



THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

August 2014

Promoting the enjoyment and preservation of antique automobiles since 1950

Western Pennsylvania Region
Antique Automobile Club of America
P.O. Box 882
Latrobe, PA 15650



Why are these Western PA Region members smiling? They just had a great time somewhere special. To see a sample of what they experienced check out pages 6 & 7.



(l-r) Dave Sheetz, Debbie Sheetz, Denny Blank, Charlie Schifano, Mary Ann Brant, Tom Ulishney, Dodie Ulishney, Alice Shaulis, Ron Shaulis, Don Brant, Mark DeFloria, Craig DeFloria, Gary Wiegand, Chuck Speicher, Diana Anderson, Duane Anderson, Regis Jackson, Lee Speicher, Jill Jackson and Jack Mull



Dave Davis and his 1936 Pierce Arrow

- Mini Bus Trip to the First Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA
- Good Times Roll at the Annual Picnic



Dave Davis and family enjoyed cruising out to the Western PA Region Summer Picnic in this classic 1936 Pierce Arrow.



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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. If you enjoy old cars please join us. You do not have to own an antique car to belong.

For Membership Information

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or

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From Your President



At the Luray Caverns Transportation Museum in Virginia by a 1941 Lincoln which once belonged to Edsel Ford

In late July Jill, Regis and I took a little vacation down to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. We stayed at a condo in the Massanutten Resort relaxing and cooking most of our meals.

One day we ventured out to Luray Caverns. This is a very popular tourist destination, and I must say that if you've never been there it is certainly worth the trip. The caverns feature some of the most beautiful and dramatic formations in the world. They are well lighted and easy to walk through. Adjoining the entrance to the caverns there is also a Toy Museum and a Transportation Museum. We enjoyed both, but the Transportation Museum in particular was calling my name. It displayed a wonderful progression of vehicles starting with horse drawn coaches and sleds to early brass era automobiles and outstanding cars of the late 1930's and early 1940's. Regis and I photographed many interesting cars which I will share in future issues of the *Western Round-Up* and on the website

I am one of those guys who spends a lot of time reading museum display cards, so my family has learned to patiently go on ahead of me knowing that I will be along.

The 1941 Lincoln limousine pictured above once belonged to Edsel Ford, another automotive hero of mine. I greatly admire Edsel, because from what I have learned, he doggedly and diplomatically moved the company forward in the often stern and sometimes controversial shadow of his father, Henry. When the Model T had passed its prime it was Edsel who paved the way for the Model A. He also had a lot to do with innovative styling and engineering. So hooray for the younger generations who keep us looking to the future. (Thanks Edsel.)

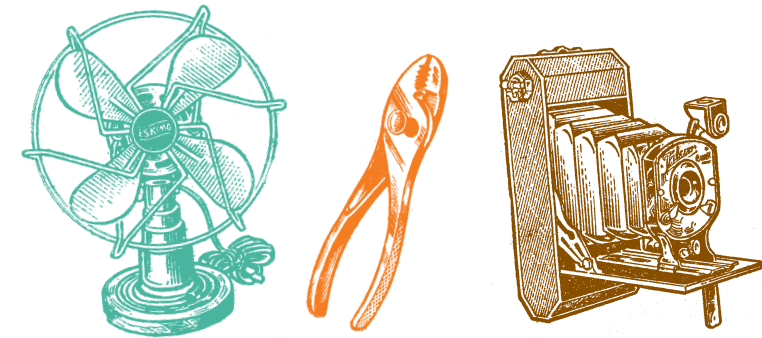
-- Mark Jackson

Car Show Bake Sale

Connie Schifano is asking for baked goods items for the Annual Car Show August 31st. Cakes, pies, cookies, fudge or anything accepted.



If you can't make it to the Car Show to drop off items, please call Connie to make arrangements to pick up, 724-832-7498.



Car Show Chinese Auction Items Needed

To donate items for the Chinese Auction please drop them off before the Car Show at Three K Cabinets, 4720 Route 982 North, Latrobe or call John Kuhns, Sr. 412-554-3321. Or just bring them the morning of the Car Show.

2014 Calendar Overview

August 20 - Weatherwood Car Show - 6:00 p.m.
Weatherwood Manor, 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg

August 24 - WPR Ice Cream Social - 6:00 p.m. Bruster's Ice Cream, Center & Painterville Roads, New Stanton

August 31 - WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show - Legion Keener Park, Latrobe
Vehicle registration 9:00 a.m. - Noon (day of the show)
Judging and Awards in 24 classes, Car Corral, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Delicious Food, Music by DJ Pete Highlands, Children's Activities

September 13 - Waynesburg 50's Fest - 11:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Downtown Waynesburg, PA

September 14 - Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Dept. Car Show - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Buena Vista, PA
Trophies and awards

September 16 - WPR Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

September 21 - Punxetawney Region AACAA Car Show - 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Marion Center, PA

September 21 - WPR Ice Cream Social - 6:00 p.m. Bruster's Ice Cream, Center & Painterville Roads, New Stanton

October 1-5 - Fall Carlisle - Collector Car Swap Meet, Corral and Auction, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA

October 4 - Octoberfest Car Show - Hebron Lutheran Church, Blairsville, PA

October 8-11 - AACAA Eastern Division National Fall Meet - Hershey, PA

October 11 - Bedford Fall Foliage Festival Antique Car Parade, Bedford Region AACAA, Check in 10:00 a.m. - 1:00

p.m. at Bedford High School parking lot. Parade through downtown Bedford at 2:00 p.m. Antique cars only (1989 and older). No street rods, customs or after market wheels

October 19 - WPR Pumpkin Run Tour

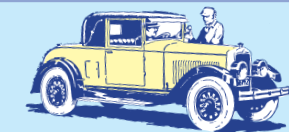
October 21 - WPR Monthly Meeting & October Fest - 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

October 26 - WPR Pizza Social - 6:00 p.m. Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Ctr., 408 East Pittsburgh, St, Greensburg

November 18 - WPR Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

November 23 - WPR Pizza Social - 6:00 p.m. Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Ctr., 408 East Pittsburgh, St, Greensburg.

December 6 - WPR Christmas & Holiday Party - Ramada, Greensburg. More details to come.



Member News

Former long time Western PA Region member George Foster passed away on July 14th. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Barbara and their family.

Welcome new members Matt and Jennifer Eger. Matt is the son of WPR Past President Harvey Eger.



Minutes of the July 15, 2014 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held July 15, 2014 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). Vice-President John Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 47 members in attendance and three guests. Our guests attending the meeting were Glenda Berg along with Matt and Jennifer Eger.

June Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June 17, 2014 monthly meeting were printed in the July 2014 Western Round-Up.

Secretary Mark DeFloria corrected the minutes that erroneously reported the first half winner of last month's 50/50 drawing. The actual first half winner was Jan Christiansen. The second half of the 50/50 was won by Carol Jean Maurer.

Vice President Kuhns asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes. Howard Finney made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Harvey Eger and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was by Treasurer Craig DeFloria. Vice President Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections. Jack Wolfe made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Dave Lizza and the Treasurer report was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard read the application for Matt Eger & his wife Jennifer. Matt & Jennifer Eger were present. Charlie Schifano made a motion to accept Matt & Jennifer into the Region, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved by the members present. Welcome to our Region Matt & Jennifer.

NEW BUSINESS

August 2014 General Membership Meeting Date, Time and Location Change – John Kuhns

Vice President John Kuhns reminded the members present that there is a Time, Date and Location change for the August 2014 General Membership Meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 18th at the John Kuhns Garage/Diner at 2339 Raymond Avenue, Latrobe. There will be a short business meeting • a special judging session with Howard Finney • A Lia Sophia Jewelry show and sale with Jill Jackson • Unsold Chance Car Ticket turn-in • Yummy Desserts!!!

2014 Chance Car – John Kuhns

Vice President John Kuhns thanked all members who sold Chance Car tickets at the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival July 3, 4, 5 & 6. Special thanks were extended to all who brought an antique car out to display on the dam breast. Special thanks to John Ross Kuhns and Chris Kuhns for helping with the set-up and tear-down, and to John Ross for leaving his '72

Impala Convertible on display for all four days.

Vice President Kuhns asked that if you sold Chance Car tickets at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes to please report the number of tickets sold to Duane and Diane Anderson so we can get an accurate count to have an idea as to how successful the sales were at the event. At this time we are projecting that 600 plus tickets were sold during the four days of the festival.

2014 Chance Car Tickets – Duane & Diana Anderson

Duane Anderson reported that tickets continue to go very well. Duane said about 30 tickets have been sold through the AACA Magazine advertisement. Duane thanked everyone for turning in the ticket stubs in order. There are approximately 560 tickets that have not been given out to members to sell.

Vice President Kuhns asked that if you have unsold tickets that you do not think you can sell, to please turn them back in at the August 18th Meeting so the tickets can be available for sale at the August 31st car show. Unsold tickets will be available again following the car show.

2014 Chance Car Scheduling – John Kuhns

Vice President Kuhns reminded members that he and John Ross are storing this year's chance car in Latrobe, and to schedule the car to please contact either Mark Jackson or Duane Anderson.

Please consider taking the Chance Car out to weekday, evening events. It needs to go out as often as possible. See the local cruise schedule link on the Region's website. Always ask permission to take the car and sell tickets at someone else's cruise. The cruise website lists people in charge of events. Some event people will say no. Don't worry about it. Just try another venue.

2014 Chance Car Ticket Seller Rewards Program – John Kuhns

Vice President Kuhns reviewed this year's sellers reward program.

John reminded members present that if you take 40 tickets to sell, and sign up for the Mecum Auto Auctions mini bus trip to Harrisburg. First come, first served. Bus is leaving from the Latrobe 30 Shopping Center Parking lot at 7:00 AM on Saturday, July 26th. VERY IMPORTANT to be there ahead of time.

The bus will leave at 7:00 AM. Latrobe 30 Shopping Center that is across from Arnold Palmer Motors on Route 30, Latrobe. The bus will be by the Rite Aid store in the right hand section as you enter the parking lot. There will be rest stops on the way. We will depart Harrisburg at 5:00 PM and stop for dinner on the way home. Bus transportation and general admission to the auction are free for ticket sellers. Dinner and other expenses are on your own.

CLARIFICATION: If you are a joint membership, ie: husband and wife, you only need to have signed out 40 tickets

to sell in order for both of you to go, NOT 40 tickets per person. You do not have to have sold all 40 tickets by the time of the trip to go.

John told members we had four spots available. If any members wanted to take guests on the trip they were welcome to do so. The cost for the guest would be \$50 that would include transportation and admission into the auction. Please let Mark Jackson know ASAP...

Other ticket seller rewards: If you sell 40 tickets on the Chance Car you earn a free 2015 Western PA Region membership. Member must maintain National AACA membership.

For every additional 40 tickets sold (above initial 40 tickets) you earn a \$10 voucher good for WPR parties, events, tours and apparel.

Car Show – Dave Sheetz

Dave Sheetz reported that the deadline for pre-registration was August 12th. Dave needs volunteers for the car show. He needs help parking cars & registration. Please contact Dave and let him know you can help.

We need sponsors... Carol Calabrace reported that we have 11 sponsors so far. We need more. Connie Schifano passed around a sign-up sheet for the Bake Sale. Please contact Connie if you would like to help. John Kuhns asked that you bring items for the Chinese Auction to the August 18th meeting.

Vice President Kuhns read a report from Jill Jackson that stated that we will have Boy Scout Troop 405 with hamburgers and hot dogs. They will also post the colors and participate in selecting a Scout's Choice Award. Food vendors also include Bataggia's Catering - Hot Sausage sandwiches, etc and the Ice Cream Truck.

Car Show Yellow Shirts: Contact Mark Jackson ASAP if you need a new yellow shirt for the Car Show.

WPR Apparel – Jeff Speicher

Jeff Speicher had some samples of new apparel to show members. Please see Jeff to order. Jeff has some items in stock for immediate delivery.

Tours – John Kuhns

Vice President Kuhns conveyed a Special Thanks from President Jackson to John Ross Kuhns for heading up a cruise to downtown Indiana, PA for their downtown car show on June 28th. John Ross reported that five cars from the region went along. John Ross reported that they sold approximately 51 tickets at the event.

Vice President Kuhns reminded the members that the Progressive Dinner Tour will be on Saturday, August 16th. There is a registration flyer in the July Round-Up. Thanks to all this year's dining stop hosts are Dave and Debbie Sheetz, Mark and Jill Jackson, Duane and Diana Anderson and Joe and Tammy Vrable. Please sign up to attend.

Some other tours are in the works. Ideas of places to go are always welcome. Please consider planning a tour in the future.

Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross spoke about the annual Region Picnic that is scheduled for July 27th. The reservation dead line is July 19th. WPR members are \$10.00 each and Guests are \$15.00. Dinner starts at 1:00 PM. Food will include roast pork, roast turkey, corn on the cob, rigatoni and parsley potatoes. Each member is requested to bring a desert. John

plans to have prize winning bingo games. John reported that he had very light registrations thus far. Following John Ross's report many members turned in their registration forms or said they were attending.

Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria

Craig reported that the annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6th at the "new" Ramada Inn (old Sheriton Inn) in Greensburg. Craig said a fun time was being planned. Please mark your schedule and plan to attend.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

President Jackson was not present at the meeting. The Round-Up was mailed to all members. Some members indicated that they had not yet received their newsletter. Vice President Kuhns asked that they let him or a director know if they do not receive it within the next few days. Article and photo contributions are always welcome. See information in the newsletter on how to get items to Mark Jackson.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reported that the Region's web site received 119 hits with 81 new visitors this month. Mark also reported that he is working toward moving our pages to new servers. Please email Mark anything you would like posted on the Region's web site. Please email Mark if you have an email address change.

AACA Eastern Spring Meet – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross spoke about the possibility of the Western PA Region hosting a Regional Meet. The intention of the discussion is to gauge the member's interest in hosting a meet. Response appeared to be positive. Howard Finney and Harvey Eger talked about what it would take to hold a Grand National Meet. The majority of members present indicated that they would be supportive of the region having a Grand National Meet. The region is continuing to discuss the matter.

From the Floor

Charlie Schifano spoke about the cruise to be held at the Sonic Restaurant in Greensburg on Monday nights. Sonic has a new sponsor that is hoping for good attendance. Charlie asked that members support to cruise. (update: 72 cars on August 4th. Next Cruise August 11th)

Adjournment

Vice President Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Finney made the motion, seconded by Debbie Sheetz, adjournment was unanimously approved.

Following the meeting a well-received presentation on the Tucker Automobile was provided by Chuck Speicher.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary



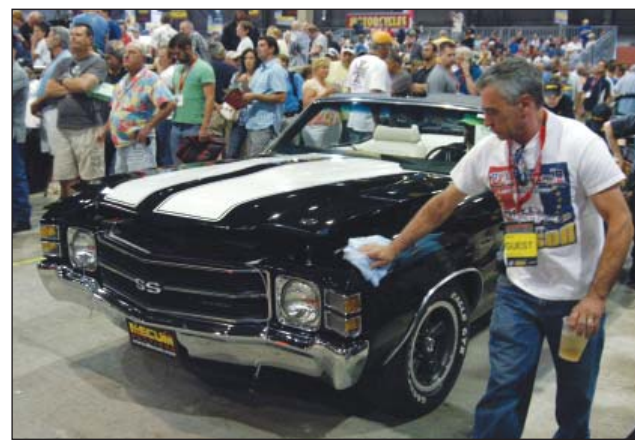
Mike Kohan snapped this great photo of Guy Davis's Shelby Mustang at the Western PA Region Annual Picnic July 27th.



O.k. to wave outside Gary, but be careful inside.



The hammer is up. Dana Mecum is in the red shirt.



One last wipe before the bidding begins.



Luxurious Ferrari interior



Muscle by Buick

Western PA Region Bus Trip to the First **MECUM AUCTIONS** in Harrisburg, PA!



1956 Chevy Bel-Air Convertible heading for auction.



Dave Sheetz, Don Brant, Debbie Sheetz, Mary Ann Brant, Dodie and Tom Ulishney



Broadcasting in HD



'66 Olds Convertible followed by a Cobra



'41 Ford hot rod hupcap roulette



Hemi muscle - the car matches the driver's hat.



Charlie Schifano & Denny Blank



Jill & Regis Jackson text Uncle Kurt, "Look at these motorcycles!"



1936 Cadillac Convertible



Energizing the bidders.



Giant monitor displays bids in various currencies.

On Saturday, July 26th a classy mini bus carrying twenty-one Western PA Region members departed Latrobe and headed to the first Mecum Auction ever held in Harrisburg, PA at the sprawling Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. Perhaps you've seen the Mecum Auctions on TV. Car person or not, they are lively and fun to watch. There were over 1,000 classic vehicles being auctioned off in Harrisburg. Saturday was the last day of the auction and

there were many interesting and valuable vehicles parading onto the auction block. Region members enjoyed experiencing the excitement first hand as part of the Chance Car Ticket Sellers' Reward Program. We hear the Mecum people were very pleased with the Harrisburg auction results. So hopefully we can do it again next year.

Special thanks to John Kuhns, Sr. for making general admission arrangements.



Great panorama photo by Regis Jackson shows the size and scope of the first Mecum Auction in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center.

Becky Blank uses texts, cell calls and Facebook posts to get Western PA Region members out to enjoy a Cruise at the Greensburg Sonic on a beautiful Monday!



"There's a great cruise going on at the Greensburg Sonic right now..."



"There are some great specials on good food..."



"A lot of Region members are here..."



"It's a beautiful day. Come on out if you can..."



"We're having lots of fun..."

Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE

1955 Chevrolet Belair 4 Door Sedan,
265 Power Glide, 25,000 Original Miles, Harvest Gold & Ivory, Chrome Package, Joe 724-593-5570

1979 Lincoln Continental For Sale from original owner. 20,925 original miles. Asking \$15K. phone Don Holt at 724-837-9889 or email jacqholt@yahoo.com

1994 Toyota Turcel
Standard Shift, 2 Door, Red, 117,571 Miles
Needs some engine work. 724-850-7458



1952 Chevy Styleline 2 Door
Engine 350 4 bolt with 400 heads, headers, 350 transmission, Camaro sub frame with power disc brakes, power steering, Camaro rear end with Pose springs, Camaro wiring harness, Monte Carlo tilt wheel, engine mostly chromed, Edelbrock manifold and carb, 100 amp alternator, battery installed in trunk, HEI distributor, Flowmaster mufflers, cold Vintage Air, interior custom finished with new bucket seats, power driver's side, trunk is custom finished, exterior paint Torch Red, shaved door handles and trunk, remote controlled poppers, excellent chrome and wheels, new rubber seals, all gauges work including tach, runs and stops perfect.
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6 Dodge hubcaps for '54-'56 trucks
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Ronald Underwood 412-341-7812

Four {4} BFG Silvertown 2 1/4 white wall tires
7-50-14 on original 57 chevy wheels with the nubs, mounted and balanced. like new less than 300 miles. \$800.00 Jack Mull 724-523-8985

Chevy Truck Parts 1941-1946

- Five 15 inch rims for \$100.
 - Two front brake drums and backing plates - complete \$100. per pair.
 - Radiator core support, \$50.
- Other parts available. Joe Vrable, 724-219-3922

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.

Please submit all classified ad requests to:
Mark Jackson, Editor, 133 Alexander Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-832-9074 email: rpmguy2002@yahoo.com

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

Regis's Favorite Car from July



Ed and Nancy Vrable were the first to correctly identify July's car as a 1960 Studebaker Lark convertible. Regis will pick out some great cookies especially for you. As I promised last issue – our daughter Trudy's favorite antique car is a 1959 Cadillac, while Mary's is a 1966 Mustang.

August's Car



August's car was submitted by Fred Nicholls. It belonged to a friend of his. Fred talked him into purchasing a car which bore the friend's last name. Do you recognize this classic? Be the first to contact me with the correct year and make of this car and win a bag of Snyder's Pretzel Snaps. Contact me in person. Call 724-832-9074 or email me at rpmguy2002@yahoo.com.

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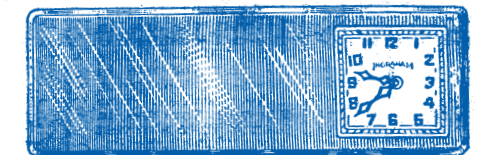
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Becky Blank, Mark DeFloria, Regis Jackson,
Mike Kohan, Fred Nicholls, Clay Stoner

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No. H120-BSK. This clock mirror can be installed in a few seconds in any make car without cutting any holes. Merely replace the rear view mirror with this new **CLOCK MIRROR**. It is the logical place for a clock because it is free from vibration and shocks. You can easily tell the time without digging in your pocket for your watch or taking your eyes off the road. Mirror is new style **NO GLARE**. You can easily look into the mirror at the reflection of the car approaching you from the rear without blinding you and you can see equally as well with this mirror during the daytime. Size of mirror, 2 1/2 x 7 inches. Clock is 30-hour movement, has luminous hands and silvered dial. Weight, each, 8 ozs.
Selling price, \$2.50
Wholesale Sample, \$1.95;
Dozen Lots, \$1.85 Each

Good Times Roll at Annual Summer Picnic



Cool cars at the Cooperstown Club picnic pavilion



Ron Shaulis & Howard Finney



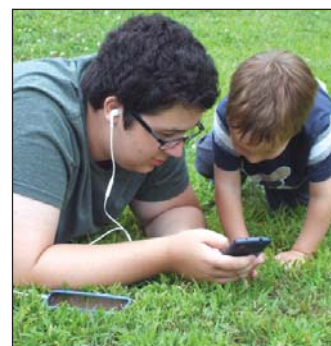
Gary Weigand & Guy Davis



Luella Bell & Edith Cooper play Bingo.



Mary Ann Brant, Barbara Erny & Carol Calabrace



Regis Jackson & Casper DeFloria



Water balloon toss to John Kuhns, Sr.



Oh well, those are the breaks.

Sixty-five Western PA Region members and guests gathered at the Cooperstown Club near Latrobe for the Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 27th. The food was fantastic, as always, and members brought some scrumptious desserts to share. Everyone enjoyed the games including Bingo with prizes. Many thanks to the fabulous Kuhns family for putting on this great, fun tradition once again.

Clay Stoner's Picnic Photo Fun...



Bubble Gum - Bubble Blowing Contest!



WOW!
Look at that Bubble!!



John Ross and Auria Kuhns

A PONY DAD
A PONY!!
NOT A TEN
GALLON HAT.



The 1931 Willys Runs Again

by Fred L. Nicholls



This is a continuance from "Getting into the hobby part one". The Willys set in Kay's garage with a broken axle over the winter of '63 until spring of 1964. Finally in Hemmings Motor News I found a man advertising parts for a 1931 Willys. Kay called, and soon had the axle. He had the car towed to Russ McCombs' alley garage. Russ was an instructor at what is now known as Wyo Tech in Blairsville, and an alley mechanic in the evening. With the axle in, Russ got it ready to drive, and found that over the winter the block had cracked. Kay gave up and was going to sell it for junk. I bought it and towed it home. At a Punxsutawney Region meeting I learned that a shop in New Bethlehem was able to weld cracked blocks. So Russ came to my place and we removed the engine. We loaded it in my neighbor's Chevy pick up and took it to the shop. We got it back and Russ came to my garage and installed it. The engine started right up, but the weld didn't hold. At a meeting of the Region I was talking about the car, and that I hoped to find an engine. A member asked me if I wanted to sell it. I knew what I had invested, gave him the figure, and he bought it. He towed it home to DuBois. As a shade tree mechanic, he removed the engine and dropped a 1950 Plymouth motor in. He then painted the car and drove it for many years.

Kay liked my Ford coupe and decided to fine one. In my Hemmings Motor News he located one in Corry, PA. With the help of a friend he towed it home behind his new Plymouth wagon. It was mostly original and ran OK. He stored it over the winter (Prestone in the

radiator), and was getting it ready to drive in the spring. Note: The not original battery box had been welded to the left engine firewall. Being no mechanical genius, he was pouring gasoline into the tank from a metal can which came in contact with something - FIRE. He was burned and spent several weeks in the hospital. Came out OK. Lost interest in old cars, and sold it to his friend who helped tow it home. His friend then had it put back to original and gave it to his daughter. She passed her driver's exam in it, much to the amazement of the State Cop. She graduated from Indiana University of PA, got married and took it to their new home in Ohio. End of story.



One of the last Willys cars produced in the 1950's before the company totally focused on Jeep related vehicles.