June 2010

#### 60 Years 1950 - 2010

# **Founders Tour Was FA**



nly a few days ago the 2010 AACA Founders Tour made history as one of the best ever. As AACA President Terry Bond put it, "The Western PA Region raised the bar."

It took five years of careful planning, hard work, problem solving and many helpful hands. But in the end, wonderful AACA members from 20 different states got an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful

and stories are coming in. Enjoy these photos for now and visit the WPR web site as more are posted. http://local.aaca. org/westernpa/



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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 you 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
Remaining for 2010: June 15, July 20,
August 17, September 21, October 19, and
November 16.

June 19, Swap Meet and Car Show by the Trauger Volunteer Fire Department. Held at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds from 12 - 9PM

June 20 Sugar Bush Region 34th Annual Car Show and Flea Market, Somerset County Airport 9AM - 4PM

June 26, AACA Museum Hershey bus trip

June 27, Laurel Highlands Region AACA Stuffed Cabbage Dinner, Ligonier Town Hall. Concert in the Ligonier Diamond afterwards. See any Laurel Highlands member for tickets.

July 1-3 AACA 75th Anniversary Celebration, Louisville, Kentucky, Details are in *Antique* Automobile magazine and AACA website.

July 1-4, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg.

Display your car on the lower lake dam breast during the Festival. Space is limited.

July 8,10 & 11 Dublin, Ohio Car Show

July 9, Collector Car Appreciation Day
As recognized by the United States Senate via
Resolution 513 passed May 10, 2010.

July 10, 11 & 12, Derry Ag Fair - A great chance to sell Chance Car Tickets. Contact John Kuhns.

July 20, Western PA Region 60th Anniversary Party Meeting, American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown), Latrobe

July 25, 2010 - Annual Picnic, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, 1:00 p.m. Games, Prizes & fun - Dinner at 2 p.m.

August 1, Pepperwood Grille with the Sharptones 1PM - 4PM

August 6,7 & 8, Macungie, PA Car Show

September 5, The Western PA Region's 47th Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom & Street Rod Show, Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

October 3, Pepperwood Grille with the Sharptones 1 PM - 4PM



# Minutes of the May 18, 2010 Meeting

Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on May 18, 2010 at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall. Latrobe, PA, commencing at approximately 7:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by the President, Harvey Eger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 60 members in attendance.

Guests: none

#### Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Meeting:

The Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Meeting were printed in the April Roundup. 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 Jack Wolfe, seconded by Gary Wiegand and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 20, 2010 were approved.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Barbara Erny then presented the Treasurers Report. Upon a motion to accept the report as presented made by Myron Shoaf and seconded by Fred Nicholls and unanimously carried, the Treasurers Report was approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Tours:

We are still in need of a Tour Chairman or someone willing to plan a tour (or tours) for the summer.

The AACA 75th Anniversary Celebration is being held in Louisville KY on July 1-3, 2010. Information may be found in the Antique Automobile and on line. There are still some rooms available at the Springhill Suites in Louisville. Reservations must be made individually.

In addition, a Tour is scheduled for Dublin, OH on July 9, 10 & 11. Rooms are still available at the Dublin, Ohio Hilton Garden Inn for those dates. There will not be a room block. Individuals must make their own reservations. Harvey is passing around a signup sheet.

We also have a tour scheduled for Macungie, PA on August 6, 7 & 8. There are rooms available at the Comfort Inn. Harvey has blocked a few rooms, but there are additional rooms available.



#### **AACA Museum Car Show:**

The AACA Museum is holding a car show on June 26, 2010. One of the highlights will be the opportunity to tour the Museum storage buildings which house the cars that are not on display. The Region is planning a bus trip to the Museum for this event. A signup sheet is being passed around. Please indicate your interest. Deadline for sign up is June 21st.

#### 2010 Chance Car:

Sally and Al Wirick have volunteered to handle the car. Tickets are available. See Sally and Al to schedule the car.

#### **60TH Anniversary Party:**

We will hold a 60th Anniversary Party at the July meeting. Sally Wirick has volunteered to take charge. We are planning a steak dinner. Reservations will cost \$10.00 for members. Guests will be charged \$25. The Member reservation charge will be refunded at the door. Reservations due by July 1st.

#### Picnic:

John Ross announced that the picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25th at Cooperstown Park.

#### **Christmas Party:**

Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso will once again chair the Christmas Party. It is scheduled for December 19th at Lakeview (upstairs).

#### Merchandise:

Nancy McKelvey is Region Merchandise Chairman. Nancy gave the following report: We are well stocked. Sheets are available showing items and prices.

#### Membership:

Howard Finney is Membership Chairman. Dave and Jackie Moreno's application was read for the second time.

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#### **Newsletter:**

Mark Jackson is Editor of the Roundup.

#### Website:

Mark DeFloria is Chairman of the Website.

#### Region Historian:

John Kuhn will be our new Club Historian. Anyone with any memorabilia relating to the Region should pass it along to John.

#### **Hospitality:**

Debby Sheetz is Hospitality Chairperson for the year.

#### **Rosters:**

Our 2010 Roster have been printed and mailed to Members. Thanks to Donna Surace and Barb Erny for their efforts in putting the Roster together. Please see Donna Surace if you have not received yours.

#### **National Tour:**

Howard Finney is Chairman of this event. Howard reported on the status of the Tour.

#### Other Old Business:

The President called for any other Old Business: there was none.

#### **New Business:**

We will be planning a club event for Idlewild Old Fashioned Days (July 19-23). See Harvey Eger for more details.

The State of PA is offering AACA vanity plates for modern cars. See Harvey Eger for details.

Laurel Highlands AACA Region is hosting a fundraising dinner in Ligonier on Sunday, June 27th. There will be a concert by the Glass City Band in the Diamond and antique cars will be on display. See Ron or Marianne Caruso for details or tickets.

#### Kitty:

This month's 50-50 of \$50 was won by: Joe Vrable.

Badge fines collected tonight amount to \$1. and the balance of the fifty-fifty is \$50 This brings tonight's Kitty balance to \$51.

Ron Barnhart's name was drawn and he was awarded \$51.

ON MOTION of Charlie Schifano, seconded by Pete Goodwin and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Susan Eger substituting for Mark Jackson, Secretary.

# Member News

Congratulations to Bill and Peg Stump on the birth of a great granddaughter.

Get well to Bob Halula.

It was so good to see Lee Speicher during the Founders Tour as she continues to recover from her recent surgery. Our best wishes to Lee.

Congratulations to Guy and Leona Davis on the graduation of their daughter Kaitlyn. She graduated from Greensburg Central Catholic High School and will attend Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana (South Bend). Many of us remember Kaitlyn sitting on Santa's lap dressed in her finest! Where did the years go?

# The 1932 Chrysler Coupe

by F.L. Nicholls



Fred Nicholls



had sold the 1931 Chevrolet and also the 1931 Ford Roadster, and all I now owned was the 1929 Ford Speedster, which Ann wouldn't ride in. So I knew I had to find another car. In *Hemmings Motor News* I saw an ad for a 1931 Chrysler Roadster, and on a nice day with the trailer entow drove to Canton, OH to look at this AACA winner.

My friend Merle was with me and after a few minutes decided to pass it up. (Comment: How it became an AACA Junior I would never know.)

About a week later reading *Hemmings Motor News* I saw an ad for a 1932 Chrysler convertible coupe. I called and found the car to be in Washington, PA where I had bought the Speedster. In our conversation I mention that I had bought a Ford Speedster there, he told me he knew the car, and if I wanted to trade it on the Chrysler he would be glad to get it.

On June 10th I drove to Washington with the Speedster on the trailer, looked at the Chrysler, made the deal, unloaded the Ford and loaded the Chrysler. I knew Ann would ride in it. I bought the car from J.K. Colon, who owned Pluto Motor Sales. The car was restored, except the color was a red metallic, a MoPar color, non original. It usually won a trophy, and I enjoyed driving it.

At a show in Altoona a man asked me if it was for sale. No, but he asked for my name and telephone number. He called me every month, and finally in December he made me an offer I couldn't refuse. When he came for the car, I learned he was the owner of the Chrysler garage in Altoona. It was now winter and the hunt for another car started.



# 60th Anniversary Party

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Time: Dinner at 6:30PM with Monthly Meeting at 7:30 PM

Chef Dato from the Tin Lizzie in Youngstown

will be grilling steaks!

Place: American Legion Post 982,

(Pipetown) Latrobe, PA

Cost: \$10 per member (refunded at

the door)

\$25 per guest



# Let's Celebrate!

### CLIP AND SEND

Western PA Region 60th July 20th Anniversary Party Registration

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 1, 2010** 

Name(s):	
WPR members @ \$10.00 each =	\$ _(refunded at the door)
Guests @ \$25.00 each =	\$ - _ Total enclosed



Send your reservations to:

Sally Wirick 149 Milbee Lane Greensburg, PA 15601 724-836-1910

## Name That Car...



May's car was a 1958 Buick. Three WPR members took the cake - Howard Finney, Ed and Nancy Vrable and Dick and Nancy McKelvey. Congratulations!



Can you guess the year and make of June's car? The first member to email or call me with the correct answer wins a lemon merengue pie from Eat'n Park. Guess who the guy is standing in front of the car get a bonus Smiley Cookie. Sorry, only one winner this time.

Mark Jackson, email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com

Phone: 724-832-9074

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

The Western Round-Up is the official publication of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). It is mailed to all members of the region the week preceding the regular monthly meeting. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month excluding December and January.

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Special thanks to these members for contributing their time and talent to this issue:

Becky and Denny Blank, Marianne Caruso, Susan Eger, Barbara Erny, Fred Nicholls, Ed Vrable, Nancy Vrable

## FOR SALE & WANT TO BUY

Automobile related ads in the Western Round-Up are free of charge for Western PA Region AACA members.

To place an ad contact Mark Jackson, Editor at rpmguy2002@yahoo.com or call Mark at 724-832-9074.

**For Sale:** 1991 Buick Park Avenue Classic Plates, Excellent condition. Purchased new. 39,000 miles, Black with burgendy leather \$3,900. Call Lou: 724-834-6813

For Sale: 1969 Corvette Coupe

Original/excellent condition, All numbers match.

Automatic - side pipes, Gold/saddle

Call Lou: 724-834-6813



**For Sale:** 1985 Mercury Lynx all original. 4 door Hatchback, approx. 50k miles, excellent condition inside & out. Latest inspection. Howard Finney 724-834-3450

**For Sale:** Front bumper for 1966 Ford Mustang Contact Morris Kunkle at 724-744-2386

**Want To Buy:** a full-size Oldsmobile, year 1995 - 2002, under 50,000 miles and no rust. John Kosko, 724-834-3525 or (cell) 724-757-1566

**Want To Buy:** "Cars & Parts" magazine, it's issues from the 1980's; also any books & magazines containing Packards or Oldsmobiles. John Kosko, 724-834-3523 or 724-757-1566

#### Parts For Sale:

- Complete Gasket Set for 1957-58 Chrysler 392 Hemi (Will also fit earlier.) \$75.
- Heater for 1938 Cadillac, \$75.
- Set of Standard Sized Pistons to fit 1968-69 Cadillac 472 engine, \$225. OBO

Contact Joe Vrable at 724-219-3922

# Bus Trip to The AACA National Museum

in Hershey, PA

For the 15th Annual Museum Car Show & Flea Market along with a special "Behind the Scenes Tour" which includes additional vehicles not on display.



REGION



**Saturday, June 26th** - a one day, round-trip event Special discounted rate for current Western PA Region Members is \$20. per person. Non-member rate is \$30. per person.

We will leave early in the morning and return in the evening. Times and place of departure to be announced. There will be a breakfast stop on the way in, and a dinner stop on the way home. Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meals. Space is limited. The bus will seat up to 40 people.

### CLIP AND SEND

## Western PA Region AACA Museum Bus Trip Registration Form

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 21, 2010** 

I/we will attend the AACA Museum Bus Trip on June 26th  Name(s):	PENNSYLVANIA  PE
	Send your reservations to
WPR members @ \$20.00 each = \$ Non members @ \$30.00 each = \$	Sally Wirick 149 Milbee Lane Greensburg, PA 15601

Please make checks payable to Western PA Region

Total enclosed

724-836-1910



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## Founders Tour 2010

# "Olds Towmobile" and Ageless Autos to the Rescue

photos by Becky Blank



1957 classic "Olds Towmobile" pulls the disabled classic 1938 Buick convertible to Ageless Autos in New Stanton.

s with any automobile, sometimes they just won't go. On the way to visit Ageless Autos in New Stanton, as part of the Founders Tour Sunday Tours, this 1938 Buick convertible stopped running.

To the rescue came a mighty 1957 Oldsmobile, which was also on tour. The Olds towed the Buick to Ageless Autos with straps.



At Ageless Autos Dave Reese helps find the trouble.

Once there, Ageless Autos owner, Dave Reese, helped gather the tools and help figure out the problem. After some analysis, it was determined that a loose electric fuel pump fuse was the culprit. It was jostled when the diver opened the vent under the dashboard. You couldn't ask for an easier fix. Nor could one ask for a classier "Towmobile" or repair facility.