

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2003 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 19, 2002 by President Charlie Schifano. Seventy (70) members were in attendance at the meeting which was held at Dino's Lounge, Route 30 West, Latrobe, PA. Charlie welcomed all members and recognized all past Presidents. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The January 2002 Annual Meeting minutes were read aloud by Secretary, Mark DeFloria. A motion was made by Howard Finney to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim Smith. All voted in favor.

Tom Milligan read the final Treasure's report for 2002. Jim Smit made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Bill Rusnock. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Kick Off Party: John Kuhns spoke about the party, which was held on April 13, 2002 at the American Legion. 95 people signed up to attend the Kick Off Party, with 90 actually attending. The cost of attending was three dollars per member with a TV and a lot of door prizes given away. Post Avenue Catering provided food for the event.
2. Picnic: The committee for the picnic was Tom Milligan, Debbie Sheetz and Mark DeFloria. Tom gave a report saying that 107 people attended the picnic on Sunday, July 28, 2002 at the Slovak Picnic Grounds in Latrobe. From the pig roast to the nice weather and the door prizes, a nice day was enjoyed by all that attended. Tom also announced that next years picnic will be held on July 27, 2003.
3. Car Show: Dan Calabrace once again hosted the annual Paul P. Bell Car Show. Dan said that we had a record number of cars at the show. It was a nice day with the weather and a wonderful day for a show. Dan thanked all who helped.
4. Tours: Charlie Schifano reported that the Region enjoyed many tours this past year including the Progressive Dinner Tour, Covered Bridge Tour, Frick Museum Tour, Don Pyle Museum Tour and the Fall Foliage Tour. Any suggestions for next year are welcome.

5. 2002 Chance Car: Jim and Barb Erny & Debbie and David Sheetz were in charge of the 2002 Chance Car this year. Debbie provided a report and thanked everyone who helped with the 2002 chance car. There were fifty-three sellers. The region realized a nice profit from the fundraiser. Ralph Shearer sold the winning ticket, number 4652, to Harry Moyer from Derry. All of the tickets had been sold.
6. Christmas Party: John Kuhns was in charge of the Christmas Party, which was held at the Blue Angel Restaurant on December 8, 2002. The Gene Peterson Trio entertained the 126 members and guests at the party. 130 reservations were taken. A visit from Santa and the give away of a TV and lots of prizes concluded the evening. Any suggestions for next years' party will be welcomed.
7. Scholarship: Tom Milligan attended the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology School's annual banquet to present a \$1000 scholarship to Jason Bevan. He was an auto body student from Ligonier High School.
8. Monthly Meeting Hospitality: Debbie Sheetz has been hosting the food at the meetings. She asked if anyone had any suggestions to please let her know.
9. Newsletter: Mark DeFloria thanked everyone who submitted photos and articles for the Round-Up. He also thanked Ed Vance & Mike Kosko for their submission of articles for the *Round-Up*.
10. Website: Mark DeFloria has been notified that he will receive the "Award of Excellence" and the "Master Web Master" awards at the National Meeting in Philadelphia for the website. Mark asked members to look at the website and let him know of any suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Audit: Tom Milligan said the annual audit was held this past week by Howard Finney, Clay Stoner and John Kuhns. The committee reported that all was in order.
2. 2003 Dues: Dues are due. Please see Tom Milligan to pay. Just over half of the members have paid. You need to pay in order to vote.
3. 2003 Chance Car: The Region has yet to decide on a Chance Car. Stan and Eleanor Kanick have volunteered to handle the 2003 Chance Car.

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4. Shirts: John Kuhns is in charge of Region Apparel. An apparel order form will be in an upcoming *Round-Up*.
5. Membership: Tom Milligan announced that we had twenty-one (21) new members join our region this year.

A moment of silence was held for the following members who have passed away in the last year; Charles Bray, Art McMullan and Tom Stanley

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ed Vrable, Fred Nicholls and Dave Lizza were in charge of the election. The committee previously nominated Tom Ulishney, John Kuhns and Dan Calabrace. Asked for nominations from the floor, there were none. A motion was made by Jim Heatherington to close the nominations which was seconded by Howard Finney. All voted in favor. The membership was also instructed to vote for the winner of the Robert Levin Award. The award is given to the member or members who contributed the most to the Western Pa Region in 2002.

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

President	Debbie Sheetz
Vice President	Dan Calabrace
Treasure	Tom Milligan
Secretary	Mark DeFloria
Safety	Tom Ulishney
Publicity	John Kuhns

Howard Finney made a motion to have the ticket stubs from the 2002 Chance car destroyed, which was seconded by Tim Smith. All voted in favor.

AWARDS

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

- The Paul P. Bell Award was given to Dave Berg.
- The Foster Fike Award went to Bob Shugars.
- The Levin Award went to Charlie Schifano.

At ~ 8:30 John Ross Kuhns Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clay Stoner. All voted in favor.