

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



60 Years
1950 - 2010

February 2010

2009 Review, Recognitions, Elections & A Great Dinner Highlight Annual Meeting



In photos above John Ross Kuhns, right, presents the Western PA Region Annual Awards. Left photo - Howard Finney receives the Jack E. Clark Sr. Award for his outstanding service to the Region for 2009. Right photo - Gary Weigand receives the Foster T. Fike Award for the restoration of his 1970 Plymouth Barracuda AAR.



On January 31, 2010 Western Pennsylvania Region members gathered at the American Legion Post 982 in Latrobe to conduct their Annual Meeting. There were flowers for the ladies, wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dinner with a beautiful cake – many thanks to Sally Wirick.

After dinner the Region presented its recognition awards. Howard Finney received the Jack E. Clark Sr. Award for outstanding service to the Region over the past year. Howard is the 2010 Founders Tour Chairman. He also serves as the Region's Membership Chairman.

Gary Weigand received the Foster T. Fike restoration award for his 1970 Plymouth Barracuda AAR which he proudly showed at the 2009 Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe on September 6.

Chance Car 2009 top ticket sellers were also recognized. Tom and Dodie Ulishney sold the highest amount at 925 tickets. The second highest amount was 650 tickets sold by Howard and Betty Ann Finney. Al and Sally Wirick sold 385 tickets coming in third, and Ralph and Joanna Shearer sold 232 for fourth place. The winning ticket was sold by Jim Bowman.

Directors John Ross Kuhns, Stan Kanick and Bob

Inhoff were recognized for their service with inscribed pewter mugs (Bob was away preparing to help broadcast the Super Bowl). John Ross has served as *Safety Director*, Stan as *Publicity Director*, and Bob as *Secretary*.

Following a review of the Region's 2009 activities, Director elections for 2010 were held. The results were: Harvey Eger, *President*, John Ross Kuhns, *Vice President*, Barbara Erny, *Treasurer*; John Kuhns, *Safety Director*; Chuck Speicher, *Publicity Director* and Mark Jackson, *Secretary*.

Thanks to all who attended and helped make the Annual Meeting a success. Congratulations to the award recipients and good luck to the 2010 Directors. May we all be blessed with a fun and fulfilling year!



Friendly Reminder

If you have not already done so,
**please pay your AACA National
and Western PA Regional dues
as soon as possible!**



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Membership

Western Pennsylvania Region dues are \$10.00 until March 1, 2010 for individual membership and \$12.00 after that date. Joint membership dues are \$15.00 until March 1, 2010 and \$17.00 after that date. AACA National Rules dictate that you must be a member of the AACA National Club in order to join a region. Please display your current AACA National Membership Card when you pay your Western Pennsylvania Region dues.

Dues may be paid at the monthly meeting or by mail. If by mail, send your check along with your AACA National Membership Card to:

Barb Erny
5218 Center Drive
Latrobe, PA 15650

Your card will be stamped and mailed back to you.

Calendar

Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meetings,

American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown), Latrobe
Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January - 7:30PM

For 2010: February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 16.

Founders Tour Meetings, *Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Greensburg - 7PM*

Second Tuesday of each month until June, 2010

February 9, March 9, April 13 and May 11.

As the Founders Tour nears, other special individual committee meetings may be called.

March 27, 2010 - Western PA Region "Rev-Up Party!"

Formerly known as the Kick Off Party

Check in starts at 4PM. See registration flyer.

American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown) Latrobe

April 15, 2010 - Deadline for Founders Tour

Program ads. Important - All ad copy and monies need to be to John Ross Kuhns by this date.

June 6 - 11, 2010 - National AACA Founders Tour

hosted by the Western PA Region, *Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Greensburg*



Western PA Region members tour Westmoreland Restorations near Blairsville during a Founders Tour dry run in September 2009.

The Piper family specializes in Studebakers but works on other makes as well.

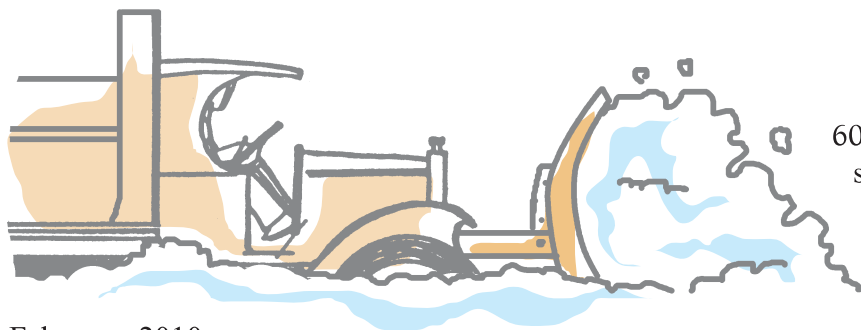


FOR SALE

Front bumper for 1966 Ford Mustang

Contact Morris Kunkle at 724-744-2386

President's Message



February, 2010

It's "kinda" hard thinking about old cars when there is two feet of snow piled against the garage doors, but I will give it a try.

I've been contemplating the purchase of a retired Penn-Dot Plow Truck to add to my collection, as my 1983 Jeep/Plow can't seem to do the job of clearing my driveway. If anyone happens to see one for sale, let me know. Some of you know I do have an old Model AA Dump Truck that came with a snow plow almost as big as the truck itself. Unfortunately, the snowplow was not attached to the truck when I got it, and so I never put it on to see how it would work. I can't even figure out how to attach it. Aside from that, the old Dump Truck just isn't running right, so it is of no use clearing off the driveway. I did manage to get part of the driveway dug out on Sunday, and since my Cutlass is down at the house, I will have a car to drive this summer. I doubt whether I will get the other cars out of the garage before July. That is, assuming that it warms up by then and the snow melts.

Kidding aside, here we are, about to start the 60th year for the Western PA Region, and I am starting my 5th Term as President. I am looking forward to another successful year for the Region. It's no big secret that we are hosting the AACA Founder's Tour in June, and there is still a lot of work to be done. You are probably getting tired hearing that we need everyone's help to make the Founder's Tour a success. We need everyone's help to make the Founder's Tour a success. If you can work one day or one week, sign up for a job. Come to the meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. at the Sheraton. We have plenty of work to do.

I would say that our Annual Meeting was a great success. Sally Wirick did an outstanding job planning the Meeting and the Menu. We had a great turnout. The food was great, and I think everyone had a good time. Having the Meeting at the Legion was like having it at home. I received nothing but complements...but if you have a complaint, please let me know. Thanks to Sally and crew for all of their hard work.

Speaking of complaints...I am always open to receiving your comments about how things are running. Constructive criticism is always welcome. So, if you have something you'd like to see changed, please let me know. We might not change it to your liking, but we will always listen.

That's all for now, I have some snow to shovel.

-- Harvey Eger



Newly elected 2010 Western PA Region Directors left to right: Barbara Erny, Treasurer; Harvey Eger, President; John Ross Kuhns, Vice President, Chuck Speicher, Publicity Director and Mark Jackson, Secretary (not pictured - John Kuhns, Safety Director)



Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Meeting

A meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on November 19, 2009 at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown Hall), Latrobe, PA commencing at approximately 7:35 P.M., The Meeting was called to order by the President, Harvey J. Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 56 Members present.

Guests:

Present were Eugene and Nancy Sosko, and Samuel and Genevieve Snively.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2009 MEETING.

On Motion of Howard Finney, seconded by Ralph Shearer and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Meeting as printed in the October Roundup were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Barb Erny presented the Treasurer's Report. On Motion of Chuck Speicher, seconded by Gary Weigand, and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Party (Lakeview) Dinner Ticket Costs:

For Members who have sold 5 or more Chance Car Tickets, the cost of a dinner ticket to the Christmas Party is \$5.00 per person. Members who did not sell at least 5 tickets will pay \$10.00 to attend the Christmas Party. Children under 12, will pay \$1.00. Guests (all non-members) will pay \$25.00.

Tours:

Christmas Tour to the Cochran House in Dawson-See Marianne Caruso for details.

Founders Tour:

Howard Finney gave a report.

Membership:

Howard Finney, Chairperson, announced the second reading for the following:

2nd Reading for Eugene and Nancy Sosko. On Motion of Charlie Schifano, seconded by Ron Underwood, and unanimously carried, Eugene and Nancy Sosko's application for membership was approved.

2nd Reading for Samuel and Genevieve Snively. On Motion of Chuck Speicher, seconded by Gary Weigand

and unanimously carried, the application of Samuel and Genevieve Snively was approved.

2009 AWARDS:

Jack Clark Award:

The following were nominated for the Jack Clark Award:

Dave Davis, Erick Wigginton and Ron Sivak
Harvey Eger
Howard Finney
Tom Ulishney

Foster Fike Award:

The following were nominated for the Foster Fike Award:

Gary Weigand
Bill Stump.

Ballots were distributed and collected for the Jack Clark Award and the Foster Fike Award. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting will be held on January 31, 2020 at the Pipetown Legion, starting at 1:00 P.M.

The Meeting will be free to all members; A \$5.00 reservation fee will be collected, and will be refunded at the door.

Nominations for Board of Directors:

There are 3 vacancies to be filled for 2010. Persons interested in running for Director should submit their names to Harvey Eger, or to any other Board Member.

Awards for Selling Chance Car Tickets:

There will be five awards for selling Chance Car Tickets: \$100 to the person who sold the winning ticket; \$100 to the top seller; \$75 to the second place seller; \$50 to the third place seller and \$25 to the fourth place seller. The Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

50/50:

Dave Davis won the 50/50 drawing; Sally Wirick won the jackpot.

On Motion of Myron Shoaf, seconded by Ron Sivak, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Minutes recorded by John Ross Kuhns; typed by Harvey Eger



2010 Founders Tour

Come enjoy the beautiful rolling hills of Western Pennsylvania

An AACA National Tour hosted by the Western PA Region

June 6 - 11, 2010

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Greensburg, PA

As of February 28, 2010 the Founders Tour will be only 97 days away! Work is progressing on all fronts. Our ad in the AACA *Antique Automobile Magazine* appeared in the January/February issue and will run again in the March/April issue. Registration information requests are coming in, and information packages are starting to go out.

We still have need for volunteers to help with security and parking throughout the week of the tour.

Founders Tour Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Greensburg beginning at 7PM.

For additional information please contact Tour Chairman, Howard Finney, 724-834-3450 or howfinn@comcast.net.

Founders Tour Program Book Ads

Thanks to all who have sold ads thus far. The ad income is critical to the success of the Founders Tour. Please continue to sell as many ads as possible.

A list of businesses who have already been contacted is available from Tour Chairman, Howard Finney, howfinn@comcast.net.

Each page is 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size. Rates are:

- \$25. Business card sized ad
- \$50. 1/4 page ad
- \$90. 1/2 page ad
- \$160. full page ad
- \$300. Inside front, inside back or outside back cover

Individuals or groups could also place "greeting ads", ie: "Welcome 2010 Founders Tour Participants - The Smith Family"

All ads and payments are due by April 15, 2010. Send all ad copy and artwork along with payments to:

John Ross Kuhns
2339 Raymond Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650

Please make all checks payable to WPRAACA.

Tour Highlights Preview

Monday, June 7, North to Indiana County

Tour chairpersons: Charlie and Connie Schifano, Dennis and Becky Blank

Old Hanna's Town

Founded in 1769, this was Westmoreland County's first County Seat and site of the first English court west of the Allegheny Mountains. As one of the last acts of the Revolutionary War a raiding party of British Rangers and their Indian allies burned the fort and destroyed the town on July 13, 1782.



Enjoy the authentic reconstructed fort, log courthouse colonial style grounds, and gift shop.

World Class Animal Artistry by Kent E. Stryker

Here is where a passion for artistic quality in all phases of the taxidermy process produces World Class results. Marvel at an array of creatively displayed animals. Kent's dedication to excellence has won 70 major World, National and State Taxidermy Competition titles.

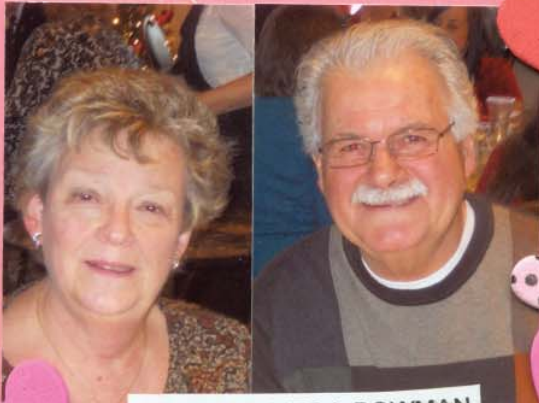


Westmoreland Restorations

Studebaker lives again through the masterful skill and dedication of the Piper family. This first class auto restoration shop specializes in Studebaker, although they also work with "Brand X" models. Take a picture beside the giant Studebaker logo emblem. Tour this wonderfully organized



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JOAN & JAMES L BOWMAN



PEG & WILLIAM STUMP



LENA & CHUCK SPEICHER



EUGENE & NANCY SOSKO



CONNIE & MYRON SHOAF



BARBARA & GEORGE D FOSTER

newlyweds



NORMA & RONALD W BARNHART



JOHN R KUHN III and Blair
(they've set a date!)



NANCY & JOHN E WOLFE



ANDREA & JAMES E LAUGHLIN



DONNA & DOMINIC SURACE

(first on the dance floor!)



NANCY & EDWARD L VRABLE



SAMUEL & GENEVIEVE SNIVELY

Caruso Shay Sets AACA Standard



Marianne and Ron Caruso proudly show the AACA plaque recognizing their Shay.

For those that didn't know, Ron and Marianne Caruso's Shay has been chosen to be the "Standard of Shays" that AACA uses to judge all Shays that go for their Second Generation Collector Vehicle (SGCV) at any AACA judged event.

This happened by accident last year when they took their Shay to Florida and entered it in the March AACA Melbourne Meet. This was the first meet after the AACA recognized the Shay in January, 2008. The SGCV captain/judge looked it over and over. He took about 30

pictures of it and told them, "This is what all others are to look like - this is truly, totally original." If you watch the SGVC video on the AACA judging school you will see the Caruso's Shay behind a red Camelot. Needless to say, the

Carusos were very excited, and thank Harvey Eger for e-mailing them the ad for the car. He knew they were looking at some and he saw this ad.

The Carusos now have the five chips necessary for qualification and were awarded the plaque that you see in the photo on the right.

They went to Hershey in October 2009 to promote AACA's SGVC and also represent the Shay Club.

Originally published in the Laurel Highlands Region AACA newsletter, *The Backfire*

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shop and enjoy examples of their work in various phases of restoration.

Don't forget to visit the Cheese House/Raspberry Acres Winery next door.

Downtown Indiana, PA and the Jimmy Stewart Museum

Home of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the town of Indiana, PA will be rolling out the red carpet to welcome AACA Founders Tour participants. There are many fine restaurants and shops to discover.

Indiana, PA is also the hometown of Academy Award winning actor Jimmy Stewart.

Don't miss the Jimmy Stewart Museum. It is an outstanding tribute to one of America's favorite actors and World War II aviation hero. Exhibitions include many original classic movie posters, background on the Stewart family, a reproduction of Jimmy Stewart's personal office, momentos, tributes by fans from around the world, and much more. There is also a video on Stewart and his wife Gloria - "One of Hollywood's Greatest Love



Stories". Who knows? You may even catch a glimpse of Jimmy himself wondering around.

Smicksburg and Amish Country

Motoring through the lush countryside you will come to a large black and white cow atop a 20' pole. This marks the beginning of Amish Country. Drive carefully and be on the lookout for horse drawn Amish buggies. You can recognize Amish homes as they have no electric power lines. There are many farms and businesses along these country roads. Feel free to stop, browse and buy, as your business is welcome.



The quaint village of Smicksburg is home to some 200 Amish families and a number of interesting shops.

The Amish are friendly people. But please remember that taking photos of them violates their religious beliefs.

To participate in the Founders Tour send in your Activity Request Form plus the \$5.00 fee in order to receive Registration materials. Activity Request Forms are found on the reverse side of the mailing label page which accompanies your *Antique Automobile* magazine. You can also call National and arrange for a Registration packet.

You "auto" have fun...

Name That Car...

by Mark Jackson with
a special submission from Bill Mauer

We had two "Name That Car" winners from the January Western Round-Up. Ed and Nancy Vrable were the first to guess the classic wedding car correctly, a 1964 Pontiac Catalina. Bill Smith was the second correct guess. Ed and Nancy got their box of Ding Dongs at the Annual Meeting. Bill's got a box coming soon.



Here's a wonderful photo submitted by Bill Mauer. Beautiful brass era cars like this were a common site at many car shows during the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Bill would like to know if any of you can identify this car and it's owner, who is a distinguished member of the Western PA Region. Go for it. Polish your mental brass and see if you can guess the year, make and owner.

Please email answers to the *Western Round-Up* via the editor's address: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com. Or call Mark Jackson at 724-832-9074. The first correct answer wins a box of Hostess Cup Cakes. (The kind with the little white curly frosting on top!)

Guess Who...

Just for fun - here's an interesting photo of one of our long time Western PA Region members hard at work a "few" years ago. Look closely and see if you can guess who it is. The photo is from a Westinghouse Family Day booklet dated October 18, 1947. The facility is the Porcelain Department in Derry, PA.



Cars and Stars

Here is another series of *Movie Stars* and *Great Cars* trivia questions. Answers will be printed in the next issue of the *Western Round-Up*.

- 1) In the 1995 comedy *Tommy Boy*, what year and make was the classic convertible owned by David Spade that Chris Farley nearly destroyed with the help of an angry deer?
a. 1963 Ford Falcon b. 1967 Plymouth GTX c. 1965 Chevy Malibu
- 2) What year and make was the ambulance that was converted into the ghost fighting vehicle "Ecto One" in the 1984 comedy *Ghostbusters* starring Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd?
a. 1977 Pontiac b. 1965 Buick c. 1959 Cadillac
- 3) What was Laurel and Hardy's car in nearly all of their classic comedies from the 1920s, 30s and 40s? (It often suffered severe consequences like being sawed in half, crunched-up like an accordion or submerged in a giant mud puddle.)
a. Apperson Jack Rabbit b. Model T Ford c. Durant Star
- 4) In the 1991 drama *Thelma and Louise* starring Gina Davis and Susan Sarandon, what was the year and model of the car that Thelma and Louise eventually decide to drive off the edge of a cliff?
a. 1966 Ford Thunderbird b. 1969 Dodge Charger c. 1959 Edsel
- 5) In their knuckleheaded attempts to deliver "super service", inept gas station attendants, The Three Stooges, blow up what kind of classic car after filling the radiator with gasoline? The 1938 short comedy is "Violent is the Word for Curly." (Hint visit Youtube.com)
a. Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton b. Hupmobile c. Pierce Arrow

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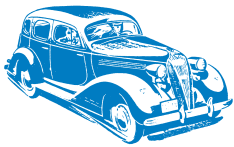
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*Come enjoy the "Greatest
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Crossing Paths...

During the Founders Tour Dry Run to Indiana County in September 2009 some Western PA Region members crossed paths with a Model T Ford Club from Butler County at the Amish shops near Smicksburg. The Model T owners were on a back roads driving tour of their own and had a beautiful day for it.