

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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Holidays!*





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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.

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From Your President

What a blessing it is to enjoy four distinct seasons here in Western PA.

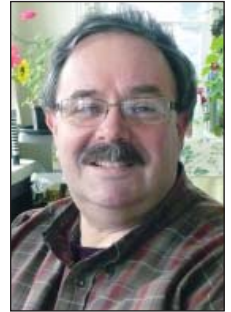
What kind of winter old car memories do you have? Do you remember using tire chains for traction in the snow? Remember sawdust treads? Do you remember towns spreading ashes from the coal mines and coke ovens rather than salt to help in the snow? Can you recall the groaning sound of a six volt system slowly turning the engine over in the cold?

Some of my favorite old car winter stories are about my Granddad Jackson. During the mid-to-late 1930's he worked at the Hannastown Mine operating the steam-powered hoist that carried men and coal in and out of the mine. He drove a 1928 Model A Ford from his home in Mount Pleasant to Hannastown every day. At the time this was considered a long commute. Antifreeze had not been invented yet, and alcohol was expensive. So to save his engine during winter months, he would drive the Model A to work early, park it, open the pitcock on the radiator and drain it. At the end of the day, he would take hot water from the steam engine which ran the mine hoist and fill his radiator up again for the ride home. This was quite the daily routine, but he was a very patient man.

One winter day, Granddad was driving his Model A home from Hannastown in a very heavy snow. He could barely see where he was going. Luckily, he could see the tail lights of another car ahead of him, so he figured the best thing to do was to follow those tail lights. The tail lights seemed to be heading towards Mount Pleasant. Things were going fairly well for a good distance. Then suddenly the car he was following stopped. Granddad stopped right in back of it. The man driving the car got out and walked back to Granddad's Model A. It was still snowing hard. He knocked on Granddad's window. Granddad rolled down his window and the man said, "I don't know about you, but I'm home." So focused was Granddad on the tail lights ahead of him, that he ended up following the man right into his driveway. Mildly embarrassed, he put the Model A in reverse, backed out of the driveway, and then made his way home on his own.

May your holiday travels be safe and may your New Year be warmed by fond memories and the laughter of family and friends.

-- Mark Jackson



Ramada Site of Funtastic Christmas Party!

WPR members gathered at the newly remodeled Greensburg Ramada on December 6th to celebrate the holiday season with the Annual Christmas Party. Craig and Casper DeFloria served as hosts, and had a wonderful evening arranged.

Over the holidays, the Ramada lobby and gathering area are the sites of a bright and colorful Community

Christmas tree display. The trees are decorated by various local charities and community groups. Visitors can vote for their favorites by making donations. Here professional photographer Ray Adams took Christmas portraits of WPR members and their guests. Ray delivered beautiful color prints later that evening which were distributed to members at their tables.

The Christmas Party was a great time for socializing highlighted by a delicious buffet dinner, music, fun holiday trivia questions and exciting prizes. Myron Shoaf and Cris Detwiler even conducted a holiday sing-along.

Thank you so much Craig and Casper for capping off 2013 in such a warm and festive way!



Christmas Party hosts Casper and Craig DeFloria welcome members at the registration table.



In the midst of the beautiful Ramada Community Christmas tree display, Shirley and Mike Kohan prepare to have their Christmas portrait taken by professional photographer Ray Adams.



Starting off a wonderful Christmas Party dinner with savory salads (l-r) Karla and Bob Doppelheuer, Joyce and Bob Inhoff.



(l-r) Connie Shoaf, Elaine and Rupert Martinko and Myron Shoaf enjoy friendly conversation.



Ralph Shearer helps distribute prizes. Seated (l-r) Diana Anderson and Connie Shoaf.



That holiday spirit shines as WPR members sing-along with Cris Detwiler and Myron Shoaf - Jingle Bells and The Twelve Days of Christmas!



Minutes of the January 12, 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular monthly meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2015 Western Round-Up.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on January 12, 2014 at Dino's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Latrobe, PA. There were 52 members were in attendance and no guests. The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by President Craig DeFloria.

Minutes of the 2013 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the WPR Annual Meeting held on January 13, 2013 were printed in the December, 2013 Western Round-Up. President DeFloria asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - 2013 Summary

Treasurer John Ross Kuhns presented a summary of 2013 income and expenses. John Ross thanked President Craig DeFloria for continuing to manage the WPR finances and preparing the treasurer reports, while also serving as WPR President. President DeFloria asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Gary Wiegand, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report December, 2013

Treasurer John Ross Kuhns read the Treasurer's report for December, 2013. President DeFloria asked if there were any revisions or questions on the report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the report. A motion was made by Ron Underwood, seconded by Al Wirick and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report - Ralph Shearer

Secretary Mark Jackson, Dave Sheetz and Ralph Shearer were on the 2013 WPR Audit Committee. Treasurer John Ross Kuhns and President Craig DeFloria were also present at an audit of the WPR's 2013 finances conducted on January 8, 2014. Craig DeFloria used Quicken software to manage the region's finances. Ralph reported that the committee found all the WPR's finances in order, and that Craig did an excellent job.

By utilizing the Quicken software, records can be easily and securely backed up, and can be readily prepared for future budget planning.

Donna Surace asked if the region gets receipts when

advances are given. Craig replied yes, and that we have them in our records.

State of the Region 2013 - President DeFloria

President Craig DeFloria thanked everyone who helped make 2013 a successful year - tours, car show, chance car and special events. The car show had a good turn out and made money. Craig said that he had a good time serving as WPR President and is looking forward to serving on the board again next year.

Rev Up Party - Donna Surace

The 2013 Rev Up Party was hosted by the Suraces and Jacksons at the American Legion, Pipetown. There was lots of great food and fun including a British comedienne. The party was subsidized 76% by the region.

Annual Picnic - John Ross Kuhns

John said that he would be happy to host the picnic again. He welcomed any new ideas and told those present to mark their calendars for the last Sunday in July at the Cooperstown Club.

Car Show - Tom Ulishney

Tom thanked everybody who volunteered and made the show a success. He also said that the WPR should start looking for a car show chairman for 2014.

2013 Chance Car

The 2013 Chance Car was a 1966 Ford Mustang. John Ross and John Kuhns, Sr. stored the car. Chuck Speicher managed the schedule and Donna Surace managed the tickets. Donna said that every ticket seller helps to make a successful Chance Car sale. She also acknowledged the numerous hours some members put into selling tickets and gave a special thanks to Tom and Dodie Ulishney.

Top Chance Car ticket sellers this year were: 1st Donna and Dominic Surace; 2nd Chuck and Lee Speicher, 3rd Tom and Dodie Ulishney and 4th Mark and Jill Jackson. Mark and Jill also sold the winning ticket.

There were 31 members who earned a free WPR 2014 membership by selling 40+ tickets, 72 \$10 vouchers were earned for selling units of 40 tickets beyond the first 40. Donna said that members did an outstanding job this year selling tickets.

President DeFloria asked for a motion to destroy the

2013 Chance Car tickets. A motion was made by Myron Shoaf, seconded by Gary Wiegand and unanimously approved.

2013 Membership - Howard Finney

Howard reported that it was a very slow year. There were two new members. Five couples never picked up their membership badges.

Newsletter - Mark Jackson

Mark thanked all who submitted articles and photos to the *Western Round-Up*.

Website - Mark DeFloria

Mark thanked all who sent in items for the WPR website. There are many photos posted on the website as well as past WPR newsletters. Mark asked members present to let him know if they have a problem with the website. He also asked the members to get Donna Surace their email addresses if they have one.

Tours - Mark Jackson

Mark thanked everyone who helped host or participated in WPR tours this year.

The Progressive Dinner Tour was held on June 29th with breakfast hosted by Roger and Jan Chirstiansen, salad hosted by Jim and Susan Heatherington, dinner hosted by Mark and Jill Jackson and dessert hosted by Cris and Molly Detwiler.

After years of careful planning, the trip to the **National U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio** transformed into the “**Fly by the Seat of Your Pants Tour**” after the Museum was closed by a Federal government shut down caused by a budget impasse. Al Friend and team quickly shifted into a marvelous “Plan B” which included the interesting Carillon Historical Park and a Packard Museum. WPR member Ron Horack also gave an insightful presentation on the fate of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

The Pumpkin Run was held on October 19th. The tour started in Latrobe and headed south to WPR member Skip Seaton’s Restoration Shop in New Salem, PA near Uniontown in Fayette County. Everyone enjoyed Skip and Deborah’s hospitality and collection of cars and projects he was working on for restoration clients. Just down the road from Skip’s, the tour stopped at Duda’s Farm Market to pick out pumpkins and enjoy seasonal displays.

Christmas Party

Donna and Dominic Surace and Vickie and Ashley Kuhns hosted the 2013 Christmas Party at DiSalvo’s Station in Latrobe. Members’ portraits were taken by Ray Adams and the evening included great food and musical entertainment. The party was subsidized 78% by the region.

Apparel

Sadly, WPR apparel chairman Al Findley passed away this year. Please let the board know about any outstanding orders. The WPR will be sending a donation to AACA

in Al’s honor.

Awards

The Paul P. Bell Award for most unique vehicle displayed at a WPR event went to Guy Davis for showing his 1934 Packard touring car at the 2013 car show.

The Foster Fike Restoration Award went to Duane Anderson for his 1946 Dodge Pickup Truck, which he showed at the car show this year.

The Jack Clark Service Award was presented to Donna and Dominic Surace.

A new award was established this year. **The John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award** was established by John Kuhns, Sr. This award is to be presented to the WPR member who has driven an antique passenger vehicle (25 years or older) to the most WPR events and meetings during a calendar year. It does not have to be the same car. The first recipient of this award was John Ross Kuhns III. John Kuhns, Sr. invited members to establish other such awards. They would involve WPR Board approval and a contribution by the initiator to get the award started.

Service Award Mugs were presented to three WPR directors whose terms were ending - Chuck Speicher, Mark Jackson and John Kuhns, Sr.

Election of Officers

President DeFloria asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Mark DeFloria agreed to run for the WPR Board of Directors. This accounted one member for each of the three Director positions which were up for election. No other candidates came forward. President DeFloria asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three members running to fill the three available director positions. A motion was made by John Kuhns, Sr., seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously approved.

After a brief organization meeting the following WPR Board offices were announced for 2014:

President - Mark Jackson

Vice President - John Kuhns, Sr.

Treasurer - Craig DeFloria

Secretary - Mark DeFloria

Publicity - John Ross Kuhns

Safety - Dominic Surace

Special Guest Speaker - Ralph Lincoln descendent of President Abraham Lincoln

Ralph spoke on the topic of what Abraham Lincoln might think of America today.

Adjournment

President DeFloria asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Myron Shoaf, seconded by Nancy Wolfe and unanimously approved.

-- Mark Jackson, Secretary

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

November's Car



Ed Vrale was the first to correctly identify November's car as a 1937 Chevy and won the turkey just in time for Thanksgiving. **Bill Maurer** and **Jim Heatherington** also contacted me with the correct answer.

A 1937 Chevy was my Dad's first car. His father gave it to him when Dad was in the service during the late 1940's.

The car needed a new paint job. But Dad didn't have much money, so he decided to paint it himself with a brush. He painted very carefully and felt he did a pretty good job. When it was finished and dry he drove it to Main Street, Mount Pleasant to show it off.

A family friend named Murphy was passing by and noticed Dad and the car. Mr. Murphy was deaf and mute. He also happened to be an expert body repair man at a local shop. Dad took Murphy by the arm and showed him the nice paint job that he had just finished on the '37. Murphy looked at the car carefully, then looked up at dad, made a

sweeping gesture with his right hand and slowly pronounced the word, "---mmmopp!" Dad was very disheartened to learn that Murphy thought the car looked as if he had painted it with a mop! Oh well, that brushed-on paint job lasted a long time.

December's Car



Do you know the make, model and year of this little number? I took the photo at the Waynesburg 50's Fest this year. Be the first to contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074 or email rpmguy2002@yahoo.com and win a box of chocolate covered pretzels.

Remembering

by Fred L. Nicholls

Looking at Charlie Schifano covering his '39 Ford on the cover of the November newsletter reminded me of the '39 Ford that I bought in 1968.

I answered the phone, and a low voice asked, "Are you the man who bought old cars?" I answered, "Yes." I thought somebody was teasing me. So I asked who was calling. "This is Gertrude Wilson, and I live on South Sixth Street." We set up a time that afternoon to see the car.

I arrived in front of a very neat Cape Cod house, rang the bell, and was invited in. Ms. Wilson was a small lady who had been crippled with polio as a child. A graduate of Indiana Normal School, she had taught school locally for many years. The living room where we were seated was from the 1920's. The TV had a 12 inch screen with rabbit ears. She told me to follow her to see the car through the kitchen. The fridge had the cooling unit on top, and the gas stove was of an older vintage. We stepped into the garage, which had a 25 watt bulb hanging from the ceiling. The car was covered with old blankets. She said, "I never open



the garage door because someone always wants to buy the car." I helped her uncover the car. (She used a step ladder.) I knew that it was mint. (More to come next issue.)

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Jill Jackson and Fred Nicholls

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1955 Chevrolet Belair 4 Door Sedan,
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Western PA Region Socials Were Fun This Year

Social get togethers happen each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. the first Sunday after the regular monthly meeting.

Warmer months - Bruster's Ice Cream, New Stanton



Nancy and Jack Wolfe and friend cruised to Bruster's in their 1966 Mustang.



Brenda and Ed Hurst cruised to Bruster's in their 1920 Chevrolet Roadster.

**November and colder months -
Pizza Sienna in the Greensburg Shopping Center**



Enjoying great pizza, and great conversation at Pizza Sienna (l-r) Duane and Diana Anderson, Karen and Jeff Speicher, Chuck and Lee Speicher, Regis Jackson and Joe Vrable



Thank you to all Western PA Region AACA members who either donated toys to Toys For Tots at the Christmas Party, or helped with the sorting in Youngwood before Christmas. You helped the Marine Corps Reserve keep the magic in Christmas for many local children!