

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



January 2010

60 Years
1950 - 2010



Christmas Party Sparkles with Smiles!



Peace

Over 90 members attended the Annual Christmas Party held at Lakeview, Route 30, Greensburg on Sunday, December 20, 2009.

It was a fun evening of friendship, great food and wonderful entertaining music provided by the Sharptones. Ron Caruso narrated a unique holiday story which guided members through a spirited gift exchange exercise, and sparked much warm holiday laughter. There were also special door prizes for all!

A thousand thanks to Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso for the fantastic job they did on the party. Thanks also to the Sharptones for their fine performances.



Friendly Reminder
Western PA Region annual dues are now due.

See information on bottom left of page two



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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
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Your card will be stamped and mailed back to you.

Calendar

January 31, 2010 - Western PA Region AACA Annual Meeting, Election of Directors, American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown), Latrobe
Registration required. Cash bar and appetizers 1PM, Dinner 2PM, Business Meeting and Election of Directors at 3PM. (Dues must be paid to vote.)

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!"
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

Member News

- Our deepest sympathy to Howard and Betty Ann Finney on the death of Howard's Father on December 17, 2009.
- Our deepest sympathy to Al and Irene Terek on the death of Al's mother in December, 2009.



FOR SALE

Front bumper for 1966 Ford Mustang
Contact Morris Kunkle at 724-744-2386

President's Message



January (already). Seems like just a few short weeks ago that we voted to host the 2010 Founder's Tour. And, after four years of planning, we are coming down the home stretch. It's January now, but June is just around the corner.

What are you doing to help with the Founder's Tour? Say you don't have anything to do? Well, call Howard Finney, 834-3450, or me 523-2399, and volunteer. We still need plenty of help. Sign up to work one day, or the whole week, do what ever you can do.

While we are on the subject, we are about to start a new year for the Region. Our Annual Meeting will

be held on January 31, at the Pipetown Legion, commencing at 1:00 PM. There is still time to make dinner reservations. Send \$5.00 per Member to Sally Wirick to confirm your reservation. You will get a refund of your \$5.00 when you check in at the door. (No refunds for cancellations or no-shows.) By the way, your Region and National Dues must be paid, and you must have your National Membership card to vote. No exceptions. At the meeting I will be asking for your help in heading up a number of activities for the coming year. We still need to plan our tours, parties and other events, and volunteers will be needed. I know that there are many of you out there who haven't pitched in for awhile, and I would like very much to see you involved again.

Our Annual Meeting also marks the end of the past year, as well, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and directors for all of their help during the past 12 months. Thank you, John Kuhns, Vice President, Bob Inhoff, Secretary, Barb Erny, Treasurer, Stan Kanick, Publicity Director, and John Ross Kuhns, Safety Director. I would also like to thank each and every Region Member who has contributed to another successful year for the Western PA Region.

The Board has some terrific ideas for 2010, and hopes that each and every WPR Member will help make our 60th year a tremendous success.

-- Harvey Eger

On the Road Again

by F.L. Nicholls



I bought my first antique car in September, 1963 from a young lad who had advertised it in the Pittsburgh Press Sunday edition. I telephoned that day and made an appointment to see the car, which was a 1930 Ford coupe. It was very nice with a Keewanee Green body, black fenders and Tacoma Cream wheels. My records show that I purchased the car from Albert Eger, 1121 Fairview Drive, New Kensington, Pa. If the name sounds familiar, he was the father of our current WPR president, Harvey Eger.

It was a nice car, but at local shows I noticed that folks were looking at the "A" Roadsters owned by Andy Ward of Spring Church, Pa. and George Santmeyer of Scottsdale, Pa. Neither one wanted to sell, so in August of 1964 I bought a 1930 "A" Sport Coupe from a family who lived just next door to the Studebaker garage (now DeLallo's) on Route 30, with the intention of restoring it. It wasn't as nice as my coupe, but it had a side mount spare in the front fender which was something the Roadsters had and I thought was pretty neat.

But I still wanted a restored Roadster, so I advertised in HMN and MARC magazines. I received three replies: one from Colorado for a 1929 "A" Roadster which was an AACA winner, one from a radio personality in Wisconsin for a 1931 "A" Roadster (for \$4,000) which had been restored by Francis Balser, who was well known in Model "A" circles, and one from Page's Model "A" Garage in Haverhill, N.H. That car was under restoration, and if I wanted to see it, they would pay half of my airfare to Boston.

I flew to Boston on April 15, 1965. I was picked up at the airport by a young man in a hot rod Ford coupe and on the way to Page's he would hit 90 mph on the straight roads.

The car was almost finished and I bought it for \$2,995 with a down payment. I went back to the airport, caught my plane home and landed in Philadelphia and then Pittsburgh. They did refund half of my plane fare (round trip was \$83.11) and Page deducted \$41.50 when I picked up the car. More next issue.

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas.



Minutes of the January 31, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

The January 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on Sunday, January 31, 2009, at Dino's Sport Bar & Lounge, Latrobe, PA, commencing at approximately 2.40 PM. Seventy One Members were in attendance. The Meeting was called to order by the President, Harvey Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer and silence for members who are ill or have passed away.

Minutes of the January 27, 2008 Meeting:

The Minutes of the January 27, 2008 Meeting were printed in the January Roundup. President Harvey Eger asked if there were any additions or corrections to those Minutes. The President called for a motion to approve the January 28, 2007 minutes as printed. Upon Motion of Jim Heatherington seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the January 27, 2008, Annual Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Harvey Eger presented the Final Treasurers Report for 2008. A Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Gary Wiegand, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously carried, and the Final Treasurer's Report for 2008 was approved as submitted.

President's State of the Region 2008:

Harvey J. Eger, President of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, stated that the Region is in excellent condition at this time. He also reported that for a variety of reasons, the support of the Region activities by the Members is declining, although participation in the Car Show and Swap Meet by a loyal core of Members remains encouraging. The year 2008 ended on apposite financial note, do largely to the Car Show and the 2008 Chance Car. Unfortunately the Swap meet did not produce the substantial revenue as we had hoped. The 2008 Board voted to "reward" those Members who have contributed to our success by underwriting a substantial portion of the cost of attending the Christmas Party and Annual meeting. It is hoped that this policy will continue during 2009. Although we have not completed the purchase of a Chance Car for 2009, we have made a small deposit on a 1966 Ford Mustang priced at \$8200. President Eger goes on to note that the bad news is that our members are getting older and we need some new blood to chair and participate in planning our activities. We see the same faces at the meetings and events and we need these members to speak to the other members to and recruit some energetic new members. Along those lines, we welcomed several new members to the Region this year and hopefully this trend will continue.

Membership 2008:

Membership Chairman Howard Finney gave a report recognizing those new members present at the meeting. Donna & Dominic Surance, Dolly & Jim Ranker Lena & Chuck Speicher, Ron Sivak

Kick Off Party 2008:

Our Kickoff Party 2008 held April 12 at the Legion and was chaired by Sally Wirick and Molly Detwiler. It was a great event and was well attended. Highlights were the "Grand Finale Desert and entertainment by the Sweet Adelines and our own "Little old Lady from Pittsburgh". The party was partly subsidized by the region in the amount of \$807.27.

Picnic 2008:

John Ross Kuhns was our Chairperson for the 2008 Picnic, which was held at Legion Keener Park on July 27. As with the Kickoff Party the Picnic was a great event and was well attended. Deserts and salads were brought by members with the basic food being catered. After eating we had fun playing some planned games. John Ross volunteered to chair the event again in 2009. As with many of our events the Picnic was partly subsidized by the WPR.

Chance Car 2008:

Debbie and Dave Sheetz were our Ticket Sale Chairpersons this year. They reported that the car was won by Nancy & Roger Palhamus Family of Greensburg and that Ashley Kuhns sold the winning ticket. Forty Nine members sold tickets. A good job was done by all and the result to the region was a net revenue of \$13,245.37. This revenue is what allows the WPR to subsidize portions of our club events. A motion was made to destroy the 2007 tickets by Howard Finney, seconded by Tom Ulishney.

Tours 2008:

Marianne Caruso was our tour Chairman for the 2008. Marianne made comment on the following tours and noted also club members attendance at the various local events sponsored by other organizations.

- 1.) July 3-6 Blackwater Falls WVA.
- 2.) July 11 and 12 Arthritis Foundation Show. Dublin, OH
- 3.) July 23 Idlewild Park "Old Fashion Days"
- 4.) Aug 1,2 &3 Das Awkslht Fescht Car Show. Macungie, PA
- 5.) Aug 7 Weatherwood Manor
- 6.) Aug.16 Progressive Dinner Tour
- 7.) Dec.4 Christmas Tour of Cochran House & Dinner

We do not yet have a Tour Chair for 2009 but Marianne Caruso and Charlie Schifano have made advanced reservations for some upcoming events. Marianne has made reservations

for a block of rooms for the AACCS Eastern Division Spring Meet in Gettysburg in May. Charlie has reserved blocks of rooms for the Dublin Tour in July and the Macungie Tour in August. If you are interested in these trips, contact either them or Harvey for room arrangements.

Christmas Party 2008:

Again this year Co-Chairs Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso did a terrific job organizing our December 20 Christmas Party which was held at Lakeview lounge. The food, the gift game, dancing and the "Sharptones" music group were great. Did you notice our own "Little Old Lady from Pittsburgh" made another appearance? The Region helped our cause by underwriting some \$1,800 of the expense.

Hospitality 2008:

Hospitality was again provided this year by, Debbie Sheetz and friends. Thanks to everyone who helped. The after meeting treat hits the spot.

News Letter 2008:

Dick McKelvey reported that he was going to be forced to resign his job as editor of the Round-Up, after serving for 3 years, because of an increase in his workload as Council Commissioner with the Boy Scouts. The year 2010 is the 100th year anniversary of Scouting in the United States and there is a lot going on with this program. Susan Eger has accepted the position of editor and she asked everyone's cooperation in working with her and to please come forward with suggestions and contributions for the paper.

Website 2008:

Mark DeFloria Our Webmaster was not able to be present but he submitted this final report. The Website received 1,285 visitors during the last year. If you have not visited the site you should because it covers all of our WPR activities and much more including National AACA news. You can also see our own Round-Up monthly newsletter. He thanked those who send him pictures, etc. and also Dick McKelvey for getting him the monthly newsletter. Mark was selected as a "2008 Master Webmaster" and our site was awarded the "2008 Award of Excellence". Our Web site can be found at westernparegion@hotmail.com. He also reminded us to send him our email addresses so he can communicate with members on line.

Merchandise 2008:

Nancy McKelvey is working with a new supplier for WPR Clothing Merchandise and has some samples available for immediate sale or viewing. She has a handout sheet available showing what items are available as of this date. A copy of this form will be included in the February Round-Up and they will be available at meetings. We also would like to have it on the Region web site.

National Tour 2010:

Chairperson, Howard Finney reminded us that the Western PA Region has been approved for the 2010 Founders Tour and that scheduled date will be here before you know it. The committee has been meeting monthly at the Sheraton and the tour has moved well into the planning stage. The tour's daily destinations were mentioned along with people involved in planning and lining up the various day tours and the maga-

zine. The Tour Committee will be holding their next meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday February 10, at the Sheraton. .

Car Show 2008:

Harvey Eger, the 2008 Show Chairman reported that the 45th Annual Show was a major success. In all there were 271 cars on the show field, the weather was beautiful and the WPR membership participated in great numbers. The Chinese Auction, the Bake Sale, the Chance Car, the 50/50, Registration, Judging and the Show went off well because of all of the help. The show netted the club a profit of \$3,069.82. Thank you to all who helped.

Swap Meet 2008:

Chair, Harvey Eger, reported that the Swap Meet was a great success in terms of growth. However, due to the increased costs of renting space at the Fairgrounds, we show a deficit of \$70.17 on our books. The final number will actually become a profit of \$129.83 when we receive credit for our security deposit. This was disheartening, given the amount of work required to conduct the meet. If the event is to be a go in 2009 some changes will need to occur.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Audit 2008:

Ralph Shearer reported that the Audit Committee reported that the Auditors found the WPR financial records were in great shape.

2009 Chance Car:

The 2009 Chance Car is a red 1966 Mustang Coupe with black leather interior. Tickets will be available at the February meeting. We have yet not picked up the car which is still in a barn storage near Shanksville.

Election of Directors:

Howard Finney, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that there are four members running for three Director positions: Ron Caruso, Harvey Eger, Barbara Erny John Kuhns

According to the By-Laws, any Director who has been in office for 5 years must have a 75% affirmative vote to win reelection. John Kuhns falls into that category. The President appointed Bob Inhoff, Howard Finney and Nancy Wolf to distribute, collect and tabulate the results of the election.

AWARDS:

The awards for 2008 were presented by John Ross Kuhns.

Jack Clark Award:

Member(s) who did the most for the Region in the past year: The winner was Harvey Eger

Foster Fike Award:

Member who has newly restored a vehicle and brought it to a Region Event Tom Ulishney for his Model "A" Sports Coupe

Paul Bell Award:

Member who displayed the most unique vehicle at a Region Event; David Burg for his 1920 Oldsmobile Tow Truck

Directors Award:

Retiring three Directors receiving a pewter mug in appreciation of their service: Ron Caruso, Harvey Eger and John Kuhns

2008 Chance Car Awards:

Top Seller, Tom Ulishney, \$100.00, sold 678 Tickets
2nd Place, Charlie Schifano, \$75.00, sold 631 Tickets
3rd Place, Howard Finney, \$50.00, sold 554 Tickets
4TH Place, Stan Kanick \$25.00, sold 491 Tickets
Winning ticket was sold by Ashley Kuhns, \$100.00

Special Recognitions:

This year the Board is recognizing all of the WPR Past Presidents who have remained as current memberships through 2008 with new Name Badges. The special badges show that these members have served as our President. The badges were presented by Harvey Eger. Those receiving badges are as follows: Bob Cirilli, Gary Cooper, Mark DeFloria, Harvey Eger Jim Heatherington, John Kuhns, Morris Kunkle, Dave Lizza Tom Milligan, Fred Nicholls, Charlie Schifano, Debbie Sheetz Tim Smith, Alan Terek, Al Wirick.

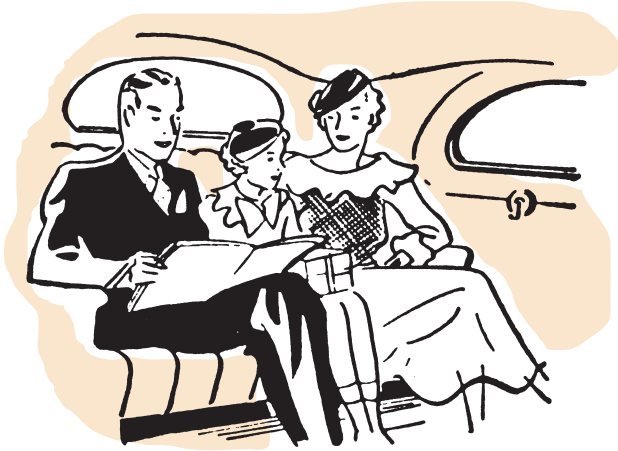
Election Results:

The Judges of Election reported that Harvey Eger, Barb Erny and John Kuhns have been elected to two year terms as Directors of the Region.

The newly Constituted Board then met selecting Harvey Eger President, John Kuhns Vice President., Barbara Erny Treasurer, and Bob Inhoff, Secretary.

Following the motion of Jim Heatherington, a second by Gary Weigand and a unanimous vote the ballots were destroyed. On Motion duly made by Charlie Barron, seconded by Chuck Speicher and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned and dinner was served.

-- Ron Caruso
Secretary



The Land That Made Me, Me

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Dylan, or the dawn of Camelot
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me,

For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.

We learned to gut a muffler, we washed our hair at dawn,
We spread our crinolines to dry in circles on the lawn.

We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince,
And Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since.

We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee'
And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Only girls wore earrings then, and 3 was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney.

And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,
And when they made a movie, they never made it twice.

We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three,
Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me.
Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.

We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,
And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.
We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,
At least not Bobby Darin, or Marilyn Monroe

For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead,
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson, and Zeppelins were not Led.

And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees,
Madonna was Mary in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars,
And babies might be bottle-fed, but they weren't grown in jars.

And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,
And dorms were never co-ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.

And Hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Buicks came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks,
And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.

And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me.

We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues,
We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea
Or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions
in the Land That Made Me, Me.

There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,
And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill.

And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three,
And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me.

But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say,
And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A.
They send us invitations to join AARP,
We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me.

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,
And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Western PA Region Past Presidents

by F.L. Nicholls

Paul P. Bell



Paul P. Bell attended his first Antique Car Show in 1962 and two months later purchased a 1934 Buick Model 57 Sedan. He joined AACA in January, 1963 and the Western Pennsylvania Region at the same time. In 1965 he was elected to the Board of Directors and was elected Secretary-Treasurer by the Board for that year. He was an officer of the Region for many years.

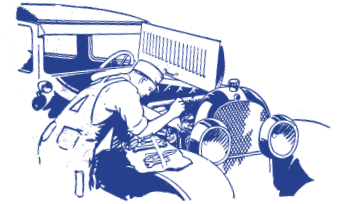
He started the "Western Round-Up" in 1965 and was the editor of the newsletter for many years. During this time it won more than nine National Awards.

If Bob Cable was a "Ford nut", then Paul was a "Buick nut". His stable included the following cars:

1911 Touring (Senior),
1916 D-4 Truck,
1934 Model 68C Convertible Sedan,
1934 Model 61 Sedan,
1936 Model 46C Convertible Coupe,
1940 Super Sedan,
and to make Bob Cable envious,
a Ford Model "A" Station Wagon.

Paul served our Region as Secretary-Treasurer in 1965, 1966 and 1967. He was President in 1968 and 1973. He again served as Secretary in 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972. I also believe he was instrumental in starting the Chance Car fundraiser to help finance Region activities.

Remembering Automobile Dealers in the Greensburg Area



by Al Wirick

Years ago I wrote "just thinking articles" for our newsletter and I was just thinking I should do it again. So being a car club article it should be about cars, or, how about car dealers in our area?

Let's start with Mohler Motor Co. - Ford in Greensburg. Across the street was O.C. Harrold, who had Nash. Directly across from them was Greensburg Motor - Dodge & Plymouth. Just up the street was Highland Motor, which was Chevrolet.

Just up the street where Green Auto Parts is was Gianelli Motors. First they had Tucker, which was a bust. They had one on display for about two weeks. They said it had a six cylinder helicopter motor, which they didn't run. They pushed it off and on the trailer. Third head lamp in the center of the grill turned with the steering. It was a nice looking car for the time. Then they tried Kaiser-Frazer, which didn't last too long either.

On Route 119, on the north end of town, was Keystone Motor - Willys. Isherwood Motor on Maple Avenue next to the YMCA was Lincoln, Mercury. South on Maple Avenue was Westmoreland Motor - Buick.

Just down Pittsburgh Street from the YMCA was Cochran Pontiac and Harley-Davidson was next to them. Lloyd Motor was on Otterman Street. Where the Memorial Stone place is now was DeSoto - Plymouth. Just up the street was H.A. Byers - Chrysler-Plymouth. (Notice three Plymouth dealers in Greensburg!)

On the edge of town, just off West Newton Street was Beehner's Garage - Hudson.

The Studebaker dealer was on the left side of Route 30 near where Giant Eagle and Lowes are now. Bermont Motors was on a side street off of West Newton Street. Years ago they were a Durant dealer, and then stayed a used car dealer for many years. On South Main Street was Frank Pultz - Oldsmobile & International.

If anyone can think of any other let me know. I can remember most from the late 30s and 40s. But may have missed some.

Notice ALL the dealers were in town. The move out the highway started, I think, in the early 60s.

Just thought of two more dealers - Olmetti Motors - Foreign cars and Ziff Auto - Volvo.

That's all for now.



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 January 31, 2010 the Founders Tour will be only 125 days away. Work is progressing on all fronts. Our ad in the AACA *Antique Automobile Magazine* will appear in the January/February and March/April 2010 issues. 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.



View of Pittsburgh from Mount Washington

Tour Preview

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010

Bus Trip to Pittsburgh

- **Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium**
- **Mount Washington/Duquesne Incline**
- **Carnegie Museum of Natural History/Museum of Art**
- **Frick Transportation Museum/Fine Arts Museum/Clayton**

This busy day will offer you an understanding of the unique spirit and legacy of the modern city that now gleams at the confluence of the Three Rivers: Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio. Driving among the six attractions offered today, you will hear some area history from your tour guides as the motor coaches negotiate the rugged topography here in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. During the drive, box lunches and drinks will be provided and there are snack bars and gift shops at the major attractions. The first stop for all coaches is the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, where you can meander (either on foot or via convenient tram) through its 77 acres. Moats, rock enclosures and streams separate visitors from the free roaming animals – your visit is planned for the cooler early morning because this is when they are most active. Pittsburgh is proud that its zoo is one of only six in the nation that also offers a first-class aquarium, and the Polar Bear exhibit here is a must-see.

Leaving the zoo, the coaches will separate so as to stagger the order of visits to other destinations. They are:

Mount Washington:

Overlooking the Point, you have a breathtaking view of the Golden Triangle and Point State Park, including that fountain made famous by Monday Night Football. From here you may want to ride the Duquesne Incline back down to the city level, or you may re-board the bus. Be sure to get photos of this famous vista!

Duquesne Incline:

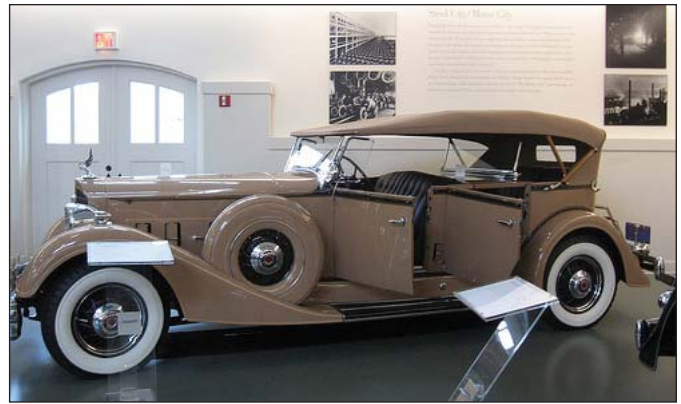
One of two that remain from seventeen inclines that carried workers from homes on Mt. Washington down to the steel mills on the South Side, this one has been restored to original condition. Hand-carved cherry panels trimmed with oak and bird's eye maple decorate the cable cars and the cable drum and unique wooden-toothed drive gear still turn to pull the cars along their tracks. It's easy to imagine one is back in the Victorian Age when the mills that lined the riverbanks below belched fire and smoke, causing Mark Twain to describe the city as "Hell with the lid off." As you look around the shining, modern city below, that seems hard to imagine, but it was only about a century ago.

Carnegie Museum of Natural History and the Carnegie Museum of Art:

These attractions are in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh, home to three of Pittsburgh's seven universities along with many other historic buildings. The University of Pittsburgh is the only skyscraper university in the nation and the second tallest in the world, next to the University of Moscow. Brand new to The Carnegie is the "Dinosaurs in Their Time" exhibit where you can walk through three distinct periods of the Mesozoic era, including two fighting tyrannosaurs. Andrew Carnegie, who made his fortune in Pittsburgh during the Golden Age, funded this museum as well as many libraries in the Pittsburgh and Allegheny County area. Established in 1895 using many pieces of his own collection, the Carnegie Art Museum is considered by many art historians to be the nation's first modern art museum.

Frick Transportation Museum/Frick Art and History Center/Clayton:

The Pittsburgh home of millionaire Henry Clay Frick and his family is one of the best-documented Victorian homes in the nation. It is here where Frick was brought after an assassination attempt and here where his children were born. The property now houses a fine Transportation Museum where you can see Pittsburgh's important role in the development of the auto industry. On display is Henry's 1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost and other important vintage autos. In the Art and History Center you will enjoy the Frick family's collection of fine art and sculpture, and also a special exhibit, "Small but Sublime," showing paintings by several American artists. Touring the house itself provides insight into the daily life of wealthy families of the Gilded Age, as all furniture and ap-



Frick Transportation Museum

pointments are exactly as they were when Helen Clay Frick made her home here at Clayton. Her father may have moved to Manhattan in 1905, but Helen was a Pittsburgher and her roots here ran deep. She lived at Clayton until her death in 1984, when she bequeathed the home to the public.

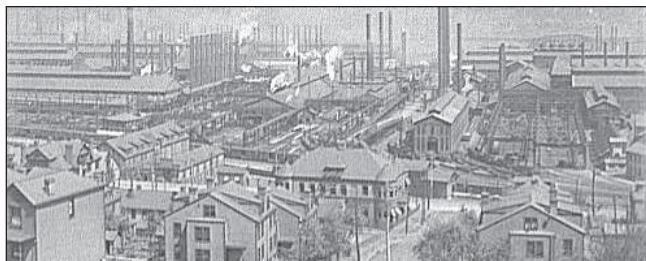
Historical Background of the Point and the Pittsburgh Area:

The significance of this point of land was determined, from the beginning, by geography and the strategic importance of river transportation. In the century-long struggle between England and France for control of North America, it was clear that whoever commanded the forks of the Ohio River commanded the frontier. On November 23, 1753, a 21-year-old major in the Virginia Militia named George Washington noted in his journal that the land at the fork was "extremely well-situated for a fort, as it has absolute command of both rivers." First to fortify the Point were settlers from Virginia, who built Fort Prince George. Next came the French, who seized Fort Prince George and defeated newly-promoted Colonel Washington in the process. The French erected Fort Duquesne on the spot, beginning the conflict known as the French and Indian War. For five years, the French controlled the Ohio Valley, but when General John Forbes, leading 6,000 British and Colonial soldiers, advanced on The Point from the east, the French surrendered their New World territory to the British. The fort was renamed Fort Pitt, from which the name Pittsburgh derived. In 1950, Pennsylvania created Point State Park here and the land has been preserved as a park since then.

Development of the Modern City:

The city of Pittsburgh was born when small farms and a few log houses were established in the shadows of the fort. The frontier was slow to develop during the American Revolution; as late as 1782 saw only about 100 residents living around the crumbling fort. Finally in 1784, a street plan for the city was laid out. In 1786, the Pittsburgh Gazette became the first newspaper west of the Allegheny Mountains, and by 1789 the city boasted a market house, post office, court house, five stores, one church and 33 taverns. But it was the discovery of coal in the steep escarpment under Mt. Washington that

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Steel mills at Homestead once upon a time

began the real explosion of commerce and population for the city. Commercial establishments grew along the fort's parade ground; flatboats ferried goods and people around the three rivers. Pittsburgh became such an important port, Lewis and Clark launched their epic exploration of the American west from here. By the early 19th century, the steamboat revolutionized water transportation and Pittsburgh was a natural hub for westward travel and trade. It was known in 1763 as the "Gateway to the West" long before other cities claimed that title. In the mid-19th century, the Point became the western terminus for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Goods from the east came over the mountains by rail and continued their journey westward on barges, and raw materials from the west took the same route in reverse. It seemed a natural place for Andrew Carnegie, a bright young railroad manager, to launch his steel manufacturing empire. With the population explosion, there was a road-building and bridge-building explosion too, until Pittsburgh sported so many bridges that it became the Bridge Capital of the world, having more bridges within the city limits than any other, including Venice, Italy. The Monongahela River banks were perfect locations for heavy industry, as the river was slow and deep, and the city became a spectacular, brawny, fire-breathing giant of industry, with barges filling the Mon both day and night.

Re-invention Following the Demise of the Steel Industry:

Today's modern city gleams and shines in the sun, completely free of the smog and pollution brought by heavy industry. Pittsburgh today has at its core a vital education and health-care industry which is admired around the world. Seven universities and many colleges provide both employment and higher education to the population. The health care industry in Pittsburgh is world class, offering a full range of health services in more than 50 area hospitals, including 20 in the city itself. Today's Pittsburgh may be a modern metropolis, but its real appeal is the strength of its neighborhoods. These pockets of communities remain as diverse, discrete and distinct as they were when they were established back in the industrial age, and it is this kind of strength that causes Pittsburgh to be rated as a "most livable" city by independent surveys both in this nation and in others.

We hope you enjoy your day visiting Pittsburgh and take back with you happy memories and bright images of our wonderful city.

For more Founders Tour information visit our Region's website: <http://local.aaca.org/westernpa/>

You "auto" have fun...

by Mark Jackson

The winner of "Name That Car" in the December 2009 issue of the Western Round-Up was member Clay Stoner, who correctly identified a 1947 Studebaker Champion Starlite Coupe. Congratulations Clay. Thanks for participating, and hope you enjoyed the Twinkies.



Name That Car...

Do you know the make, model and year of this bride and groom's wedding car? It was affectionately called "The Boat." Email me with the correct answer at rpmguy2002@yahoo.com and win a box of Ding Dongs! Happy guessing...

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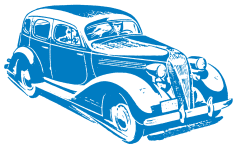
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A Little Over 100 Years Ago...

The year is 1909 - one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1909:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Automobile fuel was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years. IT STAGGERS THE MIND.

Answers - December '09 issue Cars and Stars

1. In the movie *American Graffiti*, who is Richard Dreyfuss trying to find cruising around a small California town in 1962?

- A. The girl in the white T-Bird
- B. The little old lady from Pasadena
- C. The girl in the red Corvette

2. In the Alfred Hitchcock thriller *Vertigo*, what kind of car does detective Jimmy Stewart use to follow the mysterious Kim Novak?

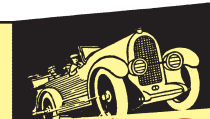
- A. 1952 Chevrolet
- B. 1954 Mercury
- C. 1955 DeSoto

3. In the original *Muppet Movie*, Kermit and the Muppets drove to Hollywood in a

- A. 1960 Nash Metropolitan
- B. 1951 Studebaker
- C. 1973 Ford Pinto

4. In the movie *Wayne's World*. What was the "Mirthmobile"?

- A. Plymouth Roadrunner
- B. Lincoln Continental
- C. AMC Pacer



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More details to come...