveling up the curvy, old Lincoln Highway west of Jennerstown.

The accident occurred on July 2, 1932. Ironically, the injured Duesenberg was taken to a Johnstown hospital where he later succumbed to pneumonia with his wife and children by his side.

Two hitchhikers riding with the automaker emerged from the wrecked car unhurt and walked up the road where they began looking for another ride. No one ever learned their name.

Let's hope this white plaque holds up better than the first one.



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1976 Lincoln Continental: Tan, two-door. Purchased in 1978 69,880 miles. Janice Carns 724-537-7201. (2/04)

1973 Cadillac: Two-door, brown, 32,427 miles. Extra set of 4 wire wheels. Janice Carns 724-537-7201. (2/04)

1978 Honda Hawk: Blue – Purchased 3/21/80. Title says 2000 miles when purchased, 2,535 miles now. Janice Carns 724-537-7201. (2/04)

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