

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



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A 1908 Sears J Runabout at the 2018 Grand National Meet



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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.



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Western Round-Up Newsletter Distribution Changes for 2019

The Western PA Region Board of Directors voted for some changes to the way *The Western Round-Up* newsletter **is distributed** in 2019. *The Round-Up* is published eleven times per year. Issues average 12 pages in length. Currently, each member receives a printed hard copy, either at the monthly meeting or by first class mail if they did not attend the meeting. All members with email addresses **also** receive a link to a digital copy, which is posted on the website.

The annual cost of printing and mailing the *Round-Up* has been more than double the income from annual dues. The directors supported underwriting this additional cost through the years. But since almost all of our members now have email addresses, we feel it is time to switch to email distribution as the **main way** of getting the newsletter out.

Dues will remain at \$25 for single or joint members. This **includes an email distribution** of the *Round-Up*. You can request to have **printed hard copies** mailed first class, for an annual fee of \$10 for 11 issues. (This is a bargain since \$10 barely covers a year's postage.)

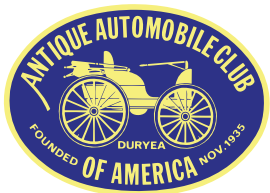
In summary - for \$25 annual dues members receive the *Round-Up* by email. For \$35 members will receive the email AND a have a printed, hard copy mailed to them first class. See the shaded box on the enclosed 2019 Membership Renewal form.

Many other AACA Regions and area car clubs have also gone this route to distribute their newsletters.

NOTE: If you earned a free 2019 membership selling chance car tickets, then you would only pay \$10 to receive a printed copy of each 2019 Round-Up via first class mail. If you earned a ticket sales voucher, you have already earned a free region membership, and may apply the voucher towards the \$10 annual fee for a printed hard copy of the *Round-Up* to be mailed to you.

Starting in 2019, there will be a limited supply of the previous month's Minutes printed in black and white available at each monthly meeting. The Minutes would also continue to appear in the *Round-Up*. A goal is to improve *Round-Up* publication timing so that it can be emailed to members several days before the meeting, so that they can review the Minutes on their computers, iPhones or tablets prior.

The directors feel that these changes will help us better focus our financial resources more on activities and programs.



Fred Trusty
Vice President Regions
Western Division



Let'em Ride

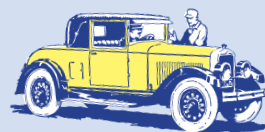
I want to share something that happened to me at a local church cruise event last year. It was the end of a hot summer day and I was ready to get home to some air conditioning. I was loading my chair and cooler in the bed of my 1929 Ford Model A truck when a woman and her son stopped to look at my truck. The boy looked to be about 8 years old. She asked me what year it was so I told her a little bit about the truck. As they were walking around the truck she was telling her son that this is what trucks looked like in 1929.

The lady thanked me for bringing the truck and as they started to walk away I asked the boy if he wanted to ride in my truck. The look on his face was priceless! His eyes got big as he looked up at his mother shaking his head up and down. He climbed in and we took a short ride in the subdivision. He had never seen a truck that didn't have seat belts and one that you had to manually shift gears.

His mother took a picture of him and the truck and I

told him to tell all his friends that he rode in a 1929 Ford Model A truck. He thanked me for the ride as I shook his hand. It brought back memories of the first time I was invited to ride in a Corvette when I was 12 years old. It really doesn't take much effort to plant those old car hobby seeds. Just give 'em a ride.

-- The Rummage Box



Member News

Bill Holtzer recently received his 50 Year Membership pin from AACA. Congratulations Bill on your milestone! Thanks for all you do to bring enjoyment and success to the Western PA Region and the enjoyment of antique automobiles to our community.

CALENDAR 2018 INTO 2019

December 2, Western PA Region Christmas Party
DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe

January 20, 2019, Western PA Region Annual Meeting - Awards, recognitions, reports, election of directors, great food and fun. Dino's, Latrobe. Registration flyer to be in the December, 2018 *Western Round-Up*.

February 7-9, 2019, AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

Underground Winter Hibernation for Sheila and Joe Kurtz's Award-Winning 1978 Impala



Joe Kurtz checks the Impala's hibernation spot.



Disconnecting the battery



Impala covered for a long winters nap

Western PA Region members Sheila and Joe Kurtz utilize a unique facility as a secure winter haven for their 1978 Chevrolet Impala. Toys Underground Storage near the Butler County village of Cabot, PA is a premium dry, underground winter storage facility for cars, boats, RVs and more. This former limestone mine is over 500 acres in size, and maintains a year-round temperature of 52 degrees in the general storage area. Prices start at \$195 per season, which is from October 1st, through April 30th. Batteries must be disconnected before parking. No external propane tanks or portable gas tanks are permitted.



Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on October 16, 2018 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President John Ross Kuhns called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 30 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. There were two guests in attendance, Philip and Toni Beattie of Vandergrift.

Minutes

The Minutes of the September 18, 2018 monthly meeting were printed in the October 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. Bill Holtzer made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney read an application for membership for Philip and Toni Beattie. John Ross made a motion to accept Philip and Toni into the Region, seconded by Craig DeFloria and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Philip and Toni.

2018 AACA Grand National Meet – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns discussed that the Grand National Meet has yet to be in the national AACA Antique Automobile. It is John Ross understands from talking to national that the Grand National Meet article will be in an upcoming issue. Craig DeFloria presented the treasurer's report for the Grand National Meet as compiled by Craig

and Mark Jackson. The report was available for review at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Chance Car – John Ross

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the 2019 chance car is a white 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe with a red interior. The car has a 6 cylinder engine with an automatic transmission.

2018 Chance Car – Sheila and Joe Kurtz

Sheila Kurtz, Chance Car Ticket Chairman thanked everyone for selling chance car tickets this year. Sheila said that a lot of members returned their tickets and stubs to her at tonight's meeting. President John Ross Kuhns reminded the members present that our 2018 chance car is a red 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe will go off on the first 7:00 PM, PA Lottery Big 4 drawing on October 27, 2018.

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. Sheila reported that 2,190 ticket stubs were returned prior to tonight's meeting.

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

Mark Jackson reported that the car show, thanking all the members that helped with this year's show. Mark said that a couple of the things to think about are fire extinguishers and volunteer food. Mark Jackson suggested that participants should be required to show a fire extinguisher prior to entry on the show. Exhibitors that are not able to show a fire extinguisher would not be permitted on the show field or could purchase one at the gate. There was a discussion about volunteer food and the possibility of providing vouchers for use at the Boy Scout food tent as a possible solution. The Car Show treasures report was read at tonight's meeting. Copies of the report was available for review.

Christmas Party – Kuhns Family

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

Christmas Party Reservation form in the next *Round-up*.

Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson spoke about the substantial cost of printing and mailing the Region's newsletter. The Region is going to try to reduce this cost by delivering the newsletter by email. The newsletter is currently and will continue to be available on the Region's web site soon after publication. Mark Jackson said that copies of the minutes would continue to be available at the monthly meetings. Members wishing to continue to have a printed newsletter can elect to do so by indicating on the 2019 Membership Renewal Form at a cost of \$10 that is in addition to their annual dues.

Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria

Please email Mark DeFloria any changes in addresses, phone numbers or email.

Snacks – Debbie Sheetz

Debbie Sheetz brought an arrangement of pies and coffee for after meeting desert. President John Ross Kuhns thanked Debbie for bringing the deserts at tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Ralph Shearer and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Photo Flashback



The Western PA Region AACA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in 1977. Back row left to right: Larry Geisler, Jim Bertrum and Gary Cooper. Front row left to right: Charles Davis, Bob Davis, President, and Paul Bell. *Photo courtesy of Guy Davis*

We will be electing three Directors at the 2019 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20th at Dino's in Latrobe. Throw your hat in the ring as a candidate to join our fun leadership legacy. Let Secretary Mark DeFloria know if you would like to be on the ballot, 724-836-7414 or email him at westernparegion@hotmail.com

The Road Less Traveled By

by Guy Davis



You could collect these handsome brass antique car coins at your Sunoco station.



Close up – The coins were about the size of a quarter.



Second Generation coins were silver colored

Today's self-service gas stations provide customers with a variety of amenities. Aside from a plethora of fuel pumps, most modern stations feature a large convenience store where meals, groceries, liquid refreshments, newspapers and magazines, petroleum products, tobacco, lottery tickets and other items can be purchased. Some stations even have outdoor café-type seating where you can leisurely scan your i-phone or tablet while sipping on latte, cappuccino or coffee mocha. Such stations differ significantly from those most of us grew up with during the mid-twentieth century.

Most gas stations of yesteryear had only one or two islands of gas pumps along with a two bay garage attached to a small office. There may have been pop and cigarette machines, a newspaper box, a pay phone, and maybe a candy bar selection but that was about it. Some stations offered a public restroom which was usually located at the side of the building. When you pulled into the gas station, your car would run over a pneumatic hose which rang a bell (ding-ding) alerting the attendant that he had a customer. The uniformed attendant would walk up to your car and ask if you would like him to fill up the tank. While the fuel was being dispersed, the attendant might offer to check your oil, clean your windshield, and perhaps even check the air in your tires. You remained in your car the entire time. After you paid the attendant



The big draw of Atlantic Richfield's "Red Ball Service" game was the chance to win a new Camaro!



The Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) offered customers a toy Noah's Ark and sets of different plastic animals to collect. Kids looked forward to mom and dad getting a fill up.

and received your change, off you went. Most stations from this era operated in similar fashion, but what differentiated one gas station from another? How did they compete for your business?

Some of the ways oil companies promoted their products at this time were through the use of slogans, jingles, and prizes or giveaways. The Esso Gas Company encouraged the driving public to “put a tiger in your tank,” and gave away tiger tails to dangle out from your cars closed fuel cover. Two popular gas station giveaways during this era were S&H Green Stamps and Plaid Stamps. The more fuel you purchased, the more stamps you received. Completed books of stamps could then be redeemed for gifts at a local S&H Green Stamp or Plaid Stamp store. During the baby boom following WW II, many companies offered tokens enticing to children. The Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), for example, gave customers a pair of small plastic animals which would be housed in a plastic ark which was overseen by a Noah figurine. The arc was a play on words for the company name, ARCO. Sinclair lured in their customers by giving away a plastic dino dinosaur figure with every fill-up, and Texaco gave away red fire chief hats for purchasing their product.

In 1969 during the height of space exploration and the moon landing, Gulf offered a paper lunar module

which had to be assembled. Remember the orange styro-foam ball that you placed on the top of your car antenna? That token was from Union 76. Sunoco teamed with the Franklin Mint Company and offered brass and aluminum

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Sunoco Sunny Dollars game pieces

Smokey Mountain Way



by Bob Doppelheuer

As some of you know I am an avid motorcycle enthusiast to say the least. I own 2 bikes, one a classic turbocharged 1984 Kawasaki and the other a 2015 Yamaha FJR1300 modern day sport touring motorcycle.

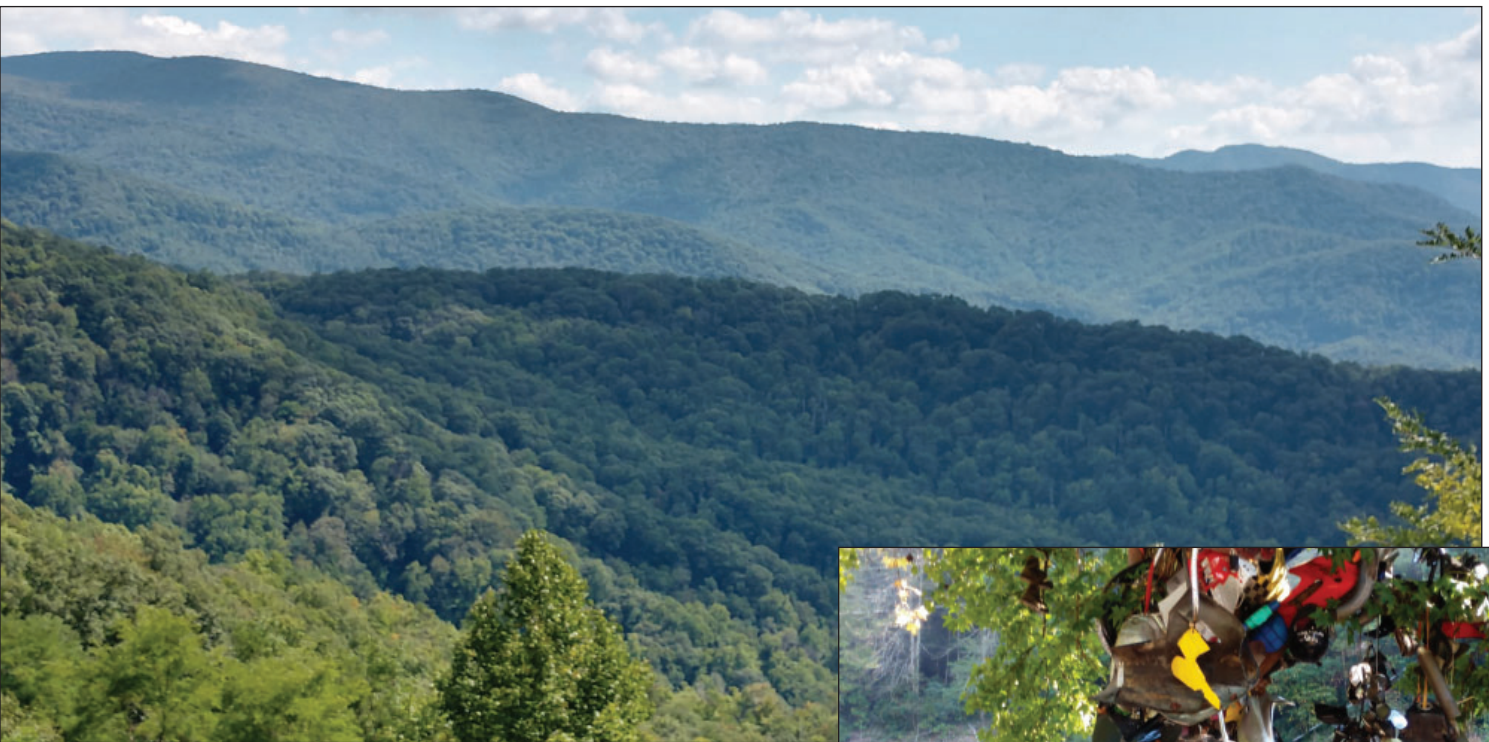
Once a year a group of riders get together at an event called the EOM, Eastern Owners Meet for the, but not limited to the Yamaha FJR. Any other brand can participate in the event. There is a banquet on Saturday night with well over 5 grand worth of door prizes. This year's event was held in Maggie Valley N.C. which is very close to Georgia and a stone's throw to Tennessee at the base of the Great Smokey Mountains. Maggie Valley is also home to Wheels Through Time Museum where a TV show called *What's In the Barn* is filmed.

Roads are why some riders ride, me included and this place is Mecca! There are some famous roads in the immediate area such as Moonshiner 28, Cherohala Skyway, 209 The Rattler and arguably the most famous eleven mile stretch of road in the country The Tail of the Dragon on Highway 129. Most of these roads cross from North Carolina to Tennessee and I had no clue what state I was in most of the time. One of my travel partners used a GPS most of the time.

The destination was almost 1,000 mile round trip from my house, so I decided to trailer my bike down saving my energy for riding. You never know what could happen so this seemed like a good option. I wasn't planning to ride a "death" pace, but I didn't plan on saving any gas either.

Day one saw us ride the Moonshiner 28, Tail of the Dragon and the Cherohala Skyway. The Dragon is one of the most popular tourist trap roads in the country. If you want to ride at a fast pace its best to do ride this road during the week. Tail of the Dragon is 11 miles with 318 turns that starts in Deals Gap N.C. and ends in Tennessee. The idea is not to have parts of your bike hanging on the Tree Of Shame at the Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort.

All of these roads had something different to offer, sharp technical turns to big, wide fast sweepers (long fast turns that you can easily earn you a performance award from the Highway Patrol). At the end of each day's riding there are usually a number of people hanging in the parking lot of the hotel till the wee hours of the morning, quite the party! We had to share the hotel with evacuees from hurricane Florence. These people where from a retirement home. I had as much fun hearing



View from the Cherohala Skyway

their lifetime stories as I did riding.

On day 2 we decided to run a 233 mile loop that included 209 the Rattler, this is one of the more challenging roads you will find and most scenic. Our GPS failed and we ended up going old school GPS, written directions from a map. This ended up being over 350 miles and there was tale that we even rode into Georgia. This was a very good day taking some less “famous” roads in the area that were amazing gems including the one that ended abruptly on a turn, into gravel at over 60 mph. Quite interesting to say the least, as I had to do some creative maneuvering to stay upright. We decided not to go on the Blue Ridge Parkway due to time restrictions. Most of the time the only way I knew what state I was in was to look at the license plates in the driveways.

The Great Smokey Mountains are one of most breath taking places in the country, if not the world and I finally got to experience over 650 miles of it in 2 days! I will be back!!



The “Tree of Shame”, Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort, North Carolina



A winding road which was an unplanned run.



Resort sign at the Tail of the Dragon



A symbol of the 318 turn challenge



My trusty 2015 Yamaha FJR1300

The Grand National Gallery

2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by the Western PA Region on June 2nd - Muscle power



1963 Dodge Coupe 330 owned by Joseph Vitello



1970 Plymouth Coupe Superbird owned by Joseph Medwick



1968 Ford Shelby Mustang GT500KR owned by Robert Syvertson



1969 Pontiac GTO Judge owned by Robert E. Dunbar

Western Round-Up Classifieds

Winter Car Storage Opportunity

We at Baltzer Meyer Historical Society have a garage space for four large cars this year at our center in Hempfield Township. The cost is \$10.00 a lin. ft. per car for the winter, no in and out; cars stays put untill mid April or so, depends on the weather. Concrete floor, stays dry, no heat. Contact Tom Harrold lch007@aol.com. We are a non-profit.

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Model A Ford tires - Used

475-500 x 19, Total of four **Stanchions** - for car, display or show Total of eight - enough for two cars
Call Lou Zecchini, 724-834-6813

Truck parts for 1941-46 Chevrolet

Sheet metal, front axel, unpainted bumpers
Call Joe Vrable 724-420-7670

Wanted - Antique Cars, Any make, any model. No projects, Original condition preferred. 724-771-5170

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

October's Car



Under that red paint and hot rod conversion lies a 1948 Pontiac Torpedo. Unfortunately, no one took a shot at identifying October's car.

If you're a car person, car stories from your parents, grandparents and older family members stick with you. Although the cars were long gone, the way they were described and the adventures they provided helped these stories to become part of an automotive family legacy.

People will often purchase an antique car because it brings back a pleasant family memory or story – "That was my dad's first car. He paid \$50 for it and had it for five years." These stories can also work in the opposite direction – "My Aunt Mary had one of those and boy was it a lemon."

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coins depicting antique automobiles. The coins came in several series. A few years earlier, Sunoco came up with a game where you needed to match numbers to win a cash prize. A left and right match of these "Sunny Dollars" could win up to \$1000.00. The Atlantic Company offered a similar match game where you had a chance to win a new Camaro, a mink jacket, a Westinghouse color T.V., a Polaroid color-pack camera, or other prizes. The oil companies were hoping such gimmicks would attract new customers and keep their established customers coming back.

Gas station giveaways have gone the way of leaded fuel, pay phones, and full service at the pumps. Instead, we now shop or grab a quick meal at a convenience store and sometimes purchase gasoline while we are there. We have, in many ways, come full circle to a time when general stores of the early twentieth century offered a variety of goods and then eventually added petroleum products to their inventory as the automobile replaced the horse and buggy. In the meantime, if you should one day find yourself searching for a gas station on that road less traveled by, just remember, "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star, the big, bright Texaco star!"

November's Car



The fabulous 1950s gave us some wild and daring color combinations. Here is one of them. Can you name the year and make of this car? This colorful creation appeared at the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet hosted by our region at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Campus on June 2nd.

Be the first to contact me with the correct answer and win bag of Utz Potato Chips. See me at the November monthly meeting. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message, or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com.

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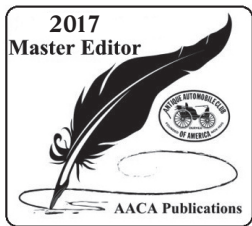
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Congratulations to Our 2018 Chance Car Winner!

The Pennsylvania Lottery Big 4 winning number drawn at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2018 was 1032. Carl Laitenberger from Romney, West Virginia was this year's Chance Car ticket winner. Carl purchased his ticket from Mark and Jill Jackson at the Somerset Trust Car Show in Somerset, PA this summer.

Carl was thrilled when he got the good news. He chose to take the 1965 Mustang Coupe over the \$8,000 cash option. In this photo Carl gives a happy thumbs up as he picks up the Mustang in Latrobe to drive it back to West Virginia.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Western PA Region by purchasing Chance Car tickets this year, and THANK YOU to all of our members who sold tickets and cared for the Mustang.



Carl Laitenberger from Romney, West Virginia was this year's Chance Car winner.

2019 Chance Car Tickets to be Ready Soon!

The Western PA Region's 2019 Chance Car will be a white 1965 Mustang Coupe with a beautiful red interior. We are hoping to have tickets available for Christmas 2018 and will keep you posted.