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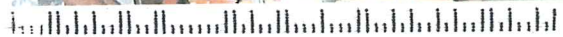
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Here it is, time for another President's Message. Boy, how time flies.

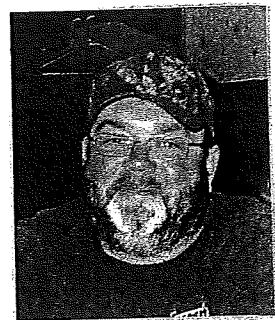
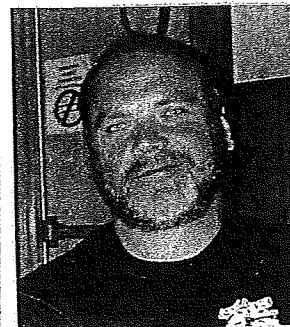
A couple of weeks ago, a group of us went to Gettysburg for the weekend, to attend the Eastern Division Spring Meet. Some of the folks left early Thursday, which turned out to be a bit messy. Susan and I left on Friday, and we had rain until we got over the mountain at Bedford. The balance of the day for us was pretty nice, but in Gettysburg they had some heavy rainstorms during the early afternoon. That was enough to turn the show field into a muddy mess. Although the field dried up a bit by Saturday morning, there was still enough mud to get your tires dirty. Show day was beautiful; sunny and warm, with about 800 cars on the field. Western Pa was well represented when the awards were passed out on Saturday evening. Sunday was an absolutely perfect day for the drive home. All in all, I think everyone who participated in the Meet had a good time. I know I did. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a very nice weekend.

This past Sunday, June 7, was the first "test run" of next year's Founders Tour routes. We gathered at the Sheraton for a 9 AM departure. There were 9 cars from our Region and one car from the Corvair Club. Two more Region cars joined us along the route. Since I had planned the route, I became concerned when three cars started to go wrong at the third turn. After getting them back on track, another wrong turn resulted in about half the tour getting lost within the first three-tenths of a mile. Now, in my defense, I must point out that these drivers, able as they are, were not watching the mileage shown on the directions. Had they done so, they wouldn't have made that left turn in the first place. They did get back on track within a few minutes, and for the balance of the tour, it was smooth sailing.

The tour took us through Twin Lakes, Hannastown, across the Beaver Run Reservoir, into the New Kensington area where we stopped for coffee, and then through Butler, working our way to the Wendell August Forge in Grove City. We stopped at a car show in Grove City, where some of us had lunch. Others went on to Prime Outlets to eat. After lunch we met up near the outlet mall, then went into Volant. Next stop was McConnell's Mill, and then on to visit Dave and Karen Berg's car and automobilia collection. After leaving the Bergs' we drove through historic Harmony. We then headed home through Evans City, Mars, Valencia, Freeport, North Washington, Delmont, and downtown Greensburg before returning to the Sheraton. It was a beautiful day for a drive, and I believe that everyone who went along had a good time.

For those of you who are not "working" on the Founder's Tour, it would be nice if you would support those of us who are, by joining in one or more of the test run tours we have planned over the next several months. These tours are open to everyone in the club, so why not plan to come along.

Harvey Eger



MINUTES

OF THE MAY 19, 2009 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 May 19, 2009 at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe PA, commencing at approximately 7:40 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Harvey Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 48 members in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of member Charlie Barron.

Guests Dennis and Becky Blank, Robert and Alice Ann Artman, Ronald and Norma Barnhart.

Minutes of the April 21, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the April 21, 2009 Meeting were printed in the May Round-Up. The President asked if there were any additions or corrections to those Minutes. Hearing none, the President called for a Motion to approve those minutes. Upon Motion of Howard Finney and seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 21, 2009 Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Barb Erny then presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Peg Stump and seconded by Dick McKelvey. The motion was unanimously carried and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

TOURS:

The President stated that since no one is willing to step forward and take over the position as Tour Chairman, we will not have anymore tours this year except for those that have already been planned. If, in the future, any member would like to set up a tour, they should check the calendar printed in the Round-Up to make sure there are no conflicts, before they proceed.

Tour dates "Dry Run" June 7 (Harvey Eger) - July 25 (Mckelvey) - August 16 (Sheetz) - September 19 (Schifano)

Harvey Eger passed around a sign up sheet for the June 7 Founders Tour "Dry Run". We will meet at the Sheraton at 8:30 AM on that Sunday morning and begin the tour promptly at 9 AM. Each participant will receive complete tour directions at that time. You may feel free to stop along the route at any place you find interesting and resume the tour at your own pace. There will be a number of stops where you will be able to "catch up".

The Eastern Division Spring Meet in Gettysburg is scheduled for next week. The President asked if any members wanted to travel to Gettysburg together and whether someone was willing to organize the group. A group of members are planning to go to Dublin, OH on July 10-12. Charlie Schifano has reserved a block of rooms. Charlie said there are rooms still available.

We also have a tour scheduled for Macungie, PA, July 31 - August 2. Charlie Schifano has also reserved a block of rooms at the Hawthorne Suites for this trip. There are 9 confirmations so far.

CHARLIE'S LOCAL CRUISES: Pepperwood Grill - June 14 Concert on the Diamond (Ligonier) June 28.

National Tour: Howard Finney gave a report on this event. The Founders Tour Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Sheraton. The next meeting is June 19. Members are still needed to help with this event.

2009 Chance Car: Eleanor and Stan Kanick are handling the Chance Car for this year. The Kanicks were absent (celebrating their anniversary in Niagara Falls). There are now photos of the last eight Chance Car

winners that can be shown when selling tickets. If you take one of these "picture cards", please turn it back in with your ticket stubs and money so it can be used again next year.

2009 WESTMORELAND FAIRGROUNDS SWAP MEET: The President reported that the Fairgrounds has not made a decision yet on the modifications of our arrangements. They have asked Harvey to submit the information once again to the Board Secretary.

KICK-OFF PARTY: The Kick-Off party was held April 25, 2009. Forty five people attended and music was provided by Bob's band FLASHBACK. Thanks to John Kuhns for a great time for all.

PICNIC: The picnic will be held Saturday, July 18 at Cooperstown Club. John Ross will chair this event.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso will chair the Christmas party December 20, 2009 at the Lakeview.

MERCHANDISE: Nancy Mckelvey is the region Merchandise Chairman. She has a nice variety of clothing available. Please see Nancy for a list.

MEMBERSHIP: Howard Finney read the applications for the following: Dennis and Becky Blank, Robert and Alice Ann Artman, Ronald and Norma Barnhart.

NEWSLETTER: We would like to have old photos of our members in their younger days posing in or with their cars. All photos can be returned. Charlie Schifano, John Kuhns, Tom Ulishney and Dave Davis have volunteered to interview our new club members for the newsletter. Thanks to Tom Milligan for contributing photos from our club's archives. Thanks to Fred Nicholls and Al Friend for their contributions.

WEBSITE: Mark Defloria is Chairman of the Website.

REGION HISTORIAN: Tom Milligan is the Region Historian.

HOSPITALITY: Debby Sheetz continues to serve as Hospitality Chairperson for the year.

ROSTER: The President asked if anyone with computer skills was willing to put the Roster into a booklet format so that we can have copies printed for the Membership.

2009 CALENDARS: The President reminded everyone that 2009 calendars are available. Howard Finney was asked to follow up and see that new members receive a calendar along with copies of the Bylaws. Anyone who wants their calendar mailed must send \$1.00 for postage and handling to Bob Inhoff.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: The president called for any other Old Business.

The President then called for any New Business: Next year will be the AACA's 75th anniversary. Any historic pictures or articles for the celebration magazine (for national) must be submitted to national by June 30, 2009.

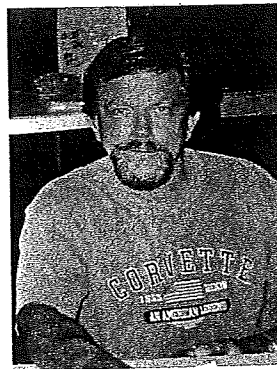
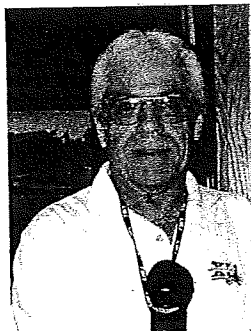
The President again asked if there were any members who were willing to work on advertising and publicity for the Flea Market. In addition, he asked for suggestions on where to advertise. The Flea Market is only four months away and we have to get started with advertising immediately. Interested parties were asked to sign up after the meeting. Sign ups are also need for selling Chance car tickets at Twin Lakes and the Derry Ag Festival.

50/50 DRAWING/KITTY: This month's 50/50 was won by Barb Erny, (\$33.00) leaving a balance of \$33.00 for the Kitty, which the Region matched for a total of \$66.00.

Badge Fines collected tonight amounted to \$1.00. This brings tonight's Jackpot to \$67.00. John Kuhns held the winning ticket and took home \$67.00.

ON THE MOTION of Howard Finney, seconded by Nancy Mckelvey, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Bob Inhoff
Secretary



2009 CALENDAR

Since many of our members are “double dippers” and belong to more than one car club, this calendar includes WPR events as well as non-WPR events in and around our region. **PLEASE INFORM ME** of any needed corrections, changes, additions or clarification as soon as you can. Remember to double check all information in this calendar with a second source before heading off on a journey! (additional cruise info on Cruisin’ with Charlie page)

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JUNE

- 12 Fri Burgerbash @ Bovard VFD, 6-9pm, \$4.00
- 13 Sat Monroeville Giant Eagle, Noon-5pm, 4010 Monroeville Blvd., \$5.00
- 14 Sun Wyotek in Blairsville, 4-8pm, no fee
- 14 Sun CAR CRUISE-IN Pepperwood Grille 1-4 w/Sharptones, see Marianne C.
- 16 Tue WPR monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 17 Wed Steak & Shake, Greensburg, WalMart Plaza, 5-9pm, no fee
- 19 Fri St. Bruno Festival in S. Greensburg, 6-10pm
- 20 Sat Trauger VFD Show and Swap meet, noon-8pm
- 20 Sat Memorial Race and Car Cruise, Northmoreland Park, Apollo, \$10.00
- 21 Sun First Day of SUMMER
- 21 Sun Fathers’ Day CAR SHOW Hermitage, Pa Noon to 4pm
- 26 Fri Bella Notte in Monroeville, 6-10pm
- 26 Fri Rollin’ Oldies @ Greensburg Aamco Transmissions, 5-9
- 27 Sat 14TH annual ACA Museum CAR SHOW & flea market, Rte. 39, Hershey
- 28 Sun Laurel Highland’s fundraising DINNER, 4-6:30pm, see Marianne C. by 6/17

JULY

- 1 Wed Steak & Shake, Greensburg WalMart Plaza 5-9pm
- 2,3,4,5 Twin Lakes – Chance Car sales
- 5 Sun Fayette County Fairgrounds Swap meet and Car show, 10am-5pm, \$8.00
- 5 Sun Bar Rizzi in Crabtree, 1-5pm, \$5.00
- 10, 11, 12 Dublin, OH classic CAR SHOW & CRUISE www.arthritisautoshow.com
- 12 – 18 Derry Ag Fair Days – Chance Car sales –see John Kuhns
- 14 Tue WPR 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 16 Thu Crabtree St. Bartholomew Church 5-9pm, Blessing of the Cars
- 17 Fri Mutual VFD 5-9pm
- 18 Sat WPR annual PICNIC at Cooperstown – see John Ross
- 18 Sat Cruisin’ with the VETS-New Florence 12-4 (Rain Date July 19)
- 19 Sun Laurel Highland’s George Whipkey Tour – Brunch and Ice Cream
- 21 Tue WPR monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 24 Fri Bella Notte, Monroeville, 6-10pm
- 25 Sat WPR Dry Run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (McKelvey) (Note new date)
- 26 Sun Donora Fire Co. Swap Meet and Car Show, 10am to 5pm
- 31 Fri Macungie, 3 day CAR SHOW, “Das Awkscht Fescht” (through Aug. 2)

AUGUST

- 1, 2 Macungie, cont'd.
- 6 Thu Weatherwood CAR CRUISE, Greensburg, PA
- 7, 8, 9 Swigart Museum MEET, Huntingdon, PA
- 11 Tue **WPR** 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 14 Fri Laurel Highlands region TOUR and PICNIC
- 16 Sun **WPR** Dry run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (Sheetz)
- 18 Tue **WPR** monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 21 Fri Mt. Pleasant Cruise Night, 5-9pm
- 22 Sat Westmoreland Fair Car Show, Noon-4pm, \$10.00
- 23-28 **AACA NATIONAL AAA** Glidden Tour – Golden, Colorado
- 30 Sun Bar Rizzy in Crabtree, 1pm



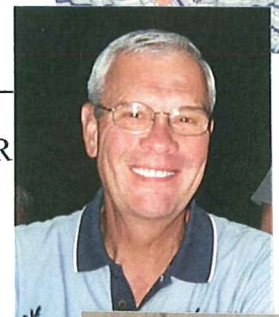
SEPTEMBER

- 05 Sat **WPR** Chance Car Drawing @7pm (PA Lottery)
- 06 Sun **WPR** Annual Car Show, Latrobe
- 08 Tue **WPR** 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 15 Tue **WPR** monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 18 Fri Annual **AACA Grand National** – Topeka, Kansas
- 19 Sat **WPR** Dry run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (Schifano)
- 20 Sun CRUISE-IN, 11am to 4 pm, info: 536-7375 Conemaugh Val.Elem. Sch.
- 21 Mon Last Day of SUMMER
- 24 - 27 **WPR** 3rd Annual Auto Parts FLEA MARKET
- 27 Sun Del Grosso CAR SHOW
- 27 Sun rain date for Conemaugh Cruise-In (above)
- 30 Wed Fall Carlisle SWAP MEET (through October 4)



OCTOBER

- 1 - 4 Fall Carlisle SWAP MEET, cont'd.
- 7 - 10 **AACA NATIONAL** Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey - SWAP MEET and CAR
- 13 Tue **WPR** 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 20 Tue **WPR** monthly meeting, 7:30pm

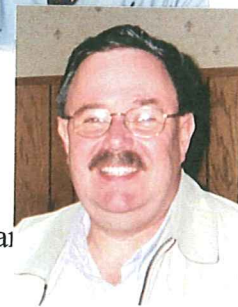


NOVEMBER

- 10 Tue **WPR** 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 17 Tue **WPR** monthly meeting, 7:30pm

DECEMBER

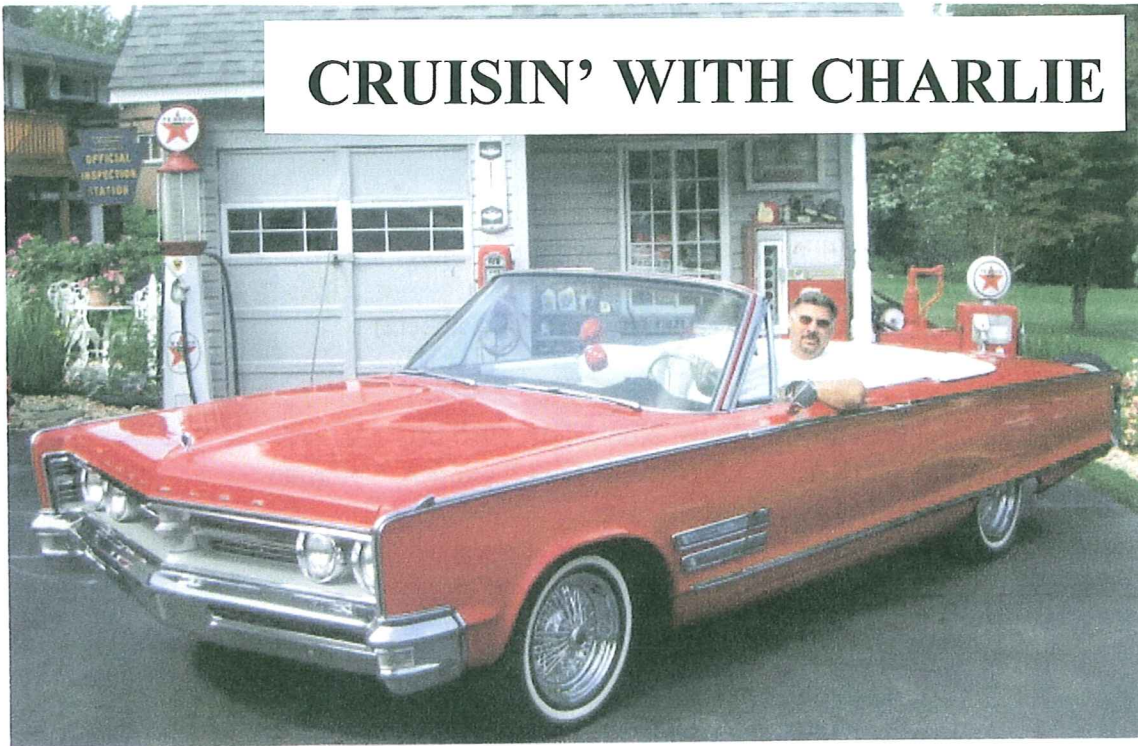
- 06 Sat Laurel Highlands Christmas Party @ Darlington Inn
- 20 Sun **WPR** Christmas Party @ Lakeview- Chairs: Connie Schifano and Marianne Cai



2010 AACA NATIONAL TOUR

JUNE 7 -11, 2010 HOWARD FINNEY, TOUR CHAIRMAN
FOUNDERS TOUR – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION
1936-1985 VEHICLES GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

CRUISIN' WITH CHARLIE



COME and join our Past President, **CHARLIE SCHIFANO** to many of the area's best summer car cruises. CHARLIE researches the cruises, the dates and times. If swingin' DJ's, hot eats and cool cars sound like fun to you, give **CHARLIE** a call or you can just meet club members there. ALL ARE WELCOME...THE MORE THE MERRIER!

CHARLIE 724-832-7498

EVERY THURSDAY, 6-9pm, Lamplighter, Rt. 22, Delmont

EVERY FRIDAY, 4-9pm Pechins on Rt. 119 S between Connellsville & Uniontown

EVERY FRIDAY, Wexford Starlite Car Cruise, 1,500 TO 2,000 CARS, we leave around 3pm

1ST and 3RD FRIDAY, 4-9pm, Car Cruise on Clay Avenue, Jeannette

EVERY SATURDAY, 5:30-9pm, Norwin Shopping Center on Rt. 30

EVERY SUNDAY, 5-8pm, Dairy Queen in Delmont



PUNXY TOUR REPORT

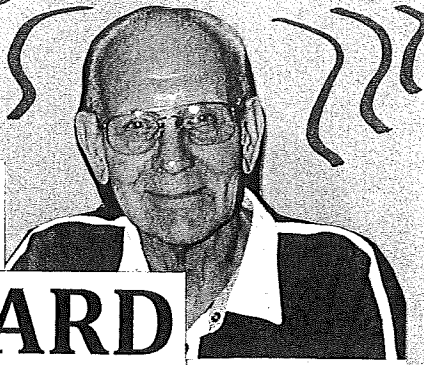
By F. L. Nicholls



On May 14th, Ann and I joined with other Punxy Region members in a tour to the Jeff Tech School at Reynoldsville, Pa. We enjoyed lunch, served by the students in their dining room, and then had a tour of the various classrooms. The students were permitted to view the antique cars and talk to the owners. A perfect day, except it poured rain on the way home. I felt sorry for our Region President and her husband who was driving their 1929 Ford Roadster.

**MESSAGE
FROM**

HOWARD



**FOUNDERS TOUR
2010 COUNTDOWN**

We had our 1st dry run tour on Sunday and I want to thank everyone who participated.

With only **50 WEEKS** left,
IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER YOUR
TIME AND TALENTS TO HELP MAKE
THIS NATIONAL TOUR A SUCCESS!
LET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE KNOW WHERE YOU'D LIKE
TO HELP...

STAN KANICK
SECURITY, PARKING
DIRECTIONAL SIGN SET-UP

JOHN KUHN AND JOHN ROSS KUHN
SELLING ADS

JIM SMITH
FINDING DISTRIBUTOR CAPS

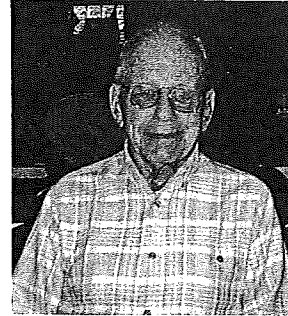
MARY ANN BRANDT
HOSPITALITY ROOM

NANCY WOLFE
CHINESE AUCTION

WE NEED **100% MEMBER PARTICIPATION**
TO MAKE THIS NATIONAL TOUR A SUCCESS.
If you cannot support the FOUNDERS TOUR
in any other way, then please support it by
attending the upcoming dry run tours.

Remember to attend the TUESDAY
NIGHT MEETINGS (second Tuesday of
every month) at the GREENSBURG SHERATON
AT 7PM. SEE YOU THERE.

PAST PRESIDENTS , Part 4
by F. L. Nicholls



The member who was elected to head our Region in 1950 is still active in the hobby today. **MORRIS E. KUNKLE**, alias "Morry" or "Butch" was born in Export, Pa. He first became interested in antique autos as a youngster and teenager, while working for his dad. In 1952, he saw a 1913 Hupmobile belonging to Sam Collins of Ohio. That was it! He bought it and has been interested in the antique automobile hobby ever since.

Along with the 1913 Hupmobile, he has owned a 1908 Stanley Gentleman's Speedy Roadster, a 1899 Locomobile Steamer, a 1907 Cadillac, a 1911 Stevens's Duryea, and a 1924 Fronty T Ford. Currently, he and his wife own a 1965 Mustang convertible.

During World War II, he served as a pilot with the Army Air Force. In 1944, he married his sweetheart, Ruth, in Victoria, Texas. Following the war, he returned to Westinghouse Electric, and also worked as a part time flying instructor. Credit goes to Ruth, who became very knowledgeable about antique autos and was there on the job when it came to restoring the cars. Morris and Ruth have one son who resides in Carlisle, Pa.

Until a few years ago, Morris was active in National AACA and in 1970 served as **NATIONAL PRESIDENT**.

He has owned other cars over the years, although I will always remember them in that Ford.

TOURING TO GETTYSBURG

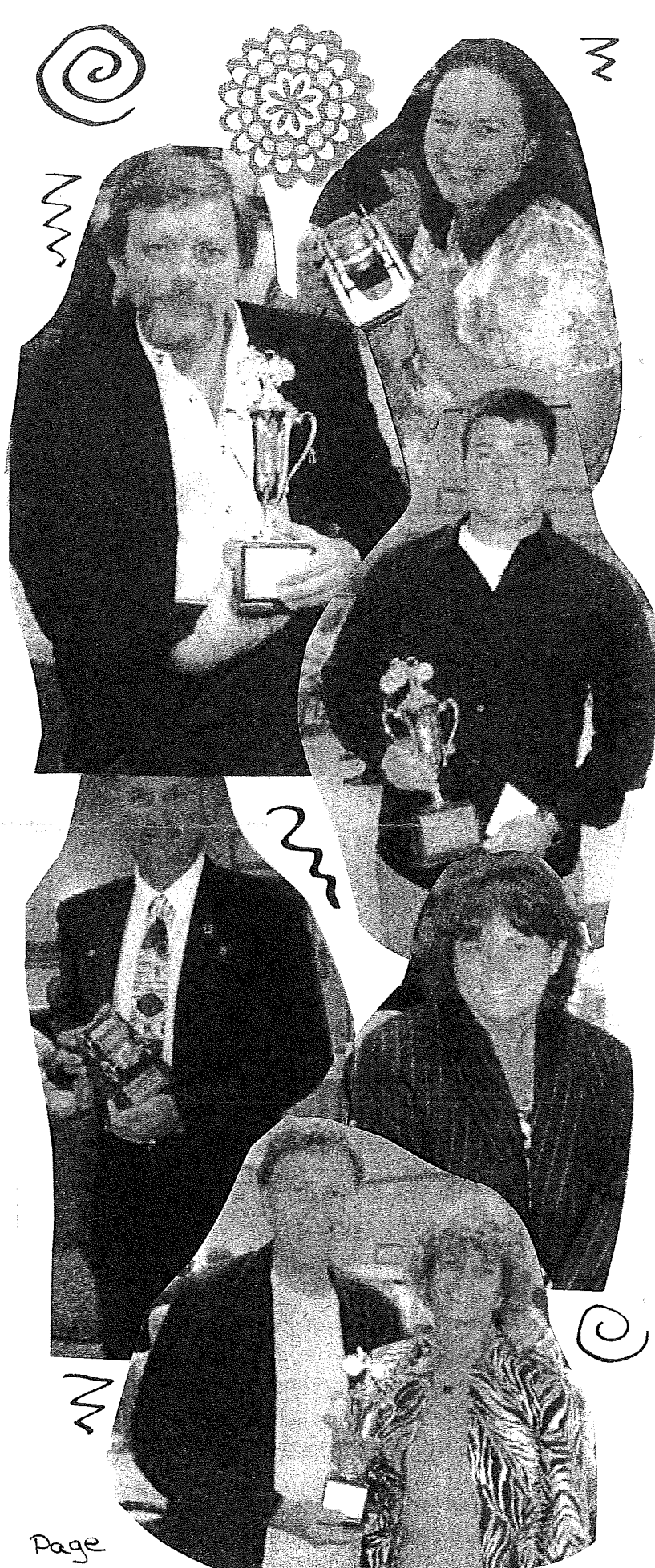
by F.L. Nicholls

Ann and I met some of the Western members at the Gateway in Breezewood on Thursday morning and started East on Route 30. Our lead car, driven by **H. Finney** had to stop to allow a black bear and her two cubs to cross the highway, then onward to Gettysburg. We got into our rooms just before a rain shower. That evening we attended an ice cream social and watched old time movies before calling it a day.

Friday found our group having our own hospitality hour in the lobby of Eisenhower II. That evening we attended the Buffet Dinner in the Grand Ballroom, and later had our own Wine and Cheese Tasting in the E-II lobby... a great time with good friends.

Saturday morning came up warm and sunny and by show time we were all on the wet and rather soggy show field, with 800 other cars, in our separate classes. **Cris Detwiler** had his 1946 Nash in Class 26A, going for his Senior. **Marianne Caruso** had her 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible going for its 1st Junior in Class 32. In Class 34B the **Ulishney's** had their 1967 Mustang going for its Senior. In Class 36G **John Kuhns** had his 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle Sedan for its 1st Junior and his 1963 Corvette for its 1st Junior. As we entered the DPC (Drivers' Participation Class) I saw **Harvey Eger** making sure Susan got the tires clean on a 1964 Olds Cutlass Convertible for their 1st DPC award. The **Sheetz's** were showing their 1967 Camaro for a repeat award; **Dave Berg** had a 1977 RR for a repeat award and I had my 1977 Buick sedan for a repeat award. Also, I saw **Dennis Slusser** with a Mustang in this class. In the HPOF (Historic Preservation with Original Features) Class, **Dick McKelvey** was trying to prove that the buttons in the middle of his steering wheel weren't for a musical horn but actually were the transmission gear selectors. I didn't see it, but **Jim McLaughlin** was in the same class with his 1953 Chevrolet truck. **Al Terek** was on the field teaching judging classes.

Coming home on Sunday was a great run on a beautiful day. So ended the AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet.



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JUNE 09 member news

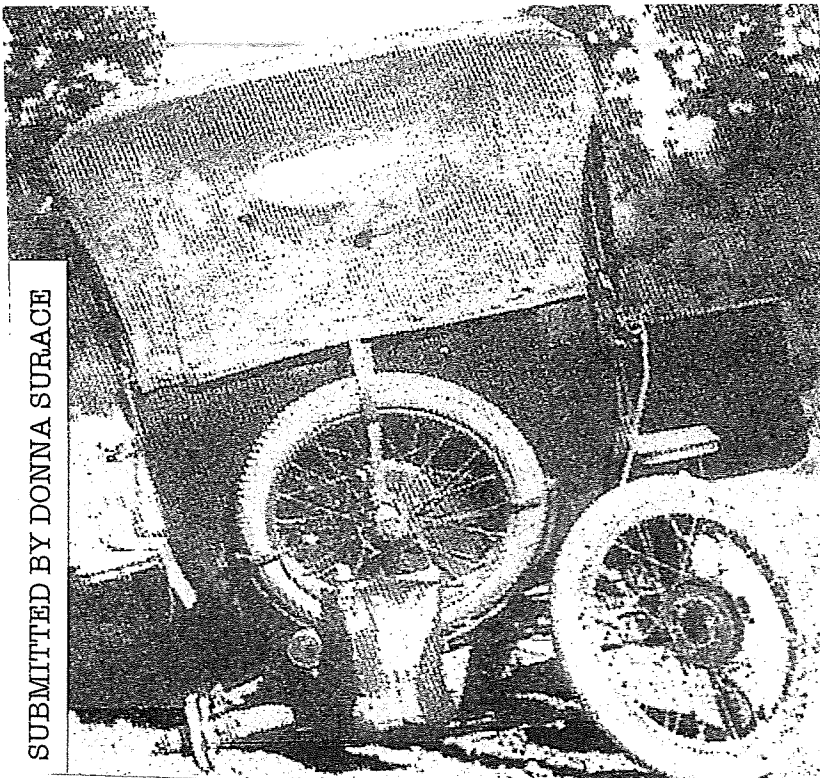
DOMINIC SURACE continues to do well in his recovery.

CAROL CALABRACE is now walking in her home and her next rehab task is to learn to walk up and down stairs again.

MAR STONER goes in for her surgery on June 16th. Please remember to keep her in your prayers.

JOHN KUHNS won the WPR meeting Jackpot prize in April, then won a jumbo gift basket at the Gettysburg Spring Meet Chinese Auction, and then won two 1st Juniors at the Awards Banquet that evening. You may wish to rub John's belly for good luck.

DOM SURACE successfully completed seven manufacturer's workshops at the Hotrod & Restoration Trade Show in Indianapolis, IN.



SUBMITTED BY DONNA SURACE

**I was in for repairs -
but I'm motoring again now.
Thanks for your good wishes.**

member poetry



Subject: Re: bowling - as seen by Ron

Rolla Bowla Ball

Those three words were the war cry heard at Hillview Lanes

every other Sunday during the cold car cruise-less

dreary days of winter.

The AACA Car Cruisers bowling league, started by Marianne Caruso, was a cold weather haven for auto aficionados. The names and faces in this article have been omitted

to hide the guilty.

From our cheering section - you could learn to bend steel (not necessarily with your bare hands) or learn to knit from another.

The Christmas Party Chow Down - put together by the Wolfes - was just that,

all members brought their food speciality. The fried jambo leaves were just great also with the chipped groundhog on toast.

Just a fun league, but we had a few problems - playing for the first place spot with the best bowler,

only needing two pins to win the 2nd half title -

the opposition put an earthworm in her thumb hole and rest is history.

YUCK, Scream, Gutter ball, YUCK, Scream, Gutter ball.

Our banquet was at Palumbo's in Latrobe, hosted by The Stoners. Good Food - Nice Memories - Great Fellowship.

Some of the prizes suggested our feeble attempt at bowling skills - 3 Balls for a Strike - Alley Sliding - Bloopertoss, etc.

AND on a serious note:

Anyone interested in joining this professional non-bowlers league next winter, call Marianne Caruso.

submitted by, Rolla Bowla Ball - Ron Carsuo



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Obama vs. The Beach Boys

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY AL FRIEND

How long before the mid-night drag races return on dark and dusty roads?

When Barack Obama announced that the government will use its fist to wave onto the highways of America cars that get 39 miles to a gallon of liquefied switch grass or something, he said, "Everybody wins."

Everybody? What country has he been living in? This marks the end of the internal combustion engine as we knew it, and it is the way Americans have defined, designed and literally driven much of the nation's culture for as long as anyone can remember. Car culture is America's culture.



WONDER LAND

By Daniel Henninger

Mr. Obama is fond of giving people iPods as gifts. I've got a playlist for Mr. Obama's iPod.

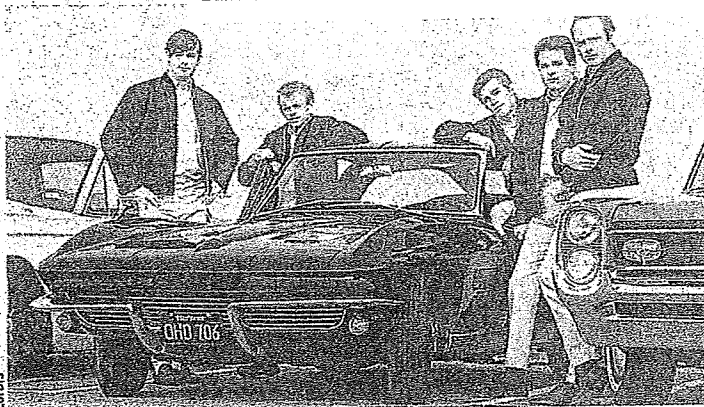
Track 1: "Shut Down" by the Beach Boys. Clip: "Superstock Dodge is windin' out in low/But my fuel-injected Stingray's really startin' to go. To get the traction I'm ridin' the clutch/My pressure plate's burnin', this machine's too much."

Track 2: "Little Deuce Coupe" by the Beach Boys. Clip: "She's got a competition clutch with a four on the floor, and she purrs like a kitten til the lake pipes roar."

Track 3: "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen. Clip: "Beyond the Palace hemi-powered drones scream down the boulevard."

Track 4: "GTO" by Ronnie and the Daytonas. Clip: "Turn it on, wind it up, blow it out—GTOoooo."

Track 5: "Hot Rod Lincoln" by Commander Cody. Clip: "We had flames comin' from out of the side/Feel the tension, man, what a ride!"



The Beach Boys

Time was Bruce Springsteen knew that "Jersey boys" mainly meant steel, chrome, rubber and auto tech. Check out the lyrics to "Pink Cadillac" ("but my love is bigger than a Honda") or the car-crazy "Racing in the Street," invoking Chevys with 396 Fuelie heads, Hurst speed-shifters and Camaros running "from the fire roads to the interstate."

We are being offered a different world now. One designed, defined and driven by a new set of

un-fun obsessions—carbon footprints, greenhouse gas and alternative energy. This large transition passes before us, barely seen, as the gray water of public policy. Hardly anyone notices how much is being changed.

To put a stop to the new sin of spending too much time out on Highway 9, we are getting the mark-up hearings this week in Washington for the Waxman-Markey climate bill. It's 900 pages long, dripping with thousands of Mickey-Mouse rules to reorder how we live. A Senate Finance Committee document last week on the Obama health-care plan proposes "lifestyle related revenue raisers." Lifestyles like drinking beer. This is the "taxing bad behavior" movement. They get to define what's bad.

This tension over how we live arrived before the world began standing on its head over global warming. The guys in the hemi-powered drones used to mock the granola and Birkenstock

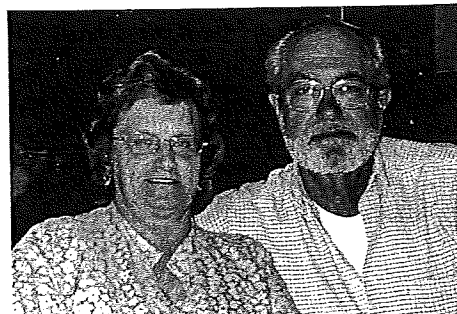
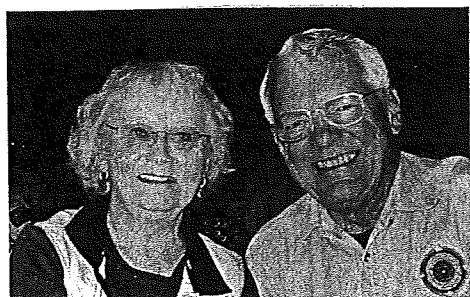
crowd. Look who's on top now. "Everybody wins?" Not quite. What's winning is a worldview that goes deeper than the data beneath global warming. The gasoline cars they want to turn into scrap were about a lot more than the thrill of roaring on.

The cars and their culture were a manifestation of what made the U.S. really different. The cars, like the country, were big, fast and unfettered. Their drivers were delirious with the possibility of finding something new in life. "It's a town full of losers, and I'm pullin' out of here to win!"

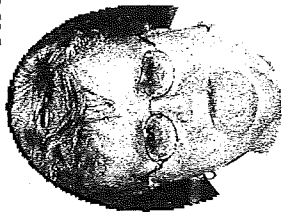
When Americans grew up, that's just what a lot of them did—win. Now, it looks like we're being asked to throttle down to government-approved survival. They're even running the car companies, telling them what to build, and then they'll pay people to buy the product. Save the planet and lose the nation's heart.

The likelihood of resistance to this timid ethos from anyone in politics is remote. It was tough to watch former A-4 Skyhawk pilot John McCain try to outbid Barack Obama for the green lifestyle vote in the debates. We'll see what happens when people walk into auto showrooms (if they exist) and every car has a wheelbase of about 100 inches. Maybe they'll bolt. Maybe the car culture will revert to where it began, when the whiskey runners in the South ran from the revenuers. This time the cars themselves will be bootlegged—fat, fast and gas-powered—racing through the night on off-map roads while the National Green Corps—enacted by Congress in the second Obama term—looks for them from ethanolic choppers overhead. Reborn to run.

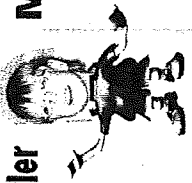
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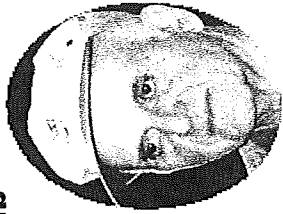


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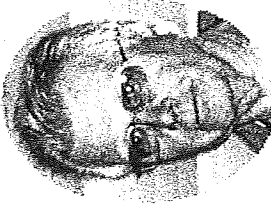
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The 2009 'Car Cruiser' Bowlers



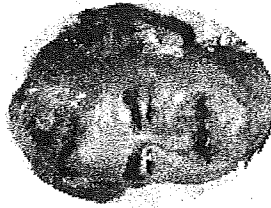
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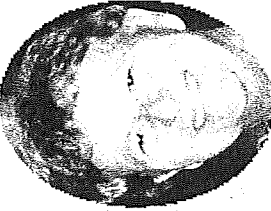
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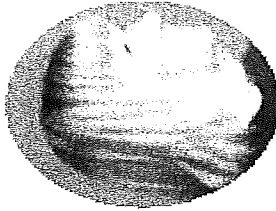
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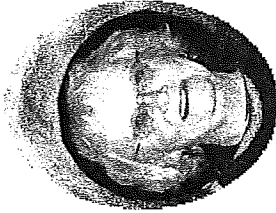
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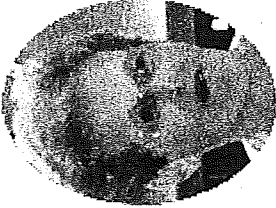
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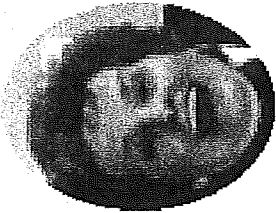
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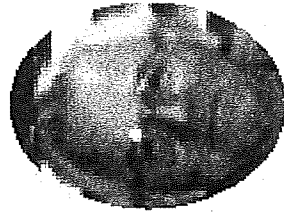
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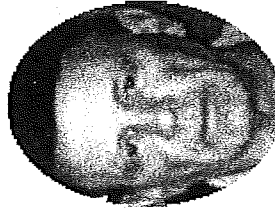
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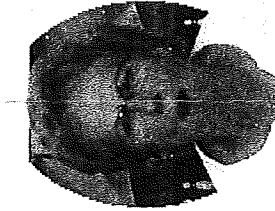
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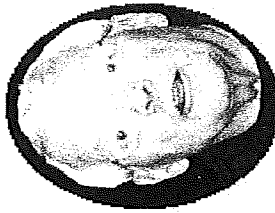
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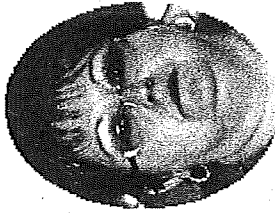
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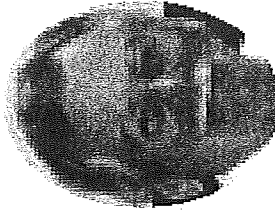
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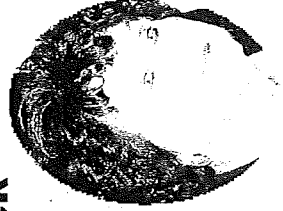
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If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull But that's not the worst of it.

Thought the car buffs might enjoy this one!



My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter.either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

You could win

JACKPOT
WINNERS:

FEBRUARY:
Joanna Shearer
\$108.50

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TO COME
TO
MEETINGS!

MARCH:
Don Brandt
\$90.75

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