

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



January 2011

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## Christmas Party Caps Off 60th Year with Cheer!



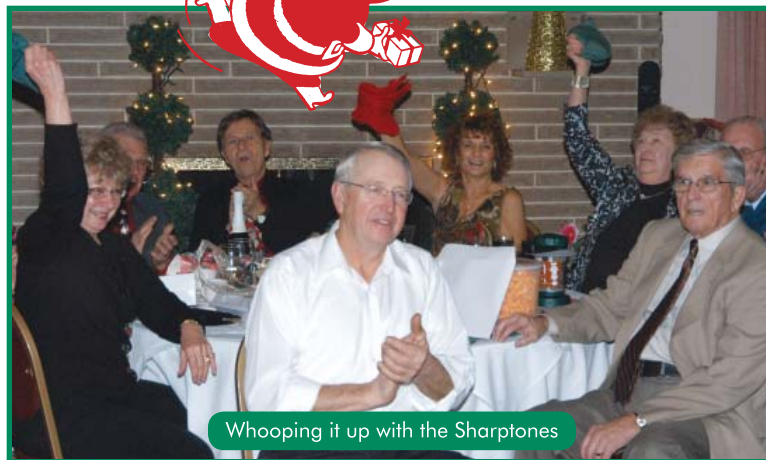
Dave Davis's smile disagrees with his hat - no humbug here!



Shuffling gifts to cues from a Christmas Story



Don and Mary Ann Brant have the spirit



Whooping it up with the Sharptones



Christopher Kuhns reads from his book of poetry

On December 18th Lakeview on Route 30 in Greensburg was once again the holiday haven where Western PA Region members got together to celebrate their Annual Christmas Party.

Only modern cars could be seen in the parking lot, since the classics and antiques were snuggled all warm in their beds, while visions of 2011 cruises danced in their heads.

Throughout the entire evening a wonderful selection of door prizes was given away.

Following a delicious dinner everyone enjoyed the musical entertain-

ment and antics of the Sharptones, which even included a few Ray Stevens classics like "The Streak" and "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival". The Sharptones also provided plenty of great dancing tunes, and that dancing floor was full of holiday spirit.

There was plenty of laughter and merry confusion during the gift exchange. Participants formed two circles in the middle of the room. Then colorful packages and bags were passed left, right and across according to cues from the reading of a Christmas story.

As the evening came to a close

Western PA Region President Harvey Eger wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and Christopher Kuhns read a selection from his recently published book of poetry.

Sincere thanks to Connie Schifano, Marianne Caruso and all who helped put together this fabulous holiday tradition capping off the Region's 60th Anniversary year.

More Christmas Party photos on page 5





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## Membership

Western Pennsylvania Region dues are \$10.00 until March 1, 2011 for individual membership and are \$12.00 after that date.

Joint membership dues are \$15.00 until March 1, 2011 and are \$17.00 after that date.

Student membership dues are \$5.00.

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:

Barbara Erny  
5218 Center Drive  
Latrobe, PA 15650

Your card will be stamped and mailed back to you.

# CALENDAR

**Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meetings** are held at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m.  
**2011 Meetings:** February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, and November 15.

### 2011 AACA Annual Meeting

February 10-12, Philadelphia, PA  
Deadline for registration is January 28th.

### Western PA Region 2011 Rev-Up Party

Saturday, March 26 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown) *Save the date. Entertainment, Food...Fun...More details to come...*

### Norwin Hills Car Cruise - Beginning of 2011 Season

Saturday, April 2, Norwin Hills Shopping Center, Route 30 starting at 5:30 PM. From this point forward, every Saturday in 2011 until the snow flies.

### Dublin, Ohio Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show and Cruise In, July 8 & 9, 2011

*More details to come...*

**Daws Awkscht Fesch** - One of the country's largest antique and classic car shows, August 5, 6 & 7, Macungie, PA (Lehigh County near Allentown) *More details to come...*



## Member News

**Our deepest sympathy** to Marilyn Stoner on the recent death of her sister and to Clay Stoner on the recent death of his brother.

**Our deepest sympathy** to the family of Honorary Member Maxine Barron of Somerset, PA on her recent passing. Maxine and her late husband Charles were long time members of the Western PA Region AACA.

**The Western PA Region AACA recently reached a membership milestone.** As of the end of 2010 our active membership numbers hit 200. Hopefully all will renew and get involved in a Region Committee to help make 2011 a fun and wonderful year for everyone!



## Selling Tickets Supports Club Activities and Earns You Discounts...

# Chance Car Tickets Are Club's Main Funding Source

by Donna Surace

The 2010 Chance Car was won by Bill Turner of Uniontown. Ed Vrable sold the winning ticket at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes. Thank you to all WPR members who sold 2010 Chance Car Tickets:

Tickets	Seller
895	Ulishney
610	Finney
371	Kanick
229	Eger
188	Surace
183	Vrable, E
175	Schifano
155	Shearer
153	Jackson
137	Wirick
134	Brant
123	Caruso
94	Peppler
90	Underwood
79	Kuhn, J
75	Sheetz
63	McKelvey
62	Founder's Tour
61	Erny
60	Blank
60	Weigand
53	Bell
50	Kuhns, J R
44	Speicher
40	Cooper
40	Stoner
34	Davis
31	Moreno
30	Barnhart
30	DeFloria, C
30	DeFloria, M
30	Friend
30	Frye
30	Gaudiose
30	Lizza
30	Nicholls
30	Vrable, J

Tickets	Seller
27	Clark
26	Sivak
20	Mauer
20	Shoaf
20	Snively
15	Bowman
15	Bray
15	Goodwin
15	King
15	Smith
10	Calabrace
10	Detwiler
10	Rusnock
10	Shurie
10	Wolfe
4	Inhoff
4,801	<b>TOTAL SOLD</b>

As our principal fundraiser, it is imperative that we sell all 5,000 Chance Car tickets. This past year we had approximately 199 unsold tickets, costing the Region \$995. Each year, Chance Car costs increase, but the number of tickets for sale remains the same. That results in less money for the Region.

Dues and attendance fees do not cover the costs for all of our activities. WPR's treasury, which is mainly funded by Chance Car ticket sales, subsidizes many functions in order

to keep costs affordable for members. To recognize ticket-sellers' efforts, they are frequently rewarded with discounts when participating in WPR activities.

In 2010, the Chance Car sat idle several weekends. **All members are welcome and encouraged to take the Chance Car to an event or function. All you need to do is reserve a date.** WPR reimburses the costs associated with taking the car, such as gas and admission fees. Examples of places to sell tickets include local car cruises, flea markets, family reunions, ice cream stands, K-Marts and Walmarts. If you had trouble selling tickets, volunteer to represent the Chance Car at an event where the car is shown such as the Irwin Car Cruise, Twin Lakes, or the Derry Ag Fair. The Region tries to find Chance Cars that look "so good" that the tickets sell themselves.

For 2011 we plan to put a color picture of the Chance Car on every ticket envelope, which should make ticket sales easier.

**We would like every member to sell at least thirty tickets.** In addition, we are asking every member to support our fundraising efforts by purchasing at least one Chance Car Ticket.



### WIN THIS CAR! 2011 Chance Car - Antique 1981 Chevrolet Camaro with only 29,000 original miles

- Tickets available starting with the WPR Annual Meeting January 23rd.
- Each member is asked to sell at least 30 tickets by August.
- Be sure to purchase a ticket for yourself, a family member or friend.
- To acquire a supply of tickets to sell contact any WPR Director.



(l-r) Terry Bond, 2010 AACA National President and Western PA Region Founders Tour Chairman Howard Finney greet participants and pass out dash plaques during the Founders Tour in June, 2010.

## Pondering Our Anniversary

By Terry Bond  
2010 AACA National President

Last Thursday evening, I gave a slide show to our local club –The Tidewater Region. They wanted to see some of the places we’ve been so far this year. As I assembled my program I wondered how to approach the project. I could tell everyone how much work it’s been, traveling to every event and tour, or how hard it has been to balance work, play, and more work, or I could just show some pictures of great cars. It was a “no brainer” to choose the latter.

As I poured through hundreds of images, one thing stood out. Besides the cars, there were people in those photos. You know how it is - people are always “sneaking” into the picture while you are trying to artfully compose a calendar-perfect shot. But, it was just those people that I was fascinated with. They were polishing their cars. They were reading the signs in front of them. There were whole families surrounding the cars. There were children with their dime-store cameras carefully focusing on them. There were moms, dads, friends, family, and even total strangers posing in front of those cars as if they owned them. Whether it was on a tour or at a

national meet, people were everywhere in my photos.

I smiled as I realized that this hobby, and this year especially, has been more than just the cars. It’s the people that have made it so great. I’m thankful that I took so many pictures that include you. I’ve stood up in front of banquets, judges breakfasts, welcome receptions, and as you enter the show field. I’ve taken pictures of you polishing your cars, brushing dust from under the hood (bonnet for those of us who dabble with British stuff). I’ve taken pictures of you rummaging through the tool box, making roadside repairs, trying to figure out which way to hold the roadmap, and dodging raindrops. I call them “action shots” and they are now my favorite pictures.

Susan and I have traveled thousands of miles this year, and when we land at some distant airport, we are always anxious to get to our destination to renew old friendships, and make new ones. We’ll get around to seeing the cars eventually, but what lasts a lifetime is all the people we spend time with along the way.

As I look back on the past 75 years of AACA, it has indeed been the people who have made it so great. It’s been hard working members like you who have kept us strong, and who will keep us alive and vibrant into the future. Our cars have sure made a lot of people smile, and that’s a mighty big responsibility I give to you– keep it up and show the world, one person at a time, how much fun this hobby is, and how important AACA is to your enjoyment.

Next time you are trying to focus and compose that perfect photograph, don’t chase the people away, try to include them. Photos of old cars are great, but so are photos of people enjoying them. When you look at them later, you’ll remember just how much fun you’ve had.

Thanks for the memories, and HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY AACA!

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## Name That Car!

by Mark Jackson



In December, Ralph Shearer submitted this great photo of his mother behind the wheel of a magnificent touring car. We asked members to help identify the car, but as of this issue I have yet to hear from anyone. Pre-1933 vehicles can be a challenge, so let’s do some Adobe Photoshop



Here is a greatly enlarged look at the car’s hubcap. This image was also turned counter clockwise. Does it look like there could be a letter “D” in the center?

detective work on the computer and see if we can uncover a clue.

I greatly enlarged the hubcap of the car and it looks like the letter “D” is visible. Once again, Ralph and I are unsure of the car’s make and year. So let’s give it one more try with this clue. Maybe the hubcap close up will help. The first six members to contact me with their guess, right or wrong, will win a milk chocolate Wilson’s Wonderbar just for trying. (email: [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com) or phone: 724-832-9074 or in person)



# Christmas Party 2010



Julia Bray, Barbara and George Foster and Barbara Erny pass gifts



Mary, Mark and Jill Jackson



Chuck & Lee Speicher



Debbie and Dave Sheetz opening gifts



Eleanor and Stan Kanick, Ron and Marianne Caruso, Marilyn and Clay Stoner Dance to the Sharptones



Norma and Ron Barnhart

To enjoy more Christmas Party photos visit the Western PA Region Website <http://local.aaca.org/westernpa/>

## Looking Back... Looking For A Thunderbird

by F. L. Nicholls



Fred Nicholls

Even though I had joined the WPR in 1965, I really never got to know Jimmy Altman, one of the oldest members, until 1969. A group of us were traveling to our Annual Convention, and Jimmy was next to me in the back seat. We started talking about cars, and I soon learned that he had owned the "A" coupe I had bought from Harvey Eger. I mentioned that I was looking for a truck to tow my trailer. It just happened that he was selling his truck, a 1965 Chevy 1/2 ton and I bought it. We became friends and Ann and I would visit Jim and Mary at their home above his shop.

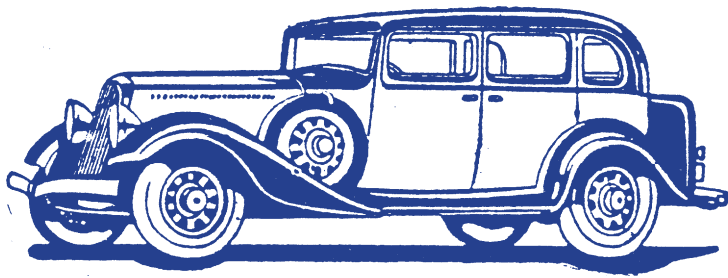
At the WPR picnic near Ligonier, we were having a car game and Jim asked Ann to drive his 1956 T-Bird. She liked the car, but it was not for sale. He thought he knew of one that might be. So the quest began. He wrote me concerning a 1955 Bird that a friend owned. The man was somewhat eccentric, and I have the letter the man wrote Jim about the car. The price was \$4,000, and if Jim sold it he would get \$250. If they took less,

then Jim got less. Jim never mentioned this to me, and at the time a nice T-Bird was selling for \$2,500. I thought that the price was too high, and told him so. The car was originally purchased from the Ford garage in Indiana.

In May 1971 I received a letter from Jim telling me of the death of the man who had joined the Region. He lived in Lower Burrell and had a nice 1957 T-Bird. I waited a week and then called his wife. She was interested in selling, so I made an appointment to see the car. It was nice, and I made here an offer. She asked me to wait while she called Mr. Altman about the offer. Apparently Jim told her it was o.k., and I gave her a deposit, and the next day Ann and I picked up the car. We now had her a Thunderbird, which we kept for 18 years.

The other T-Bird was bought back by the Ford garage in Indiana and set in their showroom for a long time. It was bought by Bob Cable and he told me it was sold to a Florida couple.

I got the original sales sheet from the Ford Company for my 1957 Bird and the total price was \$3,377.33.



## What Is That Class They Call HPOF?

By Luther Dundore  
Chairman HPOF Committee

**H**POF or Historic Preservation of Original Features is a very special EVALUATED, not judged, class for vehicles which are still unchanged from the way they were received from the factory by the dealer. These are exceedingly important to a restorer working on an incomplete or much modified vehicle, particularly on rare makes or models which are poorly documented in the literature. The small details are often what separate accurate restorations from the drivers. In the case of the author's 1914 Model T Ford, none of the many pictures available showed the correct wiring harness clip or routing for the sole electrical harness or the hose routing for the gas headlamps. Only when a famous HPOF Model T (Miss Vickery) was viewed at Hershey, were these details found. That HPOF badge means a lot!

But, you say, my car is all original. The previous owner told me so! The word "Original" means many things to different people. Does your car have all the original windows from the factory or have they been changed? Is the paint from the factory or have you repainted the car or parts of it? Is the upholstery from the factory, even if worn? The team is not evaluating condition of these items, just if they are unchanged from the day they left the factory. If unchanged, they are the valuable reference point. If redone, it's a beautiful restoration.

The HPOF Team consists of experienced AACA judges having 50 or more credits, who have taken the HPOF CJE (Continuing Judges Education) course and who agree to judge the HPOF class at each meet they attend. The team reports to the Chairman HPOF Committee (Luther Dundore from Pa.) and is approved by the VP Class Judging. Their job is to evaluate the vehicle which must be a minimum of 65% from the factory original to be certified and wear the HPOF badge. The forms used can be found in the official AACA Judging Manual. While the bulk of the cars entered in this class meet the "From the Factory" standard, there are problems certi-

fying old restorations from the 1960's which now have faded and aged parts and may now look factory original at a first glance, new paint jobs on bodies and engines, radial tires where not originally equipped and partial restorations which destroy the value of the vehicle as a "restoration reference". While nice to look at, many of these vehicles belong in Class Judging or Driver Participation Classes.

Interested in showing HPOF? Consider being a HPOF Judging Team Member! Check out the HPOF Class at the next National Meet you attend.

-- AACA Rummage Box

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### Prayer for 2011

Dear God:

For 2011, all I ask is a big fat bank account and a slim body. Please do not mix up the two like you did last year.

Amen



## THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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Ralph Shearer, Chuck Speicher, Donna Surace



## 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](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com) or call Mark at 724-832-9074.

*Here's an interesting list of parts forwarded to the Round Up via email from Harvey Eger...*

Harlan and Joseph Spaulding  
207-433-7954  
[jspaulding4454@hotmail.com](mailto:jspaulding4454@hotmail.com)  
parts @ 1793 Dexter Road  
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

### Parts are not NOS but restorable used OEM.

#### Plymouth:

1931 - 4 dr. sedan front and rear axles, end frame housing, right front fender, right rear fender, 3-speed transmission, drive shaft with leathers, steering gearbox and column, radiator housing, headlight bar, foot rest, good frame, front springs, water pump

1956 - Savoy front and rear bumpers, trunk and hood lids, front and rear glass, steering gearbox, radiator

1966 - Fury III torsion bar ends, (2) radiators

#### Chevrolet:

1931 - rearend with driveshaft and housing

1924 - four wheel hubs, rearend with brakeliners

#### Star:

1920s(?) rearend with brakes and one wheel, right front fender, engine hood, cowling E-271932

#### Ford:

1936 - rearend, transmission  
Model A - gas tank covers

#### Dodge:

1920s(?) radiator shell

#### Willys:

1944 MB rear springs, transmission, transmission skid plate, brake and clutch petals, engine head

1951 - front and rearend housings, grill, windshields(rough), frame

#### Volkshaul:

19?? - rearend

#### Volkswagon:

1960s - Van front axle, hubs, engine parts

#### Miscellaneous:

1920s radiator shell, 1910-20s headlight housing with bracket and reflector, half windshield hinges, early Buick brake bands, two luggage racks for running boards, 2-tires w/ tubes (400-19, 4 ply rib-tractor), 2-tires w/ tubes (475-500-19 4 ply traction grip)

#### Toyota:

1962-63 FJ40 disassembled, 90% original parts, excellent restored epoxy coated frame, epoxy primed front and rear axles, springs, wheel hubs: new steering bearings knuckles assembled, tub and cowling good needs some restoration at rear, windshield, doors, good hardtop sides, folding upper tailgate and fiberglass top, no lower tailgate halves, good "F" engine with 145# each cylinder, good 3-speed transmission with vacuum assist transfer case, wheels, tires, hubcaps, you restore and assemble. Pickup. \$6,000.00 I restore, shoot your color, deliver within 500 miles 50% down 50% when completed, contracted. \$16,000.00.

#### For Sale: 1969 Corvette Coupe

Original/excellent condition, All numbers match.  
Automatic - side pipes, Gold/saddle  
Call Lou: 724-834-6813

#### For Sale: 2006 BMW Scooter \$5,000.

1928 Model A Ford Roadster Pick Up  
Janet Bloom: 724-676-4791

#### For Sale: 5 Tires, L-78 x 15 Wide Whitewall

3 inches. \$100. Ron Underwood, 412-341-7812  
Cell 412-303-4927

#### For Sale: 1981 - 1985 Cadillac El Dorado

parts new and used. Call Joe Vrable: 724-219-3922

#### For Sale: 1968 Olds Cutlass "S" 2dr.

Bucket seats, console, p/w. Needs restoration.  
Includes \$2K in new "Year One" parts.  
\$2,500.00 - Or make offer/possible trade  
Please call AL: 724-593-2152

#### Want To Buy: Ford Wheels, 1932 - 1935 and

1941 - 1948, Call Lou: 724-834-6813

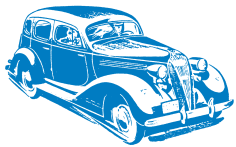
### A Great Loss To The People of Westmoreland County



Legendary and personable Chef Dato of the Tin Lizzie in Youngstown and Chef Dato's Table in Derry suddenly and tragically lost his life in an automobile accident in January 2011. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family. In this photo he is serving delicious steaks which he grilled at the WPR 60th Anniversary Dinner in July, 2010. We will dearly miss you Chef.



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Come enjoy the "Greatest  
Hobby in the World!"

## Auto Moment In Time



In the above 1948 photo June Bates (left) and her sisters visited the Tucker Plant in Chicago, Illinois, while their father was inside negotiating for a new dealership. June once lived in Murrysville, PA and is a friend of Chuck and Lee Speicher. She gave Chuck this historic photo knowing his passion for classic cars.

The ill-fated Tucker automobile ceased production after a run of only 51 cars. "The



Car of Tomorrow" featured many technical and safety advancements that are still used by the automotive industry today.

## "Mini Presentations" Coming

For 2011 we are trying to schedule a nice variety of short antique automobile related 20-30 minute "Mini Presentations" to be given at the end of each monthly meeting.

### Scheduled thus far are:

**March 15** - *Selected short subjects*  
antique 16mm film presentation.

**April 19** - *License plate collection and story of production* with Chuck Speicher

**Tentative, To Be Announced:** *Antique Automobile Tires; Paint; History of the Packard Motor Car Company.*

If you have any presentation ideas please contact Mark Jackson, 724-832-9074 or email [rpmguy2002 @Yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@Yahoo.com).

## Remember to Renew Your Memberships for 2011

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