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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.



Long-time Western PA Region member Robert C. Baughman of West Newton, PA passed away unexpectedly on March 27, 2016. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

## Getting New AACA National Judges





By John McCarthy

During the mid-1980's I judged at local car shows where all you had to do was say "yes" when asked if you would help out and judge at an upcoming local car show. Our AACA Region only had a few National Judges and two of them who knew I attended Hershey each year told me I should become an AACA Judge. One of these judges had just become our Region's first Senior-Master judge and I was impressed with the pin and new board he received to attach his judging chips. I agreed to judge at Hershey and realized judging at an AACA National Meet meant you were in the big leagues and I better do everything right. At Hershey in 1990 I was on the field judging, a bit nervous, but with a wonderful team that helped me along.

Judging back then was different. The only time you could attend a judging school was at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, there was no Continuing Judges Education and there was no apprentice training. Judges training has been much improved. There is now a judging school at every National Meet, a large variety of CJE courses to choose from, and first time judges serve on an apprentice team lead by an experienced AACA judge. It took me a couple of years to get three judging credits but now on one weekend you can get three credits and also receive excellent training and assistance that will provide a solid base from which to judge at subsequent National Meets. AACA judges are very friendly and you will make lifelong friends by judging together.

That said, what can you do to get new AACA judges? Most Regions and Chapters have a monthly meeting and your President is always looking for someone to give a talk at these meetings. Make your President a happy person and volunteer to give a talk on AACA judging. Talk about the judging team structure, how it works, the responsibilities of each judge, bring a copy of the Official Judging Guidelines manual (free at each judging school), go over a sample judging form, the judging school, CJE, answer questions, but most importantly, ASK those at the meeting to become an AACA National Judge. Don't forget the ladies---AACA has a large number of lady judges many of whom are very experienced judges. Asking is important as some people think they might not know enough---we have all be there and have become experienced AACA judges in the Club that has the best judging program of any club.



The Western PA Region and Pittsburgh Corvair Club Joint Tour is August 19 & 20. Reserve your rooms at the Hope Hotel now. See the instructions at the end of this article.

#### DAYTON, OHIO

## From Al Friend & the National Museum of the United States Air Force Tour Committee

n the spirit of creating interest in our August tour to Dayton, I would like to tell you about my, very unexpected, first visit to the USAF Museum. What a day it was!

As a young first lieutenant Strategic Air Command navigator in the fifth month of air & ground nuclear alert with many strenuous 12+ hour training missions thrown in, our crew was scheduled for leave. Carole and I planned our wedding several days into my leave time. Therefore, I had to get my butt to PA from Altus AFB, Oklahoma as quickly and cheaply as possible. BINGO - There was an Air National Guard plane scheduled for an early morning departure to Wright Patterson AFB on my first day of leave. The Air Guard crew welcomed me aboard for their smooth flight to Dayton. (Only 200 miles from PA).

The Wright Patterson base operations guys informed me that there was an Air Force Med Evac. plane departing for Pittsburgh in about 5 hours, and that there is a shuttle bus to and from the USAF Museum. Enjoy you're visit to the museum, they advised. While at the museum, I was overwhelmed by the contents, especially the B-36 and B-47 (predecessors to the B-52) I also clearly recall reading about an F-86 Sabre jet Korean War ace while talking with an older gentleman who seemed to know a lot about that pilot. I finally asked him, why he knew so much about that pilot. HE CALMLY REPLIED: I WAS HIS WINGMAN!!! I almost fell over!

Meanwhile, back at Base Op's, after four hours at the museum, I boarded the Med. Evac. plane, AND THE GOOD LORD WAS WITH ME, because just before the door was closed and locked I asked a crew member about their estimated time of arrival in Pittsburgh. The shocking answer was: Pittsburgh!?! We're going non stop to

San Francisco!!! (About 2200 miles from Pittsburgh)!

Meanwhile, back at Base Op's AGAIN, to find out that they, earlier, confused the Med Evac. plane with a Navy C -54 VIP transport that was preparing for their take off to Allegheny County Airport, a 30 minute drive from my parent's home in McKeesport. WOW, being on time for our wedding, was again a possibility!

The cordial Navy crew seated me in the cockpit, since I was a B-52 crew member, but they sounded determined to show this Air Force dude a thing or two about aggressive flying. In a transport plane, I thought !?! I tightened up my seat belt in the instructor pilot's seat which is between and slightly behind the two pilots. We had a smooth, normal take-off, BUT, 10 or 15 seconds after lift off, while still over the runway, the pilot initiated a very hard left turn with about a 60 degree bank angle! Gasping, I thought that the left wing might scrape the runway, which would have, definitely, made me late for our wedding - FOREVER!!! I tried my best to act like I was unimpressed! We did, eventually, land at Allegheny County Airport, Carole and I tied the knot, and we lived happily ever after. AMEN, AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, LORD!!!

MANY THANKS TO THE CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE MAKING THEIR RESERVATIONS AT THE HOPE HOTEL FOR THE EVENINGS OF AUGUST 19 & 20 FROM THE CORVAIR CLUB'S BLOCK OF ROOMS, (937) 879-2696. NO MONEY DOWN, AND YOU CAN CANCEL UP TO 4PM ON OUR DAY OF ARRIVAL. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVA-TIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN EMAIL AL FRIEND WITH THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY, at a.c.friend@comcast.net.



## **2016 Calendar of Events**

John Ross Kuhns is serving as Western PA Region Tour Chairman this year. We need hosts for several tours (noted in red). Please contact John Ross if you would like to host and plan a tour, or if you have an idea for a great place to visit.

April 19, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

**April 20-24, Spring Carlisle** - Collector Car Swap Meet, Corral & Auction, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA

April 24, Sunday - Western PA Region Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Bruster's Real Ice Cream, 612 S. Center Ave., New Stanton.

April 30, Saturday - IBPA Downtown Irwin Main Street Car Cruise - 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Main Street Irwin and all surrounding lots. Come early as we fill up fast. Great food by local restaurants. Sidewalk sales, DJ Daddy G. Georgeo, \$8. pre-register, \$10. at the gate.

May 1, Sunday - Western PA Region Rev-Up Party! Mammoth County Park, Mount Pleasant Township, See registration flyer from March Round-Up or visit our website

May 5-7 - AACA Special Meet, Auburn, Indiana

May 14, Saturday - Laurel Valley Motors Car Show 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 3656 Route 30, Latrobe All bikes, cars, trucks and Jeeps welcome. No entry fee, but please pre-register via email lvmcarshow@gmail.com with your t-shirt size and to save a spot.

May 17, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown) Scan Tool Scholarship Presentation and Pizza Party.

May 22, Sunday - Western PA Region Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Bruster's Real Ice Cream, 612 S. Center Ave., New Stanton.

June 3-4 - AACA Annual Grand National Meet, Williamsport, PA hosted by Susquehannock Region

June Driving Tour - Western PA Region Hosts needed. Suggested dates: Saturday, June 11, Sunday, June 12, or Sunday, June 18. Contact John Ross Kuhns if you are interested in hosting the June Tour.

June 30-July 3 - The Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, Twin Lakes Park, Unity Township Come display your antique car on the by our booth on the Lower Lake dam breast 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday the festival closes at 6:00 p.m. July 3, Sunday - Visitation Church Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, Visitation Church, 740 Walnut Street, Mount Pleasant

July 10, Sunday - Western PA Region Progressive Dinner Tour

July 17-21 - AACA Founders Tour, Huntingdon, PA hosted by Allegheny Mountain Region

July 19, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

July 22 - July 23 - Western PA Region Overnight Bus Trip to the Harrisburg Mecum Auction, Enjoy Friday at the Mecum Auction and Saturday at other area attractions.

July 24, Sunday - Western PA Region Annual Picnic, 1:00 p.m. Cooperstown Club, Latrobe

August 13, Saturday - Somerset Trust Antique and Car Show, Downtown Somerset, PA

August 14, Sunday - August Fun Fest Car Show at Cedar Creek County Park in Rostraver Township, Starting at 9:00 a.m., hosted by the Road Kings

August 16, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

August 19-21, Tour to The National United States Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio, Western PA Region AACA partnering with the Western PA Corvair Club.

August 20-27, Somerset County Fair, 7842 Mount Davis Road, Meyersdale, PA - Chance Car ticket sales.

September 4, Sunday - Western PA Region Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Legion Keener Park, Latrobe

Western PA Region September Driving Tour Hosts needed. Suggested dates: Saturday, Sept. 10, Sunday, Sept. 11, Saturday, Sept. 17, or Sunday, Sept.18. Contact John Ross Kuhns if you are interested in hosting the September Tour.

September 20, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

September 28 - October 2 - Fall Carlisle -Collector Car Swap Meet, Corral & Auction, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA



Scenes from the 2015 August Fun Fest Show Car Cruise hosted by The Road Kings car club at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township. This year's Cruise will be on Sunday, August 14th starting at 9 a.m. It is one of the largest car shows in Westmoreland County.

October 8, Saturday - Western PA Region Bus Trip to the Hershey Car Show (The AACA Eastern Fall Meet hosted by the Hershey Region)

October 15, Saturday - Western PA Region Pumpkin Run - Join Cris and Molly Detwiler for a scenic drive to the Ohiopyle Fall Festival and a Buckwheat Cake & Pancake Supper.

October 18, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

**October 23, Sunday - Western PA Region Pizza Social**, 6:00 p.m., Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Center, 408 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg.

November 15, Tuesday - Western PA Region Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Amercian Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

December 3, Saturday - Western PA Region Christmas Party

Just Thinking...

by Al Wirick



was about half an hour early for bowling at South Main Street Bowling in Greensburg. So I thought I would take a ride up Main Street to the top of the hill where the old Greensburg High School was. I graduated there in 1948. (Must be getting old.)

Back then there were no bus rides from the country. We lived near King's Nursery off of Route 130, and my dad worked at West Penn Power that was then on South Pennsylvania Avenue in Greensburg. He would leave home at 6:30 a.m. Since no bus was available, I would be up and go to Greensburg with him and walk up to the high school. It took about 20 minutes back then. It would probably take about an hour now, although I still have been walking about one mile every day with the Mall Walkers for the last two years.

Getting back to Greensburg – the big building where the Greensburg City Police Department is now was once the waiting room for the street cars. At that time they went up Main Street then turned left and went down past what is today the Palace Theater. There were once three theaters in Greensburg: The Manos, Strand and Grand. The Grand showed 99% westerns. The other two varied. When the street cars left Greensburg they traveled through the country going near Brinkerton and ended up in the Mount Pleasant and Scottdale areas.

This is enough for this time. I'll have lots to say about Greensburg stores and other things in the next issue. See you soon.

-- Al Wirick

#### Western Round-Up Correction

Whoops! In the AACA Annual Meeting article featured on page 8 of the March 2016 issue of the *Western Round-Up*, a photo of a gold DeSoto Airflow was mislabled as a Chrysler Airflow.

-- Mark Jackson, Editor



meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on March 15, 2015 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Craig DeFloria called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 46 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. There were no guests in attendance.

#### Minutes

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The Minutes of the February 16, 2016 monthly meeting were printed in the March 2016 Issue of the Western Round-Up that was available for pick-up at tonight's meeting, and if not picked-up; are mailed to each member.

President DeFloria asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Bob Doppelheuer made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Mark Jackson. President DeFloria asked if there were any additions or corrections. Howard Finney made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Dodie Ulishney and unanimously approved.

#### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **Membership** – Howard Finney

No new members tonight.

President DeFloria reminded the members present that 2016 dues are past due. Craig asked that members that have not yet paid dues to contact Mark DeFloria as we would like to get our 2016 Membership Rosters printed as soon as possible.

#### **2016 Calendars**

President DeFloria asked members to see Mark Jackson if they would like a 2016 WPR Calendar. The calendars are available at tonight's meeting. Calendars are not being mailed out this year by the Region. Calendars will be available at our monthly meetings until they are gone.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2016 Chance Car** – Mark Jackson, Alice Shaulis

President DeFloria spoke about our 2016 Chance Car. This year's fundraiser is a ticket with where the winner will have a choice of a red 1966 Mustang or \$8000. Craig asked that all members consider taking tickets as the chance car is our major fund raiser.

Alice Shaulis has agreed to manage the tickets again this year. Please see Alice for tickets. Members are asked to return

tickets to Alice in numerical order and pay by check made out to the "Western PA Region, AACA."

A minimum of 5 tickets may be signed out. They are packed in lots of 40. Sell 40 tickets to earn a free WPR membership. A \$10 voucher good for WPR events or apparel will be earned for every additional 40 tickets sold. The winning ticket number will be the first 7:00 PM, PA Lottery Big 4 drawing on October 29, 2016.

The Chance Car schedule is being handled by Mark Jackson. The Chance Car is being stored by John Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns in Latrobe. Please try to give a 24 hour notice if possible to pick up the car.

President DeFloria reminded members that the Region reimburses expenses, including for gas when members take the car out. The car is full of gas and ready to go. Members are asked to please return the car full of gas, and turn in receipts for reimbursement. Members are also asked to wash the car should it need it. This is a great opportunity to drive a vintage mustang.

John Kuhns spoke of a Flea Market that he is starting on his property next to Three K Cabinets, Kitchen and Bath Center, 125 Hillview Ave, Latrobe, PA. The flea market is going to be held on Sundays from 7 am till 2 pm. John said the chance car is welcome at the events at no charge for anyone wishing to sell tickets. Please contact Mark Jackson to schedule the taking the Chance Car.

Chance Car Ticket Sales at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park please see Mark Jackson to sign up to sell tickets at the Festival, which is June 30, July 1, July 2 and July 3.

#### **Rev-Up Party** – Bob and Karla Doppelheuer

The 2016 Rev-Up Party is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st in Pavilion 13 at Mammoth Park (Blacksmith Rd. Mt. Pleasant PA 15666). There will be games, prizes, live music and of course great food! Bob ask that as an option, members come dressed in period costume to match the decade of your automobile for a chance to win some additional prizes! The cost is \$10.00 per member \$25.00 for non-members attending with a member. Please only pay by check. Registration is due by April 18th. Since food must be ordered in advance there will be no refunds if you are unable to attend. Please see or contact Bob Doppelheuer (724-366-5930) if you have any questions. Please see the flyer in the March Round-Up for directions and additional information and the 2016 Rev-Up Party Registration Form (Due by April 18).

#### **WPR Annual Picnic** – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Annual Picnic will be on Sunday,

July 24th at the Cooperstown Vets and Sportsmen Association Picnic grounds located at 2541 Thomas Street, Latrobe, PA 15650. John also reported that Post Avenue Catering will again be providing food for the picnic. Please mark your calendars.

#### 2018 AACA Grand National Meet – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross announced that a meeting for the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet being hosted by the Western PA Region will be on Monday, March 21, at the Greensburg Ramada at 7:00 PM. John said we need a lot of help. This is the second meeting for the event. All members interested in helping with the Meet are encouraged to attend. We will host the Grand National from May 31 to June 3, 2018 at the University of Pittsburgh with the Ramada as the host hotel.

#### Tours – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross Kuhns is Tour Chairman this year. We need members to help chair tours for May, June, September and October. We welcome any tour ideas for 2016. Please see the 2016 event Calendar in the Western Round-Up.

## **Bus Trip to the Mecum Auction** – John Kuhns & John Ross Kuhns

Do we want to do an overnighter again this year? If so, it would be July 22-23. We need sign ups by May to see how many people would like to attend and get a final cost. A signup sheet was passed around at the February 16th meeting and will be passed around at tonight's meeting. Current thoughts are to tour the area on Friday, July 22 and attend the auction on July 23rd. The higher priced cars are typically auctioned on Saturday. Please sign up tonight or contact John Ross to express your interest in attending. More details to follow.

#### 2016 Western Pa Region Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show

President DeFloria asked members to consider chairing the Western PA Region Annual Car Show. We have a great team of members, who volunteer and do a wide variety of tasks very well, i.e.: registration, laying out the show field, managing the bake sale, Chinese auction, parking, etc. We need someone to organize it all. If you are interested in being the chairperson for the car show please contact Craig.

#### **Progressive Dinner Tour** – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that the Progressive Dinner Tour will be on Sunday, July 10th. It will consist of salad, dinner and dessert stops. We have already had some people show an interest in hosting a dining stop. Please contact Mark Jackson if you are interested in hosting this year.

## Tour to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio – *Al Friend*

Al Friend spoke about the tour to the Air Force Museum. The tour will be August 19-21. It is a joint tour with the Pittsburgh Corvair Club. Al asked that members to, reserve your room at your earliest possible convenience, by calling (937) 879-2696, and requesting a room from the Corvair Club's block of rooms. No money is required up front, and you can cancel up to 4 PM on our day of arrival. Our room rate is \$99 plus tax, per night, choice of one queen or two double beds, all rooms have a refrigerator, coffee maker, cable TV, tub, shower, and each of you will receive two complementary coupons for their fantastic breakfast buffet. Four occupants per room limit. It is very important to use the phone number only and request the Corvair club's block of rooms. Do not use the internet or reservation services. If you do, you will not be in our area of the hotel, and will not get the complimentary breakfast coupons.

Al said we have a 25 block of rooms, which can be enlarged if necessary. The Hope Hotel is very popular, and may fill up fast as word spreads about the amazing new fourth building at the museum. Our rooms will be on the same floor, and most will overlook the parking lot, which is patrolled by the Air Police. The committee also needs to have an early idea as to how many will be attending, to determine our per person price. At this time, it looks like our package price will be about \$65 per person, and will include: two delicious dinners (including tax & tips) hospitality suite goodies, and miscellaneous expense coverage. A flyer for the event is in the March Issue of the Western PA Region, Western Round-Up.

#### 2016 Hershey Car Show Bus Trip – John Ross Kuhns

President Craig DeFloria asked the members present if they were interested in the Region sponsoring a bus to the 2016 AACA Hershey Car Show. The show is on Saturday, October 8th. Craig asked for questions or concerns from the members present. The trip is in the very early planning stage. A signup sheet was passed around for members to sign if they were interested in the trip. Mark Jackson reminded members of the great time that was had by all the folks who went on the WPR Limo last year. Please contact John Ross if you are interested. The cost per member for the trip has yet to be determined.

#### Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria

Craig DeFloria reported that the Christmas Party will be at the Greensburg Ramada on December 3rd this year. Mark your calendars. Craig said he has a couple of special requests of members to help with entertainment this year. Craig asked for help in planning it.

#### Apparel – Jeff Speicher and Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that members are now able to buy apparel directly at the Big Frog Custom T-shirts store in Lincoln Plaza on Route 30, across from Wal-Mart. The WPR logo is on file and can be embroidered or printed on most any shirt or garment they have on display or available. Members can also purchase a shirt at another store and bring it to Big Frog to have it printed or embroidered. They will tell you if the fabric will work or not. If you are using Chance Car ticket sales vouchers to purchase apparel at Big Frog, pay for your purchase at Big Frog, save your receipt and the Region will reimburse you the value of your voucher(s). There is a 50% off sale on WPR apparel the club currently has on stock.

Jeff Speicher reported that he has a variety of apparel on hand at tonight's meeting that can be purchased at reduced cost. Several members made purchases at the sale price. When these items are gone, they are gone. Using Big Frog will save the region from having to inventory and store apparel in the future.

## **Leno Car Show Broadens Hobby Interest**

By John E. Sayler, Jr., Gettysburg Region A.A.C.A.



Jay Leno stands with his own 1965 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 350 (left), and a new 2015 Mustang Shelby GT350R for comparison. The show's content, which includes antiques, modifieds, and vehicles of every imaginable type, exudes its host's enthusiasm, and gives viewers a wider appreciation for others who occupy different facets of the hobby.

Photo by Walker Dalton

Gettysburg is about as far removed from the television and entertainment industries as Yugos are from Duesenbergs. We reached collector Jay Leno, hard at work at his California garage, to get a glimpse into the world of TV production, especially as it applies to his new show, Jay Leno's Garage, on CNBC.

**Gas Buggy Gazette:** Jay, what would you say the general theme of the show is? For people who haven't seen it, how would you describe it?

Jay Leno: The general theme is, "anything that rolls, explodes, and makes noise." That's pretty much it. You know, I get tired of these shows where everybody throws tools at one another and they pretend to have arguments, and they restore a car in a week. It's hysterical to me, because people say to me, "Can you restore my uncle's Mustang? His birthday is in two weeks!" "No, I can't do that." "But I've seen it on TV!" So you wind up having these conversations.

**Gazette:** Your interest is broad: You have the antique cars, the exotics, the motorcycles, the customs. Who decides the subjects you cover each week?

**Leno:** Well, we always try to find a different topic. Sometimes it's designers, sometimes it's drivers, sometimes it's rivalries -A. J. Foyt versus Mario Andretti, whoever it might be. So we always try to have some tenuous theme that ties the show together.

Gazette: I think you've had eight episodes so far-

**Leno:** Yes. Most car shows are a half hour, which is really only 22 minutes, so we try to make it an hour to make it a little more interesting.

Gazette: You get more content. Leno: Exactly.

**Gazette:** It really seems like it's an ambitious production, because you have several segments you're doing every hour. You're going to a lot of different places –

Leno: We try to keep it moving. It's like the spinning plates on the [Ed] Sullivan show: You want to keep people from getting distracted. We like to include the segment for the wives: "See how much this car will be worth in five years. See, your husband did the right thing!" That makes it kind of fun.

**Gazette:** With all the action, it's not like Jay Leno sitting by the fireplace and chatting about the history of Haynes-Apperson.

Leno: No, we try to avoid that!

**Gazette:** Here in Pennsylvania, we're not anywhere near the entertainment industry. Can you tell us briefly how the show is made, with the writers, etc.?

Leno: There are really no writers. It's a real low-budget show. We just go out with a camera and I call on people I've known over the years, like Mario Andretti, and you get them to come in. Like for the low-rider segment, there are a lot of low-rider clubs around Los Angeles - we contacted a few of them: "Would you guys bring your cars?" And when people realize you're not going to make fun of them, they really come on board. Most car guys want to promote the hobby and promote the cars, so it's actually good – people really step up and bring the cars and hang around for hours while we do the shoots, and they're really great. People in the hobby want to see more young people get involved in the hobby. We always feature different segments. You can't always feature old gray-haired white guys! We have had a few female drag racers and some African-American car clubs, a Latino car club. You try to show that automobiles are something that crosses all spectrums, all economic [classes]. One day we'll do Pebble Beach, and that's all the millionaires and the billionaires; the other days we'll do some little events like "The Blessing of the Cars," where primarily Latino groups and families come out and have barbecues and show their cars off. We cover all spectrums.

**Gazette:** Are you doing something like five hours of tape for a 40-minute broadcast?

Leno [laughs, and explains to the naïve Gettysburg editor]: It doesn't work that way. Most television is an hour per minute of broadcast. You're doing well if it's an hour per minute. For example, we shot the episode up at Fort Hood. It takes you three hours to get there — well, that's on the clock. You're on an army base, then you go through security—that's another hour for all the crew, and everybody gets searched. Then you start shooting. So if you can get a minute on the air

for every hour you shoot, you're doing pretty well.

Gazette: That's an insight that we would have no idea of –

**Leno:** Then you go back and edit it all, and that's hours and hours. You shoot tons of material, and you try to get the best tape you can.

**Gazette:** What demographic are you especially trying to reach? The coveted 18- to 35-year-old male viewer?

**Leno:** No, you're not going to get that, necessarily. You just try to cover a broad spectrum. We try to keep it interesting. You know I do Jay Leno's Garage on the web; that's a little more technical. But for this show, since it's a mainstream TV audience, we just try to make it interesting for people. The best compliment I've gotten is when wives say, "I enjoy watching it with my husband. I actually like the show!" It's not another two guys yelling at each other with tattoos, trying to put a Chevy engine in a '55 –

**Gazette:** So I assume the 80- to 100-year-old demographic is out –

Leno: You know, I've always been rather egalitarian. I'm a comedian. If people laugh at a joke, they laugh at a joke. I really don't care what age they are. When I did The Tonight Show, they would always push you and try and get the younger rock bands and things, and that's fine; but to me, entertainment is entertainment. If something is interesting, it's interesting. When I watch a Ken Burns documentary, I'm not particularly interested in the Civil War, but he does it so well, that I watched all 20 hours of that, because I thought it was fascinating. If you make a subject interesting to people -t he real trick is not to make it appeal [exclusively] to car guys – it's to make it appeal to non-car people. Because there aren't enough car guys to make any TV show a hit, so you've got to make it so people who aren't real enthusiasts say, "That was interesting, I had no idea – "

**Gazette:** And it is. The A.A.C.A. has about 60,000 people. If every A.A.C.A. member watched, that wouldn't be enough to sell it.

Leno [laughs in agreement]: Yeah!

**Gazette:** Now, what's your favorite segment so far? **Leno [ponders]:** Oh, gosh --

**Gazette:** We have to put you on the spot for something – **Leno:** One I thought was fascinating was Francis Ford Coppola, because I was a huge fan of his films, he's Italian like me, he doesn't do any TV, and he agreed to do our show. He's named after Henry Ford. Did you know that?

Gazette: I didn't know that, no.

**Leno:** He's a car guy. Francis Ford Coppola was born in Detroit. His father played in the orchestra for Henry Ford. Henry Ford had the Henry Ford Radio Hour. In the old Italian tradition, Francis Ford Coppola's father named his son after his employer. I thought that was sort of interesting.

**Gazette:** Yes. It's a good thing his father didn't work for Maytag.

**Leno** [ponders amateur editor's attempt at a joke]: He'd be Francis Maytag Coppola – yeah –

**Gazette:** Now, do you think we'll see a show focused on steam cars? You mentioned the White [in one episode]. Leno: We've had the steam cars on. That's another topic, "Anything But Gasoline," showing cars that run on hydrogen, cars that run on electricity, cars that run on steam, cars that run on coal gas or wood. That's the idea: Try to find interesting things that people will find entertaining.

**Gazette:** Just so people don't think you've retired, can you tell us how many comedy shows you did last year [2015]? We want to correct any misapprehension.

Leno: I do about 210 dates a year.

**Gazette:** When will the next episodes [of Jay Leno's Garage] be broadcast?

**Leno:** We did the first eight [in 2015]. Now we're filming [for 2016]. We'll probably do 3 or 4 months of filming. We'll probably start [broadcasting] the middle of April, something like that. May, possibly.

**Gazette:** Are they going to be broadcast the same date and time [on CNBC for 2016] ?

**Leno:** I think so. We're going to do twelve episodes this year instead of eight. The show was a big hit. It's the biggest original programming show they've ever had on CNBC, which is kind of cool, because it's a car show and it's not necessarily a general-interest [program]. It seems to be doing well, and it seems to be growing. People seem to like it.... We have a segment coming up called "Love Stories," where people that had a car their whole life, [like] guys that bought a GTO when they came back from Vietnam, those kinds of stories are fun too.

**Gazette:** Definitely! Well, that should be it for the actual interview –

Leno: Thanks for taking the time. I appreciate it.



Well-known film director Francis Ford Coppola and Jay Leno prepare to take Coppola's 1948 Tucker for a drive. Leno said this has been one of his favorite segments so far.

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#### Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked the contributors to the Round-Up. The March issue of the Round-Up is available at tonight's meeting. Newsletters not picked up tonight will be mailed to the members that were not present.

#### Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reported that the Region's web site was awarded the "Award Of Excellence" for 2015 from the National AACA. Mark also reported that he had received one of the coveted "Master Web Master" awards as well. Mark asked that members contact him if they have anything they would like posted on the Region's web site.

## Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE

#### For Sale:

1931, 67 Series Buick Beautiful all original un-restored condition. *They're only original once!* First year for the straight 8. 38,000 original miles. Contact Ted Dunmire. 724-465-7851



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

#### Western PA Region Participation Award – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reminded the members present to drive their antique car to the upcoming WPR events and meetings in order be considered for the WPR Participation Award and to please indicate on the Meeting Attendance Sheet if you brought a car to the meeting.

#### **Snacks** – Debbie Sheetz

President DeFloria thanked Debbie for once again helping to make our meetings more enjoyable by arranging for and handling for deserts at tonight's meeting.

#### From the Floor

Bill Maurer spoke about how fortunate we are as members, to have such a successful local Region. Members present agreed.

#### 50/50 Drawing

The Western PA Region has a 50/50 drawing on some of the meeting nights. The WPR 50/50 is somewhat different from other 50/50 drawings. Fifty percent (50%) of the money is given out by drawing, and then the remaining 50% is given out by drawing. The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron Barnhart and Bob Doppelheuer. It pays to attend!

#### Adjournment

President DeFloria asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:53 PM. Bob Doppelheuer made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

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Mark DeFloria, Fred Nicholls, John E. Sayler, Jr.- Gettysburg Region, Al Wirick

## **Name That Car**

by Mark Jackson

### March's Car

March's Car was a 1941 Bantam, which was made in Butler, PA. The first member to correctly guess the make, year and place of manufacture was John Ross Kuhns at the March meeting.

This photo was taken at Hershey in 2015. The old

license plate on the front bumper reads 1941, and that is how I identified the year of the car. The correct year may be 1940 depending on when military production started at the Butler manufacturer for World War II.

### April's Car



Fred Nicholls submitted this April's Car photo. Be the first to guess the correct make and year and win a Dunkin Donut Gift Card. Contact me in person. Call me at 724-832-9074 or email rpmguy2002@yahoo.com.

## For 2016 Win Your Choice -1966 Mustang or \$8,000



The 2016 Chance Car is a beautiful 1966 Mustang Coupe, six cylinder automatic with a black interior.

Chance Car tickets support our mission, 'the preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles" and...

- The AACA Museum
- The AACA Library and Research Center
- The Western PA Region AACA Tool Scholarship Program for local automotive students
- Westmoreland Cleanways Fugitive Tire round up and recycling program

To schedule to take the Chance Car out to sell tickets contact Mark Jackson, 724-832-9074.

To sign out tickets or turn in tickets contact Alice Shaulis, 814-926-3306 Please turn in stubs in numerical order and checks only payable to WPR-AACA.

The Chance Car is being stored by John and John Ross Kuhns in Latrobe. Please give 24 hours notice before picking up the Chance Car, 412-558-0994.

## 2016 Chance Car Ticket Order Form

Yes, I am willing to help Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America sell tickets at \$10.00 each for the 2016 Chance Car. I understand that I may request additional tickets or can return any unsold tickets by contacting Alice Shaulis.

I will try to sell Chance Car tickets	Please Print
Number of tickets requested (Ticket Packets of	Name
40 preferred, but you may request tickets in lots of 5.)	
I will remit ticket sales money to Alice Shaulis at a	Address
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I am enclosing a check to purchase: tickets at \$10.00 each for a total of \$ I understand that tickets will be mailed to me.	Alice Shaulis Please mail form to: 3229 Copper Kettle Highway Rockwood, PA 15557

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