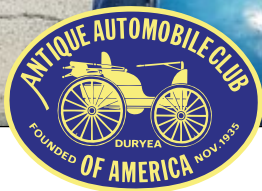


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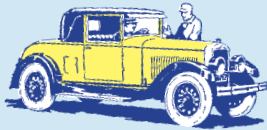


June 2018

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment
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2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by the Western PA Region



Member News

Long-time Western PA Region member and Past President Pat Gaudiose passed away on June 4, 2018 at the age of 90. Pat was very friendly and easy to talk to. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.



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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.

President's Message



During the 2018 Grand National Meet Awards Banquet, Cris and Molly Detwiler presented Meet Chairman/WPR President John Ross Kuhns with tokens of appreciation for his hard work, dedication and superb leadership. This included a mock up of a large, economy size bottle of Excedrin® for headache relief. Chief Judge Howard Finney, far left, and John Ross enjoy a laugh.

Hello Everyone!

Where does the time go? It seems like only a few months ago we were having our first planning meeting for the Grand National Meet and now here I sit reflecting on it two weeks after it's over. If you would have talked to me two months ago I would tell you how much I can't wait for it to be over, and now that it is I find myself ready to do another one!

I just want to thank everyone for helping and putting in your time and energy to make the meet a tremendous success. I've had nothing but positive feedback from participants, National Directors, spectators, and all of the vendors that we dealt with. I've had several people tell me it was the nicest meet they've ever been to.

I can't stress enough how thankful I am to all of you who helped volunteer and make this event an overwhelming success! Thank you!

-- John Ross Kuhns



The fun and friendly AACA Grand National Meet Awards Banquet was the largest banquet ever held at the Greensburg Ramada.



July 5, 6, 7, and 8

Twin Lakes Park, Latrobe, PA

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Western PA Region AACA being a part of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival.

For the best free parking spots available, drive your antique cars to Twin Lakes Park during the Festival and park on the Lower Lake dam breast by our promo booth as part of the region's traditional antique automobile display. Come and go as you wish. Space is limited. About 8 cars at a time can fit. First come first served. If your car is for sale you may have a small sign on your front seat, but not in your windows. Questions contact Mark Jackson 724-961-3563.

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At our **FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY**
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Saturday, July 28th 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Private Antique & Classic Car Collections

New Home Tours at
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Complimentary Food and Music

Drawings for Gift Baskets and Prizes!

Pre-Registration Required by July 22nd
Contact Renea 724-961-5531

Directions:

Route 30 to the Mount Pleasant Exit, Turn right
Pass the Pitt-Greensburg Campus,
Go straight onto Brinkerton Road
Turn left onto Warwick
Turn left into Fairfield.

2018 CALENDAR

June 23, Cruise for Conservation

10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Donohoe Center, Donohoe Road, Greensburg, Proceeds benefit the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association. Music, food, special displays and tours.

July 1st (Sunday), Visitation Church Car Show

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Visitation Church - judged show
740 E. Walnut Street, Mount Pleasant, PA

July 5 - July 8, Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival

Western PA Region car display and Chance Car
Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg, PA, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.,
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July 11-14, AACA Eastern Spring Meet

Gettysburg, PA, Sponsored by the Chesapeake Region

July 22, Western PA Region Annual Picnic

Cooperstown Club, Latrobe, PA, *Note: Registration forms will be mailed to members by the end of June.*

July 23-28, International Corvair Convention,

Pittsburgh, PA Hosted by the Western PA Corvair Club
Contact WPR member Al Friend for more details.

July 28, Pellis Construction Fairfield Village

Cruise 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (See promo above.)

August 25, First Christian Church Car Cruise

134 Mathews Street, Greensburg, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

September 2, 55th Annual Western PA Region Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show Legion Keener Park, Latrobe, PA

October 6, German Lutheran Oktoberfest Car

Cruise, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hebron Lutheran Church, Blairsville, PA

December 2, Western PA Region Christmas Party

DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe, PA

2018 Progressive Dinner Tour - Date to be announced



Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on May 15, 2018 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President John Ross Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 29 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. Bryan Sager, winner of the Western PA Region, AACA scholarship scan tool was our guest tonight.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April 17, 2018 monthly meeting were printed in the May 2018 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 John Ross Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Tom King made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney read the new membership application for Anthony Buyny. Dennis Blank made a motion to accept Anthony into the Region, seconded by Charlie Schifano and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Anthony.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Scan Tool Scholarship - Mark Jackson

Mark introduced members present to this year's Scan Tool Scholarship winner, Bryan Sager. Bryan is a Greensburg Salem High School Senior in the automotive technology program at the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center in New Stanton. Bryan and a fellow

class member recently participated in a local automotive technology student competition winning a top award. They then went on to place well in a national competition involving 27 teams. Bryan said that he grew up around classic cars, as his father once owned several.

2018 AACA Grand National Meet – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns reminded members that the meet almost here. President John Ross updated his reported numbers that there are 515 vehicles registered for the show, 72 trailers registered for parking at the Ramada, and 225 trailers registered for parking at the fairgrounds, and 16 campers. John Ross said there is 530 signed up for the banquet, 126 people for the ice cream social, 234 for the BBQ and 67 for the bus trip. Howard Finney reported that he had 225 judges chips. John Kuhns said that he planned to have 5 golf carts available. The next meeting for the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet will be on Monday, May 21, at the Greensburg Ramada at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

2018 Chance Car – Mark Jackson

President John Ross Kuhns reported that this year's chance car is a red 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe with a black interior. The car has a 6 cylinder engine with an automatic transmission.

Sheila and Joe Kurtz have volunteered to handle the tickets this year. 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 27, 2018.

WPR Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Annual Picnic will be on Sunday, July 22nd at the Cooperstown Vets and Sportsmen Association Picnic grounds located at 2541 Thomas Street, Latrobe, PA 15650. Please mark your calendars.

Tours – John Ross Kuhns

President Kuhns said that we are in need of a Tour Chairman for this year. We need members to help chair tours.

We welcome any tour ideas for 2018. Please see the event calendar in the Western Round-Up for possible dates.

2018 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer / Mark Jackson

Bob Doppelheuer and Mark Jackson have agreed to again chair the 2018 the Western PA Region Annual Car Show. The show is scheduled for Sunday, September 2nd. A "rain date" of Sunday, September 16th will be advertised if there are "wash-out" conditions. More information to come.

Christmas Party – Kuhns Family

President Kuhns reported that the Christmas Party will be at DiSalvo's Station on Sunday, December 2nd this year. Mark your calendars. Mark your calendars.

Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked all the members that have sub-

mitted articles for the region's newsletter. Newsletters not picked up tonight will be mailed to the members that were not present.

Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that members contact him if they have anything they would like posted on the Region's web site. Please email Mark DeFloria any changes in addresses, phone numbers or email.

Snacks

Pizza was provided for tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 PM. Bob Inhoff made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

The Grand National Gallery

The 2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by our region was a fabulous and unique event, which resulted in tons of great photos and several wonderful videos. In the next several issues of *The Western Round-Up* we will continue to

feature a selection of photos in a "The Grand National Gallery". Please enjoy the article on pages 6-10 in this issue. Also, visit our website, westernparegion.org to enjoy many more Grand National photos, video links, and meet results.



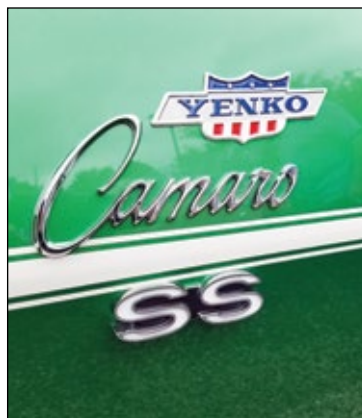
Glen Drew's 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Roadster



A 1917 Harley-Davidson J owned by Melvin Lilly



Larry Jenkins's 1940 Plymouth PT-105 Pick Up



Legendary PA Chevy Dealer logo



Karl Mueller's 1936 Graham 110 Sedan (turbo charged)

Photos - Regis Jackson

2018 AACA Grand National a Grand Success!



Thanks...

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated cookies, brownies, etc., for the Grand National Hospitality Room. Also, another big THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time. We couldn't have done it without you. We had many, many, compliments and thanks for all the goodies and coffee we provided. Some people even took pictures so they could show their "back home" club members what we offered. Several people also stated that we had "the best Hospitality Room they ever saw" at a Grand National!! So again, Thank You All!!!

Becky Blank and Connie Schifano

I would like to thank all of the members who stepped up to the plate and volunteered to help with security and parking vehicles at both the Ramada and Westmoreland Fairgrounds for the Grand National Meet. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated and just being there gave the participants a feeling that their vehicles were secure. Thanks again to all who helped.

Bill Holtzer

The 2018 Antique Automobile Club of America Annual Grand National Meet, May 31 - June 2, was four years in the making. Now a golden memory, the Western Pennsylvania Region can step back and take enormous pride in bringing this fabulous, high-profile antique automobile event to Western Pennsylvania for the first time ever.

In the beginning, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Vice President of Administrative Services Carl Rossman was talking with his neighbor, WPR long-time member Howard Finney, about an AACA Meet Howard coordinated at UPG in 2005. Carl mentioned how nice it would be for an event like that to be held at the campus again. Howard agreed and the seed was planted. From there the

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Grand National participants enjoy the Hospitality Room at the Ramada.



Debbie Sheetz and Karla Doppelheuer



Connie Schifano places cookies.



Studying the Show Field map.



Sandy DeFloria sells AACA merchandise.



Charlie Schifano selling WPR chance car tickets at the Ramada entrance.



Seagrave fire truck hauler for a 1941 Ford fire truck at the Ramada



A 1957 Chevrolet Station Wagon arrives at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds.



Zenith Award nominated vehicles at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds



Judging a 1953 Nash Healy Roadster for the Zenith Award.



(l-r) Tom Ulishney, Dave Sheetz and Mark DeFloria welcome a 1931 Cadillac.



Tom Ulishney tells Show Field volunteers how to park cars on the Show Field.



John Kuhns, Sr. and UPG Liason Sherra Moors



WPR member Duane Anderson (in vest) helps park WPR member Al Friend in his 1964 Corvair.



Each UPG Show Field area was its own world of wonders. Here spectators enjoy "the best of the best" tri-five Chevrolets and early Ford Mustangs.



Allan McDonald's 1964 Dodge Polara 500 Coupe



"Square Car" beauties



A detail of James Logue's 1936 Pontiac Deluxe



A 1956 Lincoln shows its AACA award badges.



Carl Hering's 1954 Kaiser-Darrin



The magic is in the details on this '57 Chevy.



Enjoying the magnificent motorcycles.



Michael Hamby, Jr.'s 1929 Model A



Peter McManus's 1949 Riley Ardent Alligator race car

discussion went to the Western PA Region directors and members. Past WPR President, and then AACA National Director Harvey Eger said, "The Grand National would be a plumb for the Western PA Region." Upon returning from an AACA Grand National Meet, John Ross Kuhns and John Kuhns, Sr. declared, "We could do this." Other Western PA Region members also visited and participated in AACA Grand National Meets and brought home a shared excitement. And so the Western PA Region's application to host the 2018 Grand National Meet was submitted to AACA. After careful consideration, and by vote of the national board, our region received official word to proceed with our plans to host the Grand National in Greensburg, PA in 2018 with the Show Field to be the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

In Western PA we have grown accustomed to winding roads, and the journey to the 2018 Grand National had its share of turns. Sadly, along the way both Carl Rossman and Harvey Eger passed away due to illness. However, under the superb leadership of John Ross Kuhns assisted by his dad, John Kuhns, Sr. and the amazing support of a dedicated circle of WPR members, careful planning and possibility thinking resulted in an outstanding Grand National Meet.

Along the way the catch phrase "the best of the best" came forward to help describe the top quality of the antique vehicles which would be participating in the Grand National Meet. This phrase was used in all of our publications and promotions. The media also picked up on it.

Participating in an AACA Grand National is the climax of a cumulative series of AACA Awards. In order to participate an antique passenger vehicle has had to have earned its Senior Award no later than the calendar year before.

Most all of these vehicles are seldom driven and arrive by trailer. A long-time AACA rule states that all vehicles participating in an AACA Meet must enter the show field on their own power. Due to space limitations and topography, we could not accommodate trailer parking at the Show Field; however, there was adequate room for trailer parking at the nearby Greensburg Ramada host hotel and the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Both were a short drive away - about 3.5 miles each. Limited, special permit trailer unloading was accommodated at a UPG property across from the Show Field. Some participants even took the initiative to make independent trailer parking arrangements with churches close to the Show Field. John Ross Kuhns also made arrangements to allow vehicles to park at their assigned show field spaces the evening before the show day. About 80 vehicles chose that option, which helped lighten show day traffic.

Over 518 vehicles had registered for the 2018 Grand

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David Merricks's 1977 Pontiac Trans Am



James Elliott's 1903 Cadillac A Tonneau



A 1934 Chevrolet truck owned by Thomas Przybysz



John Cote's 1949 Chrysler Convertible

National. Due to the threat of rain very early the morning of June 2nd, the number of vehicles ending up on the Show Field was around 470. Despite a very light misting around 5:00 a.m. in the Greensburg area, the weather turned out to be very pleasant for show day, with gray skies turning blue.

On June 2nd movement of vehicles into their spots on the Show Field went smoothly thanks to the careful planning coordinated by Field Marshall Dave Sheetz. There was a great turn out of volunteer support to help park the vehicles from other car clubs and community service groups including: the Western PA Corvair Club, the Corvette Club of Western PA, Helping Hands Across Westmoreland and the Lions Club. Lots of neighbors and friends also pitched in. Many of these volunteers were impressed with the friendly thanks they got for helping from the AACA Grand National Meet participants.

Carefully arranged by class for judging, each parking area was its own world of wonder. Chief Judge Howard Finney launched around 200 highly-trained judges into action after a traditional judges' breakfast session earlier that morning. Spectators began arriving by a shuttle from the Fairgrounds around 10:00 a.m.

Starting about a month before June 2nd, the 2018 Grand National Meet received outstanding press coverage from the *Tribune-Review*, highlighted by a front page story featuring an interview with Field Marshall Dave Sheetz. KDKA-TV also did a spot on a June 2 news broadcast, and Steel City News, a web-based service, visited and put together a terrific, in-depth, video presentation, which included interviews with Chief Judge Howard Finney and various car owners. Their "car stories" were very interesting. Steel City News's video can be seen on YouTube.

Vehicles were permitted to leave the Show Field after 3:00 p.m. That evening the Grand National Awards banquet held at the Greensburg Ramada host hotel was the largest banquet they ever had. The event was filled with excitement and friendly conversation. As their names were read, the award winners proudly accepted their beautiful trophies and were cheered on by family and friends. During the awards, people who could not attend the banquet (it was sold out) lined the wall of the banquet room and overflowed into the lobby.

Prior to the climactic June 2nd show day, many participants arrived in Greensburg early to enjoy some time touring Southwestern PA. The WPR had various activities planned, which included fun, self-driving tours to private car collections, and a bus trip to visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Ohiopyle.

Overall, the 2018 Grand National helped fill six area hotels and benefited our local economy. Many thanks to all of the partners, sponsors, and volunteers who supported this amazing event.



Here's a view from the back of the Ramada banquet hall looking towards the head table at the Grand National Awards Banquet - a full house.



AACA President Chuck Crane addresses the banquet audience.



2018 AACA Grand National Senior Award trophies



AACA Director Mel Carson presents a Senior Grand National Award to Al Friend.



Sheila Kurtz and her Grand National Second Place Award



AACA Director Mel Carson presents a Grand National Repeat Senior Award to Howard and Bettyann Finney.

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

May's Car



Looks like everyone was busy thinking about the 2018 Grand National Meet. No one took a guess at May's Car, which is a 1972 Lincoln Mark IV.

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

The Western Round-Up is the official publication of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. It is published on a monthly basis with January/February being a combined issue.

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Special thanks to the following for sharing their time and talent to help produce this issue:

Becky Blank, Mark DeFloria, Bill Holtzer, Regis Jackson, John Ross Kuhns and Connie Schifano

June's Car



June's car is one of my favorites. I based the graphic of the red car in the 2018 Grand National logo on this beauty. However the design also echoes other similar cars of the era. My son Regis took this photo at the Grand National. I am wearing the "prototype" event t-shirt. The final printed shirts did not have the border around the logo. We just thought the shirts would look better without the border, and they did. Steve and Anita Kozinko from Off the Wall Graphics in Greensburg printed the final event shirts using seven different colors.

Be the first to correctly identify the year and make of June's car and win loaf of Friendship Farms bread baked near Pleasant Unity. You must attend the July meeting to collect your prize. Contact me at the June meeting or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com, or call 724-832-9074.

Sign Out or Purchase 2018 Chance Car Tickets by U.S. Mail

Please support the events, tours, programs, activities, scholarships & charitable giving sponsored by the Western PA Region AACA by selling or purchasing 1966 Mustang Chance Car tickets. In addition to members who sign out and sell tickets all season long, it would be wonderful if **EACH MEMBER** purchased one or more tickets. They are great gifts for family, friends or yourselves!

Chance Car Tickets delivered to your front door...

Please Print

I am interested in selling 2018 Chance Car tickets

Tickets are packaged in lots of 40. Members may sign out lesser quantities in units of 5, minimum 5 tickets.

Please sign out and mail me _____ tickets to sell.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I would like to purchase a 2018 Chance Car ticket(s)

Instead of signing out 2017 Chance Car tickets to sell,

I would like to purchase a ticket(s). Please mail me

tickets @ \$10 per ticket = \$_____ enclosed

Please make checks payable to Western PA Region AACA.

Please mail form to: Sheila Kurtz
334 Pittsburgh Street, Box 467
Vanderbilt, PA 15486



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Ten members of the Western PA Corvair Club were a tremendous help parking cars and trucks at the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet. Let's return the favor by helping at their upcoming International Convention in Pittsburgh July 23-28. Contact Western PA Region member Al Friend to see how you can help. 724-325-2588 or email a.c.friend@comcast.net



Our 2018 Scan Tool Scholarship Winner

In recognition of his scholastic excellence, Greensburg-Salem High School, Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Automotive Technology Senior Bryan Sager (left) accepts a new Innova Pro Scan Tool and award certificate from Western PA Region AACA President John Ross Kuhns at the region's May meeting. Bryan also received memberships in AACA and the Western PA Region.

Bryan and a fellow student participated in the Western PA Automotive Competition at the Community College of Allegheny County West Hills Campus earlier this year. Each won an \$11,000 prize and a chance to compete against 27 other teams in the two-day, National Automobile Dealers Association Finals at the New York International Auto Show in April. Congratulations Bryan!