

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



March, 2012

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*Time for Spring Cleaning...*

## Region Sponsorship Helps Collect Fugitive Tires

Photos courtesy - Westmoreland Cleanways



A local hillside covered with fugitive tires



Scouts retrieve fugitive tires



Collecting tires from the Youghiogheny River



Scouts unload fugitive tires they collected for recycling

In 2011 the Western PA Region made a \$500 contribution to Westmoreland Cleanways, a non-profit organization whose mission is “to protect, restore, and maintain the environmental qualities of our county for the benefit of all who live, work, and visit herein.” Westmoreland Cleanways accomplishes its mission “by sponsoring and promoting programs that address the proper disposal of solid waste through recycling, special collections, and the cleanup of illegal dumpsites and littered areas.” They also educate the public through presentations, printed and web materials. Westmoreland Cleanways Executive Director Ellen Keefe asked if the money could be used for their Fugitive Tire program, and the WPR Board of Directors agreed.

A “fugitive tire” is an old, worn out tire which has been illegally and thoughtlessly dumped onto public land rather than properly recycled. These tires are unsightly, hazardous and can even spread disease. When it rains the tires collect small pools of water inside, which can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and a source for spreading the West Nile Virus.

The positive effects of the Fugitive Tire program are far reaching. Since 1995, area youth groups (Scouts, 4-H, etc.) have used the program as a fundraiser and removed over 55,000 fugitive tires from the Westmoreland

County landscape – an average of 3,500 tires annually. Sponsorship monies help pay the youth groups 75 cents for each tire collected. Funds also help with the cost of recycling the tires. Participating tire centers only charge to recycle the first 200 tires collected. A typical collection often totals up to 300 tires or more. Westmoreland Cleanways helps direct the youth groups to areas in the county where fugitive tires have been tossed and dumped including: roadsides, natural areas, forests, parks, and waterways. The collection must be done all in one day and the tires taken for recycling. The group cannot accumulate the tires over time and then turn them in. All the clean ups are done on public land.

There was a large forested site near the town of Bolivar which had become a massive tire dump. After collecting an average of 1,000 tires per year for ten years, area youth groups have totally cleaned up this site thanks to the Fugitive Tire Program.

As Westmoreland Cleanways clean up activities begin this spring, The Western PA Region AACA will be recognized as a Fugitive Tire Collection sponsor. Programs such as this help the sustainability of the automobile.

For more information on Westmoreland Cleanways visit their website, [www.westmorelandcleanways.org](http://www.westmorelandcleanways.org).

Visit our website: <http://local.aaca.org/westernpa/>



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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  
Latrobe, PA 15650

## 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:** March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16 & November 20.

## CALENDAR

**April 7 Norwin Hills Car Saturday Cruise begins**  
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.

**April 19-22 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet -**  
Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina

**April 25 - 29 Spring Carlisle,** World-renown auto swap  
meet and car corral spans 82 acres. Carlisle Fairgrounds,  
Carlisle, PA.

**May 17-19 AACA Eastern Spring Meet -** Ontelaunee  
Region Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

**June 3-8 AACA Sentimental Tour (1928-1958)**  
Waynesboro-Staunton Region Shenandoah Valley of  
Virginia

**June 14-16 AACA Annual Grand National/Southeastern Special Fall Dual Meets,** Celebration City Region,  
Shelbyville, Tenn.

**June 23 AACA Museum Car Show -** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Hershey, PA

**July 6 & 7 – Arthritis Foundation Car Show,** Dublin  
Metro Center, Dublin, Ohio

**July 28 - Western PA Region Annual Picnic,** Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, PA

**August 3,4 & 5 – Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show,**  
Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

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

**September 2 – Western PA Region AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique, Custom and Street Rod Show** at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe

# President's Message

## *Hello everyone!*

Wow! How great is this weather? I think it's gonna be a good year when you can get old cars out in the middle of March and go for a cruise. I recently had my 1959 Ford Skyliner out for a ride with the top down. That was great!

I want to thank everyone in the club who has volunteered their time and energy to handling club events and helping out in any way that they can. It makes things go so much smoother when people in the club help out and volunteer. So on behalf of the board of directors, THANK YOU. With all the nice weather, just remember

that the chance car is available to take. You can take it to shows, flea markets, or anywhere you'd like. All members are welcome to take it.

Just a note to end on, I recently got a good lead on a "Basement Find" Model A, that had been in dry storage since 1987. Interestingly, the car was located less than a quarter miles from my shop in Latrobe. The owner bought the car for her husband in March of 1987, and sadly he passed away in September of the same year. More to come...

Sincerely  
John Ross Kuhns III



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## Morris E. Kunkle

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1922 - 2012

*by Luella Bell*

Just out of high school Morrie began a long and successful career in the Air Force during WWII. He flew C47s over Italy. On one Western PA Region tour to Bouquet Air Strip, he flew a glider plane to the delight of everyone.

He started at Pitt before the war, then finished when he got home. With an associate degree he got a job with Westinghouse East Pittsburgh in the meter lab. He stayed there until he retired.

Morrie restored three beautiful cars himself, a red Model K Cadillac, a 1911 ivory colored Stevens Duryea, and a red Model A. His wife Ruth said that she only polished brass, but I am sure she did more than polish.

As a member of the Western PA Region he was instrumental in getting our Region the 1974 Reliability Tour held at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA.

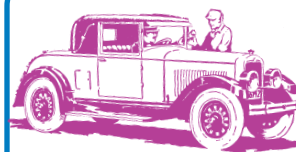
In 1972 the Western PA Region held The Eastern Division National Spring Meet at Seven Springs. It was the same week as Hurricane Agnes. There was flooding all over Pennsylvania, but the show was a success. So the motto became, "We survived." Morrie was the entertainment coordinator. His show was called the Mountain Top Follies.

To add to Morrie's career he was elected President of AACA National in 1970. It was a year of much traveling, but he kept close ties to our Region. At that time Pete

Goodwin was asked to make a plaque for Morrie at one of our Annual Meetings. The plaque turned out to be the most beautiful wall hanging that had a gavel on it. Pete at the time owned Barwell Lumber Company. The plaque still hangs in the Kunkle den.

He always had time for young and old to answer questions about cars. Morrie was a talker, so a ten minute answer took twenty.

Many older members have passed, but he will be missed by us older ones, and the younger members who were lucky to have known him.



## Member News

Deepest sympathy to Jan and Roger Christiansen on the recent, sudden passing of Jan's mother.

Congratulations to Suzanne and Jim Heatherington on their 50th Anniversary.

Get well soon to Harvey Eger who is recovering from surgery.





# Minutes of the February 21, 2012 Meeting

A meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held February 21, 2012 at the American Legion Post 982 Hall, Latrobe, PA, (Pipetown) commencing at approximately 7:55 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President John Ross Kuhns followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 57 members in attendance and no guests.

## Minutes of the November 15, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the November 15, 2011 monthly meeting were printed in the January/February, 2012 *Western Round-Up*. President Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, the President then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Howard Finney motioned to approve the November 15, 2011 minutes as printed. Jack 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 Treasurer's Report was made by Gary Wiegand, seconded by Dominic Surace and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership - Howard Finney, Chairman

Howard Finney gave a membership reading for Ron and Nancy Horak of Latrobe. Ron Underwood made a motion to accept Ron and Nancy as new members, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

Howard said that he hopes that another new member candidate will be able to attend the March meeting.

Donna Surace of the Membership Committee reported that the 2012 WPR Roster comes out in March. She reminded members that the deadline for 2012 WPR membership renewals is February 28th and that there is now a steep penalty of \$25. for late renewals. (\$25. late penalty on top of the regular dues fee.)

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2012 Chance Car - Howard and Betty Ann Finney Chairpersons

Howard Finney has tickets available for distribution. He also has photos of the 1984 Corvette Chance Car. Color flyers will be available soon. Howard reported that 63 tickets have already been sold.

John Kuhns, Sr. informed members that he will handle the storage of the Chance Car this year. He asked members to call him to make arrangements to take the Chance Car out to sell tickets.

Howard reported that there are three slots still available to sell tickets at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin

Lakes Park on July, 5,6 & 8. He asked members to see him if interested in selling tickets on those dates.

## PARTIES

### Rev-Up Party - Donna Surace

The Rev-Up Party will be held on Saturday, March 24th starting at 4 p.m. Deadline for registration is March 14th. Be sure and join us for a great time.

### Picnic - John Ross Kuhns

The Picnic will be July 29th at the Cooperstown Club - pig roast, corn on the cob and other summer favorites. Please bring a dessert.

### Halloween Party - John Ross Kuhns

The Halloween Party will be held Tuesday, October 16th, the same night as the regular monthly meeting at the American Legion 982, Latrobe, Pipetown. It will be a pizza party. Members are encouraged to dress up.

### Christmas Party - Sally Wirick

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16th at DeNunzio's at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe.

### Tours - Mark Jackson, Chairman

Mark asked for members to consider hosting dining stops for a 2012 Progressive Dinner Tour. There are typically four stops with \$250. budgeted for food for each stop. In 2011 the stops were breakfast, salad, dinner and dessert. Mark reminded members that you don't have to host the dining stop at your home. You may want to consider a park or other location if you don't have the room.

Mark also asked for ideas for 2012 tours - "Where would you like to go? What would you like to do?" We would like to do one tour event per month during the season.

### Car Show - Tom Ulishney, Chairman

The 2012 Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Hot Rod Show sponsored by the WPR at Legion Kineer Park in Latrobe will be held on Sunday, September 2, 2012 Labor Day Weekend. Tom Ulishney will serve as Car Show Chairman this year and Carol Calabarce will handle registration. Vicki Kuhns has agreed to handle the silent auction again. We hope that Connie Schifano will be able to work with the bake sale again. John Ross Kuhns has to ask her yet. Sally Findley will help with the Kids Corner. We hope to have a Kid's Choice Award this year and possibly offer antique car rides.

### Apparel

Due to other commitments Dick McKelvey resigned as Apparel Chairman. We are looking for someone to handle this position.

If you sold Chance Car tickets in 2011 you earned points towards the purchase of Region Apparel.

### **Newsletter - Mark Jackson, Editor**

WPR members who attended the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia earlier in February, surprised Mark by bringing home a 2011 Award of Excellence which was presented to The Western Round-Up. Mark thanked all those who helped contribute to the *Round-Up* in 2011.

### **Website - Mark DeFloria, Webmaster**

Mark and Sandy DeFloria attended the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia where Mark was presented with a 2011 AACA Web Master Award, which is a very high honor. Mark and Sandy then attended the Awards Banquet. Although lengthy he reported that it was very interesting, great food and a good time. Mark said that he would try to update his email addresses soon.

### **Historian - John Kuhns, Sr.**

John invited members to submit anything for archiving that's old and about the club.

### **Snacks - Debbie Sheetz**

President Kuhns thanked Debbie for the delicious snacks she has provided.

### **New Members Ambassador - Chuck Speicher**

Chuck invited all new members to contact him if they have questions about anything. He also asked those who have been members for a long time to reach out to new members.

### **From the Floor...**

#### ***Involving youth***

Myron Shoaf commented on the need to get kids involved in the club. He pointed that ownership of a classic car is not affordable for many young families. Myron then suggested that club members arrange to show their cars at local schools in the fall. Perhaps there could even be an opportunity to offer rides. He said that he would be happy to work on a committee to help arrange possible school visits in the future. "Our Region could put some kind of program together for others to follow." He also reminded all that one does not have to own an antique car to be a member of AACA or the Western PA Region.

John Ross Kuhns said that a Youth Development meeting at the recent AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia was poorly attended, which was unfortunate.

Duane Anderson recounted an article in *Restoration Magazine* about getting an old car and taking it to an area technical school as a learning project.

Gary Cooper pointed out that many young people in his area are driving around in old, hopped-up Toyotas and Hondas with strange sounding mufflers.

John Kuhns, Sr. reported that one AACA region has a youth education program where young people are shown how to drive a Model T.

John Ross Kuhns is the youngest President in the AACA.

### **AACA News**

Howard Finney informed members that second generation autos, ie: Avanti and Shay are now point judged at AACA Meets. There is also a Drivers Participation Class.

At the recent AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia WPR donated \$250 each to the Museum and Library.

The AACA Library is progressing with the restoration of a 1955 Chevrolet Bookmobile.

Howard Finney reminded all that the **AACA Founders Tour** is being hosted by the Allegheny Mountains Region in Altoona this year August 13-17. Stops will include The Swigart Museum, Penn State, the Portage Railroad and many others. He encouraged members to plan to attend.

Howard also reminded members that the closest AACA Meet to southwestern PA this year will be the **Eastern Spring Meet**, May 17-19 in Reading, PA

### **U.S. Air Force Museum Trip**

Al Friend suggested that the club consider planning a trip to the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio for 2013. Al pointed out that there is quite a bit of Air Force heritage within the WPR. Clay Stoner, Morris and Ruth Kunkle and himself were all Air Force pilots and veterans. Al felt that members would find the history and stories interesting. He asked any interested members to contact him about forming a committee to help pull the trip together. It would tentatively be a driving trip with other stops along the way.

### **Tribute to the late Morris E. Kunkle**

John Kuhns, Sr. read aloud a tribute to Morris Kunkle written by Luella Bell. The article will be submitted to the WPR *Western Round-Up* and the AACA *Antique Automobile Magazine* for publication.

The WPR made a \$100. donation to the AACA in honor of Morris, who served as AACA National President in 1970.

### **Misc.**

Duane Anderson suggested starting a Technical Moments column in the *Round-Up* to help with restorations.

John Kuhns, Sr. asked members to keep any personal conflicts with other WPR members out of the club.

### **Program**

WPR member Roger Christiansen was unable to present his planned program on Charles Kettering due to the sudden death of his mother-in-law. The Region expressed it's deepest sympathy to Jan and Roger on their loss.

John Ross, and John Kuhns, Sr. relayed stories to members present about the recent AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, and a trip to the Simone Foundation Museum and its collection of amazing classic racing cars.

### **50/50**

Ron Barnhart won \$63. Doreen King won the bonus drawing at \$62. Gary Cooper brought in a special prize which was also given out via a drawing.

### **Adjournment**

President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Ulishney made the motion, which was seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously approved.

# Name That Car!

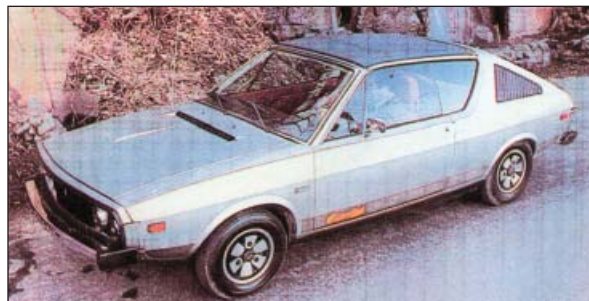
by Mark Jackson



Joe Vrable was the winner of last month's *Name That Car!* Joe correctly guessed that Jack Wolfe's photo was of a 1947 Jaguar. Enjoy your Whitman's Sampler Joe. Share some with Tammy and Joey. Ed Vrable came in a close second on guessing the car, but nephew Joe kept the winning in the family.

Take a good look at this cool car submitted by WPR member Mike Kohan. Mike had one of these when he was in college. A standard five-speed got up to 38 miles per gallon highway. Notice that only three bolts hold each of the wheels on. The car was available with a power rag top or a removable hard top as shown to the right. Guess the correct year, marque and model of this interesting car and win a pack of Marshmallow Pinwheel Cookies

by Nabisco. Be the first to contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074 (It works now.) or by email, [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com)



A sporty little two door



Power rag top



Removable hard top

## Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE

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

**1960 Ford Thunderbird** black, totally restored  
Call Gary Cooper 724-483-3165

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

**1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible**  
Beautiful, like new, 77,533 original miles, Black with burgundy leather interior and black top. \$15,000 or best offer. Call Joyce or Bob 724-537-2003.

**1969 Corvette Coupe** Original/excellent condition, All numbers match. Automatic - side pipes, Gold/saddle  
Call Lou: 724-834-6813

**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

**1961 MGA 1600** Excellent running condition. Current inspection and service asking \$11,500. Georgia Smith, 724-593-6297, Ligonier, PA

**1949 Plymouth 2 door Club Coupe Special Deluxe**  
Flathead six, three speed. 43K miles. Body and frame solid. Runs good. In good shape mechanically. Paint is a little rough. \$8,000 or best offer.  
Call Pete Orazio 724-694-5190

### Complete 51 Volume set of Automobile Quarterly

Set includes all the slip cases for the issues, including several sets of indexes, in their own slipcases and the 2005 and 2006 executive planners. Sold as a single unit, not individually \$399.95 for everything.

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

**14" Rally Wheel for 1980 Camaro** NOS black, \$30  
Call Joe Vrable: 724-219-3922

## WANT TO BUY

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

### 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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## Proposed Western PA Region AACA Bylaws Changes

These changes are proposed by the WPR Board of Directors.  
Membership voting will occur at the May, 2012 Monthly Meeting.

### Article XI Dues, Section 2 currently reads –

“Dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year for the current year. Dues which are not paid by February 28 shall be considered delinquent and shall be subject to a late charge as established by the Board of Directors.”

### Proposed amendment –

“Dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year for the current year. Dues which are not paid by the Annual Meeting shall be considered delinquent and shall be subject to a late charge as established by the Board of Directors.”

**Reason for amendment** – To encourage timely payment of dues.

### Article VII Directors and Officers – Section 4 currently reads –

“No husband and wife shall serve as Directors at the same time.”

### Proposed amendment –

“No member of the Board of Directors of this Club shall hold an elective office in any other Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America whose registered address for operational purposes is located within a 100 mile radius of Latrobe, PA. This restriction does not apply to non-geographical regions such as Touring Regions. No husband and wife shall serve as Directors at the same time.”

**Reason for amendment** – To avoid conflicts of interest with AACA Regions within a 100 mile radius.



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## 2012 Chance Car Ticket Order Form

Yes, I am willing to help Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America sell tickets at \$5.00 each for the 2012 Chance Car. I understand that I may request additional tickets or can return any unsold tickets by contacting Howard Finney at 724-834-3450.

I will try to sell Chance Car tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets requested (Ticket Packets of 30 preferred, but you may request tickets in lots of 5.)  
I will remit ticket sales money to Howard Finney at a later date.

I cannot sell Chance Car tickets but I will buy tickets for members of our WPR household.

I am enclosing a check to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$5.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that tickets will be mailed to me.



Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

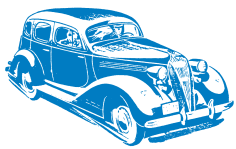
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form to:  
Howard & Bettyann Finney  
267 Lancewood Pl  
Greensburg, PA 15601



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Latrobe, PA 15650



Come enjoy the "Greatest  
Hobby in the World!"



*Welcome Beautiful Spring!*

**How about an Ampeg** for that first day of fishing season? This photo was taken at the Arthritis Foundation Car Show in Dublin, Ohio last year. Rooms are still available for the July 6 & 7, 2012 Show. Contact Mark Jackson for more information. (H) 724-832-9074 or email [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com)



### Historic Photo Postcard with a Sad Story

*From the collection of Gary Cooper - This is a photo postcard of a family out for a drive in the early days of motoring. They are all dressed up for a pleasant outing, but there is a sad message hand written in pencil on the back of the card. It simply reads, "Hamilton family who were all killed on the Speers Crossing in this car." Apparently, the Hamiltons were struck by a train while crossing the railroad tracks. According to Gary there were no signals by the tracks at that time. Speers Crossing is near Charleroi, PA. Gary says that the accident seems strange to him since visibility is good at the crossing.*

*The early days of motoring were certainly not free from hazard or tragedy.*