

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



May, 2012

Driving for fun since 1950



The McKelvey's '61 Olds



Joanna & Ralph Shearer in their Corvair



Dominic & Donna Surace pass Compass Inn



Helicopter display

## Spring Lincoln Highway Tour - Latrobe to Bedford



Linda & Tom Lang at the Flight 93 Memorial Plaza



(l-r) Dick McKelvey, Ed Vrable and Clay Stoner at Memorial



The Heatherington's Model A at Jean Bonnet Tavern



Denny Blank takes time for a "photo op" at the Trostletown Covered Bridge.

Twenty-nine WPR members showed up at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Latrobe to enjoy a tour of the Lincoln Highway from Latrobe to Bedford on Sunday, May 6th. There were fourteen vehicles – antiques and a few modern ones. They ranged from Jim and Suzanne Heatherington's 1930 Model A Ford to Dominic and Donna Surace's Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The weather turned out to be just right for touring and offered many scenic vistas as everyone crested the hills.

Before heading over the ridge all enjoyed the coffee and pastry stop at the Original Pie Shop in Laughlintown. Nearing Stoystown the tour pulled off to check out the Trostletown Covered Bridge which turned out to be a fun "photo op stop." The covered bridge is part of a collection of quaint historic buildings being resorted by a local Lions Club. There was also a one-room school house and an old fashioned train station. Across the way the American Legion hall proudly displayed a full-sized Army tank and helicopter in honor of their veterans.

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

## CALENDAR

### Norwin Hills Car Saturday Cruise

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.

**June 3 Al Wirick's Country Tour,** Take a country drive and enjoy a covered dish picnic. Then visit a sawmill, antique tractor collection and see over 100 animal trophies. Leaving Latrobe K-Mart Shopping Center at 10:00 AM.

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

**June 10 Western PA Region Golf Outing at Robertshaw Acres** hosted by Nancy and Jack Wolfe. Nine holes. Tee off time is 4 p.m.

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

**June 15, Saint Bruno Festival Classic Car Cruise** 5-10 p.m. The Mansfield 5 Oldies Band. South Greensburg.

**Chef Robinson's Restaurant Cruise,** Route 30 Jeannette third Friday every month 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. June 15, July 20, August 17, Sept 21.

**June 22, E.C. Cruisers Burger Bash,** Bovard Fire Hall, Washington St. Bovard, PA, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**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. Reserved rooms are still available. Contact Mark Jackson.

**July 7 - Old Economy Village Pre-War Antique Vehicle Show** 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please no rods or customs. Old Economy Village, Ambridge, PA Contact Pam Mallon at [www.oldeconomyvillage.org](http://www.oldeconomyvillage.org) or 724-266-4500



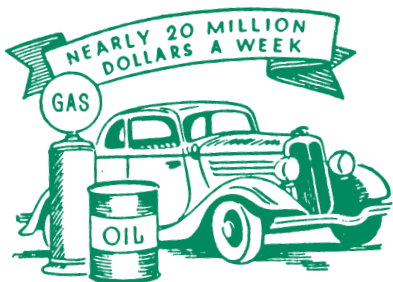
July 29 - Western PA Region Annual Picnic, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, PA

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

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

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



*Special thanks to Chuck Speicher* for the great presentation on his collection of antique oil bottles, racks and containers at the WPR April Monthly Meeting.

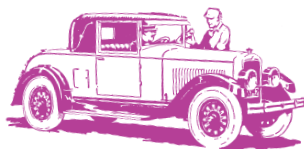


### Special Note:

**Please do not mail anything** to WPR Treasurer Craig DeFloria at his home address.

Send any mail for him to:

Craig DeFloria, Treasurer  
Western PA Region AACA  
P.O. Box 882  
Latrobe, PA 15650



## Member News

WPR Car Show DJ Pete Highlands' wife Louise was recently life flighted to Magee Woman's Hospital in Pittsburgh with a possible stroke or brain tumor. Please keep the Highlands in your thoughts and prayers.

WPR member Mary Jackson, daughter of Mark and Jill Jackson, will graduate from Chatham University on May 21st. She also has been accepted into the History Graduate Studies Program at Duquesne University.

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

## President's Message

### Hello Everyone!

It was nice to see a great turnout for our first tour of the year. We had about 25 people turn out for our May 6th tour to Bedford. It was a great time. We stopped at the Flight 93 Memorial, saw a really neat covered bridge, military tank and helicopter, and old school house at an American Legion right off Route 30, and had a great lunch at Jean Bonnet Tavern. Mark did a great job with the tour.



Blair & John Ross Kuhns enjoy Jean Bonnet Tavern at the end of the Spring Lincoln Highway Tour.

The weather is getting nice, so I look forward to seeing everyone at future club events with your old cars. Also, make sure to sell your chance car tickets. I understand that tickets are selling very well on the Vette.

Sincerely,  
John Ross Kuhns III

## THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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John Ross Kuhns, John Kosko



# Minutes of the April 17, 2012 Meeting

A meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held April 17, 2012 at the American Legion Post 982 Hall, Latrobe, PA, (Pipetown) commencing at approximately 7:32 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President John Ross Kuhns followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 58 members in attendance and two guests - Ed and Brenda Hurst with Jack Wolfe

## Minutes of the March 20, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the March 20, 2012 monthly meeting were printed in the April, 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. Ron Underwood motioned to approve the March 20, 2012 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 report was made by Myon Shoaf, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership - Howard Finney, Chairman

Howard Finney was away. Name badges were in for Mark and Cindy Ball. Donna Surace reported that she was reviewing the membership registration form with Howard, and that the 2012 WPR Roster booklet should be out in June.

### Rev-Up Party - Donna Surace and Jill Jackson

Donna reported that 72 people registered for the 2012 Rev-Up Party to help kick off the season. The party cost \$26.88 per person. Members paid \$15.00 each to attend leaving WPR to subsidize party costs of \$11.38 per person. So sell those chance car tickets which help pay for our activities!

## NEW BUSINESS

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

The 1984 Corvette was parked outside if anyone wanted to see it. Contact Howard Finney to schedule taking the Chance Car out to sell tickets. John Kuhns is storing the it in Latrobe. The WPR will reimburse members for event entry fees and gas. Just keep the receipts. Please bring the car back clean. If you use an automatic car wash please be sure it is a brushless car wash so the paint does not get scratched. Everything on the car works.

Dave Sheetz reported for Howard Finney that 2,780 Chance Car tickets were currently out with 2,220 remaining. Thusfar 557 sold tickets and money have been turned in. Dave will

accept sold tickets and money for Howard if anyone has any to turn in tonight. The Chance Car was recently at the Myersdale Maple Festival where 320 plus tickets were sold. The people there were very accomodating.

## PARTIES

### 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 during the October 16th WPR monthly meeting - pizza party with prizes for costumes.

### Christmas Party - Sally Wirick

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16th at DeNunzios at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe. Sally was not present. No update at this time.

### Tours - Mark Jackson, Chairman

Mark reported that a Spring Lincoln Highway Tour was planned for Sunday May 6th with a stop at the new Flight 93 Memorial and dinner at Jean Bonnet Tavern - President Kuhns's favorite restaurant.

Al Wirick has a county tour planned for June which involves a visit to a sawmill, collection of antique tractors and over 100 full sized animal trophies.

Another tour later in the year would be towards the Scottdale area to wind up at Bud Murphy's in Connellsville for pizza as suggested by Luella Bell.

Progressive dinner tour - Mark said that he would be the dinner stop host again this year, but needs hosts for other stops, ie: breakfast, salad, dessert, etc. The Region will finance a dining stop up to \$250. There will be a fee for the Progressive Dinner Tour this year. A date has yet to be set.

May 17-19 AACA Eastern Spring Meet near Reading, PA will be the closest AACA Meet to us this year.

Sunday, June 10th, Western PA Region Golf Outing at Robertshaw Acres set up by Nancy and Jack Wolfe.

Arthritis Foundation Car Show - Dublin Metro Center, Dublin, Ohio July 6 & 7, There is a nice group going from the WPR. There are still rooms available. Contact Mark.

Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show in Macungie, PA - August 3, 4 & 5, Harvey Eger was kind enough to reserved some rooms. Please let him know if you want to attend.

Members are encouraged to attend the AACA Founders Tour in Altoona, PA August 13 - 17 sponsored by the Allegheny Mountains Region AACA.

Tour ideas are always welcome.

Charlie Schifano corrected that the Downtown Irwin Car Show was on April 28th, not April 30th.

Cris Detwiler was on hand to sell tickets to anyone interested in attending the Irwin Male Chorus performance at Westmoreland County Community College on May 5 & 6.

#### **Car Show - Tom Ulishney, Chairman**

Tom reported that he met with John Ross Kuhns and Carol Calabrace to go over some details. John will have the WPR trailer at the show with our supplies. Tom asked members to pitch in and do the various jobs that many have done before:

- Tom will have trophies and dash plaques made.
- Clay Stoner will be at the entrance.
- Ralph Shearer and Tom King will collect entry money at gate.
- Charlie Schifano and Denny Blank will be at the gate.
- Debbie Sheetz will coordinate 50/50
- Vicki Kuhns will coordinate the Chinese Auction
- Connie Schifano will coordinate the Bake Sale
- Show field set up - Ed Vrable and Al Wirick
- Members food - Jack and Nancy Wolfe
- Door prizes and local donations - Carol Calabrace
- Food booths, vendors, car corral - Jill Jackson  
Jill will try to save handicapped spaces
- Kids Corner - Sally Finley and Tammy Vrable  
We hope to do a Kids Choice award this year.  
Encourage kids to sit in the Chance Car this year and get their pictures taken.  
John Ross may be able to park some cars by the Kids Corner  
Kids could clean them. Sit in them, etc. Rides is an insurance issue.
- Treasurer Craig DeFloria will have start up money.
- Harvey Eger - sign Show Cars Only
- Howard Finney will be head judge.
- Bettyann Finney will have the Chance Car ticket sales.
- Door prizes pull tickets at 1:15 p.m. Donna Surace and Diane Anderson
- Best of Show tie breakers - John Kuhns, Sr., Dave Sheetz and Denny Blank

Pre-registered cars fee raised from \$6.00 to \$7.00. Non pre-registered cars \$8.00.

Canopies needed for membership and chance car booths.

Tom asked any new members who need yellow Car Show shirts to let him know.

People assigned to do a job - please ask other members to help.

Charlie Schifano suggested that we create a "Drivers Class" for people who don't want to be judged and just want to attend and park by their friends to enjoy the event. Makes, years and models would be mixed in this class.

#### **Apparel**

Al Findley has agreed to handle Region apparel for 2012. President Kuhns hoped to get stuff to Al within the next month or so.

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

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

Mark thanked members for their submissions.

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

No report

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

John informed members that they were making history right now. Any items of historical significance are always welcome.

#### **Snacks - Debbie Sheetz**

Debbie provided treats from a bakery in Mount Pleasant.

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

Waiting for business - Door is always open.

#### **Special Program - Chuck Speicher**

Chuck Speicher presented an interesting program on his wonderful collection of antique oil bottles, cans and containers and the history of mortar oil packaging.

#### **50/50**

Winners of the 50/50 drawings were Joe Vrable, who won the first drawing and Bill Maurer, who won the second drawing. Prize amounts were \$50. each.

#### **Adjournment**

President Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Jack Wolfe, seconded by Tom Ulishney. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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*Spring Lincoln Highway Tour continued from page 1*



At Jean Bonnet Tavern (l-r) Marilyn Stoner, Nancy Vrable & Nancy McKelvey

Back on to the Lincoln Highway heading east the tour entered the new Flight 93 Memorial driveway. The lane wound back 3.5 miles through newly landscaped fields, groves and wetlands to the new memorial plaza and interpretive display.

Departing the Memorial the tour continued east to Shellsburg, where some enjoyed a scenic drive through Shawnee State Park. Capping off the tour was delicious dinner at the historic Colonial era Jean Bonnet Tavern at the junction of the Lincoln Highway and Route 31. Jean Bonnet Tavern is WPR President John Ross Kuhns's favorite restaurant.

The youngest member on tour this fine day was Casper DeFloria, who at barely two months old, traveled wonderfully with loving mother Carina and father Craig.

From Latrobe to the Jean Bonnet tavern was approximately 62.5 miles one way. Members headed back home via the Lincoln Highway, Route 31 or the PA Turnpike, whichever way best suited them. Even on the way home those spring green Pennsylvania hills and valleys were majestic.



## Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE



**1990 Ford Crown Victoria** 60K, air, power steering, power brakes. Body solid. Needs minor mechanical work. Call Phil Monte 724-850-7705.

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

**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. Jim Butler, 103 Heatherbrae Square, Indiana, PA 15701 724-349-2642 (H) 442-846-9865 (C)

**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.

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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.

Please submit all classified ad requests to:  
Mark Jackson, Editor, 133 Alexander Avenue  
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724-832-9074 email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com

## Name That Car!

by Mark Jackson



**Denny Blank** tracked me down at the end of the April WPR Monthly Meeting and correctly guessed last month's car as a **1955 Plymouth convertible**. Congratulations Denny! You win the Brownie Bites. The 1956 Plymouth was almost identical, but featured larger, more pronounced fins. Anyway, if you ever see a '55 Plymouth convertible for sale contact WPR member Joe Vrable. It's been on his list for a loooong time.

### May's Car

How good of a detective are you? Can you tell the make and year of a car just by looking at a headlight assembly? Check this one out. Be the first to tell me the correct make and year of this classic car and win a box of Giant Eagle thumb print cookies.



Contact me in person. Email me at rpmguy2002@yahoo.com or call 724-832-9074. Happy guessing.



# Cadillac Diary

by John Kosko

John: MacKenzie Corey, as my theoretical guardian angel you have seen me struggle with my life and my writing. Could I try once more?

Mac: Well, it's like the old quotation, John: "There is no failure except in no longer trying." You could write here and see if anyone at all will read you. One day to the next.

John: I wrote this short poem about a Cadillac that someone might read.

Mac: Then present it! Fortune favors the brave. Fortune favors the careful.

John: Very well, then:

Big wheels a-rolling, trundle me home

Majesty power of my '49 Cad

Let her coast down the hills, and glide up the next ones

Feed her gently the gas, cruise baby, cruise!

Care on the curves, she's not a little Ferrari

Let John Denver sing it "Take me home, country roads"

Big wheels a-rolling, my green '49 Cad.

Mac: You're **doing** it, John. You did **something**.

## Where Have You Been?

During the 2012 car season we invite you to share photos of any car shows, tours, meets or activities you may attend (AACCA or otherwise.) **Show us what you've been up to.**

Email photos to the editor: [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com).



April 25-29 heralded the call of Spring Carlisle. (l-r) Joe Vrable, Cris and Molly Detwiler were among the WPR members who were made the trip to this automotive wonderland. This was Joe's first ever trip to Carlisle. Cris and Molly gave

him some browsing pointers. Other familiar faces in the crowd included Mark Jackson, David and Debbie Sheetz, Charlie Schifano, John Kuhns Sr. and John Ross Kuhns. Were you there too?



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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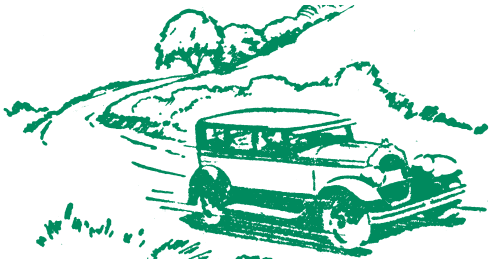
Please mail form to:  
Howard & Bettyann Finney  
267 Lancewood Pl  
Greensburg, PA 15601



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## SAVE THESE DATES!



### AL WIRICK'S COUNTRY TOUR

**Sunday, June 3, 2012**

Leave from Latrobe K-Mart Shopping Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Travel to L&M Campground, Indiana County for a picnic. ***Please bring a covered dish to share.***

Then head back to visit a sawmill, antique tractor collection and a unique collection of over 100 full mount animal trophies from all over the world. Call Mark Jackson at 724-832-9074 to register or just show up and join the fun!

## Western PA Region Golf Outing

at Robertshaw Acres, Youngwood

*hosted by Nancy and Jack Wolfe*

**Sunday, June 10, 2012**

Please be there by 3:30 p.m.

Tee Off Time 4:00 p.m.

Playing nine holes - Scramble  
includes cart

Gadget prizes for longest drive, etc.

Bring your golf friends.

Hot dogs, saurkraut and water provided by the club.

***Please bring a covered dish, snack or dessert to share.***

Please RSVP to Nancy Wolfe 724-925-3272  
by June 3rd. Come have some fun!

