

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

***BY HARVEY EGER***

The January Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was called to order at 4:05 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2006 by President Mark DeFloria. The meeting was held at Dino's Lounge, Route 30 West, Latrobe, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mark welcomed all Members and recognized all past Presidents, from 1957 to date.

Secretary, Harvey Eger passed out copies of the Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting, which had been approved at the February, 2005 meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Heatherington, to accept the Minutes of the November 2005 Meeting as printed in the Roundup. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith and unanimously carried.

Tom Milligan read the final Treasurer's report for 2006. On motion of Tim Smith, seconded by Howard Finney, and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Membership:** Tom Milligan reported that he had received two applications for membership, which he read for the first time. Those applications were submitted by Rick Totanto, who is sponsored by Connie and Charlie Schifano, and George Foster, who is sponsored by Barb Erny and Jim Erny III.

A moment of silence was held for Tom Bradish, Sr., who passed away during the past year.

2. **Kick Off Party:** John Kuhns reported that Kick-Off the party was held on April 30, 2005, at the Pipetown American Legion. 102 Members attended. The cost of attending was \$5.00. Post Avenue Catering again provided the food, and entertainment was provided by an Elvis impersonator. Over \$1000 worth of door prizes were awarded. This year's kick-off party will be held on April 29, 2006, at the Pipetown American Legion.
3. **Picnic:** The committee for the picnic was Tom Milligan, Debbie Sheetz and Mark DeFloria. 102 Members attended the picnic on Sunday, July 31, 2005 at the Slovak Picnic Grounds in Latrobe. The charge was \$1.00 per person. Members were asked to bring either a salad or a dessert. Post Avenue Catering provided a pig roast, turkey and spaghetti. Gift certificates totaling \$500 were awarded. This year's picnic will be held on July 30, 2006.
4. **2005 Chance Car:** There were several people who participated in this year's Chance Car program. Tom and Dodie Ulishney were in charge of scheduling the Chance Car this year. Harvey Eger handled scheduling for Twin Lakes Heritage Festival. Barb Erny handled the ticket sales, and Ken Bankovitch stuffed the envelopes. Barb provided a report and thanked everyone who helped with the car. There were 750 unsold tickets, which amounted to \$3,750 in lost revenue. Tom and Dodie Ulishney sold the most tickets, and John and Nancy Wolf sold the winning ticket to Bob Ersler from Plum. It took 3 drawings until we had a winner.

5. **Tours:** Charlie Schifano reported on the tours that were held over the past year. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Gary Cooper and Warren Sheppick lead a tour to Dawson, PA where we enjoyed great food, a tour of the beautiful Frick Family mansion and an opportunity to see many antiques and classics.

On Sunday, June 12, a tour was held in conjunction with Laurel Highlands Region to visit Ageless Autos in New Stanton, a pedal car collection in Greensburg, and dinner at Hoss' Restaurant. The tour was coordinated by Charlie and Rich Flickenger of Laurel Highlands Region.

July 8, 9, and 10 Warren Sheppick led a tour to Dublin, Ohio for the Arthritis Foundation Show. Over 3500 antique and classic cars were displayed in a beautiful industrial park that contained full accommodations for everyone.

Al Friend of the Pittsburgh Corvair Club and Ralph Shearer from our Region led a tour on August 20 to Gravity Hill. 39 cars and 89 people participated. Drivers were able to drift their cars uphill, and then it was on to the Glenn Sauger Ranch, which is soon to be purchased by the Pittsburgh Zoo, for a wonderful dinner. On the way back, there was a visit to the Compass Inn in Laughlintown.

On Sunday, September 18, Dan Calabrace led a group to the Marion Center Car Show hosted by Fred Nichols and the Punxy Region of AACA. It was a great show, followed by a wonderful dinner.

Fred Nichols led the "Frostbite Tour" through beautiful back roads of northern Indiana, Smicksburg and the Wingate Winery on October 22. Dinner followed at Fire Mountain. There were 11 cars and 21 people participating.

A number of tours are already planned for 2006, including the Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio, a Progressive Dinner tour on June 11, the Arthritis Foundation Show in Dublin, Ohio on July 7,8,and 9, McCungy, PA on August 4,5 and 6, Marion Center on September 17, and Snowshoe, WV, in the middle or end of August.

Additional Tour suggestions are welcome and should be given to Charlie Schifano.

6. **Car Show:** Dan Calabrace once again chaired the annual Paul P. Bell Car Show. Dan said that we had 60 cars pre-registered and 215 cars on the field at the show. It was a wonderful day for a show. There were 28 sponsors, 1 food vendor, a car corral and a J C Taylor booth. Dan thanked all who helped. Next years show is September 5, 2006.
7. **Christmas Party:** John Kuhns was in charge of the Christmas Party. Which was held at DeNunzio's Chop House on December 11, 2005. 111 people were in attendance. Broiled Scrod, Chicken Parmesan or Lobster Ravioli were the entree choices. Santa showed up around 7:30. Entertainment was provided by a DJ, and \$500 in door prizes were awarded. Members' cost was \$15 per person.

Total cost of the party was \$3,489.20, with the Region underwriting was over \$1,800 of the cost. Any suggestions for next years' party will be welcomed.

8. **Monthly Meetings Hospitality & Badge Fines:** Mark DeFloria thanked Debbie Sheetz for handling hospitality by providing the members with treats at the monthly meetings. Badge fines were collected at each monthly meeting from Members who were not wearing their name badges. This, in addition to one half of the monthly 50-50 drawing is added to a kitty. The winner's name is drawn from a list of Members. If the Member whose name is drawn is not present, the kitty is not distributed, but is carried over to the next meeting.
9. **Newsletter:** Mark DeFloria thanked everyone who submitted photos and articles for the RoundUp. He specifically mentioned Fred Nicholls, Harvey Eger, Warren Sheppick and Mike Kosko for their frequent contributions. Mark announced that he will be stepping down at the end of February as Editor. One or more members are needed to take over the Roundup beginning in March.
10. **Website:** Mark asked all Members to take a look at the Website, and offer him any suggestions they may have.
11. **Scholarship:** Tom Milligan reported that John Kuhns attended the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology School's annual banquet to present a \$1000 scholarship to Tom McDowell from Ligonier High School Collision Repair Techniques program. Tom's plans are to attend Wyotech.
12. **Merchandise:** John Kuhns reported that he thought everyone was up to date on their merchandise orders. John still has some denim shirts. Order forms should be given to John.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Annual Audit:** Tom Milligan reported the annual audit was held this past week by Harvey Eger, Barb Erny and Debbie Sheetz. The committee reported that all was in order.
2. **2006 Chance Car:** The Board will be looking for a Chance Car for this year's raffle. Members with suggestions should pass them along to the Board. A motion was made by Howard Finney to destroy the 2005 Chance Car ticket stubs, which was seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously carried.
3. **National Membership:** Mark reminded all Members that in order to belong to the Region, you must be a Member of AACA. Members will be required to present their National membership cards in order to vote at next year's Annual Meeting.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors has acted as the Nominating Committee, since no one volunteered to participate when asked. Three Directors are to be elected this year. The following persons have been placed on the ballot John Ross Kuhns, Barb Erny, Al Terrick, Don Brandt and Dan Calabrese. Mark asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. 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 2005. The Board nominated the following individuals for consideration: Tom Milligan, John Kuhns, Charlie Schifano, Tom and Dodie Ulishney, Connie Schifano and Debby Rusnock, Dodie Ulishney, Tom Ulishney, Barb Erny, Dan Calabrese, Mark DeFloria, Fred Nichols, Debbie Sheetz. Ken Bankovitch, Howard Finney and Warren Sheppick. Each nominee's contributions were noted on the ballot following their name.

The election was held and the ballots counted by the Judges of Election, Gary Cooper, Fred Nichols, Guy Davis and Dave Sheetz. Director John Rusnock supervised the tabulation of ballots and determination of results. The following were elected to a two year term: John Ross Kuhns, Barb Erny and Don Brandt.

After the ballots had been counted and the winners announced, a Motion was made by Howard Finney to destroy the ballots. The Motion was seconded by Tim Smith, and unanimously carried.

Dinner was then served.

Following Dinner, Guy Davis spoke about his experiences in Iraq. Since Guy was unable to show us his slides, he agreed to do so at a Monthly Meeting. Thanks to Guy not only for his presentation, but also for his service in Iraq.

## **AWARDS**

Awards were given out to Mark DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns and Tom Milligan for their past years of service on the Board.

The Paul P. Bell Award for the most unique vehicle at the Car Show was awarded to Dave & Karen Berg for their for their 1904 Kreiger Barsier Electric Automobile, which was also featured on the cover and in an article in the January issue of the Antique Automobile.

The Jack E. Clark Sr. Award went to Tom Milligan, as the Member who did the most for the Region during the past year.

Dave Lizza was awarded the Foster Fike Award for his 1968, freshly restored, Cadillac Limousine

Tom Milligan also presented awards to the top three Chance Car ticket sellers. Tom Ulishney and Dodie Ulishney sold the most tickets, 386. Second was Howard and Bettyanne Finney with 340 tickets, and third, was John Kuhns, with 215 tickets. John and Nancy Wolf also received an award for selling the winning ticket.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2006 OFFICERS:

Mark announced that the Board of Directors held a brief reorganization meeting after the election to elect officers. The following were elected:

President	Harvey J. Eger
Vice President	John Ross Kuhns
Secretary	John Rusnock
Treasurer	Barb Erny
Safety Director	John Kuhns
Publicity	Don Brandt.

At approximately 7:30, upon Motion of Howard Finney, seconded by Tim Smith and unanimously carried, the Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted, Harvey J. Eger, Secretary 📄

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## TOURING AGAIN/MYSTERY & ROMANCE (continued)



Onto Yellowstone, took the northern circle and ran into a good size snowstorm, and this was June 30. (elevation here around 10,000 feet). We made it around the loop and exited on the western side to West Yellowstone, Montana where we had made out reservations. Good thing we did because there were a lot of people turned away that night. We spent the next day seeing the sites in Yellowstone including Old Faithful Geysir.

We then turned south onto Rt. 89 to Jackson Hole, WY. past the Grand Teton mountains to Jackson for lunch. Jackson is a great experience, and rite now they still have a lift that takes you to the top of the mountain. The lift is to stop operating at the end of this summer(2006).

Still driving south on 89 into Idaho through Montpelier, we passed one of the most beautiful blue lakes we had ever seen. Bear Lake, half in Idaho and half in Utah. At the time there wasn't much development there but I bet things are different today.

Now comes a puzzle. Rt. 89, on the map, is a normal redline route going into Logan, Utah. There is a small spur which cuts off and I took that one thinking I had picked the correct one to go down Logan Canyon. This road was like a snake awful turns right and left and all the while dropping down into what seemed like a giant hole. Now it is around 4 pm and getting dark, the sides of the canyon blocking out all sunlight.