

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

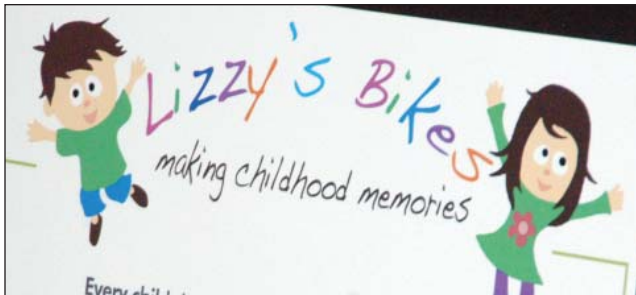


July, 2012

Driving for fun since 1950

A Special June Presentation

Members Learn about the Lizzy's Bikes Charity



WPR members enjoying a story about kindness and generosity



Tony Fallone tells the story of how the Lizzy's Bikes charity started.

WPR member Anthony (Tony) Fallone told a special story at the June monthly meeting as to how a single kindness can snowball into something wonderful.

Tony owns a barbershop in Mars, PA and as is the way with barbershops, he hears a lot of stories. One day he heard of a man who was going through a terrible divorce. The man had very little money and his little girl wanted a bicycle, an item he could not possibly afford. The little girl's wish haunted Tony and he began to talk to some of his friends at the barbershop and in the community about the situation. "A little girl wants a bicycle, and her father cannot afford to buy her one," Tony would say. Just when it looked like his words were falling on deaf ears. A truck pulled in front of his barbershop and a brand new kid's bike was delivered. No sooner had the truck pulled away than a woman stopped in front of the barbershop with a minivan. Out of the back of the mini van she pulled out a brand new kid's bike. In a matter of a few days Tony's barbershop in Mars, PA was filled with kid's bikes. The little girl who wanted a bike got her wish thanks to Tony and his generous friends. So what to do with all those other bikes? Tony and

his friends started a charity to provide bicycles to needy kids. When the area Kiwanis Club joined the bandwagon things really took off. The charity was named Lizzy's Bikes after the first little girl to receive a bike through the kindness of Tony and friends.

To this day Lizzy's Bikes has donated well over two hundred new or next-to-new bikes to economically disadvantaged kids. Lizzy's Bikes consults with local churches and charities to help determine the children who can receive a new bike. They have given away many different sizes of bikes to girls and boys of all ages. Tony emphasized that Lizzy's Bikes always promotes bicycle safety and wearing helmets.

In closing Tony told members present that anyone could start a "bike charity" in any community. The greatest reward according to Tony is the expression on the kids' faces when they are given a bike. They smile from ear to ear.

Thank you Tony for sharing this inspiring story.

Editor's note: Think about it. A bicycle is a child's first method of independent transportation. Independent transportation helped build America. And the spirit of that is often what we celebrate as members of WPR and AACA.

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Membership for 2012

Western Pennsylvania Region annual dues are:

Individual - \$10, Joint - \$15, Student (Age 13-25) - \$5.00,
Junior (Age 12 & under) - No charge.

Deadline for renewal without penalty is February 28.

All dues received after February 28 will incur a late fee of **\$25.00** in addition to annual WPR membership dues.

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 a copy of your AACA National Membership Card to:

Western PA Region AACA
P.O. Box 882
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Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meetings

WPR monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown).

We start with a business meeting followed by fellowship, a snack and short program. There is also a 50/50 and bonus drawing. Please join us for fun, fellowship and car talk.

2012 Meetings: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16 & November 20.

CALENDAR

Norwin Hills Car Saturday Cruises

Norwin Hills Shopping Center, Route 30, Irwin, PA 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Cruise every Saturday thru November 24th. Cruise cars are not permitted in the parking lot until after 5:00 p.m. 450-500 cars weekly.

Chef Robinson's Restaurant Car Cruises - Route 30 Jeannette, third Friday every month 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. July 20, August 17, Sept 21.

Delmont Dairy Queen Car Cruises - Route 66 Delmont, PA, Every Sunday during the summer, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sonic of Greensburg Cruises - Every Friday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Route 30 West, Greensburg, PA, DJ, Door prizes, give aways, food specials.

Clearview Auto Repair Car Cruise - Every Friday 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. weather permitting, 550 Center Drive, Latrobe, PA

July 19 - Greensburg Care Center Cruise - 6 - 8 p.m. 119 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, PA, p.m.

July 22 - Bushy Run Battlefield Car Cruise, 1257 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 27 - Our Lady of Grace Car Show, 6 p.m - 9 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg - Mount Pleasant Road just off of Route 30.

July 28 - 9 for 9 Car Cruise In, Quecreek Mine Rescue Site, 151 Haupt Road, Somerset, PA. Parking will be at the Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church, adjacent to the mine rescue site. Food and entertainment will be available at the Quecreek Mine Rescue Site.

July 29 - Western PA Region Annual Picnic, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, PA. Dinner starts at 1 p.m. Members are asked to bring a dessert.

August 3, 4 & 5 – Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA Reserved rooms are available. Please contact Harvey Eger.

August 12, 2012 - August Fun Fest Show Car Cruise, sponsored by The Road Kings at Cedar Creek Park, Rostraver Township off of Route 51. Opens at 9 a.m. All show cars to 2012. No motorcycles.

August 13 - 17 – AACA Founders Tour hosted by The Allegheny Mountains Region, Altoona, PA

August 22 - Weatherwood Manor Cruise, 6 - 8 p.m. Weatherwood Manor, 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg, PA

August 25 - Western PA Region AACA Progressive Dinner Tour. See enclosed registration form.

September 2 – Western PA Region AACA 49th Annual Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, Vehicle registration 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. the day of the show. Judging and awards in 23 classes, door prizes, car corral, bake sale, Chinese auction, Kids Corner activities, DJ music and great food available. Visit our website to download an entry form www.westernparegion.org.

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

The *Western Round-Up* is the official publication of the **Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America**. It is published on a monthly basis with January/February being a combined issue.

Each issue is also posted on the Region's website: <http://local.aaca.org/westernpa/> Members may choose to receive this newsletter via email rather than a mailed hard copy. Just contact the editor.

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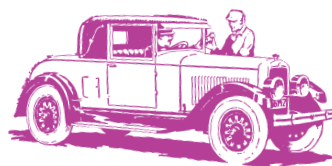
Blaze Destroys Part of Legion Keener Park Playland WPR President and Family Help Rebuild

Legion Keener Park in Latrobe, PA has been the home of the WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show every Labor Day weekend for many years. It is a beautiful place to have a car show with its large shade trees, pavilions and unique, large, wooden playland area which features towers, bridges, mazes, ladders and slides.

Sadly, early Saturday morning, June 2nd, vandals set the wooden playland on fire causing \$100,000 damage to the popular facility. Within days WPR President John Ross Kuhns donated \$750. from his businesses towards the restoration of the playground. Then he hosted a car wash fund raiser for the restoration of playland, which took in over \$2,000.

John Kuhns, Sr. has been meeting with other members of the community to help coordinate the restoration. Once the playland area is restored it will showcase some new features including improved handicapped accessibility.

Thank you John Ross, John and the Kuhns family for your dedication to the community and helping keep Legion Keener Park the great family place that it is.



Member News

Welcome new members

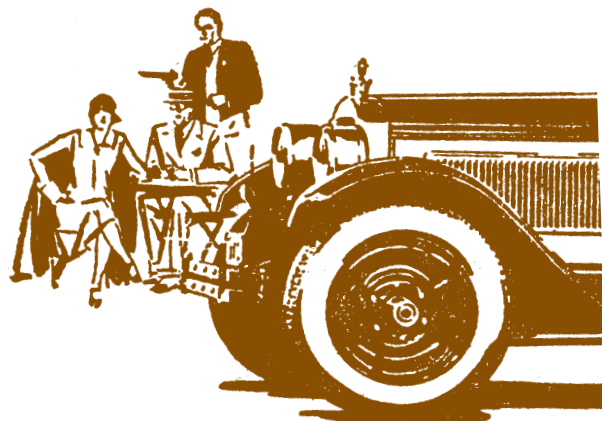
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Please contact the editor with any member news you may have.



2012 Progressive Dinner Tour

One of our most popular events featuring a scenic back roads driving tour highlighted by delicious and fun dining stops hosted by WPR members. It all adds up to a full day of great times, great friends and great food. Let's go places and eat things. Don't miss it!



Saturday, August 25th

WPR members \$10. each Guests \$15. each

Schedule:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Breakfast hosted by Dave and Debbie Sheetz

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Salad hosted by Connie and Myron Shoaf and Donna and Dominic Surace

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Dinner hosted by Mark and Jill Jackson at the Westmoreland Conservation District, Donohoe Center, Greensburg

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Dessert hosted by Susan and Harvey Eger

IMPORTANT - BRING FOLDING CHAIRS

Directions: Tour driving directions will be mailed to you prior to the event.
Questions - Mark Jackson 724-832-9074 or rpmguy2002@yahoo.com

Clip and Send

Western PA Region AACA 2012 Progressive Dinner Tour Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Members attending _____ x \$10. each = _____

Number of Guests attending _____ x \$15. each = _____

Total enclosed _____

**Registration Deadline
August 12th**

Make checks payable to:
Western PA Region AACA

Mail to:
Mark Jackson, Tour Chairman
133 Alexander Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-832-9074



Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Meeting

A meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held June 19, 2012 at the American Legion Post 982 Hall, Latrobe, PA, (Pipetown). President John Ross Kuhns was not able to attend the meeting. Vice President John Kuhns, Sr. called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 52 members in attendance no guests

Minutes of the May 15, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the May 15, 2012 monthly meeting were printed in the June, 2012 *Western Round-Up*. Vice President Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, the Vice President then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Howard Finney motioned to approve the May 15, 2012 minutes as printed. Nancy Wolfe seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Craig DeFloria presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Jack Wolfe, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership - Howard Finney, Chairman

Howard had no report at this time.

Donna Surace reported that the WPR Rosters are now available and asked members to see her to get their copy. Donna also informed members present that the 2013 WPR dues drive will start this October.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Chance Car - Howard and Betty Ann Finney Chairpersons

Howard Finney reported that as of this meeting \$7,930. in ticket money has been turned in. Members are sitting on 2,026 tickets. Please return tickets if you don't think you can sell them so we can get them sold.

The ticket sales schedule at the Twin Lakes Festival is squared away. If you are selling tickets at the Festival verify your times with Howard. After the Festival the Chance Car is going to the Derry Ag Fair.

John Kuhns, Sr. expressed gratitude to Donny Downs for fixing a headlight on the Chance Car at no charge to the club. So far we have gone through two batteries. Will need to keep watch on this. Perhaps the batteries were bad.

Howard reported that two valve stems were stolen off of the Chance Car at a stop in Somerset County. He advised members who take the Chance Car out to keep their eyes open.

PARTIES

Picnic - John Ross Kuhns

To be held July 29, 2012 at the Cooperstown Club in Latrobe. All members are asked to bring a dessert. There will be a horse-shoe tournament, games and door prizes. Post Avenue Catering from Latrobe is doing the dinner which will include pulled pork, turkey, corn on the cob, rigatoni and parsley potatoes. The registration flyer is in the June *Round-Up*.

Halloween Party - John Ross Kuhns

The Halloween Party will be held during the October 16th WPR monthly meeting.

Christmas Party - Sally Wirick

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16th at DeNunzio's at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe. Sally Wirick had no new announcements.

Tours - Mark Jackson, Chairman

Mark thanked Al and Sally Wirick for putting together a great Country Tour on June 3rd. About 18 people in nine cars started out from Latrobe and traveled the back roads to enjoy a picnic at L & M Campground near Yellow Creek State Park, Indiana County. Several other members joined the group later for a visit to Bob and Dorothy Thomas's where they enjoyed seeing a working sawmill, collection of antique Whizzer motorized bicycles and amazing wild animal trophies from all over the world. Mark thanked the Thomas's for their kind hospitality.

Mark thanked Nancy and Jack Wolfe for hosting the WPR Golf Outing at Robertshaw Acres on June 10th. The sun was hot. Attendance was low. But everyone who came had fun. Mark also mentioned that Sally Wirick and Jack Wolfe should have a saurkraut making contest someday in the future, since both have unique, special recipes.

The 2012 Progressive Dinner Tour will be held on Saturday, August 25th. Dining stop hosts this year are: Dave and Debbie Sheetz - breakfast; Myron and Connie Shoaf and Dominic and Donna Surace - salad; Mark and Jill Jackson - dinner and Harvey and Susan Eger - dessert. A registration flyer is in the June *Round-Up*.

Chuck Speicher informed members of a new special car show to be held at the Greensburg Care Center in Greensburg on Thursday, July 19th from 6 - 8 p.m.

The Arthritis Foundation Car Show at Dublin Ohio will be July 6 & 7. The Daws Awkscht Fescht in MaCungie, PA will be August 3, 4 & 5. Groups from WPR plan to attend.

Car Show - Tom Ulishney, Chairman

The Western PA Region's Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique, Custom and Street Rod Show will be held on Sunday, September 2nd at Legion Keener Park in Latrobe. Tom asked that

donations for door prizes be brought to the July meeting.

We need sponsors to help pay for the award trophies. There are sponsor sheets available.

Dominic Surace may help with a Kids Corner activity which will involve judging cars for a special kids award.

We need donations for Chinese Auction items. Please bring them to the July or August meetings.

Apparel

Al Findley has agreed to handle the WPR merchandise. If you earned points selling Chance Car tickets in 2011 you can use them towards the purchase of WPR merchandise in 2012. The time period for redeeming these points may be extended.

Newsletter - Mark Jackson, Editor

The WPR is participating in a newsletter exchange program through AACA - trading samples of the *Western Round-Up* in exchange for samples of some of the other AACA regions' newsletters. This is a great source of inspiration and new ideas.

Website - Mark DeFloria, Web Master

Mark reported that the new web address indicated at the bottom of the June *Round-Up* is correct. The new address is www.westernparegion.org Mark welcomed suggestions from the membership as to what they would like to see on the website.

Julia Bray suggested that a tour of the website might be a nice presentation for a future WPR meeting, especially for those who don't have a computer and have never seen the website. Mark replied that he would be glad to do this.

Historian - John Kuhns, Sr.

Donations of historically significant WPR items are welcome. There are hopes of displaying these someday.

Snacks - Debbie Sheetz

Debbie announced that tonight we would be having ice cream and cake. Debbie added that, "We need ice cream."

New Member Ambassador - Chuck Speicher

No report. Chuck reminded new members that he was available if they had questions about anything.

From the Floor

Charlie Schifano emphasized the importance of a complete membership kit - newsletter, roster, bylaws, etc. for new members. Jack Wolfe asked if there were membership applications in the Chance Car for distribution at the Twin Lakes Festival.

John Kuhns, Sr. reminded members selling Chance Car tickets at upcoming events to bring \$50. worth of \$5.00 bills for change when they come to serve their shifts.

Gary Cooper said that he has 40 years of Antique Car magazines that he would like to make good use of. It was suggested that if would be nice to bring the magazines to the Kids Corner at the upcoming WPR Car Show and give them away to any kids who would want any.

Mark DeForia said that the AACA website has a very nice method of viewing the Antique Automobile magazine online. To see the current issue you have to use a PIN #. He also said that he would try to do a presentation on the WPR website at the

July meeting.

Al Wirick said that Bob and Dorothy Thomas would be glad to welcome another WPR group to visit their collections sometime in the future.

Presentation - Tony Fallone

WPR member Tony Fallone gave a heartfelt presentation on a charity he started called "Lizzy's Bikes", which provides bicycles for underprivileged children. Members present enjoyed Tony's story of how truly kind people can be, and how good intentions can snowball into something wonderful.

50/50

There was no 50/50 drawing at this meeting.

Adjournment

Vice President Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Mark DeFloria and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



WPR Merchandise News

We are currently discussing the pricing and availability of WPR logo merchandise and clothing with a new vendor. As you all know, this is the first year that we have the availability of using our chance car points to purchase club merchandise. More to come very soon!!

Thanks, Al Findley

Editor's note: Points towards the purchase of WPR logo merchandise were earned by those who sold Chance Car tickets in 2011.

Name That Car!

by Mark Jackson

Denny Blank came up to me at the June meeting and correctly identified June's car as a 1959 Oldsmobile. Denny has a nice summer watermelon coming his way.



July's Car

Do you recognize this great car? For a while it was one of the best selling marques in America. Contact me in person with the correct year and marque of July's car and win a box of raisin cookies. Email me at rpmguy2002@yahoo.com or call 724-832-9074 or tell me in person. Happy guessing. BONUS: Name an infamous character from history who favored this particular car to aid him in his "work" and win a bag of red Twizzlers.



Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE

Antique and Classic Car Storage

Contact Gary Cooper, 724-483-3165

1977 Cadillac El Dorado Excellent original condition, 26,000 original miles Call Lou: 724-834-6813

1985 Buick Riviera V-8, velour seats, loaded, Second owner, good shape. Chuck, 412-823-5806

1940 Dodge Deluxe 4 door sedan

3.5 hrs run time on engine rebuild Car has sat for 15+ years, \$1,000. Dennis Landis, 2105 Shanksville Rd Berlin, PA 15530

Buick chrome wheels 3 for 1965-67, 14 inch, 2 chrome Grand National wheels Chuck, 412-823-5806

WANT TO BUY

White Wall Tires wide or narrow, four 750 x 14, four 215-75-14, Larry Hood 724-552-3154

2 books: Cadillac the complete history, by Maurice Hendry; and **80 years of Cadillac-La Salle**, by Walter McCall. John Kosko, 724-832-2576 or 412-584-5551.

Classified Ad Policy

Classified ads for antique or classic cars or parts are available free for Western PA Region members. After four issues the ad will be pulled unless it is renewed by phone or written request (email or letter) Please notify the editor if the item has been sold.

Photos are acceptable and will be used if there is room. The Round-Up editor and WPR are not responsible for typographical errors or misinformation.

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Greensburg, PA 15601
724-832-9074 email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com



Just Thinking, **Now and Many, Many Moons Ago...**

by Al Wirick

I sometimes want to criticize my son-in-law for allowing his six-year-old grandson to drive his lawn tractor on his one acre plus lawn. But then I think back many, many moons ago and remember my Great Aunt Miriah and her two sons, Albert (Bert) and Eddie Kuhns. (Bert went on to become a politician. Eddie was handicapped from birth. He could get around with the help of two canes, but very slowly. However, sit him down at their family's huge player piano and he could make it sing.) Their family owned a large farm on the corner of George's Station Road and what is now McWilliams Road that goes past the lower lake overflow at Twin Lakes Park. My Uncle Arthur and my dad both purchased one acre of ground from Great Aunt Miriah at the farm's end towards the dam breast. The lakes at the time were known as the Luxor Reservoir, and there were no trespassing signs everywhere around both the upper and lower lakes. My uncle and dad made what they called a "fish trap" that they would toss out into a swampy area and go back the next day to harvest their catch of bass and yellow perch.

On my Aunt Miriah's farm there was an old Fordson Tractor. Only an old-time farmer would know what that was - a very large, all steel and cast iron tractor. Its rear wheels were about one foot wide by five feet high with one inch cleats about ten inches apart all around the wheel.

My Great Uncle, Miriah's husband, died before I was born, so she had a hired hand named Huey Lewis do a lot of the farming. He knew I liked the farm and would stop by and say to me, "I could use some help today." When the old Fordson was needed he would take hold of the hand crank. No starter was available for this machine. The three speed transmission, clutch and brake were all the same pedal - half way down was the clutch, and beyond that was the brake. If I stood on the pedal I could shift the gears. If I had to stop - good luck - I couldn't push down hard enough to stop and had to depend on gravity. I did most of the farm chores with Huey for quite a few years.

Another thing I remember was the beautiful, very large white frame farm house with seven large rooms, a very large covered porch, and a bathroom at the top of



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An early Fordson Tractor, "all steel and cast iron"

a beautiful open staircase. There was even a larger one with a door in from the back porch, so workers didn't have to track through the house.

One thing I loved about the farm was threshing day. Threshing separates the grain from the chaff and straw. Once the oat and wheat fields were harvested and the grains dried, Farmer Trice, who had one of the very few threshing machines in the whole county, would start his route of farm visits. This happened from around the first of September finishing up around the first of November. It was a special day when he arrived at my Great Aunt's farm. The thresher was set on the barn floor. A large rubber-tired tractor, which pulled the thresher, also supplied the power for the it using a 30 foot long belt. The thresher had a large straw shoot which would stick out of the back of the barn and made a very large straw pile. This straw was used for animal bedding in the winter. Fifteen to twenty men would show up to help with the threshing and Great Aunt Miriah would cook a feast fit for a king. No one left hungry.

Another thing about the farm was that it also had its own coal mine. My uncle and dad's homes and the farm house all had coal fired heaters. So at the farm they were also able to mine the coal that they used.

For the time Great Aunt Miriah's farm was a modern farm. It had a spring house, running water and electricity to run milking machines and a pasteurizing machine.

So today the sight of my great grandson on that lawn tractor brings back all these great memories from long, long ago about Great Aunt Miriah's farm.

By now - Al



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