

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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Our 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). You do not have to own an antique car to join us.



From Your President

This time of year I am especially grateful for the blessings of family, friends and sustenance. I am also grateful to all who helped make 2015 another great year to remember for the Western PA Region AACA.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Region President again in 2015. The Region's Board of Directors has indeed acted as a team working in the best interests of our club, including listening to and acting upon member's ideas and concerns. They have been at your service simply because they have a passion for old cars and the good people who appreciate them. They have worked tirelessly to help good things happen in our Region and within our community regarding antique automobiles and the preservation of our automotive heritage.

There is still time to throw your hat in the ring as a candidate for the WPR Board in the upcoming election to be held at the Annual Meeting on January 10, 2016. Terms are two years. Just contact a current Board member on the list to the left. I have sincerely enjoyed my service on the Board, and have learned so many interesting things about our hobby.

Thanks to all who hosted and helped plan an activity, event or tour this year. Thanks to all who helped sell and coordinate chance car tickets, and gave of their time and talent in some way to further the success of our Region. Thanks to all who submitted articles and photos for publication in our *Western Round-Up* newsletter and our Region's Website. Thanks to all those who participated in our Region's activities and AACA National activities.

Our AACA National connection is a huge part of our integrity. We are part of the oldest, largest and finest antique automobile club in the world – something to be very proud of. Are AACA activities fun? Ask anyone who attended the 2015 Founders Tour in Ohio, took the bus trip to the Hershey Car Show, or attended any of the AACA National Meets.

Thanks to all who helped make it possible for our Region to be selected to host the AACA Grand National Meet in Spring of 2018. The excitement is building.

Now back to my family – a great big thanks to my wife Jill and my kids – Trudy, Mary and Regis, who fondly call my antique car obsession “Dad’s car A.D.D.” They have been amazingly supportive of my work on and enjoyment of the Western PA Region AACA.

Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year to all!

-- Mark Jackson

Western PA Region Calendar

JANUARY 2016

10 - Western PA Region Annual Meeting & Banquet at Dino's, Route 30, Latrobe. Starting at 1:30 p.m.

Note: AACA National and Western PA Region 2016 dues must be paid before the Region's Annual Meeting to avoid an additional \$25 late penalty.

FEBRUARY

11-13 AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

16 - Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meeting - American Legion 982, Latrobe (Pipetown), 7:30 p.m.

21 - Pizza Social at Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Plaza starting at 6:00 p.m.

WPR Christmas Party Dinner Theater “Clausablanca” is a Hit!



Cabaret owner “Claus Von Strudle” (center) shmoozes with WPR members (l-r) Bob and Karla Dopeheuer, and Leona and Ben Davis.



Cris Detwiler’s hair-raising experience.



Cabaret Comedian “Bob Dope” matches wits with (l-r) Fred Nicholls and Bill Maurer.

A few years ago, Craig DeFloria said to the Western PA Region Board, “You know what would be fun? We ought to have a dinner theater.” As host of the 2015 Western PA Region Christmas Party along with his son Casper, vision became reality on Saturday afternoon, December 5th at the Greensburg Ramada. Over 80 members gathered to enjoy a sumptuous Christmas buffet dinner wrapped around a performance of “Clausablanca” by the Musical Mysteries and More theater troupe from Pittsburgh. Craig was very excited to be able to book them. Previous attempts were hindered by schedule conflicts. When booking for this year’s Christmas Party Craig made arrangements about a year in advance.

Upon arriving at the Ramada, members were greeted by Craig and Casper at the registration table and each given a brand new 2016 Western PA Region Antique Auto calendar. Professional photographer Ray Adams was also on hand again to take formal portraits of couples and families dressed in their festive holiday attire. Ray then delivered beautiful color prints to all later that evening.

In the dining room things got started with a social hour which included hors d’oeuvres and a variety of costumed theater characters visiting each table to help “set up” the story of “Clausablanca”. Fact sheets at each table helped inspire questions to ask each visiting character and “prime the pump” for solving a mystery in the making. All got to meet the likes of Madame Croissant, Comedian Bob Dope, Claus Von Strudel and others who helped set the stage – a Cabaret in German-occupied Paris during 1943.

As the afternoon progressed through the salad and dinner courses, Clausablanca’s plot thickened with clever musical numbers and humorous dialogue by the talented actors until there was a murder to be solved. What helped make the performance extra special was how the actors skillfully worked their way through the audience offering

interactive moments to help draw everyone in. When it came time to solve the murder mystery, the audience got a chance to guess who done it and why by “grilling” the suspects with questions and then writing their hunches down. These were then gathered up and evaluated by the dinner theater cast. The WPR sponsored prizes for the three most “far out” and three most accurate deductions.

Who got it? Who done it and why? If you were there you know the answers to these questions, and you came home with another great memory from an extraordinary Western PA Region event. If you were not there, the author of this article is not going to spoil the ending. Visit Musical Mysteries and More online <http://www.muchadoentertainment.com> and check out their calendar for future performances in the area.

During the dinner Craig and Casper also recognized anyone celebrating a December birthday. Long-time member Fred Nicholls received a special round of applause in honor of his 90th birthday.

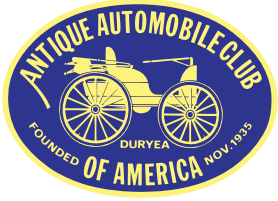
Near the dining room entrance Denny and Becky Blank had placed a Toys for Tots collection box. As the festivities ended the box was full thanks to the generous Christmas spirit of our members.

Special thanks to Craig and Casper for putting together this excellent and very entertaining Christmas Party.



Casper and Craig DeFloria pose for photographer Ray Adams.

Fundamentals of Tires in Judging



By Herb Oakes,
VP Class Judging



As I mentioned in the last Rummage Box, some of us are falling short on the issue of tires. I have asked our Tire Consultant who also serves as our CJE Instructor on tires to draft an article for our Antique Automobile Magazine.

Below is a copy of the article that was published in the magazine. I am asking the editors of each Region and Chapter to reprint this article in their newsletters. By this type of saturation, I am hopeful that this will support our members on the issue of tires. I would like to thank Rick Marsh for his dedication to this issue of tires.

The Antique Automobile Club of America can trace its history back to 1935 when Ted Fiala and Frank Abramson were interested in finding others who were also motivated to find and preserve early antique automobiles. These early participants would locate vintage vehicles, get them running, drive them and occasionally participate in Derbies.

This evolved into annual Spring and Fall meets and the first classifications for display came about in 1947. The AACA Judging program, with expanded classifications and rules for judging, came into being in the early 1960's.

At each of our meets today, our members have the opportunity to place their vehicles on the field in either Drivers Participation Class (DPC) or Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) or AACA Class Judging for restored vehicles. The AACA General policy is our cornerstone for how we present our vehicles on a field at all AACA National Meets. It states "The objective of AACA Judging is to evaluate an antique vehicle which has been restored to the same state as the dealer could have prepared the vehicle for delivery to the customer. This includes any feature, option or accessory shown in the original factory catalog, parts book, sales literature, or company directives for the model year of the vehicle.

AACA accepts motorized vehicles 25 years old or

older, which were built in factories and specifically designed and manufactured for transportation use on public roadways or highways". So the shorthand version for the owner of restored vehicles is factory built, intended for highway use and supported by factory documentation. This is the foundation for every AACA Judging School at each Meet and at every owners briefing at every AACA National Meet.

It is of paramount importance that each AACA vehicle owner understand this and do their level best to get their vehicle in compliance supported by factory documentation. Most owners take this task very seriously and research their vehicles extensively during the restoration process. Ask them a question about their vehicle and then get ready for a history lesson. In AACA, it is up to the owner to restore the vehicle correctly, not the judge.

Our judges are instructed to review the vehicles for authenticity first and workmanship second. These individuals are all volunteers who study their craft at their own expense in an attempt to build a personal knowledge base and experience. This is no small task as at any AACA Meet, we can be judging a vehicle which came from any one of over 2,800 different manufacturers. The Continuing Judge's Education (CJE) program offers nearly 25 subjects to assist in this exercise. One of those courses is on tires and is available at most of the AACA National Meets.

Many of our AACA judges and the occasional owner attend these classes at each AACA National Meet and will often comment that they feel the subject of tires to be complex and even somewhat overwhelming. They'll refer to the multiple page ads in *Hemming's Magazine* and question how anyone can be on top of it all.

This is when it is suggested that everyone take a breath and attempt to focus on the fundamentals. We are looking first for size / type and tire condition second. We seldom see any issues with size as most deductions will be the result of incorrect type and occasionally deductions for condition (wear, cracked side walls, yellowing of white-walls, etc.)

Tire timeline:

1895 - 1918, Basically wagon wheels

1900 - early 1970's, Bias construction – tubes/tubeless

1945 - present, Radial tires

1979 - present, P Metric radials

A brief review of history (1895 - 1989) is helpful when looking at the type of tire for the vehicle. Look at

the above timeline from left to right starting with 1895. We basically had wagon wheels with iron bands followed by rubber over the iron bands, followed by solid rubber and then pneumatic tires. We stayed with these bias type (with inner tubes) pneumatic tires from then on, through WWII and into the 1950's. Tubeless type bias plies then became the norm in 1955 (1954 on Packards) and we continued on into the 1970s.

Now radial ply tires had been developed and offered up to Detroit since 1945 but were not utilized due to higher cost. They were identified with a standard numbering identification and are still available today. We now call them Eurometric. General Motors started their utilization in 1967 followed by Ford in 1969 and Chrysler in 1973. In all three manufacturers, this conversion of bias ply to radial type was a multi-year process.

Along came the 1970's and it was determined that the USA should convert from standard to metric scale measurements. This exercise lasted about three years and was eventually abandoned. What did happen during this time was the introduction of P-Metric radials in 1979. We have been running on both Eurometrics and P-Metrics ever since.

So, our vehicle owners utilize factory documentation and our judges verify by reviewing factory documentation. Finding or rebuilding an original part to support our restoration efforts can often be an exercise. The popularity of our hobby caught the eye of American Business and following WWII prompted Firestone Rubber to make tires for our vehicles. Some aftermarket companies came on board later and our members found that with a little hunting, tires could be procured. Supply was driven by popularity and demand. For many years we were able to buy what we needed exactly or within one size up or down. The one size up or down situation was to primarily

accommodate those members who had vehicles with bias ply tires. As we got into the 60's and 70's, bias ply tires were on the way out and automobile manufacturers were offering their customers a choice of tires.

The 1967 Buick Skylark, for example, had almost a full page in the owner's manual with various size and types to choose from. Now, years later, some of those tires are not popular enough to justify frequent production. If you are into the early 70's vehicles and yours came with HR78-15 radials, you probably cannot find new tires. So we have to rely on a conversion chart to get something close and of the era. The chart says 225/75R15 and P235/70R15. Refer to the earlier timeline and you see that the P-Metric P235/70R15 came about in 1979 and is therefore not of the era. The 225/75R15 radial is of the era and available. In this example, the 225/75R15 would qualify as an acceptable conversion from the HR78-15 radials.

There has recently been an unfortunate disruption to the restoration process from our tire supply chain. Two things have started to take place. First of all, our members are often being sold what is in inventory rather than what they need for an authentic restoration.

Secondly, some radial type tires are now being manufactured to look like bias ply tires. These tires are not authentic and are therefore non-compliant with either our AACA General Policy or with the factory documentation of the vehicle. Some of our members have restored their vehicles using these tires and earned appropriate point deductions. In some cases this was a lack of due diligence on the part of the vehicle owner. In other cases, it was a conscious act on the part of the supplier rep to knowingly have sold our members the wrong tires.

Our members, for years, would drill down to the part

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Minutes of the January 11, 2015 Annual Meeting

Editor's Note: These minutes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting coming up on Sunday, January 10, 2016 starting at 1:30 p.m. at Dino's in Latrobe. The Minutes from the November 17, 2015 Monthly Meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2016 *Western Round-Up* and voted on at the February 16, 2016 Monthly Meeting at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown).

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on January 11, 2015 at Dino's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Latrobe, PA. There were 55 members were in attendance and no guests. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by President Mark Jackson.

Minutes of the 2014 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the WPR Annual Meeting held on January 12, 2014 were printed in the December, 2014 *Western Round-Up*. President Jackson 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 Gary Wiegand and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – 2014 Summary

Treasurer Craig DeFloria presented a summary of 2014 income and expenses. President Jackson asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Gary Wiegand, seconded by Nancy McKelvey and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report – Ralph Shearer

Ralph reported that the committee found all the WPR's finances in order, and that Craig did an excellent job.

Charitable Donations – Craig DeFloria

Treasurer Craig DeFloria reported that the club made charitable donations to the AACA Museum, AACA Library, Westmoreland Cleanway's Fugitive Tire Program, and our Tool Scholarships during 2014.

State of the Region 2014 – Mark Jackson President

Mark Jackson reported that the "state of the region" is good. Mark said he appreciated all the support of the members and the current board of directors. Mark thanked everyone who helped make 2014 a successful year. Mark said that he was proud to be part of, and to be President this year.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments – Mark Jackson

1.) Addition under Article VII – Directors and Officers

Purpose: To allow the Board to make adjustments should

a Director become unable or unwilling to serve so that the Board can continue to function fully and effectively.

Should a director miss more than three directors meetings during a calendar year, the other directors may vote to remove that director from the board. The remaining directors may then vote to appoint a replacement for the removed director from the general membership to finish that director's term. The appointed replacement director would fill the same office as the removed director with the exception of the president.

A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Clay Stoner and unanimously approved.

2.) Addition under Article IV – Members

Purpose: To formally establish Western Pennsylvania Region AACA memberships for young people. (Patterned after AACA National membership definitions.)

Student Member – Student Members are individuals ages 13-25 years old. A Student Member of the Western PA Region must first be a Student Member of the Antique Automobile Club of America. A Student Member must follow the same application procedures as Regular Member. Student Members have full membership privileges.

Junior Member – Junior Members are individuals ages 0-12 years old. A Junior Member of the Western PA Region must first be a Junior Member of the Antique Automobile Club of America. No reading procedure and vote is required for a Junior Member. Junior members do not have to have parents who are members of either the Western PA Region or AACA. Junior Members have no voting rights.

A motion was made by Dick McKelvey, seconded by Ralph Shearer and unanimously approved.

3.) Addition under Article VIII – Duties

Purpose: To define the duties of the Publicity and Safety Directors positions.

The Publicity Director shall help coordinate promotional efforts for the Region regarding events, programs and membership. This also includes contact with print, electronic and social media to seek out opportunities to

maintain and promote a positive image for the Western Pennsylvania Region and its mission.

The Safety Director shall help assure that safety procedures are followed during all Region tours, events and programs, which includes making special arrangements as necessary.

A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

2014 Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that the Western PA Region welcomed eight (8) new members in 2014. Three (3) joint members (couples), and two (2) individual members.

2014 Rev-Up Party – Jill Jackson

Jill Jackson reported that we had 73 members at the Rev-Up Party on April 12th. The party was coordinated by Jill Jackson, Trudy Jackson, Garren Simpson and President Jackson. This year's party had a Hawaiian Theme – "Cruisin through Paradise." Jill thanked Vickie and Ashley Kuhns for their donation of Hawaiian decorations. Members and guests were treated to good food, trivia games and music.

2014 Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Annual Region Picnic was held on July 27th at the Cooperstown Club in Latrobe. It was a beautiful day with 55 members, 1 guest, and 6 small children were in attendance. The members enjoyed great food and games.

2014 Car Show – Dave Sheetz

Dave thanked all who helped with this year's Car Show on Sunday, August 31st at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe. Dave thanked his chairpersons Howard Finney – Chief Judge, Carol Calabrace – Entries and Sponsors, Connie Schifano – Bake Sale, Vickie Kuhns – Chinese Auction, and Jill Jackson – Vendors. Jill reported that despite the rain the Boy Scouts sold enough food to break even this year. Gee's Ice Cream Truck was with us again, also J.C. Taylor Antique Auto Insurance and a few flea market vendors. There were a few cars in the car corral.

Dave said that entries were way down because of the rainy weather. There were approximately 49 vehicles. Due to a break in the weather we were able to proceed with judging the vehicles at the show and a successful awards presentation parade was able to take place.

2014 Chance Car Ticket Sales – Duane Anderson

This year's chance car was a red 1967 Mustang coupe equipped with a 289 V-8, automatic transmission and power steering. John Ross and John Kuhns, Sr. stored

the car. Duane & Diana Anderson managed the tickets. Scheduling was handled by John Ross, John, Duane and Diana.

Duane thanked the members who helped with the Chance Car this year. Duane Anderson reported that the Chance Car winner was April Fabery of Greensburg. The winning number was 0986. Tom and Dodie Ulishney sold the winning ticket at Naser's Market in Pleasant Unity. There were 4,250 tickets of the 5,000 sold this year. Duane reported that 46 members sold chance car tickets. Thirty-two (32) members earned "free" WPR memberships by selling tickets. The top Chance Car ticket sellers this year were: 1st – Tom Ulishney with 779 tickets sold, 2nd – John Ross Kuhns with 321 tickets sold, 3rd – Myron Shoaf with 304 tickets sold, and 4th – Howard Finney with 296 tickets sold.

President Jackson asked for a motion to destroy the 2014 Chance Car ticket stubs. A motion was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Debbie Sheetz and unanimously approved.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark stated that he appreciated all who helped, and 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. Mark asked the members to continue to update any information that may change such as email addresses.

Tours – Mark Jackson

Mark thanked everyone who helped host or participated in WPR tours this year. Mark reviewed the tours of 2014.

Spring Tour – Bedford County Covered Bridges

Mark reported that 22 members attended the May 4th tour of the Covered Bridges of Bedford County. All appeared to have a good time. The tour included a stop at the Jean Bonnet restaurant at the end of the tour.

Progressive Dinner Tour

Mark reported that the Progressive Dinner Tour held on August 16th was well attended and very successful. The weather was great. Mark thanked everyone for their help. The tour hosts were Dave & Debbie Sheetz – breakfast stop, Mark & Jill Jackson – salad stop, Duane & Diana Anderson – dinner stop and Joe & Tammy Vrable – dessert stop with Elvis.

Pumpkin Run

The pumpkin run was hosted by Cris and Molly Detwiler assisted by Ron and Alice Shaulis. Thirty-nine (39) people,

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16 cars including 9 antique automobiles participated in the approximate 100 mile tour. Pumpkins and other items were purchased at Fletchers on route 381 near Donegal. The participants continued to New Centerville where they were treated to Mike Miller's spectacular collection of antiques and memorabilia. Mike and his family were very gracious and explained various items in the collection. The tour continued to Zambo's Country Cottage Restaurant on New Centerville Road in Rockwood.

Christmas Party – Craig and Casper DeFloria

Craig and Casper hosted the 2014 Christmas Party at the "new" Ramada Inn located in Greensburg on December 6th. Craig reported that 81 members and guests attended the party. The party started with members' portraits being taken by professional photographer Ray Adams. Beautiful color prints were later distributed to members at their tables. The party included a buffet dinner, music, and fun holiday trivia fun with exciting prizes. Myron Shoaf and Cris Detwiler conducted an impromptu holiday sing-along.

Awards – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reported that the *2014 Paul P. Bell Award* for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a Western PA Region event was awarded to Dave Davis for his 1936 Pearce Arrow that he brought to the picnic.

The 2014 Foster Fike Restoration Award was presented to Dave Lizza for his 1940 Plymouth that he showed at this year's car show.

The 2014 Jack Clark Service Award was presented to Mark Jackson for all his work and contributions to the Region in 2014.

The 2014 John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award was

presented to John Ross Kuhns for bringing an antique automobile to the most Region events.

Directors Service Awards – John Kuhns

John presented service awards to the three Western PA Region directors whose terms were ending – Craig DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns, and Dominic Surace.

Election of Officers

Each year there are three director openings. President Mark Jackson asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Director candidates include Craig DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns, and Ron Shaulis. No other candidates came forward. Mark Jackson 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 Jim Heatherington, seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously approved.

Announcement of 2015 Officers

After a brief organization meeting between the 2015 Directors, the following Director positions were announced:

President – Mark Jackson

Vice President – John Kuhns

Treasurer– Craig DeFloria

Secretary – Mark DeFloria

Publicity Director – John Ross Kuhns

Safety Director – Ron Shaulis

Adjournment

President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Clay Stoner, seconded by Bettyann Finney and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 3:50 PM.

Dinner and a visual presentation "2014, A Look In The Rear View Mirror" of our Region's 2014 activities was narrated by Mark Jackson following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

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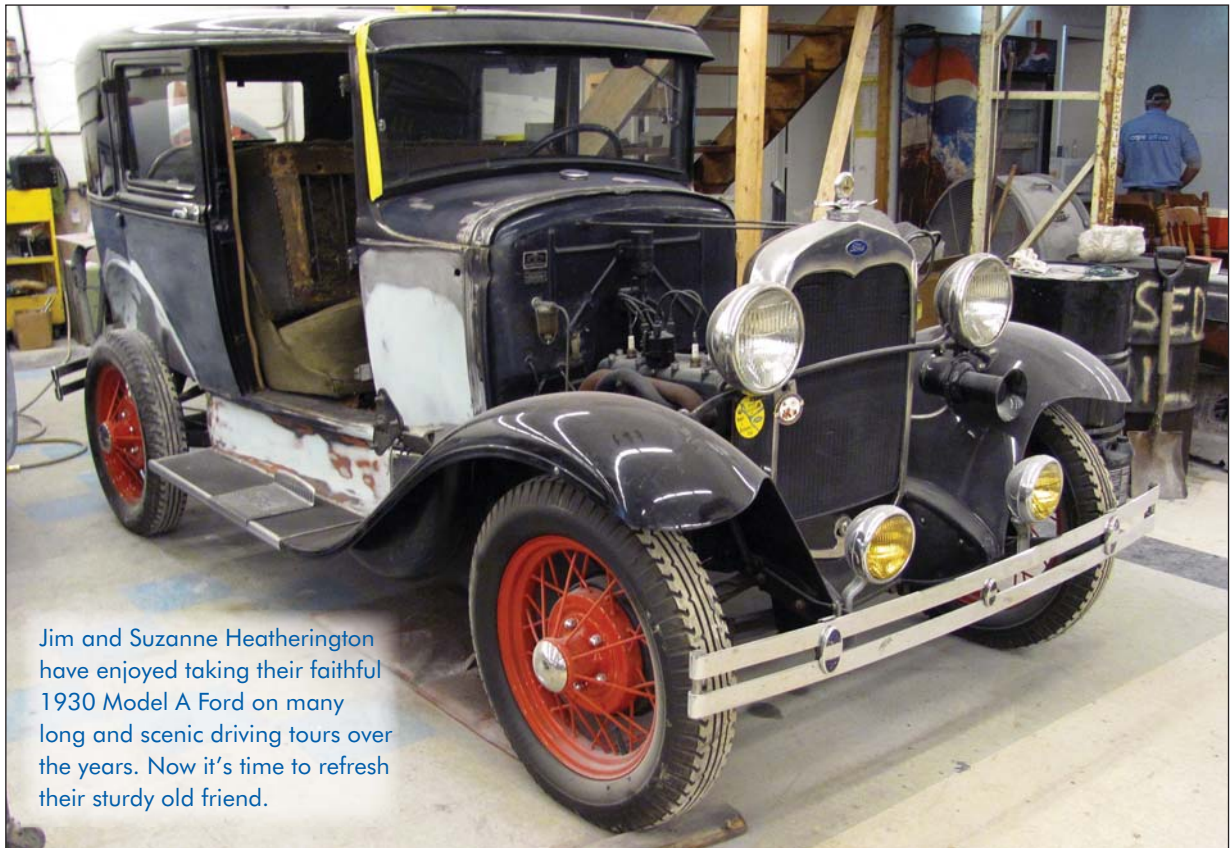
number or accessory code to complete an authentic restoration and then call an 800 number with confidence that the sales rep would sell them the correct tires. Our members are learning, often the hard way, that some effort must now be put forth to locate the correct or very similar tires if they wish to show a correctly restored vehicle.

We are a club but we are also educators. We are committed to help the public understand the history of

our vehicles with the proper presentation of our work efforts. Completing a correct restoration can often be an arduous task. When it comes to tires, we now, unfortunately, have to work just a little harder.

Eric C. Marsh - Tire CJE instructor

-- Rummage Box



Jim and Suzanne Heatherington have enjoyed taking their faithful 1930 Model A Ford on many long and scenic driving tours over the years. Now it's time to refresh their sturdy old friend.

Why a Model A and Why it Deserves TLC



by Jim and Suzanne Heatherington

the 70s and into the 1980s. But as the 1990s dawned, we were a bit tired of the car show scene and longed to drive our antiques more. And that's how I got the Model A Ford. Suzanne knew I'd wanted for years to drive on a Glidden Tour. As it was limited to cars 1936 and older, and as our 1929 was not a touring car, she encouraged me to broaden my horizons a bit and look

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When Mark Jackson heard that my Model A Ford was "in the shop" for some well-deserved maintenance, he asked if Suzanne and I would be willing to write a short article for the *Round-Up* detailing what was needed and what it took to accomplish it all.

I've always been an antique automobile enthusiast and acquired my first one in the early 1970s, a 1950 4-Dr Chevrolet sedan. It was a one-owner car and a real beauty. We enjoyed taking it to car shows, enough that we soon purchased another, a 1951 2-Dr. Chevy Aerosedan. The third Chevy to call our garage home was a 1929 4-Dr. International AC; the first year that Chevrolet brought out a 6-Cylinder engine.

We had a great deal of fun with these cars, showing them in the judged car shows that were popular through



Rear fenders are being revamped and made ready to intall.

beyond Chevrolets. As I recall, her exact words were, "Anyone who calls himself an antique car enthusiast ought to have a Model A Ford."

This car was often called "Henry Ford's Masterpiece." Ford had been making millions selling Model T Fords to farmers and ordinary American families – he may be the single biggest force behind putting America on wheels. Henry was happily turning out Model T's, but Edsel convinced his father to aspire to greater things, so late in 1927, a brand-new vehicle was unveiled: the Model A. For four years it would dominate the market like no other American automobile, and for good reason. It is easy to drive, very roadworthy, and a cinch to repair,

by the side of the road if necessary. Owners loved it then; they still love it today.

Our car is a 1930 4-Dr. Blindback, which means the two smaller back windows have been eliminated. It is finished in original Ford colors: Andalusite Blue over Black, with bright red wheels and pinstriping. It also has an original-type replacement interior.

While I believe in sticking as closely as possible to the original specifications, I also believe in updating those things that are important for safety. These include: cast-iron brake drums, an alternator, modern shock absorbers, turn signals (both using the existing lights and a kit mounted on the rear windshield) and safety glass all around. In addition to safety, I've also updated for ease of driving – about four years ago, I installed a 4-speed fully synchromesh transmission. A transmission from a light Ford pickup, it was machined to drop into the Ford motor with minimal work and has proven to be a boon when driving up and down the hills of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

During my years with this car, I've been on several Glidden Tours with it, as well as other AACA tours. Additionally, we've participated in many Model A Club events, both local and national. Over the years this car has taken us to Williamsburg, VA, Dayton, OH, St. Charles, IL; Plymouth, MA; Winston-Salem, NC, Niagara Falls, Canada; and many many daytrips into eastern Ohio as well as NW and SW Pennsylvania.

When you drive a car as much as that, it does tend to get bumped and nicked up along the road. After many years of service, I decided it was time to get this work-horse some touch-up work. It is currently in the Classic Restoration Shop on Wendel Rd., Irwin. We took it there in early November and we expect to get it back before Christmas, as the work is progressing apace. Parts and panels for the work are readily available through Snyder's Antique Car Parts (Model A only) located in eastern Ohio.

Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE



1985 Buick Riviera Landau,

5.0 litre 4 bbl, automatic with overdrive, cold A/C with climate control, power steering, brakes, windows and seats. Have original keys, sales receipt, copy of original title and build sheet. \$8,995.

Call Denny 724-836-3225 or 724-689-2233.

1977 Cadillac Eldorado

27,000 original miles. Purchased new. Excellent condition. Best reasonable offer. Details, call Lou Zecchini 724 834 6813

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:
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The Heatherington's 1930 Model A at Jean Bonnet Tavern, Bedford PA, during the WPR 2012 Lincoln Highway Spring Tour

Remembering Way Back



by Al Wirick

Many, many moons ago, the Ford Garage, Mohler Motor Co., was located at 240 East Pittsburgh Street by the Point in Greensburg.

I was a junior in high school in the vocational auto department. At that time the manager who oversaw the parts and service department at the Mohler Motors, Paul Baughman, called the high school and needed someone to help out in the parts department. Our mechanics teacher, Mr. Walter Love, a retired Army officer, sent myself and my best buddy, Don Miller, down to interview for the job. At this time the Mohlers also had the Ford Farm Machinery Dealership on West Pittsburgh Street in Greensburg (now a car wash and detailing center). Paul liked us both. So he hired me at the car store and Don at the farm equipment store. We both worked there for many years.

Another good buddy was Bev Watt, whose family owned Watt's Mack in New Alexandria. It is still in the

family to this day.

Both Don and Bev have since passed away, as have many of our 438 classmates from Greensburg High School. I feel very blessed to still be around and active with antique auto car clubs, Latrobe (Western) and Ligonier. Both keep me interested and ready to go when meetings and events come along. Hope I can keep it up for a long time.

Special Note – The Western PA Region 2015 Car Show was one of the best for quite a few years. Good weather and helpers, and many, many beautiful cars and trucks. Everything was great!

Ron Underwood and I judged the trucks. There were really some beautiful ones there. It was hard to pick the winners, but I think we done good.



2016 Chance Car Tickets are now printed and ready to sell
Win Your Choice – 1966 Mustang OR \$8,000

The Western PA Region's 2016 Chance Car is a snazzy red 1966 Mustang Coupe, six cylinder, automatic with a black interior. The tickets also feature a cash option this year. Win Your Choice: 1966 Mustang OR \$8,000. The winner will be determined by the PA Big Four Lottery number drawn at 7:00 p.m. October 29, 2016.

Tickets will be available to sign out at the Annual Meeting and Banquet at Dino's Sports Lounge, Latrobe on Sunday, January 10th starting at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to get a supply of tickets before then contact Mark Jackson, 724-932-9074 or email rpmguy2002@yahoo.com.

Note: 2016 Ticket Sales Chair needed. If you are interested in managing Chance Car Ticket sales this year please contact Mark Jackson as soon as possible.

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May your Holidays
be bright, and
May the New Year
bring you a truck full
of delights!**

