

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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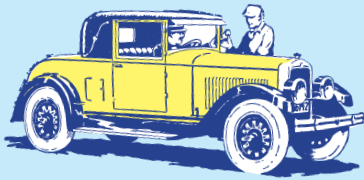
**Progressive Dinner Tour 2016 - "Let's go places and eat things!"**



Top: (l-r) Casper DeFloria, Regis Jackson and Craig DeFloria riding in Craig's 1950 Willys Jeepster arrive at the dinner stop in Scottdale.

Bottom: Members start the day with the salad stop at the Megan Smith Pavilion at the Mount Odin Golf Course in Greensburg.





## Member News

Our deepest sympathy to Denny and Becky Blank and family on the passing of Denny's mother Bettie E. Blank on July 16, 2016.



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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 summer has been amazing for cruising! Casper and I have had the Jeepster out more this year than any other year. On the Fourth of July, we hit 1776 miles since the engine rebuild. These last few months have been interesting for the club and I would really like to thank everyone that has helped get a new chance car, upgrade and almost rebuild our new chance car, sold tickets at Twin Lakes Arts and Heritage Festival, brought their cars out to Twin Lakes, everyone that volunteered to organize, help, assist, host, and drive their beautiful cars on the Progressive Dinner Tour, and to those who continue to sell tickets even without the chance car being present I'd fill the page with names of thank yous, but please know that it means much to myself and other club members. This month we look forward to the Summer Picnic, and I can't wait to see you all there!

Fantastic news about the 1965 Mustang Chance Car, it's ready to go to shows, flea markets, cruises, and anywhere else you'd like to sell tickets on it. Please schedule to have the car for a night or two.

Have a most wonderful and safe summer,

*Craig DeFloria*



The 1965 Mustang Chance Car on display at the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park in early July.



Salad stop at the Megan Smith Pavilion at Mount Odin Golf Course, Greensburg



(l-r) Bob Doppelheuer, Dave Sheetz, Karla Doppelheuer and Gary Wiegand



Bill Maurer and his 1939 Plymouth four-door convertible on display at the dinner stop.



Dinner time – savory roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy



Sheila & Joe Kurtz enjoy dessert.



Joan Bowman & samplings

## Progressive Dinner Tour 2016 - "We went places and ate things!"

Old cars, country roads, great friends and great food – the only way it gets any better is with sunshine, blue skies and white, puffy clouds. And so it was on Sunday, July 10th as 33 Western PA Region members participated in the 2016 Progressive Dinner Tour.

The day started off at the Mount Odin Municipal Golf Course on the west side of Greensburg at 11:30 a.m. Here Howard and Betty Ann Finney hosted the salad stop at the Megan Smith Pavilion. Mount Odin offers some outstanding scenic views. From the Megan Smith Pavilion you could clearly see Chestnut Ridge in the distance to the east.

Howard and Bettyann with the help of Bomp's Snack Shack catering had a bountiful salad buffet ready, which included a great selection of fresh salad fixings and delicious dressings along with pasta salad, watermelon and berries, fresh baguettes, butter and beverages. Grace was offered by Glenda Berg prior to partaking in this fresh feast. The relaxing atmosphere and friendly conversation got everyone in the mood to start on the driving tour to the dinner stop, which was being hosted by Bill and C.J. Maurer in the Belle Vernon countryside. All departed Mount Odin around 1:30 p.m.

Mark Jackson had originally plotted the tour along Route 136, but he found many miles of that road recently tarred and chipped. So he rerouted the tour onto some slower moving, short stretches of four lane highway to eventually get everyone onto scenic country roads.

Leaving Mount Odin, the group drove Route 30 east to Route 119 west, then caught Interstate 70 for a short distance to the Madison Exit. At the Madison Exit members began a beautiful, winding country drive to the town of West Newton.

Along the way, the corn in the farm fields was a bit more than knee-high, a good omen past July 4th. In West Newton the tour crossed over the Youghioghey River on the historic iron bridge, and continued to Route 201 and Rostraver Township to the intersection of Route 51. After a few miles south on Route 51 the tour turned onto another country road and motored back to the Cedar Hills Clubhouse where Bill and C.J. Maurer and helpers Mike and Sandy Pesta had dinner ready.

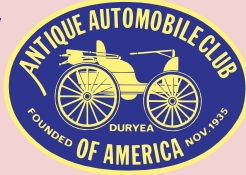
The tour arrived at the Cedar Hills Clubhouse around 2:35 p.m. The drive gave everyone's salad a chance to make room for more. Upon entering the Clubhouse an extraordinary aroma filled the air. The Maurers had something special prepared. After everyone found their seat and were comfortable, Bill offered grace and thanks for the friendships we share. Then all got in line, dinner plates in hand, for a real, all-American, comfort dinner of savory roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans almondene and stuffed celery. Refreshing beverages included ice tea, lemonade and water. That roast beef was fantastic – so tender and tasty.

During dinner Bill enjoyed taking advantage of a captive audience and told some great stories. He also invited everyone to take a short walk or drive up the hill to visit the Maurers' beautiful home. He gave the backgrounds on several interesting family artifacts and pieces of automobile art hanging on his walls. He also had a few treats parked in the garage. Especially for the dinner stop, Bill got two of his antique cars out of storage for everyone to enjoy – a 1967 Lincoln four-door convertible, and a rare 1939 Plymouth four-door convertible.

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# 2016 Calendar of Events



## Grand National Meet 2018 Planning Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Greensburg Ramada

*Hope to see you there!*

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

**Chinese Auction basket competition - Create and bring a basket to the picnic for auctioning at the Car Show in September and win a prize - \$100, \$75, \$50 prizes for best baskets.**

**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.

**August 31, Weatherwood Cruise,** Weatherwood Manor, 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg, PA 6-8 p.m.

**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

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



DAYTON, OHIO

Attention those who have registered at the Hope Hotel for the Air Force Museum TOUR August 19 - 21, 2016

- **Mail in** the application form included in this issue of *The Western Round-Up* with payment and meal choices **by August 1, 2016.**
- **Keep top part** of the application for the itinerary and important details.

**September 24, Driving Tour to Clayton,** the home of Henry Clay Frick, and the newly remodled Carriage House. *Details to come.*

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

**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**

# My ride on a Boeing B-17G (Yankee Lady)

by Joe Vrable, Jr.

I had wanted to ride in a Boeing B-17 for more than 15 years. I've always liked the warbirds from WWII as much as old cars since I was a kid. The planes are works of art, just like some of cars you see at the car shows – bright, shiny, with sweeping lines and with technology from years past, simple and yet dependable.

Being married and raising 4 kids, house projects, building a garage for my restoration projects and working 7 days a week for 20 of the last 21 years, I guess I've been a little busy to try it. It's always been the old adage also, either no money or time, or both at the same time. I would always say "maybe next year". Well, I was given a gift last Christmas 2015 for Father's Day and My Birthday this year. This year another milestone happened, I turned 60. My daughter Melissa and son-in-law Scott told me I was scheduled to ride in a B-17 in Reading, Pa 06/05/16 at the WWII Weekend that is sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Air Museum there. It is a yearly meet, usually the 1st weekend in June. I was taken back by the fact that I was going to get the chance to see my dream realized.

It didn't hit me till I was on my way to Reading that I was going to do this. I started getting apprehensive and excited too as I have never flown in a plane that I can remember, either jet or propeller driven. So this is my first flight ever. I asked my wife Tammy if she would go with me, she said NO! If she flew, she wanted a new jet and not an old plane. I told her I would rather fly in an old plane just like riding in an old car or truck with fat fenders and bombshell headlights. They have more charm and I can relate to them. I guess I am really old school at heart.

We got to the airfield on 06/05 and the weather was terrible, not raining but misty and overcast. I went to register at the booth at 10 a.m. for an 11 a.m. flight and found out that the B-17 wasn't flying today unless the weather cleared up. A little



June 5, 2016 - WWII B-17 "Yankee Lady" and Joe Vrable waiting for the weather to clear up enough for a flight at the WWII Weekend sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum in Reading, PA. The flight was a gift from daughter Melissa and son-in-law Scott.



Joe experienced history first-hand sitting in the radio compartment of the B-17 "Yankee Lady" as she soared over the countryside near Reading, PA. This was his first-ever flight in an airplane of any kind.



Signing in for the B-17 Flight.



Joe Vrable is proud of his "Yankee Lady" ID tag.

disappointed we decided to walk around the show and looked at the static displays. The people at the booth said they would contact us by cell phone if they were going to fly. I went over to the B-17 to get some pictures by the plane while the ground crew was gassing the plane up for either my flight or the flight to the next show. It was about 1:30 p.m., we had seen most of the show and were considering leaving, when Scott got the call that the plane would be flying and to come over to the booth and get signed in.

We made it to the booth, got signed in for the 1st flight, received an ID tag to put around my neck. I was trying to think only good thoughts at this point when receiving the ID tag and realized this was it. I was going on my B-17 flight, no backing out now. 12 riders were put into a van and we were shuttled to the side of the B-17. The flight crew consisted of pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer. They gave a short and informative talk on what to do and not to do and the exit points on

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# Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on June 21, 2016 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 42 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. One guest was in attendance. Jerry Kyslinger a prospective new member was in attendance.

## Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the May 17, 2016 monthly meeting were printed in the June 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. Ralph Shearer made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved.

## Harvey Eger's Passing

President Craig DeFloria informed the membership present of the passing of past President, AACA Director and longtime member Harvey Eger on June 13, 2016. Craig expressed condolences and prayers for Susan and her family. The members reflected of their times with Harvey, and his contributions to our Region. Craig announced that the Directors had decided to donate funds for a commemorative brick at the AACA Museum in Harvey's memory. Mark Jackson further described the Museum's commemorative brick program. Mark explained that the club would donate towards the larger 8 inch brick with the Western PA Region logo and inscribed "In Memory of Harvey Eger".

## Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney read the new membership application for Jerry Kyslinger. John Ross Kuhns made a motion to accept Jerry into the Region, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Jerry.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Mark Jackson reported that since the April Treasurer's Report did not print properly and was not able to be read at the May 17th meeting he would first provide the April Treasurer's report for approval.

The April Treasurer's Report was read by Mark Jackson. President DeFloria asked if there were any additions or corrections. Tom King made a motion to approve the April report as presented, seconded by Bob Doppelheuer and unanimously approved.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2016 Chance Car – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross provided an update on the theft and subsequent crash of our original 2016 Chance Car a 1966 Red Mustang. John reported that J.C. Taylor picked up the demolished Mustang two days after the theft. A check was received from J.C. Taylor in the insured amount about a week after. John said he had been in contact with the State Police and they said the thief was arrested and that there would be a preliminary hearing in about two months that John Ross should plan on attending. John said that the officer also said that the construction company whose jersey barriers along with other items were damaged had put in a \$10,000 claim against the 14 year old thief.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

President DeFloria spoke about our 2016 Chance Car. Craig explained that a 1965 Mustang has been purchased as a replacement 2016 Chance Car. The car was purchased from Scottdale, PA. The new chance car is a red coupe with a black interior. The car has a 289 engine along with an automatic transmission. Craig said that the car was being gone over for some repairs and cosmetic improvements prior to sending it out for ticket sales.

Mark DeFloria further explained that the previous owner of the car said it had been sitting since 2009. The car was running at fast idle when purchased and it was suspected that it was due to old gas issues. Mark said that there were other known issues with the car that were listed for repair/replacement prior to purchase by the Directors who looked at the car. Mark said that he further discovered that a wiring/headlight switch issue was causing the brake lights not to function. Mark reported that Ron & Alice Shaulis had shopped and picked up various parts that included a new headlight switch, chrome pony and hood bars for the grill, a chrome trunk lock bezel, and new gas cap at Ford Carlisle to be put on the car. Mark said he repaired the dash wiring, installed the new switch, battery cutoff switch and other parts. Mark reported the car then went to Dave Davis's Garage. Dave drained the old gas and replaced a number of items including the fuel sending unit, two fuel filters, spark plugs and wires, heater hoses, radiator overflow hose, and rear shocks. Dave also repaired the emergency brake system. New style steel wheels and white wall tires were purchased for the car and installed



by Dave. Dave touched up the wheel wells and undercarriage where needed while the wheels were off. The car underwent a state inspection.

Mark said he picked up the car from Dave's Monday afternoon in hopes of bringing the car to tonight's meeting. Dave said the car was still running very rough and it was hoped that some new premium gas would help. Premium gas was put in the car. Mark installed new hood bumpers, and lock set for the ignition and doors, as the car did not come with keys that unlocked the door locks. After running the car, it was clear that the new gas did not solve the problem. Mark said that he would contact Dave and have him further evaluate the problem. Mark expressed that it was the Director's intent to have the car available for the Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park starting on June 30th.

Craig reminded the members present that the winner will have a choice of a red 1965 Mustang or \$8000. A discussion was held as to what to do with our tickets. It was discussed that members should let folks know of the theft and replacement of the chance car. It is believed that the replacement car is an upgrade from the previous car, as it is a year older and a 289 V-8 instead of a 6 cylinder. The situation will be fully explained in the Region's Newsletter and on our Web Site.

Alice Shaulis is managing 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."

The tickets 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. A minimum of 5 tickets may be signed out. The winning ticket number will be the first 7:00 PM, PA Lottery Big 4 drawing on October 29, 2016. Contact Mark Jackson to schedule an outing with the Chance Car.

#### **Twin Lakes Heritage Festival – Mark Jackson**

Mark Jackson said that all is ready for the clubs annual booth at the Heritage Festival held on June 30th – July 3rd. Mark asked that members scheduled to sell tickets their own tickets and change for their allotted time. Mark said he would be able to arrange for members to get additional tickets if needed. Mark said there would be a canopy, table and two chairs, and cash box set up. Please contact Mark Jackson if you have any questions.

#### **Tours – John Ross Kuhns**

President DeFloria informed the members that the June tour that was planned was cancelled as the Directors were working on replacing the chance car and ran out of time.

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

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

John Ross Kuhns said 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. Post Avenue Catering will again be providing food

for the picnic. Food will be served at 1:00 PM. There will be bingo and a horse shoe tournament. John reminded the members present to please bring baskets for the Chinese Auction at the Car Show to the Picnic. The baskets will be judged and awards given out for the First, Second and Third placements. John Ross asked that members please bring a dessert to share.

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

John Ross spoke about to bus trip to Mecum Auction in Harrisburg. The cost of having a two day trip was discussed. A show of hands of members able to go on a two day trip was held. Followed by a show of hands for a one day trip. It was decided that we would try for a one day trip on Saturday July 23rd. John Ross said he would look into a bus for a one day trip. Please contact John Ross to express your interest in attending. The price of the tour is not set yet as John is still trying to secure bus transportation.

#### **2016 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer & Mark Jackson**

Mark Jackson and Bob Doppelheuer have agreed to Co-Chair the Car Show. Bob asked that members continue to volunteer for Car Show positions. Bob said that Carol Calabrace agreed to continue to be in charge of registration. Bob said he was planning on starting a Facebook page advertising the car show. Mark Jackson said that the car show flyer is made and available at tonight's meeting. Craig asked that all members volunteer to help Mark and Bob.

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

Mark Jackson reported that the Progressive Dinner Tour is on Sunday, July 10th. It will consist of salad, dinner and dessert stops. Bill & C.J. (Carol Jean) Maurer, are hosting the dinner with Bob and Karla Doppelheuer will be hosting desert. We are still looking for a Salad host. Mark said that a Flyer is in the June Round-up and on our Web Page if you would like to sign up for the tour. Please contact Mark Jackson if you are interested in hosting this year or have any questions regarding the tour.

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

The tour to the Air Force Museum will be August 19-21. Al said that approximately 40 people have signed up for the tour. Al said for members attending should think about their own war or car stories. Al also said it was perfectly ok to embellish the stories. If you have not registered yet, please contact Al Friend immediately. A flyer for the event is in the March Issue of the Western PA Region, Western Round-Up. The June Round-Up Issue contains an update on the tour.

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

The June 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. Mark Jackson thanked the contributors to the Round-Up.

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

Mark DeFloria said that he will put a full explanation of the

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2016 Chance Car on the Region's web site. Mark asked that members contact him if they have anything they would like on the Region's web site.

#### **Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria**

Craig reminded the members present that the Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3, 2016 at the Ramada Inn, Greensburg. Craig has approached a couple of members to help with the program this year. Craig said it should be a "fun" time and to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

#### **Apparel – Jeff Speicher**

Jeff Speicher said that he still has some WPR apparel from past orders. The merchandise will be available at a 50% discount until supplies are gone. See Jeff. Jeff explained that the Region has made arrangements for members to order directly from Big Frog in Greensburg to have the Western PA Region Logo placed on whatever items the members would like. New clothing can be customized at Big Frog. Contact Jeff if you have any questions.

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

John Ross and John Kuhn's discussed their experiences at the 2016 Grand National Meet held in Williamsport. They reported that over 600 cars attended the meet. They said they are looking into places for trailer and tow vehicle parking should our event get such a great entry. John Ross announced that a meeting regarding the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet will be held at the Ramada Inn, Greensburg at 7:00 on Monday, June 27th. All members interested in the Grand National Meet are asked to attend. Contact John Kuhns or John Ross if you have any questions.

#### **From The Floor**

**Howard Finney, John Ross, John Kuhns** spoke about the 2016 Grand National Meet in Williamsport, PA that they attended. **Debbie Sheetz** announced that **John Kuhns, Bob Inhoff** and **Dave Sheetz** had won awards at the meet. **John Kuhns** earned a First Grand National for his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 and his 1967 Pontiac GTO. **Bob Inhoff** earned a Senior Grand National for his 1970 Chevrolet El Camino. **Dave Sheetz** earned a Senior Grand National for his 1970 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28. The WPR attendees present at our meeting reported that they enjoyed their time at the Grand National. Congratulations!

**Bob Sugars** told members that there are Cruises at the Latrobe McDonalds from 5-8 PM on Wednesdays. The McDonalds is located at 2014 Lincoln Avenue. Bring your cruiser receive a free value meal!

#### **Snacks – Debbie Sheetz**

Debbie Sheetz arranged for an assortment of pies for tonight's snack. The members present enjoyed pie, coffee and drinks during the program that followed the meeting. President DeFloria thanked Debbie Sheetz for our refreshments at tonight's meeting.

#### **Program - Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association**

Following the adjournment of the meeting the members were treated to an informative Powerpoint presentation from Bob Stutzman of the Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association. Bob is the Co-founder of the Ligonier Rail Road Association. Bob explained the history of the Rail Road.

#### **Adjournment**

President DeFloria asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 PM. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Charlie Schifano and unanimously approved.

*Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary*

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The '39 Plymouth took 32 years to restore. In the process, 17 different layers of paint were removed, which had accumulated through a legacy of 12 other owners before Bill acquired the car. His beautifully and correctly restored 1939 Plymouth is now an AACA Grand National Award winner.

Departing the dinner stop, the tour headed out to the dessert stop hosted by Bob and Karla Doppelheuer at their home in Scottdale. Many had remarked that they were pretty full after the salad and dinner stops. However, there's always room for dessert, especially with a half hour country drive in between.

The tour left the Belle Vernon area via a short hop on Route 51 North to catch Route 982 North. Then traveled back across the Youghiogheny River, through Smithton and the countryside to the Scottdale-Smithton Road. When driving through Scottdale it is always fun to see the many carefully-preserved, large, ornate, Victorian homes. They stand as reminders of a bygone era when Scottdale was one of the "richest little towns in America."

Just outside of Scottdale by the West Overton Museum complex (birthplace of Henry Clay Frick), the tour turned onto a residential street and continued to the lovely home of Bob and Karla Doppelheuer. Everyone parked in the circular driveway and large lawn. Once situated, they made their way back to Bob's huge air-conditioned garage. Outside of the garage Bob had his red 1973 Dodge Challenger on display (a car he has owned since it was new.) In the middle of their cool garage Bob and Karla had set up tables and chairs. Members also brought in their own favorite folding chairs and made themselves comfortable. The Doppelheuers' friendly dog Jax was also on hand to greet everyone. Bob had cold drinks in the fridge and Karla had set out a nice variety of special homemade desserts. Bob said that Karla insisted that she make the desserts herself. They were absolutely scrumptious and included a moist yellow cake made with mandarin orange pieces and creamy pineapple icing, a chocolate ice cream pudding, a strawberry dessert and banana walnut cake. These were just the right kinds of desserts to cap off a splendid summer day.

We extend a very special thanks to all of our wonderful 2016 dining stop hosts for their marvelous hospitality. ■



the plane if we needed to get out in an emergency.

We all entered the plane through the right side door next to the right waist gunner position. I sat on the right side next to the small window in the radio compartment. I could see the two right side engines and the right wing. When we all were buckled in to our seats. The right side #4 propeller started to turn slowly and the engine started to sputter, coughing like my '41 chevy truck with the old stove bolt 6, and then came to life. In succession the other 3 engines were started. It was very exciting to see and hear the other 3 engines start. The torque of the engines could be felt thru the airframe and to hear 4,800 horsepower roaring together in unison was amazing. The plane started to taxi to the main runway, you could hear the disc brakes squeal as the plane would turn one way or another. The plane stopped and with the brakes set, the pilot started to take all of the engines up to full power and you could hear the propellers changing pitch. The airframe was vibrating and you could feel it through your shoes, like getting a foot massage on the chairs you would pay a quarter at Idelwild Park as a kid. The brakes were released and you could feel the plane starting to move. Slow at first, then it felt like a ride at an amusement park. The vibration in the airframe suddenly stopped, I knew we were in the air. The plane was doing about 140 mph to get off of the ground at this point. The flight engineer came back and said we could move about the aircraft. I remember trying to get out of my seat and seeing the control cables for the elevator and rudder right above my head – simplicity and dependability at its best. I went to the waist gunners station and looked out the window. I'm guessing we were at about 2,000-3,000 feet above the ground. Looking down you could see the patch work of farm fields and countryside. I had to look onto the horizon a lot to stop the queasy feeling of flying. You could see for miles at that height. It was spectacular and I've never experienced anything like this before. I saw the ball turret gun with the ammo belts and knew I wouldn't fit in there. You had to be a small guy to get into that space.

There was not any turbulence to contend with. It was a very smooth flight. You could see the wing dip a small amount when the pilot went into a turn but you didn't feel it in the plane. I tried to go thru the bomb bay to the front of the plane, but do to my size, my chest would not fit thru the frame work of the cat walk sideways, maybe next time. Two boys went up through the bomb bay and were sitting in the navigator and bombardier positions.

The flight engineer came back to alert us to return to a seat and get buckled in for landing. Back in my seat you could feel the plane tilting forward making it descent to the runway. This was a little choppy like the small dips when riding a roller-coaster. The plane descended a little more and then you heard the screech of the tires as the wheels were hitting the runway. The crew opened the bomb bay doors as we taxied back to the end of the runway, by then the cabin that was warm was cooling down and more comfortable. When the plane stopped, the engines were shut down and the 12 riders exited the plane.



Front view of the B-17 "Yankee Lady"- the four engines combined produce 4,800 horsepower.

Tammy came up to me, gave me a kiss and a hug and said "how was the ride and I'm glad your back". I think she was scared I wasn't coming back. The ride lasted 45 minutes.

I am in awe of the plane and the ride. I am more in awe of the men who served on these planes and the conditions that were faced by these men from stories I've read and movies I've watched over the years. A heartfelt thanks to all who served on these planes and the whole military service at this time and any other time in our history. Also a thanks to the people and organizations who keep these historic planes in the air for our generation and future generations to see and learn about.

I would recommend going to the WWII Weekend if you would like to learn what it was like in 1944 on the home front and in the field. It is a walk back into history for a weekend. The WWII Weekend has been going on for 26 years. It is on the 1st full weekend in June each year. Next year's schedule is 06/02-04/2017 and dates are scheduled thru 2020 on the website. For more information about the WWII Weekend or Mid-Atlantic Air Museum go to [www.maam.org](http://www.maam.org) and click on WWII Weekend. There is a lot of information on the site and it shows the scope of the show. There is a lot to see.

Thanks so much again to my daughter Melissa and my son-in-law Scott for this opportunity and a dream that was realized. ■

**Special Thanks To Bob Stutzman  
of the Ligonier Valley Rail Road  
Association & Museum for his wonderful  
presentation on the history of the  
Ligonier Valley Rail Road at our  
June 21st Monthly Meeting.**



After his presentation, Bob Stutzman autographs a copy of his new book, *The Ligonier Valley Rail Road*, for Western PA Region member Al Friend. Thanks to John Kuhns, Sr. for arranging for Bob to speak to us.

# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## June's Car



Photos - Denny and Becky Blank taken at the 2016 AACA Grand National Meet

Bill Maurer recognized this unique vehicle from his travels to AACA National Meets. He correctly identified the car as a Mohs built by the Mohs Seaplane Corporation of Madison, Wisconsin in 1973. This is the Mohs SafariKar - Dual Cowl Pheaton Metal Top Convertible. It is aluminum bodied, built on a 1969 International Travelall base. The exterior is upholstered in Naugahyde (vinyl) stretched over foam padding and held in place with adhesive and 7,000 stainless steel staples. It was intended for on road use and off road use as a hunting vehicle. To enter the SafariKar a single door slides straight out from the body on linear rods. The car also has a retractable

hard top system. There are three bucket seats up front and the back seat drops down to make a bed that sleeps three people. Only three SafariKars were built. This one required 4,800 hours of restoration. (reference: SafariKar Show Card at AACA Grand National Meet)

## July's Car



Can you name the correct make and year of July's car? Be the first to contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074 or email [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com) and win a box of Hostess Twinkies.

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