

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



May 2010

## Member Discount Announced for Hershey AACA Museum Bus Trip



At the April 20th Western PA Region Membership Meeting, President Harvey Eger announced that the Region would sponsor a discount for Western PA Region members interested in going on a bus trip to the AACA Museum in Hershey on Saturday, June 26th for the 15th Annual Museum Car Show & Flea Market.

Rather than \$30 per person, WPR members would pay a discounted rate of \$20 per person. (Non member rate would remain \$30.) This is for one day, round-trip, bus transportation only. Each person is responsible for

paying for their own meals. There would be a stop on the way in for breakfast, and a stop on the way home for dinner. Exact departure, return times and details have yet to be determined. However, departure would be early in the

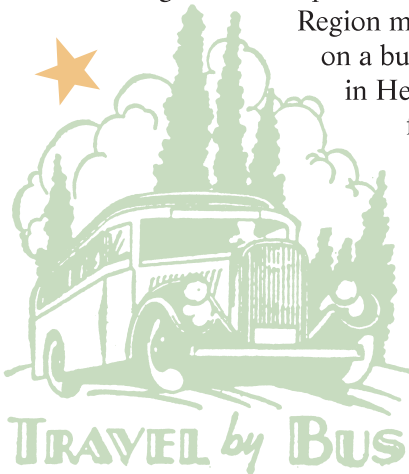
morning and return would be in the evening. The bus will be a comfortable, modern coach.

The Museum Car Show and Flea Market is from 8AM to 3PM. It is open to all pre-1985 vehicles including antiques, classics, street rods, trucks, buses, motorcycles and sports cars. Other activities include a 50-50 Raffle, antique car rides and a behind the scenes look at one of the museum's storage facilities (by donation) including additional vehicles not on display.

Admission to the AACA Museum is free to WPR/AACA members. Be sure to bring your valid 2010 AACA membership card! Non member fees are \$10. for adults.

A current AACA Museum special exhibition is "Muscle Car Mania", 1960s and early 1970s factory performance cars.

Sally Wirick is handling reservations. Make your today. See the special flyer in this newsletter. Space is limited. Deadline is June 21. If time permits the tour group may make a stop at Hershey's Chocolate World.



Our Guests Will Be Arriving Soon...  
Let's Treat Them to The Best  
June 6 - 11

### Hospitality Room Needs More Cookies

Southwestern Pennsylvanians are known for their delicious cookies. Keep the legend alive. **We will need fresh cookies for all six days** of the Founders Tour! Please call Mary Ann Brant at 724-539-1201 to coordinate your contribution to this classic cookie collection.



### More Parking & Security Help Needed

Help is needed **posting direction signs** along the Monday, June 7 and Thursday, June 10 tour routes. A team of at least two people must do this very early in the morning before each tour starts. We also need **help parking cars at the different tour stops** during the week. Please call Stan and Eleanor Kanick at 724-697-4272 and schedule a time to help or email Stan at [sekanick@hotmail.com](mailto:sekanick@hotmail.com).





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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:

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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: May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, and November 16.**

**May 16, Car Show at Norwin High School,**  
noon - 4PM

**Old Country Buffet, Greensburg Cruisen to the oldies**  
5PM Wednesdays, Cruise in and get a dinner discount.

**June 4, Classic Car Show at the Diamond in Ligonier,**  
5PM to 8PM

**June 6 - 11 National AACA Founders Tour hosted by the Western PA Region, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Greensburg**

**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 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 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*

# President's Message



Although the weather is a bit gloomy as I write this month's Message, the past few weeks have been perfect weather to get the cars running and out. I've already been to the Country Buffet Cruise, which is a nice event, if you are a "cruiser". They offer a discount on dinner, and there is a DJ spinning the oldies. It's a

chance to see old friends and meet new ones. So, if you like to cruise, that's one place you ought to try out on a Wednesday evening.

I spent a few days at Carlisle last month, as the flea market season really got underway. I thought it was pretty good this year, with plenty of parts and cars to see. The weather was, for the most part, very cooperative, and I had an enjoyable time. I didn't buy any parts, but it was fun looking. One problem with Carlisle this year was the overabundance of golf carts, driven mostly by guys who were talking on their cell phones, looking around, and not paying any attention to who was walking in front of them. The "kids" racing around on handicap scooters added to the dangerous situation for pedestrians.

Last week, I drove over to Canfield, for another good flea market. Again, the weather was cooperative, and there were plenty of vendors to visit. I wasn't looking for anything in particular, but by lunchtime my bag was

full of stuff I probably don't need, but can't live without. There is an old saying: "any day fishing is better than a day working". You can say the same thing about flea markets. "A day at a flea market beats a day doing almost anything else."

It's been back to work on the Founders Tour for the past several days as June 6 is just a couple of weeks away. We will be hosting close to two hundred participants in this year's Founders Tour, AACA's 22nd such event. If you haven't stepped forward to help with the Tour, there is still a lot to do. Let Howard Finney or me know that you would like to help, and we will find something for you to do.

It's a bit disappointing that more of our Members are not going on the Tour. Personally, I would have like to see a few more folks sign up for the week. It would have been a good opportunity for them to see what a National Tour is like, and to show your support for AACA activities.

Speaking of AACA activities, don't forget our bus trip to Hershey on June 26th. The Museum is hosting a car show, and opening up the buildings where they store the cars that aren't on display. We also plan to stop at Chocolate World to pick up our favorite candy. Cost of the trip is \$20 for Region Members, \$30 for guests. We will stop for breakfast on the way up, and dinner on the way back. Cost of meals and admission fees, if any, are not included, but on your own. If you are interested, Sally Wirick is taking reservations. Hope to see you on the bus.

-- Harvey Eger

## Member News



- Bill Stump thanks all for their cards and prayers regarding his April surgery. Please continue to extend your encouragement. It would be much appreciated, as Bill's recovery has been a difficult one.
- Please also remember Paul Carey, Jim Bowman and Dave Gilbert in your thoughts and prayers, and with encouraging cards, emails and phone calls.
- Congratulations to Julie and Jim Smith on the birth of their great granddaughter.

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## ROSTER UPDATES



# Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Meeting

A Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on April 20, 2010, at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe PA1 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 63 members in attendance and no guests.

## Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Meeting:

The Minutes of the March 16, 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 George Foster seconded by Nancy Wolfe and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 16, 2010 Meeting were approved.

## Treasurers Report:

Barbara Erny then presented the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Ron Barnhart, and seconded by Donna Surace. The motion was unanimously carried, and the Treasurers Report was approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Tours:

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 sign-up 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.

The WPA Region will subsidize the \$30 per person bus travel cost by \$10 per current member. So the cost per current member will be the discounted price of \$20 each. Non

members would pay the full \$30 each. Contact Sally Wirick to make reservations. A form was in the April *Round Up* and will appear again in May. Space is limited.

Sally Wirick said that the tour bus may stop at Hershey's Chocolate World if there is time.

### AACA National Founders Tour:

Howard Finney, Founders Tour Chairman, reported on the status of this event:

- Thanks to all who stepped forward to help.
- Ad book has reached \$5,000. ad sales goal.
- 90 + Cars are registered to tour thusfar. More coming in.
- The AACA President, Executive Director and National Director plan to attend.
- Help has come from neighboring AACA Regions including Kiski-Allegheny and Laurel Highlands.
- Please have Chinese Auction items by next Founders Tour meeting.

Al Wirick displayed a sample of the Founders Tour distributor cap centerpiece.

Those who are working on a Founders Tour Committee are encouraged to attend the Founders Tour Banquets. The Region will extend a discounted Banquet cost of \$27 per person, per banquet, to Committee members.

The President reminded the Members that the Founder's Tour Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Sheraton. Plan to attend and participate, there are plenty of jobs available.

### 2010 Chance Car:

We have purchased a 1965 Mustang 6 cylinder automatic Coupe as our Chance Car for this year. Sally and Al Wirick have volunteered to handle the car. Tickets are available. See Sally and Al to schedule the car.

A helpful, promotional flyer is in the works with pictures of past winners and the 2010 Chance Car.

### Rev-Up Party:

Donna Surace and Jill Jackson served as co-chairs of the Rev-Up Party. Donna gave a report on the party:

- 86 people attended
- Cost for everything came to about \$25 per person
- Great entertainment and great food

### 60TH Anniversary Party:

We will hold a 60th Anniversary Party at the July 20th 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. John Ross Kuhns has

secured Chef Dato from the Tin Lizzie in Youngstown to grill steaks for this event. A sign up sheet will be in the *May Round Up*.

### **Picnic:**

John Ross Kuhns will chair this event. It will be held at the Cooperstown Club in Latrobe on July 25th.

### **Christmas Party:**

Connie Schifano and Marianne Caruso will once again chair the Christmas Party. Connie presented a report:

- The party will once again be held at Lakeview, Greensburg, but will be on the main floor this year for easier access.
- More information to come.

### **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 had their application read for the second time. A motion was made by George Foster to accept the Morenos as new members. The motion was seconded by Mark DeFloria and was carried unanimously.

John and Wanda Evancho had their application read for the second time. A motion was made by Tom King to accept the Evanchos as new members. The motion was accepted by Charlie Schifano and was carried unanimously.

### **Western Round Up newsletter:**

Mark Jackson, editor

Mark thanked all those who have been contributing articles and photos. He invited members to continue submitting items they think others would find interesting, or suggest article ideas they would like to see in future issues.

### **Website:**

Mark DeFloria is Chairman of the Website.

Mark reported the current Western Round Up newsletter is available online, and that new issues are often posted before they are mailed.

### **Region Historian:**

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

### **Hospitality:**

Debbie Sheetz is Hospitality Chairperson for the year.

### **Rosters:**

Our 2010 Roster has been printed for distribution to Members. Thanks to Donna Surace and Barb Erny for their efforts in putting the Roster together.

### **Other Old Business:**

Howard Finney reported that a planned Segway personal transport device demonstration, which was once discussed, will no longer be possible due to the presenter moving out of the area.



Good times at the Rev Up Party - top photo, The Detwilers (l-r) Chris, Molly and Casey. Below (l-r) Gary Cooper and Pat Gaudiose try their hands at "Buick BINGO".



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Charlotte Car Show news:**

At the Charlotte, North Carolina Car Show and Swap Meet sponsored by the Hornets Nest Region AACA:

- John Kuhns received a Senior Award for his 1963 Corvette.
- The Carusos received a SGCU chip for their Shay.
- Marianne Caruso worked as a liason between the AACA and Shay Owners Club.
- Harvey Eger reported that there were over 13,000 vendors at the Charlotte event.

### **Announcements:**

The Sugar Bush Region's 34th Annual Flea Market will be at the Somerset Airport, Somerset County, June 20th 9AM-4PM

The Garret Volunteer Fire Department Car Show will be May 9th.

Tri Star Motors in Somerset will host Car Shows June 25, July 23.

Car Show at the Hi Way Drive-In, Route 30 Latrobe May 15th.

### **Kitty**

This months 50-50 of \$54.00 was won by Nancy Wolfe

The Kitty Balance is \$107.

The Bonus Drawing was won by Rosella Smith.

### **Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Myron Shoaf, seconded by Ron Caruso and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

-- Mark Jackson, Secretary.



Fred Nicholls



My first two Model "A" Fords

# Looking Back...

by F.L. Nicholls

Let's travel back to the 1960 era when I became interested in antique cars. At least then, you could tell a Chevrolet from a Cadillac, and a Model "A" Ford was the envy of my eyes.

I bought my first "A" in 1963 and a year later I had the desire to buy another one. In an August Sunday edition of the *Pittsburgh Press* was this ad. Antique 1930 Ford Sport coupe with side mount and rumble seat. Good condition. Asking \$500. Lafayette 7-1601. I called and they still had the car. They gave me the location. Today this would be the property just East of Delallo Market.

Ann and I drove down on Monday afternoon. They had the car outside the small barn. It was all original except the horn, never painted. The original paint was dull, and the interior was worn. The car ran OK. I bought it, and we went to Jeannette, exchanged the title, total \$9.00 and I started home with Ann following. Stopped in Saltsburg for gas, and on home. No problems.

Also advertised in the same paper, 1928 LaSalle Touring car, restored, immaculate condition, excellent mechanical condition, Hupstader Cadillac, Baum Blvd, 661-2304. Perhaps I should have looked at this one. Also in this section was the following: 1931 Ford Pickup, 95% restored, primed, \$550 Keysone 7-3846; Antique 1939 Packard 6 cyl small club coupe, nice condition \$465. One of the rare models. Call Leechburg VI 2-7572; Antique 1937 Chevrolet 2 door, A title, new battery, clutch, paint. Excellent condition, \$200. 327-6845.

The next ads were for hot rods. I kept the sport coupe for about a year, selling it to a young fellow, who later sold it to Jack Ross in Blairsville.



# The Invisible Chance Car

by Ron Caruso

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning, Oh What a Beautiful Day – 75 degrees, no rain in sight!

On May 1st Marianne and I were to take the WPA chance car to the Irwin Car Cruise (which we have done for 5 years) and sell tickets. Why I was even deciding what to have for lunch in anticipation of this day - a hot sausage, kolbassi or Italian Beef sandwich near an outside kiosk near old Isaly's.

The '65 Mustang was all ready to go. I opened the garage door and started up the engine. It kicked over after the 'key jiggle' routine, ran for a minute – then quit. I did the key jiggle thing again and again – but nothing but one click. (Interpreted as, "Oh, I think I'll hang out in the garage all day").

I did all the things a chief cook can do. Like looking under the hood into that maze of wires and shiny stuff. It still stymies me - as I was when my brother-in-law would repair my first car, a Hunter Green 53 Buick, many years ago.

Why, not long ago, Marianne while detailing our Shay Roadster, came into the kitchen and said that she knocked a wire off "somewhere". I had bigger things on my mind = dinner (steamed artichokes, crab stuffed tilapia and sweet potatoes). BUT, I went out into the garage that was smelling of paint, cleaner and agent orange. I couldn't find where that wire went - it started right up and sounded like a dream.

So, I told her, "Not to worry as I walked back into the kitchen".

Well, back to the "Day". Well, the Sunset Kid is in WVA and stuck in some murky, mushy maze (another story for another day) – BUT my life's companion and love was available to save the day! She went and got our camera – took pictures of the 4 sides and the interior – ran up and printed them off. Now this very persistent person – determined not to ruin this, "Oh, What a Beautiful Day" had me pack the card table, chairs, a WPR sign (not the one that says, "WPR Chance Car" that is put over the car (because there was no car), 'Win This Car' sign, tickets, etc. into the rumble seat of the Shay. I grumbled a 'little bit'. So off we went. We pulled into Irwin - past the Old Lamp Theater (that holds so many memories), the 'Back to the Future' clock tower



Left photo: Marianne and Ron Caruso are set up to sell chance car tickets at the Downtown Irwin Car Show.



and Isaly's (you could almost smell their famous chipped chopped ham.)

After explaining to those in charge why the chance car was not with us (a small tale/fabrication) - we pulled into our reserved spot on Main Street across from Georgeo and his wonderful oldies music that he spins. Now the creativity begins! We tied the WPR sign from the back of our Shay, across the card table to...nothing. Now what to do...Marianne pulled over a garbage can and that became our other "pole". On the garbage can we taped "Win This Car" with a picture of the Mustang taped on the sign. Then we taped the other 8x10 pictures on the WPR banner. What a site!!

You have to bear in mind – we are not ticket sellers,

per say. So, with no car to draw any attention to it and the really loud music, my dear wife said, "Oh Ron, just stand out in the middle of the street with tickets in hand and just act normal". I was afraid to do that as I never figured out what 'normal' was. I couldn't use my alter ego, 'The Sunset Kid', as I said before, he was stranded in Wolverton County WVA, held captive by Wanda the Weather Witch. I was seen clown-

ing with some of my friends (real clowns) – to me that IS normal!.

Here is one of the many 'amusing' scenes – there I was selling a ticket to a couple and their leashed, miniature tea cup sized, furry, little Pekinese dog and another couple came over with their pony sized, alligator-teethed, Italian Pasta breed (yeah, right.) The tea cup dog started to bark loudly at the 'pony', over the Golden Oldies Music. I am surely glad that Pasta Pony didn't like Chinese noodles. They started to mix it up and I was almost strangled between their two leashes. I was helpless – a \$5.00 bill in one hand and a half written ticket in the other – all the while Georgeo is playing "Hot Diggity Dog Diggity, Boom What You Do to Me" sung by Perry Como. Only me, where are you when I need you Sunset Kid?

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It was a 'fun day' just standing in the middle of Main Street Irwin by the table, sign and rope holding it all together clasp tickets, yelling "How would you like to purchase a chance ticket on this great Mustang", while pointing to the pictures of the 1965 Mustang White Wonder, while Marianne walked up and down Main Street for 5 hours peddling tickets. Everyone asked us questions – DUMB one's we thought!! Like... "Where's the car?" "Does it run?" "Why is it not here like other years?" "Does it need any work done to it?" And the best one, "Is it perfect?"

Oh, What a Beautiful Day – we sold 123 tickets for an invisible chance car!

## You "auto" have fun...

by Mark Jackson

### Name That Car...



April's car was a 1976 Oldsmobile 98 Regency. This pillarless four door was a joy to drive.

We had three winners this month starting off with our champs Ed and Nancy Vrable followed by Nancy and Dick

McKelvey, and finally Dan Lizza. I will have boxes of Schallers Donuts ready for them at the May 18th Membership Meeting. Thanks for participating.



May's car is another red beauty. Jill and I were driving back from Cape Cod in the early 1980s and stopped at a Holiday Inn in Bethlehem, PA. We were lucky enough to stumble upon a convention being held at the hotel for owners of this make of car.

This particular example is an explosion in chrome. Can you name that car? It's really a piece of cake. And that's exactly what you'll get if you are one of the first THREE people to correctly identify the make and year of this car - a Schaller's Bakery layer cake.



Terry Bond  
2010 AACA President

### Sight Seeing Through the AACA Windshield

When I get back in the office on Monday mornings, I listen a while to the usual conversation – how tall the grass grows, how crummy the weather was, what was on TV or at the movies, etc. Eventually, someone will ask what Susan and I did over the weekend. The responses will generally open mouths in amazement. Well, last weekend we went to Kansas City. In a couple of weeks, we're going to California for a car show. In between we went up to PA, and then off to Tennessee. We always look forward to those great Florida get-aways in the middle of winter too.

AACA meets and tours get us in the right place, and then we always try to include some additional sight-seeing wherever we go. Of course there is always an antique shop or two involved, but over the years, we've seen some amazing sights. Tours themselves often open doors that you would not imagine possible. Whether it's stately homes, private car collections, historic sights, or even special dinners, AACA provides a wealth of opportunity for you to enjoy life.

This past year, the meet in Florida gave us a chance to tour a great aircraft museum.

Do you have any idea how many antique shops are between Virginia and Tennessee? The meet in Topeka was great, and gave us the chance to see something we've long wanted to see – the Steamboat Arabia museum in downtown Kansas City. Check it out on the web-you'll be amazed! The trip to California gave us the chance to spend a night on the Queen Mary in Long Beach and take a Jeep ride up the canyons near La Quinta. Can't beat a sunset on the Pacific Coast Highway either.

It's safe to say that, thanks to the AACA, we've seen and done things we probably wouldn't have. It's much more than cars – it's a way of life with the greatest people in the world, enjoying the greatest hobby in the world.

Help celebrate our 75th anniversary this year by turning off the TV, putting down your copy of Hemmings, and doing something special. Get out there and enjoy life – and the AACA. There is so much to see and do, and so many friends to enjoy being with. Join us on the AACA road to the future in 2010.

AACA Rummage Box



# Packard Blues

by John Kosko

In this dream John Darrison and MacKenzie Corey, his guardian angel, are inside a large, closed garage that has plain light bulbs shining from under round metal shades that are suspended from dark ceiling. It is as quiet as an empty church hours before the preaching. Angel Mac is walking ahead of John, beside a 1932 Packard "Light Eight" 5-passenger sedan. It was a lighter Packard in that year, but still 4,000 pounds, a big thick conveyance, a slice of rich cake from a bakery of a classic auto age.

Scents of motor oil, gasoline, and even kerosene accented the warm inside air. On a side wall was a pinup girl calendar. Nearby a hydraulic floor jack squatted peacefully on the concrete flooring. A long workbench lay ahead of the car. The bench had various tools on it and a vise attached to it; the tools not neatly, but ambitiously arrayed. A red-and-white lighted clock was above the bench and an old Coca-Cola bottle design protuberated from below its hands. Darrison thought the clock appropriate and dashing. The timepiece said 9:47 p.m.

Now they heard noise. Someone was turning a wrench under the Packard's front end, which was raised up on rubber blocks. A man, lying flat on his back on a wheel-board (creeper), worked himself forward from under the car and appeared beyond the front bumper. He was age 40, wide-shouldered and broad, and he wore a tan, grease-stained workman's jumpsuit. His size seemed to fit in with servicing Packards. He had medium-brown skin and alert eyes that never seemed nervous. He was John's colored mechanic, Oscar Oldbomb.

Smiling his broad smile that showcased his clear teeth, he said, "Mac! John! What's happenin', brothers?"

Mac grinned, his narrow eyes squinting. "Working late, Oscar? Good Lord, it's nearly 10 p.m."

"Aw, you know I'll stay up late for a Packard", Oldbomb replied cheerfully, as he rolled off the creeper and stood up limberly, though a hefty man with some

paunch. He put down his wrench and reached a mauve mechanic's cloth off the workbench and wiped his hands. He shook arched handshakes with Darrison and then the angel.

"Whose car is it?" asked John, pointing.

"Old man McGillicuddy's", said the 6-foot-2 mechanic, who was taller than Mac and John. "Suspension and carburetor rebuild. I been on her since 6 o'clock."

"You like laboring on these real old ones," observed Mac, his eyes twinkling and his silver mustache glinting in the soft light.

"Oh, I like 'em, sure. Easy to get to things in and around the engine, simple construction, much easier than fuel injection systems and computer modules. Thick, heavy metal on the bodies..." He sighed.

"This car was the beginning of the Packard One Twenty", Mac commented.

"No, Angel Mac", John corrected. "The Light Eight was much closer in price to the standard eight-cylinder Packards than the One Twenty was. The Light Eight was around \$1750 and the Standard Eight was around \$2250. The One Twenty was around \$1060 (in 1935) and the standard senior Packard that year was about \$2385. A big price difference."

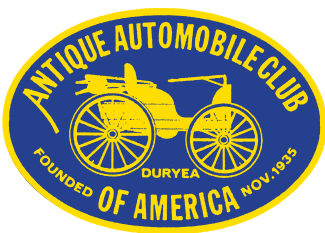
"I'm terribly sorry," said the angel, smiling sheepishly. "You're learning your automotive history, John. Guess I'm not perfect after all. I hope Jesus doesn't clip my wings."

"It's okay, Mac," assured Darrison. "I'm just happy we're all here to be with McGillicuddy's pride and joy."

"Amen," said Oscar thoughtfully.

The three men gazed at the Packard's front end, which included the singular design of the radiator shell, whose sides swept down and then forward, converging at a point in the splash apron. It was chic and youthful for 1932, an abysmal year of the Great Depression.

And the dream ends, but the old cars never really die.



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## Cars and Stars Classic TV Quiz

Answers to last issue's quiz are in bold blue.

- 1) Which was cheapskate Jack Benny's car of choice?  
a. Franklin **b. Maxwell** c. Oakland
- 2) In an episode of the Abbott and Costello TV show, while taking an oral driving test, what did Lou Costello say the little white line in the middle of the road is for?  
a. for sobriety tests **b. for decoration** c. for motorcycles
- 3) Which automobile was introduced in 1958 on an elaborate, expensive TV variety special hosted by Frank Sinatra?  
a. Chrysler 300 **b. Edsel** c. Corvair
- 4) The Beverly Hillbillies truck was actually converted from which early 1920s car?  
a. Oldsmobile **b. Hudson** c. Buick
- 5) Which car did Groucho Marx advertise on his game show, "You Bet Your Life"? ("Tell 'em Groucho sent you...")  
a. Pontiac **b. Nash** c. DeSoto
- 6) Which compact car did a talking horse named Mr. Ed and his friend Wilber Post advertise on their popular late 50s, early 60s TV sitcom?  
a. Plymouth Valiant **b. Studebaker Lark** c. Volkswagen Beetle

### Aside:

In a commercial Mr. Ed claimed that he took a Lark for a demonstration drive! Now that's horse power. Online see YouTube, Studebaker, Mr Ed.



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# 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,  
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Cost: \$10 per member (refunded at  
the door)  
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## Let's Celebrate!

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**Western PA Region 60th Anniversary Party Registration - July 20th**

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which includes additional vehicles not on display.



**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.

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*I/we will attend the AACA Museum Bus Trip on June 26th*

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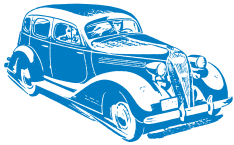
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