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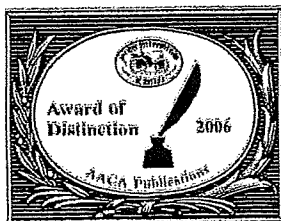
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## FOUNDERS TOUR 2010

ARE YOU ON BOARD YET?

WITH ONLY 54 WEEKS LEFT AND STILL MUCH TO BE DONE, **ARE YOU ON BOARD?**

HERE'S A PARTIAL LIST OF JOBS WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR:

1. VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE SECURITY, SEE **STAN KANICK**.
2. VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH PARKING, SEE **STAN KANICK**.
3. VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PUT UP AACA DIRECTIONAL SIGNS, SEE **STAN KANICK**.
4. VOLUNTEERS TO SELL ADS, SEE **JOHN OR JOHN R. KUHNS**.
5. VOLUNTEERS TO FIND DISTRIBUTOR CAPS FOR OUR CENTERPIECES, SEE **JIM SMITH**.
6. VOLUNTEERS TO FIND BUSINESSES OR PERSONS TO DONATE SOFT DRINKS, SEE **MARY ANN BRANT**.
7. SOMEONE TO BE IN CHARGE OF A TEAM TO PROCURE 10 TO 12 (NO MORE THAN 18) HIGH QUALITY ITEMS THAT CAN BE BID ON IN A CHINESE AUCTION. THESE ITEMS WILL PREFERABLY BE NEW AND WILL APPEAL TO MEN OR WOMEN, MAY BE AUTO RELATED OR NOT. THE ITEMS MAY BE THEMED AND GROUPED IN A BASKET OR MAY BE STAND ALONE ITEMS. SEE **NANCY WOLFE**.
8. VOLUNTEERS TO BAKE COOKIES.....LOTS OF COOKIES. SEE **MARY ANN BRANT**.

WE NEED **100% MEMBER PARTICIPATION** TO MAKE THIS NATIONAL TOUR A SUCCESS. PLEASE COME TO THE TUESDAY NIGHT MEETINGS (second Tuesday of every month) at the GREENSBURG SHERATON AT 7PM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

### TRIAL RUN

OUR FIRST TRIAL RUN FOR THE 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> WITH THE EGBERS. WE WILL MEET AT THE SHERATON AT 8:30 AM AND WILL BE TAKING A NORTHERN ROUTE. THIS WILL INCLUDE MANY BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: Hanna's Town, Twin Lakes, Butler, Dave Berg's Garage, Saxonburg, Harmony, Harmony Moose Lodge, Wendell August Forge, Grove City Outlet, McConnells Mill State Park, Volant Winery and a surprise or two. Come join us for a fun day and help make this tour the best it can be. We need everyone's input.

### ANTIQUA CAR WANTED FOR WEDDING

My daughter is getting married in Sept. 2009. She will be wearing her grandmother's wedding gown. I am interested in renting a vintage car (to compliment the age and character of the gown) for the trip from the church in Harrison City to the reception in Wilkins Twp. Would any of your members rent themselves with their vehicles for such an event or could you refer me to someone who might?

Cordially,

Sandy Stempfer  
7009 Pleasant Valley Road  
Irwin, PA 15642



**MINUTES  
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 21, 2009 at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe PA, commencing at approximately 7:35 PM. The meeting was called to order by President, Harvey Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 59 members in attendance.

**Guests:** No guests were in attendance.

**Minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting:**

The Minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting were printed in the April 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, seconded by Fred Nichols and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the March 17, 2009 Meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report:**

Barb Erny then presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Debbie Sheetz. The motion unanimously carried and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tours:**

The President reiterated that we do not have a Tour Chairman for this year. There are, however, a number of tours already planned. The Founder's Tour committee will be running four tours this summer – June, July, August and September.

Tour dates for Founders' Day "Dry Runs" are June 7 (Harvey Eger) – July 19 (McKelvey's) – August 16 (Sheetz's) – September 19 (Schifano's). There will be more details available at the May meeting.

A group from the region is planning to attend the Eastern Division Spring Meet in Gettysburg May 28-30. We will be staying at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center which is the host hotel. Marianne Caruso has blocked a number of rooms.

In addition, a tour is scheduled for Dublin, OH on July 10, 11 and 12. Charlie Schifano has reserved a block of rooms. Charlie was asked to report on this tour. (\$89.95 a night).

We also have a tour scheduled for Macungie, PA on August 7, 8 and 9. Charlie Schifano has reserved a block of rooms at the Hawthorne Suites for this trip. Charlie was asked to report on this tour. (\$109.00 a night). You must register for these tours.

**National Tour:**

Howard Finney is Chairman of this event. Howard gave the following report:

Howard gave a brief outline and description of the individual tours including coffee stops and breaks. Howard needs about 40 old distributor caps that will be used to create centerpieces for the dinner. The President reminded the members that the Founders' Tour Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at the Sheraton. The next National Tour meeting is May 12, 2009. Plan to attend and participate; there are plenty of jobs available.

**2009 Chance Car:**

Eleanor and Stan Kanick are handling the Chance Car for this year. Stan was asked to give a brief report: Stan would like to have a picture of the 2009 Chance Car as well as a picture of past winners and chance cars. There are still seven "openings" for ticket sellers at Twin Lakes during the Arts Festival. Anyone wanting to show the chance car at an event (festival, flea market, etc.) to sell tickets, contact Eleanor Kanick for availability. Stan Kanick and Howard Finney have tickets if you need more. John Kuhns will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for anyone wanting to sell car tickets at the Derry Agriculture Fair (week of July 13, 2009). **The 2009 Chance Car is ready!** The cost of the car, repairs and rental fees for showing it are in line with past years expenditures. It is imperative for all members to try to sell tickets.

**2009 Westmoreland Fairgrounds Swap Meet:**

Harvey Eger, Chairman of the Swap Meet announced that he has spoken with Larry Thomas, who is chairman of the Fairgrounds Board Committee that handles the contracts for use of the Fairgrounds about the escalating costs for the use of the buildings during the Swap Meet. Harvey has a meeting set up for next week with Larry to discuss the issue in further detail. Larry will take the results of that discussion to the Board so that we can come up with a new arrangement beneficial to both parties. Larry seemed to be very understanding about the problem and Harvey is hopeful that a new arrangement can be worked out. There is still a need for people to **put together ads and get them placed** to advertise the Swap Meet which is set for September 24 –27. Contact Harvey if you can help.

### **Kick-off Party:**

John Kuhns is handling the arrangements for the 2009 kick-off party, April 25 at 5:30. The event will be catered and entertainment provided by Bob's band "Flashback".

### **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 have agreed to chair this event. Lakeview has been reserved for December 19.

### **Membership:**

Howard Finney is Membership Chairman.

Howard read the applications for: **Mark and Jill Jackson** ('89 Caprice) (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) recommended by Tom and Dodie Ulishney. Motion to accept – Bill Stump; seconded by Ron Underwood.

**Raymond and Sherry Yanits** ('31 Model A) (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) recommended by John Kuhns. Motion to accept – Charlie Schifano; seconded by Tom Ulishney.

### **News Letter:**

Susan Eger has agreed to take over as Editor of the Roundup. Susan gave the following report:

Susan would like to have photos of past chance car winners. She would also like photos of members with their cars. (Photos will be returned). She also thanked all those who have contributed ideas and articles for the newsletter.

### **Website:**

Mark Defloria is Chairman of our website: Mark reported on some updates to our site as well as the national AACA website. He also received his second **Webmaster Award** from the national AACA. Please make sure Mark has your e-mail address.

### **Region Historian:**

Tom Milligan, our region historian reported he has many old photos of members.

President, Harvey Eger left the meeting to accompany his wife Susan to the emergency room. Vice President John Kuhns continued the meeting.

### **Hospitality:**

Debbie Sheetz continues to serve as Hospitality Chairperson for the year.

### **Roster:**

Our 2009 Roster has been submitted to National.

### **2009 Calendars:**

2009 Calendars are available. See Bob Inhoff if you have not received one yet. The Board has decided NOT to mail calendars to those members who have not picked them up. Once again, you may pick up your calendar at our monthly meeting. If you want your calendar mailed, you are asked to send us \$1.00 for postage and handling.

### **2009 Dues:**

Dues for 2009 are now delinquent. Send dues payment to **Barb Erny Treasurer, 5218 Center Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650**. Don't forget to pay your National dues as well. You must be a current member of National to belong to the Region.

### **Other Old Business:**

The Vice President called for any other old business:

The question was asked -- if the club road sign (near Jennerstown -- on the westbound side of RT.30) had been fixed. John Kuhns reported that he was still trying to locate aluminum bolts to reinstall the sign.

### **50/50 Drawing/Kitty:**

This month's 50/50 was won by Barb Erny, leaving a balance of \$44.00 for the Kitty which the Region will match for a total of \$88.00. Badge fines collected tonight amount to \$2.75. This brings tonight's Jackpot to \$90.75. Don Brandt held the winning ticket and took home \$90.75.

On motion of Howard Finney, seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

Bob Inhoff  
Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It looks like our "season" is off to a good start. Although I didn't get to Carlisle this year, I understand it was pretty good. In fact, I was told that Saturday saw a record crowd and that most of the vendor spots were filled. I guess the economy isn't holding back the car guys..

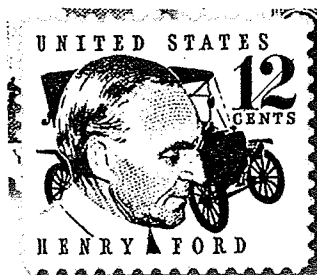
Our kickoff party was held on April 25th, and despite a conflict with Carlisle, it was well attended. As always, Post Avenue Catering did a great job with the food, and Bob Inhoff's band provided the entertainment. There were plenty of door prizes, and I think everyone had a good time. Thanks to John Kuhns for putting together this event.

Spring Canfield was held a couple of weeks ago, and it was a typical spring event...cool temperatures, wind, rain and of course, a lot of mud. I understand that the car corral was quite a mess on Saturday, since somebody came up with the bright idea that the cars should all be parked on the grass.

Coming up on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, is the flea market at Dunkirk, NY. I don't think that Dunkirk is as far from here as Carlisle, and it's not a bad trip. Particularly if one stops in Slippery Rock for breakfast. There is a terrific little restaurant right on the main drag that puts together either bacon and eggs or bacon and pancakes (blueberry, at that) for \$1.99. If you've never been to Dunkirk, you ought to consider going. One of the things I like about it is that you see a lot of older parts.

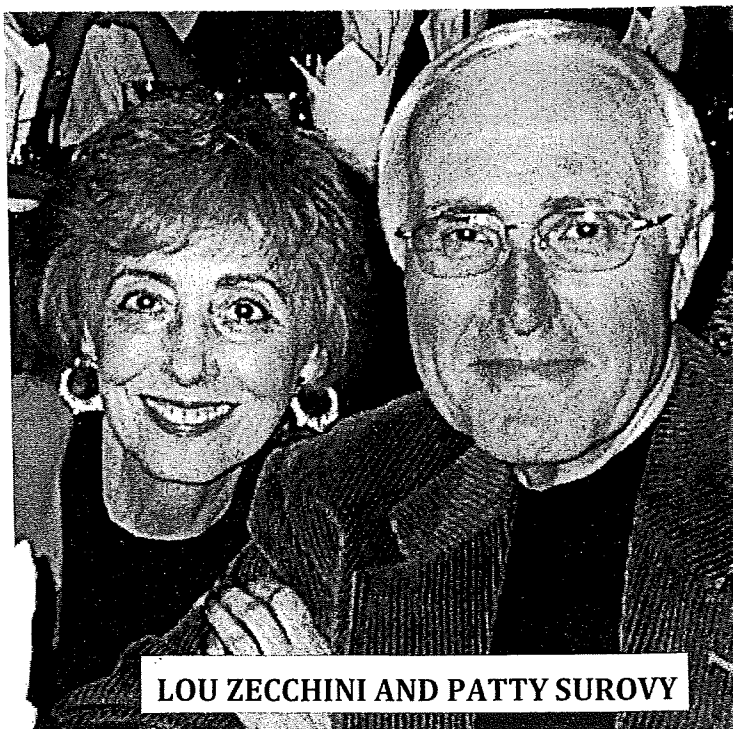
At the end of the month, May 28-30<sup>th</sup> is the Eastern Division Spring Meet at Gettysburg. Although it's too late to register a car for the show, it is a good opportunity for our Members to see an AACA meet. Judging will take place on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 11:00, and the cars will be on the Show Field until 3 PM, weather permitting. Hope to see you there.

Harvey Eger



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE  
WHO HELPED ME THE NIGHT OF MY  
FALL AND FOR THE CARDS, THOUGHTS  
AND PRAYERS. WESTERN MEMBERS  
ARE THE GREATEST!

CAROL CALABRACE



LOU ZECCHINI AND PATTY SUROVY



PAST PRESIDENTS, PART 3  
BY F. L. NICHOLLS

In 1959 our third President was C. H. FAHRR, better known as "SLIM". I doubt if many of our younger and newer members knew Clayton, his given name. Slim owned an auto repair shop and car-truck rental agency on South Main Street in Greensburg. When he was President he had over fifty years in the automotive field. His first antique auto was a 1912 Buick Touring which was destroyed by fire on January 29, 1956. He rebuilt his business and added a 1911 Buick Touring to his collection. The Fahrr garage and workshop was filled with automobile memorabilia, including Pennsylvania license plates dating back to 1904 when they were issued by counties. He also had a collection of brass horns and lights. He also prized a high wheel bicycle, which was a "Columbia Racing Ordinary", the second of its kind in Greensburg. Among his collection was a metal keystone shaped operator's license which the state originally issued to paid drivers in 1910. The 1911 Buick Touring took Slim and his wife Ann on many Glidden Tours. This car was later owned by Paul Bell.



Ann and Fred Nicholls  
1972 Spring Meet at Seven Springs

PHOTO PROVIDED BY TOM MILLIGAN, CLUB HISTORIAN

## 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!

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### MAY

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17 Sun	Allghny Rckets CAR SHW, Vndrgrft Park, Vndrgrft 9am Registrtn, SpclAwrds@4pm
17 Sun	<b>WPR</b> Winter Bowlers Banquet, See Marianne.
18 Mon	<b>WPR</b> Board of Directors meeting
19 Tue	<b>WPR</b> monthly meeting, 7:30pm
22 Fri	CAR CRUISE, Wexford – see Charlie – leave around 3pm
24 Sun	Laurel Highlands region PICNIC and TOUR @ Twin Lakes – 1:00
28, 29, 30	Eastern National SPRING MEET @ Gettysburg, PA
29 Fri	OLDIES CONCERT, The Fabulous Hubcaps, Palace Theatre, GBG

### JUNE

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5, 6, 7	Historic Canal Days in Saltsburg- Chance Car TX sellers needed- see Eleanor Kanick; they usually sell over 200 tickets there!
07 Sun	Dry run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (Eger) Meet 8:30 a.m. @ Sheraton
07 Sun	CAR SHOW, Dawson, Pa. 11am to 1pm info: 724-529-7298
09 Tue	2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7PM
14 Sun	CAR CRUISE-IN Pepperwood Grille 1-4pm w/ Sharptones, see Marianne
16 Tue	<b>WPR</b> monthly meeting, 7:30pm
21 Sun	Father's Day CAR SHOW Hermitage, Pa Noon to 4pm AACA
27 Sat	14 <sup>TH</sup> annual AACA Museum CAR SHOW & flea mkt, Rte. 39, Hershey
28 Sun	Laurel Highland's fundraising DINNER, 4-6:30pm, M. Caruso

### JULY

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2,3,4,5	Twin Lakes – Chance Car sales
10, 11, 12	Dublin, OH classic CAR SHOW & CRUISE <a href="http://www.arthritisautoshow.com">www.arthritisautoshow.com</a>
12 – 18	Derry Ag Fair Days – Chance Car sales –see John Kuhns
14 Tue	2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
18 Sat	<b>WPR</b> annual PICNIC at Cooperstown
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
20-24	Idlewild Park Old Fashioned Days Picnic??? Old Car Parade???
21 Tue	<b>WPR</b> monthly meeting, 7:30pm
25 Sat	Norvelt 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., 3-4 pm parade – need antique cars, see Tom Doty
25, 26	Flood City region TOUR
25 Sat	Dry Run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (McKelvey) (Note new date)
31 Fri	Macungie, 3 day CAR SHOW, "Das Awkscht Fescht" (through Aug. 2)

LEAD: 1976 Ford Thunderbird. Light yellow and brown. Car looks solid. If interested call Fred Nicholls, 724-463-8981, for the telephone number.



## AUGUST

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- 1, 2 Macungie, cont'd. (see July)
- 6 Thu Weatherwood CAR CRUISE, Greensburg, PA
- 7, 8, 9 Swigart Museum MEET, Huntingdon, PA
- 9 Sun No. Bedford club CAR SHOW @ N.B.County High School
- 11 Tue 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7PM
- 14 Fri Laurel Highlands region TOUR and PICNIC
- 16 Sun Dry run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (Sheetz)
- 18 Tue WPR monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 23 Sun Annual auto parts SWAP MEET, New Germany Road
- TBA WPR Progressive DINNER
- ?? Chance car drawing

## SEPTEMBER

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- ?? WPR car SHOW (labor day weekend?)
- 08 Tue 2010 Founders Tour meeting with H. Finney, 7pm
- 15 Tue WPR monthly meeting, 7:30pm
- 19 Sat Dry run for 2010 FOUNDERS TOUR (Schifano)
- 20 Sun CRUISE-IN, 11am to 4 pm, info: 536-7375 Conemaugh Val.Elem. Sch.
- 24 - 27 WPR 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

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- 20 Sun WPR HOLIDAY PARTY, at Lakeview- Chairs: Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso
- ?? Cochran House Tour, Dawson, PA

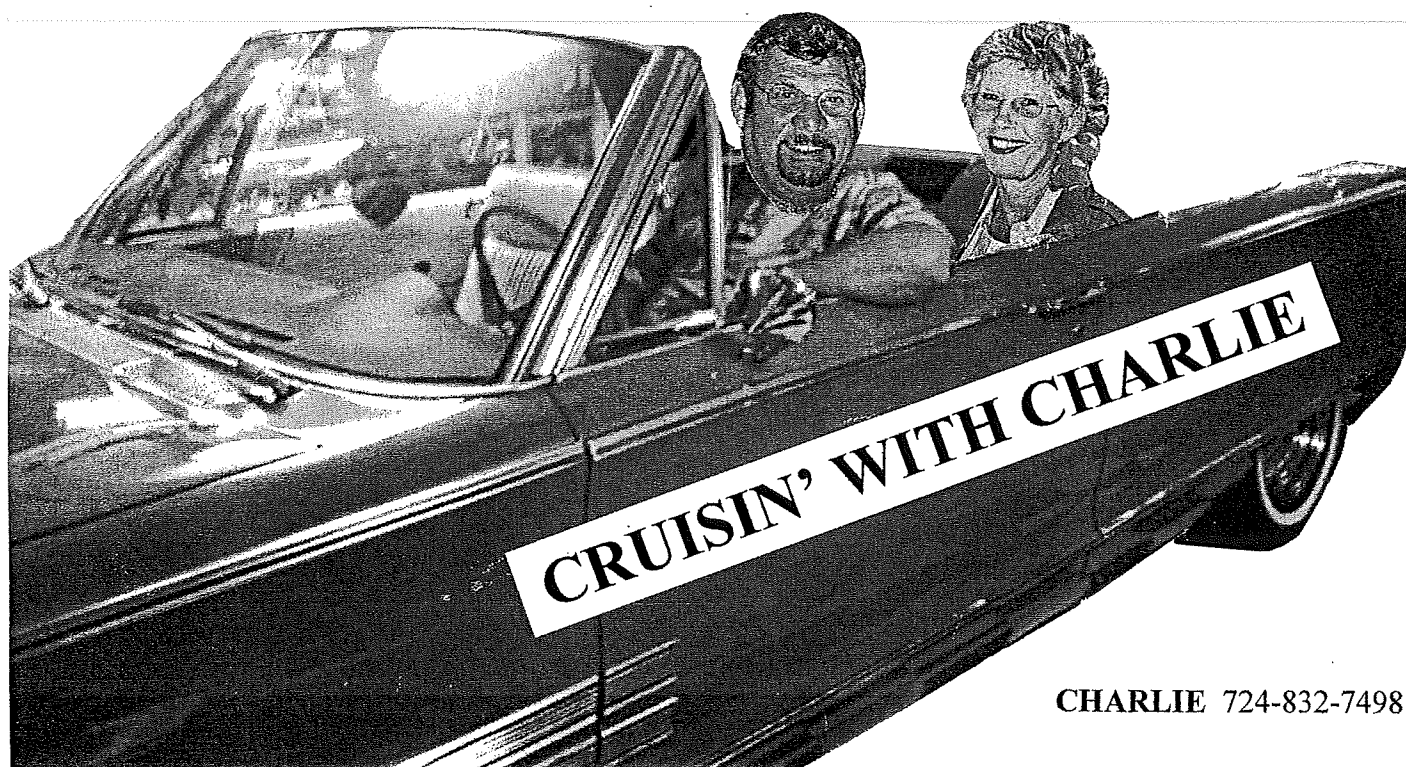
WANT IDEAS FOR SELLING CHANCE CAR TICKETS?

TALK TO JOHN KUHNS.

HERE ARE TWO OF HIS SUGGESTIONS...BUT I KNOW HE HAS MORE.

GO TO THE JONNET FLEA MARKET ON ROUTE 22 EAST ON THE WEEKENDS....  
YOU'LL SELL LOTS THERE.

TRY THE HI-WAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE IN LATROBE ON ROUTE 30. JOHN SAYS THAT ON  
SUNDAYS ITS EASY TO SELL 50 OR MORE TICKETS.



**CHARLIE 724-832-7498**

JOIN OUR PAST PRESIDENT **CHARLIE SCHIFANO** AS HE LEADS US INTO ANOTHER FUN SEASON OF NON-STOP ENJOYMENT OF THE AREA'S BEST CAR CRUISES--- LOADED WITH GOOD EATS, COOL CARS, SWINGIN' DJ'S AND LOTS OF OLD AND NEW FRIENDS.

JUST GIVE **CHARLIE** A CALL AND HE'LL TELL YOU WHERE AND WHEN WE MEET. ALL ARE WELCOME...THE MORE THE MERRIER!

BRING A FOLD UP CHAIR, SOME SUNGLASSES AND A SWEATER OR JACKET...AND YOUR CAR!

**THURSDAY EVENINGS** 6-9pm LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT ON RT. 22

**FRIDAY EVENINGS** WEXFORD STARLITE CAR CRUISE 1,500 TO 2,000 CARS  
WE LEAVE AROUND 3pm -call Charlie.

June 5 Street Rod Nite	July 3 Corvettes/Dash Plaques Nite	Aug 7 Camaro-F Bodies Nite
June 12 GTO Nite	July 10 Horsepower Nite	Aug 14 Jeep/Off-Road Nite
June 19 Mustang Nite	July 17 Mopar Nite	Aug 21 Cobra Nite
June 26 Imports/Tuners Nite	July 24 Olds, Buick, Cadillac Nite	Aug 28 60's Nite
	July 31 Ford Nite	

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAYS IN JEANNETTE**

Car Cruise on Clay Avenue, 4-9pm

**FRIDAY MAY 22, GREENSBURG COMMUNITY DAYS CAR CRUISE** Info: 724-724-1252

**SATURDAY EVENINGS** 5:30-9pm, NORWIN SHOPPING CTR ON RT. 30

**SUNDAY EVENINGS** 5-8pm, DAIRY QUEEN IN DELMONT

CHECK OUT THIS WEB SITE : [CARCRUISES.COM](http://CARCRUISES.COM)

## MAY 09 MEMBER NEWS

GET WELL WISHES TO **DOMINIC SURACE** WHO WAS RECENTLY IN ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL HAVING QUADRUPLE BYPASS SURGERY. HE IS HOME NOW RECOVERING UNDER THE CARING ATTENTION OF HIS LOVING AND LOVELY WIFE, **DONNA**.

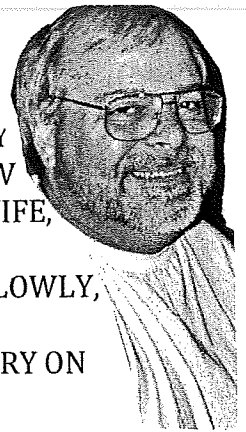
CAROL CALABRACE IS HOME AFTER SURGERY AND HER ANKLE IS MENDING SLOWLY, BUT WELL.

OUR PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES TO **MAR STONER** WHO GOES IN FOR SURGERY ON JUNE 16. PLEASE KEEP HER IN YOUR THOUGHTS. SHE AND **CLAY** WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SOON.

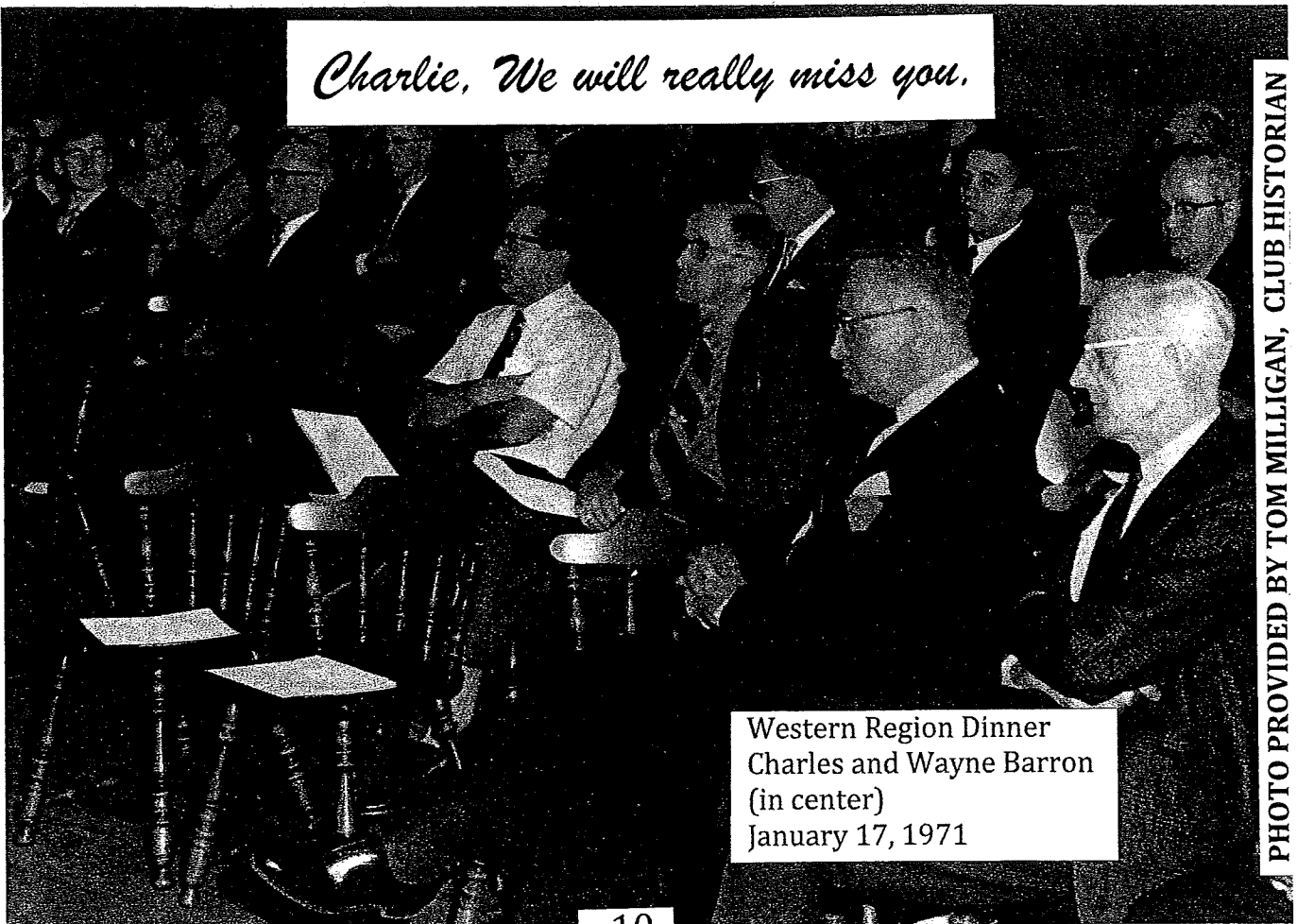
**STAN AND ELEANOR KANICK** WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SOON. I THINK BOTH COUPLES ARE HOPING TO RETURN TO NIAGARA FALLS (NOT TOGETHER, AS FAR AS I KNOW) WHERE THEY HONEYMOONED...(slowly I turn, step by step, inch by inch). THE KANICK'S DAUGHTER **ROBIN** WILL BE GETTING MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 12.

**DAVE AND DEBBIE SHEETZ'S** DAUGHTER, **CANDICE** WILL BE MARRIED THIS WEEKEND AND **TOM AND IRENE MILLIGAN'S** DAUGHTER **KATIE** WAS JUST ENGAGED. BEST WISHES TO ALL.

Please keep me informed of member news, preferably by phone message, fax or e-mail. If you tell me in person, remind me to jot it down. I usually forget things that I don't write down. Phone: 724-527-5114, Fax: 724-523-2324, E-mail: [sudifay@comcast.net](mailto:sudifay@comcast.net), US Post: 1005 Sleepy Hollow Road, Jeannette, PA, 15644



*Charlie. We will really miss you.*



Western Region Dinner  
Charles and Wayne Barron  
(in center)  
January 17, 1971

PHOTO PROVIDED BY TOM MILLIGAN, CLUB HISTORIAN

EDITOR'S MESSAGE    MAY 2009

Many 'thank you's to everyone for your prayers and well-wishes. I feel much better now although still do not have an answer as to what happened to me. Some things in life are meant to remain a mystery, I suppose. Carol Calabrace and I ended up being admitted to rooms across the hall from each other that same night... what a surprise when Harvey saw Danny in the hall.

Thanks once again to Fred Nicholls for his third installment in his series of articles about past WPR presidents. And today Tom Milligan provided me with some club photos from the 1970's which I am going to copy and include in the newsletter.

Again, I encourage everyone to submit photos of yourself, your cars, articles, whatever you think our members would enjoy. Thanks to my helpers and contributors this month. Susan





**Route 66 Marathon Tour**  
The main street of America, Route 66 linked East and West for nearly 60 years and became part of our national folklore. A road trip in a box, filmed in high definition in 2005, this documentary covers the journey from its starting point in Chicago to the ocean in L.A., past small towns, diners, tepee-shaped motels, and frozen custard stands. 360 min. on 5 DVDs in a gift tin with vintage-style map and six nostalgic postcards. 13989 \$39.99



### THE MEN'S UNDERWEAR REPAIR KIT

Fix it on the fly: With patches, needle and thread, safety pins, elastic, white-out and trusty duct tape, this toolkit repairs even the most worn undergarments, turning them into virtually indestructible "ever-wear." The 32-page instruction manual is a howl; you know exactly the guy who needs it. **CC2132 \$9.95**

### MUSCLE CAR WALL SHELVES

The Pontiac GTO: Considered the first true muscle car. The Chevy Camaro Z28: The beefed-up competition that gave the Mustang a run for its money. Lastly, the Pontiac Trans Am: The Firebird that set the automotive world on flame. If one isn't parked in your driveway, park it on your wall. Red-hot resin models with tempered glass shelves protecting the paint jobs. Approx 20"W. **\$89.95 each**

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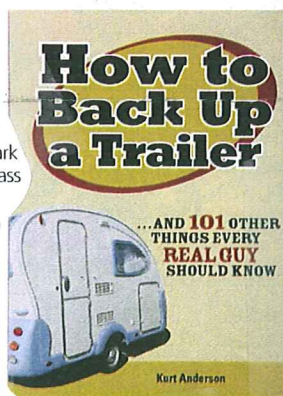
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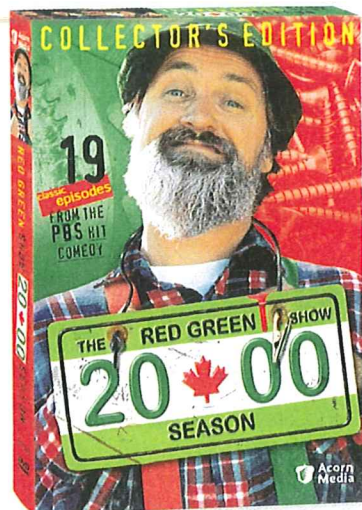
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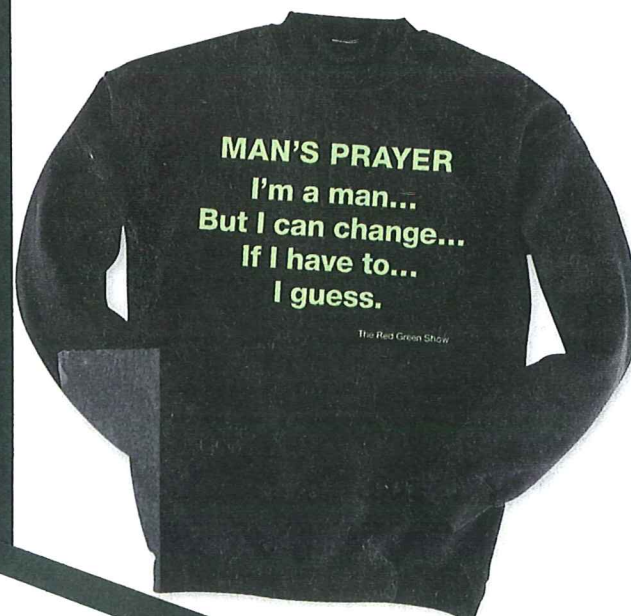
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# EPA Considers Higher Ethanol Mix

Allowing 15% Gasoline Blends Would Help Industry, but Poses Car-Warranty Issue

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WASHINGTON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has opened the door to allowing higher mixes of ethanol in gasoline, a potential boon to farmers and the struggling ethanol industry, but opposed by auto makers whose consumer warranties typically are tied to the current EPA standard.

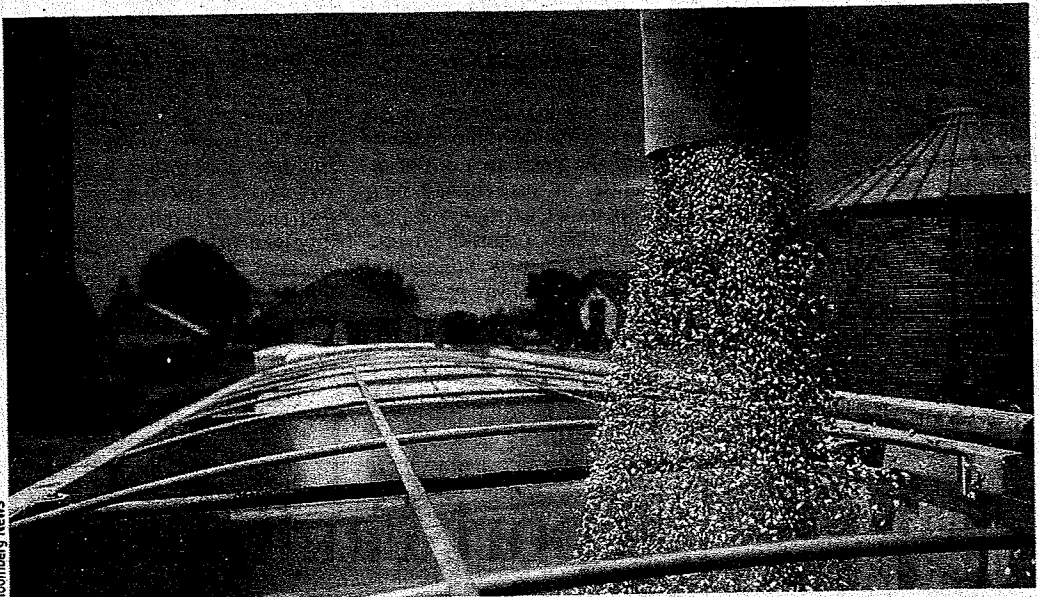
The agency Thursday said it is seeking comment on whether to allow ordinary gasoline to consist of as much as 15% ethanol, an additive that has been heavily promoted by farm states. For decades, the EPA has allowed gasoline to include up to 10% ethanol.

The EPA's move came in response to a petition filed last month by the trade group Growth Energy to allow motor fuel ethanol blends of as much as 15%, citing an Energy Department study that found "no operability or driveability issues" with blends as high as 20% ethanol.

Most car warranties, however, have followed the 10% standard, which means consumers who use blends with greater than 10% ethanol could get stuck paying the bills if there's damage to fuel lines or other components unless auto makers agree to shoulder the costs.

Auto makers offer so-called flex-fuel vehicles designed to accept up to 85% ethanol fuels. But many current and older model cars aren't designed for ethanol concentrations above 10%.

Alan Adler, a spokesman for General Motors Corp., said if the EPA allows higher ethanol blends "we want to be sure that we're not on the hook for vehicles" that end up having problems with higher blends.



Corn is loaded into a truck at a farm in Valley Springs, S.D. Higher percentages of ethanol mixed into gasoline would be a boon to farmers. About one quarter of all corn produced in the U.S. is used to make the fuel additive.

Earlier this year Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. recalled 214,500 Lexus vehicles sold in the U.S. that were vulnerable to corrosion problems in their fuel-delivery pipes when some ethanol fuels were used.

Pushing against the auto industry's objections are farmers, investors in ethanol-fuel start-ups, big agricultural commodities companies and some environmental groups that argue the U.S. would be better off substituting home-grown biofuels for foreign oil.

Currently nearly a quarter of all corn produced in the U.S. is used to make ethanol. That's up from about 12% in 2004. A higher blend ratio would help support corn prices.

"If we don't move that regulatory cap, without question grain supplies are going to grow and the next group looking for a bailout will be the American farmer," said

Jeff Broin, chief executive officer of POET, one of the nation's largest ethanol producers, based in Sioux Falls, S.D.

An oversupply of ethanol has prompted a wave of bankruptcies and made the ethanol industry eager to expand its market. Ethanol producers are being squeezed as corn prices stay relatively high and as ethanol prices stay relatively low. Todd Alexander, a partner at Chadbourne & Parke LLP, estimates that some ethanol producers are losing up to 10 cents on every gallon of ethanol.

Another big ethanol producer, Archer Daniels Midland Co., based in Decatur, Ill., recently reported a loss in its ethanol business for its second quarter, ended Dec. 31. VeraSun Energy Corp. and Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings Inc. have both filed for bankruptcy protection. Pacific Ethanol Inc., which has counted Bill

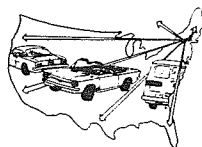
Gates as one of its star-studded investors, said recently in federal filings that it could run out of cash by the end of April if it can't restructure its debt or raise additional financing.

In response, pro-ethanol lobbyists have stepped up efforts to win more support from the government. An ethanol trade group hired retired U.S. general and former 2004 Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark to make its case for a higher blend. The industry also has turned to Congress, where lawmakers such as Sen. John Thune (R., S.D.) have held meetings with EPA staffers, urging them to allow blends of 12% or 13% ethanol immediately—something he argues the EPA could do now without going through a public comment process.

By law, the EPA has until Dec. 1 to decide.

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