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"Who says you can't have fun at our KickOFF Party"

"Robin finally won her car"

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please Read: Sometimes information regarding an event changes after it is posted. To avoid problems, call ahead to verify times and dates of events listed.

WPR CALANDAR

May 20	WPR Meeting
June 10	2010 Founders Tour Meeting
June 17	WPR Meeting
July 3, 4 , 5 & 6	Blackwater Falls WV
July 15	WPR Monthly Meeting
July 11,12 & 13	Dublin Oh
July 27th	Annual Picnic
August 1, 2 & 3	Macungie PA
August 19	WPR Monthly Meeting
August 31	45 Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Show
Sept. 16	WPR Monthly Meeting
Sept. 19, 20 & 21	WPR 2nd Annual Swap Meet.

AACA 2008 NATIONAL CALANDAR

May 15-17	Eastern Spring Meet-Flintstone MD
June 2-6	Sentimental Tour-Burlington NC
June 26-28	Central Spring Meet-Hastings NB
June 30-July 3	Central Div. Tour-North Dakota
August 4-7	Eastern Div. Tour-Berkshires
August 23	Central Fall Meet-Mason City Iowa
September 7-12	Glidden Tour-LaCrosse Wisconsin
September 18-20	SE Fall Meet-Cleveland, TN
October 8-11	Eastern Fall Meet-Hershey PA
October 20-24	Reliability Tour-Chattanooga TN

Presidents Message

A lot has been going on these last few weeks.

The WPR Board met on April 10, and agreed to give any Member who sells at least 100 Chance Car Tickets two free tickets to our Annual Christmas Party. Any Member who sells at least 50 Chance Car Tickets will receive one free ticket to the Christmas Party. Those free tickets may only be used by a Member; a guest will not be permitted to use a free ticket. Discussion of any other discounts for the Christmas Party based upon the number of Chance Car Tickets sold was postponed until later in the year, after we see how Chance Car Tickets are selling. The Board also approved the purchase of space at the Heritage Festival, the Westmoreland County Fair and the Derry Ag. Fair for the Chance Car. Members interested in taking the car for any of those events should contact Charlie Schifano.

Our Kickoff Party was held on April 12, under the direction of Sally Wirick and Molly Detwiler. It was a huge success, with 71 Members present. Foodarama of Madison provided the food; the Laurel Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adeline provided the entertainment; and our Members enjoyed a pleasant evening of fun and conversation. If you weren't there, you certainly missed a great evening. Thanks again to Sally and Molly. P.S.: Al and Chris also deserve a hand for their help, too.

Our monthly meeting was held on April 15, and we had a good turnout. Bob Shugars presented a program on things to do to get your car ready for summer and to keep it running smoothly. At that meeting we resumed adding the balance of the 50-50 raffle to the "kitty". Eleanor Kanick's name was drawn, but she was not present. The kitty will start out next month at \$38.50. Remember, you must be present in order to claim the kitty if your name is drawn.

The Founder's Tour Committee meets on the 22nd of April, and I hope to see more of our Members present. Although it is still two years away, there is a lot of work to do this year. Please see our Chairman, Howard Finney, if you can help.

Speaking of help, I desperately need one or two Members to assume responsibility for advertising for the Swap Meet. Now is the time to start placing ads and ordering signs. Please let me know if you can help.

Finally, we are looking for someone to take charge of the Annual Car Show. We have a lot of people who work on the Car Show to make it the success that it is, and I am sure that everyone who has worked in the past will continue to do so. What we need is someone to take over as chairman. Again, please let me know if you can help.

Harvey Eger



FROM THE EDITOR

Dick McKelvey

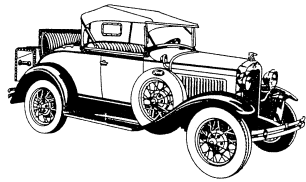
Since Meyersdale the weather has taken a turn for the better. The AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet in Flintstone, MD will be in a couple of days and I know we will be having a good number of representatives from the WPR going to Rocky Gap. It looks as though our season is getting into full swing. Why not after the great KickOff party last month.

Speaking of the KickOff Party, Sally Wirick and Molly Detwiler sure did do a great job getting the year started in the right direction. The food met with everyone's approval, especially that "Grand Finale Desert" and the entertainment provided by the Sweet Adelines could not have been better. Their singing was very entertaining along with the hilarious comments about the memories of years gone by and the way they incorporated many of our member's special cars into the commentary. I especially liked the performance of that Little Old Lady From Pittsburgh, Joyce Inhoff. Looking at the front cover of this month's issue you can see that Robin Kanick sure had a good time at the party and that is what it is all about.

I attended the Founders Tour 2010 Meeting on Tuesday, April 22 along with a nice turnout of other WPR members. Things are starting to roll. Come on join the team. There will not be a meeting this month but we will be back together Tuesday, June 10 See you at the Sheraton at 7:00 PM.

Dick

A big thank you to Clay Stoner for pictures of our KickOff Party



MINUTES
OF THE APRIL 15, 2008 MEETING
OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION
OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

A Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on April 15, 2008 at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall. Latrobe PA, commencing at approximately 7:30 PM. There were 52 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Harvey Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President reported that John Rusnock's nephew, Brian Rusnock, had passed away. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Lopatich Funeral Home in Latrobe. The President reminded everyone that Ron Caruso is now handling the duty concerning mailing cards to our members. Please let Ron know if you are aware of any situations where you might feel we should be sending cards out to someone from the region.

Guests:

Dona Hart was in attendance with her sister Marianne Caruso

Minutes of the March 18 Meeting:

Unfortunately the Minutes of the March, 2008 Meeting were not printed in the April Round-Up. The Secretary was called upon to read the Minutes of that meeting, following which the President asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none the President called for a Motion to approve the Minutes. Upon Motion of Dick McKelvey, seconded by Ron Underwood, the Minutes of the March 2008 Meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Harvey Eger then presented the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Dick McKelvey and seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously carried. The Treasures Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tours:

Marianne Caruso is our Tour Chairperson for 2008.

The following Tours have been scheduled for this season.

AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet - Cumberland, May 15, 16 & 17. Please sign up if you are planning to attend this meet. Plans are being put together to travel to Cumberland as a group on Thursday the 15th. Remember, you must make your own room reservations.

Marianne gave a report on the plans for the Harper Tour to Blackwater Falls, WV, July 3, 4 & 5. If you are interested sign up with Mark. There are 10 rooms reserved for this trip at the Best Western at \$69.00 per night.

Arthritis Foundation show in Dublin Ohio. We are again planning to go to Dublin for the Cruise and Car Show. This year, we will be going on July 11, 12 & 13. We have 12 rooms reserved for this trip. If you are interested please sign up.

Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, August 1, 2 & 3. There are a limited number of rooms available for this trip. Interested members are urged to sign up.

Marianne is looking for Tour and Cruise Leaders to help plan additional events for this season.

Progressive Dinner: We still need someone to chair the progressive Dinner Tour this year. No date has been scheduled.

National Tour:

Howard Finney, Committee Chair for the 2010 Founders Tour, reported that a meeting was held on Tuesday March 25th at the Sheraton. The next meeting of the Tour Committees will be at the Sheraton on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend and participate.

2008 Chance Car:

Debbie and Dave Sheetz are handling tickets for the 2008 Chance Car. Charlie Schifano is handling the scheduling arrangements for the car. A flyer is now available with pictures of this year's car and last year's winner. See Debbie and Dave for the flyer.

Upcoming events for ticket sales include the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival on July 3,4,5 & 6 , the Westmoreland Fair August 15 through 23 and the Derry Ag Fair. Dates for the Ag Fair have not yet been released.

See Charlie if you would like to take the car for these or any other events

Westmoreland Fairgrounds Swap Meet:

The 2008 Swap Meet will be held at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds on September 19, 20 & 21. We desperately need someone to pick up responsibility for advertising, which must get underway immediately. John Rusnock has already done some ground work, but he has indicated that he is not in a position to continue at this point, which is understandable.

Merchandise:

Nancy McKelvey is working as Region Merchandise Chairman. The first meeting with a prospective supplier is this coming week. Please recommend to Nancy any thing that might help in selecting merchandise, and possible vendors.

Membership:

Howard Finney had nothing new to report this month.

Newsletter:

Dick McKelvey again mentioned that the Round-Up really appreciates any articles, pictures or ideas that members would like to share. We are looking into printing the newsletter ourselves to be able to go to color and reduce costs.

Website

Mark DeFloria is our Web Master. He has posted a flyer for the Chance Car which can be printed out. There is also a flyer on the Swap Meet as well as other important information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Car Show:

Our annual car show will be held on August 31 at the Legion Keener Park. We do not yet have a Chair Person for this event, as Carol Calabrace has indicated that she is stepping down this year.

Annual Picnic:

Our Picnic this year will be held at Cooperstown Club in Latrobe on the 27th of July. John Ross Kuhns is serving as chairman.

Christmas Party:

Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso will again chair the Christmas Party. The Board has decided to provide free tickets to the Party to those who sell a prerequisite number of Chance Car Tickets. If a member sells at least 50 tickets, he or she will receive one free ticket to the Christmas Party. Any member who sells at least 100 tickets will receive two free tickets to the Christmas Party. Free tickets may only be used by Members: Non-Members will be required to pay the "guest charge". For example, a married couple who sell at least 100 tickets would receive two tickets if both were Region Members. If one of them was a Non-Member, the Non-Member may not use the free ticket, but will have to pay the guest fee. Once again this shows the benefits of both spouses being Members

Rosters:

The 2008 Rosters are now available. Please see Bob Inhoff to get your copy. The roster does not yet include an updated list of cars owned by our Members. That should be available at the next meeting. The current roster lists 166 Members. Since the rosters were printed, an additional 8 Members have paid their dues.

Misc:

The Punxsutawney Region has invited the WPR to join them for a celebration of Jimmy Stewart's 100th birthday, Sponsored by the Jimmy Stewart Museum. They are looking for 100 antique vehicles for a car show on Saturday May 24. Cars will assemble at the Jimmy Stewart Airport at 10 AM, and then drive to the show area on Philadelphia Street. The event is scheduled to run from 10 to 4 PM. Commemorative badges will be given to the first 100 antique cars in the show. No prizes or awards will be given.

Youngstown State University is holding a symposium on April 25 & 26, entitled the "Automobile in our Culture". Two tours are planned for Friday the 25th, the GM Lordstown Plant, which produces the Cobalt and Pontiac G5, and the Packard Museum in Warren Oh. A limited number of flyers are available if anyone is interested.

The First Annual Bluegrass 100 Road Tour will be held in Kentucky on October 6-9 (the week of the Hershey Swap Meet). Flyers are available if anyone is interested.

Program:

Bob Shugars will present tonight's program, concerning getting your car mechanically ready for the season, as well as other tips to improve performance.

KickOff Party:

The KickOff was a great event. We had 71 members in attendance and they enjoyed great food, fellowship and wonderful entertainment provided by the Sweet Adelines. A big **THANK YOU** TO Sally Wirick and Molly Detwiler for a job well done.

Kitty:

Tonight we will return to the practice of adding 1/2 of the 50/50 proceeds to the kitty. This month's 50/50 was won by: Harvey Eger. Badge fines were collected, bringing the Kitty to \$36.50.

On motion of Howard Finney, seconded by Jack Wolfe and a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM

Submitted By
Ronald A. Caruso, Secretary
"The Sunset Kid"

CARS I REMEMBER

By Fred Nicholls

Let's return to the year 1962. Ann and I were driving a 1958 Thunderbird, now called a square bird. It was a good car that we enjoyed driving, but occasionally it would develop a problem in the carburetor. It never let us down, but it was of concern, so we talked about a new car.

One day as I drove downtown Indiana, I saw a good looking car in the Pontiac showroom. I told Ann, and of course she liked Pontiacs and was driving a Pontiac Chieften when we were married. I was off the next day and was working in the yard in work clothes. I drove our beater, a 1950 Plymouth Tudor into town, picked up Ann at the office and drove to the garage. I parked in front of Koch Pontiac and went in. There sat our future new car, a 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix, white exterior, red interior, hydra-matic and it was loaded with all of the power options, and especially noticed was the fancy aluminum wheels with narrow white wall tires. The window sheet showed a price of over \$4,000. We would trade in the T-Bird, we were all set.

While we were looking at the car, Mr. Koch went through the showroom several times, not even speaking. With an old Plymouth outside and me in work clothes, I guess he thought of us as a couple of tire kickers. Finally Ann said, "Let's Go", so we left disappointed. She said we would look for one at Bowser Pontiac in Blairsville where they knew her.

The next day at lunch I was talking to a friend about the Pontiac. He said a friend's wife was trading in her 1960 Cadillac Convertible in Kittanning on a new Cadillac. He said it was like new, because she usually drove a pickup truck as her hobby was horses, as was my friend.

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That evening, Ann and I drove to Kittanning to Davis Buick Cadillac Garage. We met Mr. Davis and told him we were interested in a Cadillac Convertible that was traded in that day. He said it was in the service area but had not been checked out, but he knew the car, and it was ok. We took it for a short drive, came back and made the deal. It had less than 15,000 miles, we picked it up several days later. One of the best cars I have ever owned. Friends of ours bought the Pontiac Grand Prix, and they had lots of trouble with it. In fact they traded it off on a new Olds Holiday Coupe. I guess Paul Koch did me a favor.

REPORT ON THE 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR

Founders Tour Chair, Howard Finney, conducted a very informed meeting, Tuesday, April 22nd. There was a lot of good discussion and a lot of good information coming from Howard and those members who have had tour experience. Many have moved forward and started getting their ducks in a row and others definitely benefited from the experience of our veterans. Howard presented a lot of examples of items that have been used in past meets and the group did some work on planning a budget.

It is important to for everyone to note the changes to the Founders meeting schedule on their calendars. First of all there will not be any meeting in May. Also our monthly meetings have been changed from the 4th Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **The Founders Tour Meetings will now be held the 2nd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting will be June 10 at 7:00 PM at the Sheraton.**



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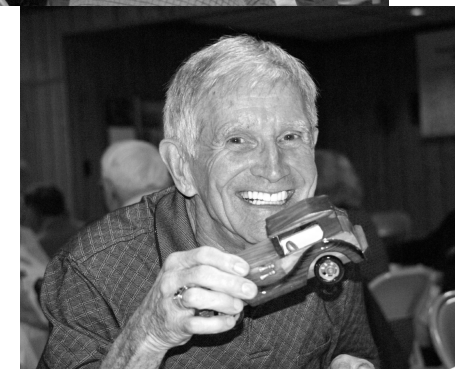
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