

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



December 2019

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WPR 2020 Annual Meeting, Sunday January 26, 2020 at Dino's, Route 30, Latrobe. Registration flyers to be distributed in December, 2019.

February 6-8, AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA Registration information available on your Antique Automobile Magazine inserts and on the AACA website.

April 2-5, AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, North Carolina

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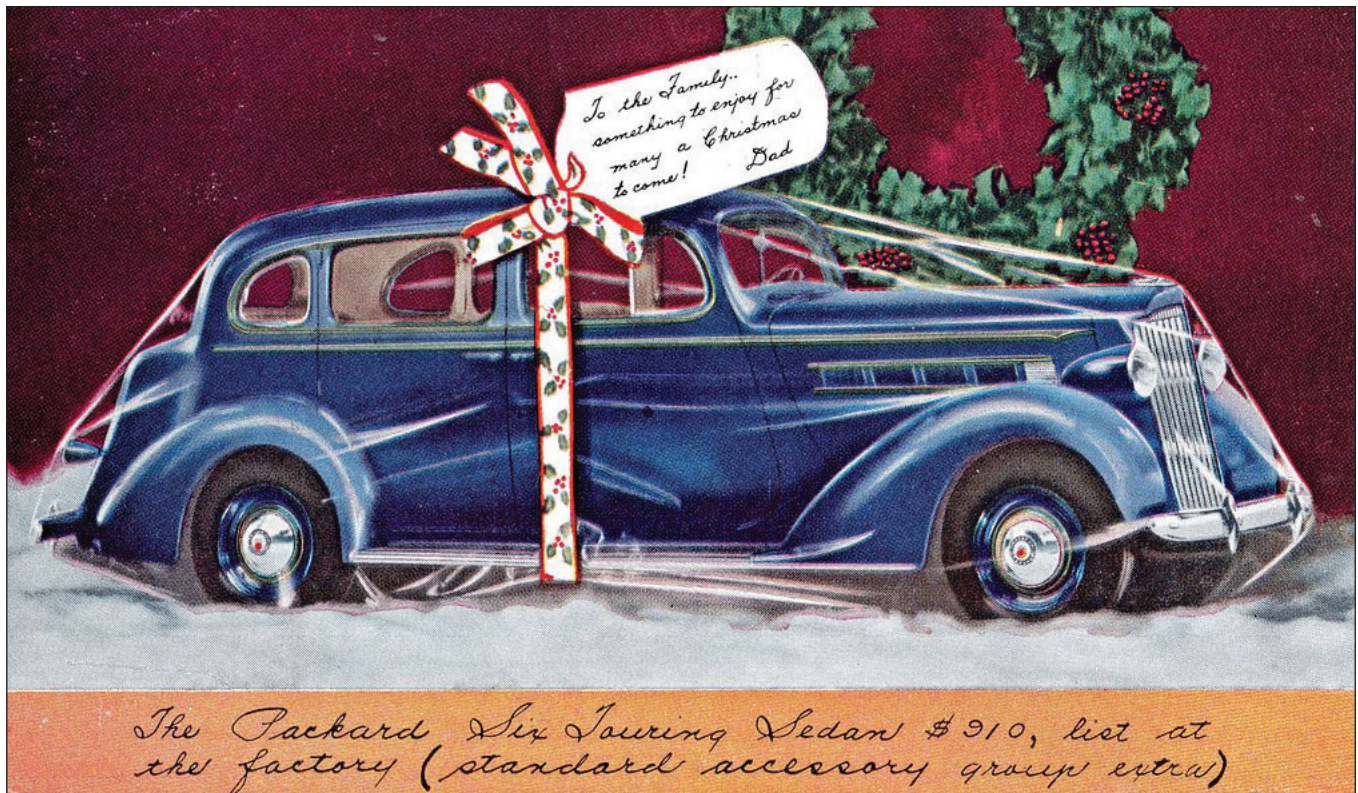
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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA and other times and locations as announced.

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



The Packard Six Touring Sedan \$910, list at the factory (standard accessory group extra)

From the Editor



The December, 2009 issue of *The Western Round-Up* was the first I produced as editor. This issue, December, 2019, marks my 10th Anniversary. It has been a great journey. I am thankful for all I have learned along the way, and to all those who encouraged me and contributed to the success of our newsletter.

– Mark Jackson

This issue of *The Western Round-Up* marks my 10th Anniversary as editor. I began my tenure with the December, 2009 issue succeeding Susan Eger, who produced a fun and lively newsletter.

Being a professional graphic designer with several other newsletters under my belt, I had the modern tools and skills to take on the production of the *Western Round-Up* back in 2009 – computer publishing programs, and a solid understanding of printing processes. I was also fortunate to have had excellent caring teachers from grade school through college who helped me develop decent writing skills. This included my mom, who was a high school Business English teacher.

Nervously feeling that I could hold my own as the new *Round-Up* editor, I was happy to learn that there were several other WPR members who enjoyed contributing articles on a regular basis. Fred Nicholls called his features “Looking Back”. Al Wirick’s articles started with “Just Thinking...” Cris and Molly Detwiler shared stories and photos from their “Nash” journeys and adventures. In addition Clay Stoner, Mark DeFloria and Susan Eger regularly sent me great photos from WPR events and tours.

I am very grateful to past editor and AACA Master Editor Award winner Mark DeFloria for his advice over the years. He made me aware of the various newsletter editor resources and recognitions available from AACA. He also knew first-hand the kind of work, time and commitment it takes to produce a monthly newsletter, and has always been empathetic as to what I had to balance.

My goal has been to keep *Western Round-Up* issues to 12 pages in length. There were a few times it was only 8 pages, and a few others when it grew to 16, but 12 seems to work out just right. I also adjusted the frequency

of publication from 12 months to 11 so I could catch my breath at the end of the year.

The WPR Board of Directors has always been very supportive of producing a quality newsletter. All the issues over the last 10 years have been produced entirely in color. For most of that time they were distributed as printed copies and made available digitally through the WPR website. A rule of thumb for many clubs is that the annual dues should cover the cost of the newsletter. For the last eight years or so the cost of printing and distributing the newsletter exceeded the annual dues income. These additional costs were underwritten by the WPR through the directors. This is one more example of how income from the sale of Chance Car tickets helps support our region.

With more of our members becoming savvy about getting information online via computers and mobile devices, we have recently shifted to publishing *The Western Round-Up* electronically and distributing it via email as the main way of getting it out. Printed copies are still available, but at an extra charge of \$10 added to one’s annual membership dues. Thanks to an increasing comfort with technology, this move has helped keep newsletter production costs more in line with the dues collected formula.

Over the last decade our newsletter has won the AACA Master Editor Award four times. On December 20th I received a congratulatory letter from AACA for winning the Master Editor Award for 2019. This is something all who contributed to *The Western Round-Up*’s success can be proud of.

I am very thankful for all I have learned about the Western PA Region and AACA over the past decade. We really are a great bunch of people. Jill, Trudy, Mary, Regis and I have made many wonderful friends. I have loved “old time cars” and the stories about them since I was a little kid. They were part of my family folklore and continue to be so.

We are so blessed to have members who help keep the *Round-Up* rolling along with their creative contributions including: Guy Davis, Cris and Molly Detwiler, Carl Erb, Bob Doppelheuer, Dave and Debbie Sheetz, Denny and Becky Blank, Mark DeFloria, Clay Stoner and many others. The *Round-Up* will continue to be a fine newsletter as long as our members contribute their unique flavor to it.

In closing, I must extend my heartfelt thanks to my wife Jill for her loving support through these years. She appreciates my enjoyment of this hobby and helps with those “reality checks” we all need from time to time.

As for me, we will see what the future holds. For now, I am will do my best and continue as editor, but will certainly pass the baton when it is time.

Sincerely,

Mark Jackson



Minutes of the JANUARY 20, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the November 19, 2019 regular monthly meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2020 *Western Round-Up*.

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on January 20, 2019 at Dino's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Latrobe, PA. There were thirty-three (33) members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President John Ross Kuhns.

Minutes of the 2018 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the WPR Annual Meeting held on January 28, 2018 were printed in the December, 2018 *Western Round-Up*. President Kuhns asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Debbie Sheetz, seconded by Dave Lizza and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – 2018 Summary

Treasurer Mark Jackson presented a summary of 2018 income and expenses. President Kuhns asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Becky Blank, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee Report – Debbie & Dave Sheetz

Dave Sheetz reported that the committee consisting of Dave and Debbie Sheetz found all the Western Pennsylvania Region AACA's finances in order.

Charitable Donations – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns reported that the club made charitable donations to the AACA Library Building Fund, AACA Library and our Tool Scholarships during 2018.

State of the Region 2018 – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns thanked everyone that helped with the Grand National Meet, Chance Car, Annual Car Show, and all of the Region's events and activities. John Ross reported that he received many positive remarks regarding the Grand National Meet and the Region. John remarked that he feels that we have a very nice Region, and how nice to see our long time members and our membership growing with new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2018 Membership – Howard Finney

Howard was not in attendance. President John Ross Kuhns reported that the Western PA Region welcomed seven (7) new members in 2018.

2018 Rev-Up Party – Bob and Karla Doppelheuer

Bob Doppelheuer spoke about the "Back to the Future" themed Rev-Up Party held on April 8th at the Westmoreland Conservation District (Barn), 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Forty-three (43) members and guest in attendance enjoyed a day of games, prizes and great food! Several members dressed for the occasion including Cris Detwiler, Vickie Kuhns, Aria Kuhns and Casper DeFloria.

2018 Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross Kuhns reported that over sixty (60) club members and guests attended the Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 22nd at the Cooperstown Vets and Sportsmen Association Picnic grounds. The attendees enjoyed barbecue pork, corn on the cob, and other favorites. Desserts were provided by attendees. Games included BINGO and a bubble gum blowing contest. A corn on the corn eating contest was added this year. Door prizes and prizes for auction baskets brought in for use at the car show in September were provided. Though a little dampened by rain, a great time was had by all. John Ross suggested the possibility of inviting individuals from other clubs to our picnic to thank them for helping the Western PA Region, and perhaps find some new member.

2018 Western Pa Region Annual Car Show – Bob Doppelheuer & Mark Jackson

Bob Doppelheuer reported that the 2018 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show was successful with 198 vehicles attending on Sunday, September 2nd. Bob thanked all the members who helped with the Annual Car Show. The bake sale, 50/50 and the Chinese auction were again very popular. Bob remarked that he saw many smiling faces coming and going.

Christmas Party 2018 – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross reported that the Christmas Party

was held on December 2nd at the Desalvo's located in Latrobe. This year's Christmas Party was hosted by John Ross and Blair Kuhns and the Kuhns family. Photographer Ray Adams took souvenir Christmas portraits that were handed out by Ray after dinner. Wayne Shaffer accompanied by his acoustic guitar provided holiday music. There were seventy-five (75) members and guests were at this year's party. The region collected for Toys for Tots at the Christmas Party.

2018 Chance Car Ticket Sales – Sheila and Joseph Kurtz Sheila and Joseph Kurtz were not present. Mark Jackson reported that the total number of tickets sold was 3,114. Twenty-seven members sold tickets on this year's chance car. Top ticket sellers were Howard Finney at fourth place with 309 tickets, Denny Blank at third place with 320 tickets, Carl Erb at second place with 464 tickets and Tom Ulishney at first place with 613 tickets sold. Mark and Jill Jackson sold the winning ticket at the Somerset Trust Car Show in Somerset, PA. The Big 4, Saturday 27, 2018 - 7:00 PM winning number was 1032. The Winner of the 2018 Chance Car was Carl Laitenberger from Romney, West Virginia.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Editor Mark Jackson thanked Bob Inhoff and Guy Davis for submitting their articles for the Round-Up. Mark thanked Jill and Regis for their help with the newsletter. Mark reminded members about marking on their membership renewal form if they want to continue receiving the newsletter in hard copy form. 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

Website – Mark DeFloria

Web Editor Mark DeFloria thanked all who sent in items for the WPR website. Mark reported that there were 99,107 visitors to the regions web site since 1997, with 12,980 this year. There were a total of 86,127 this time last year making 11,012 visitors in 2017. Almost a 2,000 visit increase most likely due to the Grand National Meet visitors. Mark asked the members continue to forward any information that may change such as email addresses.

AACA 2018 Grand National Meet – John Ross Kuhns

President John Ross reported that the Region spoke about the 2018 Grand National Meet. John Ross thanked everyone who helped make the Grand National Meet a success. John Ross thanked Mark Jackson for writing and submitting the article to national.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION AWARDS

John Kuhns Sr.

John Kuhns Sr. presented the Region's Annual Awards.

Paul P. Bell Award – for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a WPR event was presented to Carl Erb 1952 Citroën Traction Avant.

Foster Fike Restoration Award – Bob Shugars for his 1941 Buick. Bob had earned the award in 2017.

Jack Clark Service Award – In recognition of the Region member who contributed greatly to the success of the Region was presented to John Ross Kuhns.

John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award – Given in recognition to the member for driving an antique passenger vehicle the most times during the year to Region events and activities. Dave and Debbie Sheetz were presented with this award. John Kuhns Sr. once again challenged other members to bring out their antique automobiles.

Director Service Award Mugs were presented to Craig DeFloria, Bob Doppelheuer and John Ross Kuhns, for completing their two years of service as Directors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each year there are three director openings. President John Ross asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No candidates came forward.

Three directors whose terms ended agreed to run for office again. President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three members running to fill the three available director positions. A motion was made by Bob Shugars, seconded by Bob Inhoff and unanimously approved.

Announcement of 2019 Officers

After a brief organization meeting between the 2019 Directors the followed Director positions were announced.

President – Bob Doppelheuer

Vice President – Craig DeFloria

Treasurer – Mark Jackson

Secretary – Mark DeFloria

Publicity Director – John Kuhns

Safety Director – John Ross Kuhns

Adjournment

President John Ross Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Tom Ulishney, seconded by Bob Shugars, and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 3:38 PM.

Dinner followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

A Christmas Party Merry & Bright!



Wayne Shaffer entertains with soothing acoustic vocals and holiday favorites.

Enjoying the warm holiday atmosphere of DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe, around the table, l-r: Bob and Karla Doppelheuer, Toni and Phil Beattie, Tom and Dodie Ulishney, Becky and Denny Blank



Casper DeFloria delivers a car model door prize to Marilyn Stoner. Enjoying the moment at the table, l-r: Howard and Bettyann Finney and Alice and Ron Shaulis.

Aria Kuhns reaches for something special left by Santa and held in the arms of her dad John Ross Kuhns

Western PA Region AACA members capped off another wonderful year with their Annual Christmas Party held at DiSalvo's Station in Latrobe on Sunday, December 1st. John Ross and Blair Kuhns and family once again hosted the festive event. DiSalvo's was beautifully decorated for the holidays making a warm and cozy hub for the sharing of Christmas cheer. Members started gathering around 12:30 p.m. for the social time and hors d'oeuvres. Talented photographer Ray Adams was with us again to continue the WPR Christmas portraits tradition. Wayne Schaffer was also back to set a relaxing tone with his gentle acoustic guitar vocals.

Another Christmas Party tradition was also fulfilled as members worked together to fill a U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots box by donating new toys to help make Christmas bright for local youngsters.

Dinner began at 2:00 p.m. featuring delicious Grilled Salmon or Chicken Romano with a house salad, wedding soup, potatoes and glazed carrots with vanilla bean cheesecake for dessert.

At regular intervals throughout the party John Ross would call door prize numbers. Winners received gift cards or a beautiful die cast antique car model. There was also a table of gifts left for some members "from Santa"



On behalf of the Greater Greensburg Marine Corps League Detachment #834 and Rolling Rock Detachment #738 we would like to thank all of the members who donated a toy to our 2019 campaign. Because of your generosity we received 17 very nice toys. They are greatly appreciated. Last year we served 2,067 children and distributed 15,934 toys, 3603 books, & 4,667 stocking stuffers which was an average of 8 toys for each child. Again "THANK YOU" for your support.

- Bill Holtzer

Some of the beautiful toys donated at the Western PA Region Christmas Party held by region members who joyfully spend many hours working with, and supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots charity, l-r: John and Flo Myers, Becky and Denny Blank and Bill Holtzer

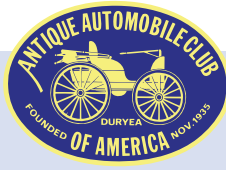
which John Ross distributed according to their name tags. After dinner, photographer Ray Adams and his assistant delivered 5 x 7 color portrait prints to members in attractive folders.

Since the 2019 Chance Car winner chose the cash option rather than the 1965 Mustang Coupe, the car was auctioned off immediately after the Christmas Party. Notice of the auction was given on the Christmas Party flier which was included with the October *Western Round-Up*. John Ross called upon Mark Jackson to serve as auctioneer. Mark thanked all who helped with the Chance Car and ticket sales this year, citing that overall sales were very successful as the result a lot of teamwork. John Kuhns, Sr. made the winning bid of \$8,000. Congratulations John and thank you. Denny Blank then presented him with the keys.

Sincerest thanks to John Ross and Blair Kuhns and family for hosting the Christmas Party again while balancing the preparations with a very busy schedule. Your kindness is much appreciated and helped make a Merry Christmas for all.



Since the winner of the 2019 Chance Car chose the cash option, the 1965 Mustang Coupe was auctioned at the conclusion of the Christmas Party. John Kuhns, Sr. made the winning bid. Here Denny Blank (standing) presents the keys to John.



Why Is the New Building Important?



By Stan Kulikowski
Vice President - Regions
Eastern Division

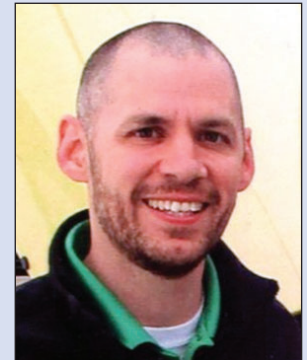
By now, I'm sure that everyone has heard about the new building and the capital campaign. As of Hershey, we are about 70% of the way to reaching our goal.

First, we are the largest resource for preserving our automotive history. Our resources do us no good if they are packed away in a dark corner. Our current building and library does not have the space to have all of our materials accessible for re- search. For some time, I stored some of the materials from the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in my garage until some space was made available. These materials need to be made available to all of our members to aid in their restoration projects.

Second, we all know that the internet has become a great source of information. But it is also a great source of Misinformation. I have lost count of how many people have claimed to have owned a 1970 or 1970 Monte Carlo SS454 with a factory 4-speed. There are internet articles that claim that these cars exist, but none of the factory literature supports this claim. Anything can be put on the internet. Also, I'm sure that in your restorations the "experts" have told you "urban legends" of how cars were built and what, in their minds was correct. The only way to truly support the claims is with hard research that our library and its vast collection of factory material can support.

So how can you help? The last 30% is critical to us successfully complete this project. Talk to your regions about making a donation from the region. If every member chipped in, we would be able to quickly achieve our goal. This is YOUR resource ...YOUR pride and joy... YOUR way to give back to the hobby and preserve it for future generations. Don't let the automotive history be subject to revisionist history. Help us document how our cars were truly built. Please do what you can to support the capital campaign.

Library Update



By Chris Ritter
AACA Library Director

The 2019 Fall Meet was a huge success for the AACA Library. On Tuesday of Nationals week we held our annual Yard Sale and raised more than \$14,000 in just three hours. Items sold were duplicates to the library's existing holdings and included sales literature, shop manuals, antique road maps, reference books and so much more. Hundreds of visitors visited the library during its regular Meet Week hours to request information and visit with old friends. On the flea market field, the AACA Library Bookmobile greeted visitors and ran a continuous-loop video of our future library in 3D rendering. On Friday evening, the library was awarded the Bradley Award from the Society of Automotive Historians. We are the first institution to ever receive the award twice (we first received it in 1992) which honors "the work of libraries and archives whose mission is to preserve motor vehicle resource materials.

From November through March, 2020, the Library Bookmobile will be on display at the Virginia Museum of Transportation in Roanoke, VA. Visitors seeing the Bookmobile will learn about the history and current offerings of the AACA and the importance of protecting our shared automotive heritage.

In the coming months the library will be very busy as we prepare to move to our new home in 2020. In addition, we will be launching a brand new online catalog system that will make searching easier and faster for our users. At our Annual Convention in February we will be hosting a Pinewood Derby challenge to all attendees. Participants will build cars to specification and race them on Friday evening. Look for more details in a future issue of The Rummage Box, Speedster and Antique Automobile.



Ransom E. Olds - Automotive Pioneer & Innovator

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Ransom E. Olds

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The Curved Dash Oldsmobile was America's first mass produced, low priced motorcar.

Ransom Eli Olds (June 3, 1864 – August 26, 1950) was a pioneer of the American automotive industry, after whom the Oldsmobile and REO brands were named. He claimed to have built his first steam car as early as 1894 and his first gasoline-powered car in 1896. The modern assembly line and its basic concept is credited to Olds, who used it to build the first mass-produced automobile, the Oldsmobile Curved Dash, beginning in 1901

Olds was born in Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, the youngest son of blacksmith and pattern-maker Pliny Fiske Olds and his wife, Sarah Whipple Olds. His parents moved the family to Cleveland, Ohio, when Olds was still a boy. He eventually settled in Lansing, Michigan, where he married Metta Ursula Woodward on June 5, 1889.

He founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in Lansing, Michigan, on August 21, 1897. The company was bought by a copper and lumber magnate named Samuel L. Smith in 1899 and renamed Olds Motor Works. The new company was relocated from Lansing to Detroit. Smith became President while Olds became vice president and general manager.

By 1901 Olds had built 11 prototype vehicles, including at least one of each power mode: steam, electricity and gasoline. He was the only American automotive pioneer to produce and sell at least one of each mode of automobile.

On March 9, 1901, the Olds Motor Works factory burned to the ground. Only one model, the little Curved Dash runabout, was saved from the flames. Ransom Olds claimed it was the fire that made him select the runabout, from among his many other models, to put into production. His biographer questions the veracity of this story. He points to an Olds advertising blitz that had already led to more than 300 Curved Dash orders even before the fire took place. "Olds did not need the one rescued car from which to reconstruct

the plans and patterns for the runabout."

Later that year, Olds had his company's test driver, Roy Chapin, drive a Curved Dash runabout to the second annual New York Automobile Show. Along the way, Chapin opted to drive up onto the Erie Canal tow path to escape the mire of New York state roads. After eight days of driving, he reached the Waldorf Astoria hotel but was turned away at the door. His mud-spattered attire was so disreputable that he was sent to the servants' entrance in back.

During the auto show Olds pushed hard to make sales. When one dealer offered to purchase 500, Olds retorted, "I would like to see you make this order for a thousand cars. Then the public would drop its jaw and take notice." The deal was signed, and though the dealer ended up selling only 750 to the public, it was the original number that everyone remembered.

The Curved Dash Oldsmobile sold for \$650, equal to \$19,120 today. About 600 were sold in 1901, about 3,000 in 1902 and at least 4,000 in 1904. It was this car, rather than Henry Ford's Model T, that was the first mass-produced, low-priced American motor vehicle.

As Smith's son, Frederic L. Smith, came into the business, he and Olds clashed frequently until Fred Smith removed Olds from the position of vice president and general manager in 1904, and Olds left his company. He went on to form the R.E. Olds Motor Car Company. Its name was quickly changed to REO Motor Car Company to avoid a lawsuit from the Olds Motor Works. The name REO came from the initials of his name as an acronym, but was pronounced as a word. Sometimes it was spelled Reo to emphasize this pronunciation. Olds served as president (until 1925) and later chairman of REO. The band REO Speedwagon took their name from

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As a tribute to long time Western PA Region member and *Western Round-Up* Chrome Quill Award winning author Fred Nicholls, we will be reprinting some of Fred's *Western Round-Up* articles. Fred passed away November 6, 2019,

This article appeared in the May, 2011 Western Round-Up

Looking Back - An Italian Oldsmobile

By F. L. Nicholls

For this story, I must write about the background. In 2005 I was in a Pittsburgh hospital following heart surgery. I was eventually transferred to a semi-private nursing unit. The other patient was a man who had a similar operation. We soon started talking and I found out that he was also from Indiana, but I did not know his family. I was home several weeks when he and his wife stopped by to see how I was doing, and when they left they invited us to their home, where we were received with their traditional Italian hospitality. They were so gracious, and we felt very comfortable. We became friends and visited often, and I learned of his family background.

His father and uncle came to America following World War I. Within years they became successful businessmen; his uncle owned a bar and his father a small coal mine, which he sold and bought a bar and restaurant. That restaurant soon became a nightclub. This is where the story starts.

In 1948, his father and uncle bought a new Oldsmobile Club Sedan from the local Oldsmobile dealer. They wanted a four door sedan, but had to take a sedanette 98 series. It was black, radio and heater plus white sidewall tires.

At a local body shop owned by a relative, the door panels were removed and the tube from the spare tire was slit. Packs of cigarettes were packed in the doors and the tube. The door panels were then replaced, and the tube patched and replaced in the spare. A new tube was purchased and placed in the trunk if by chance they had a flat. The two brothers and my friend, who was 13 years old at the time, then drove to New York.

There the Oldsmobile was loaded on the ship and they sailed for Marseille, France. When they arrived they were met by another brother, who following World War I had married a French girl, and now owned a large vineyard. When they stopped at a hotel, the brother who now spoke French slept in the car to prevent theft. Arriving at their

hometown in Italy, they were met by their oldest brother, who still lived there and owned the local garage. The door panels were removed and the tube cut. The cigarettes were removed, door panels replaced, and the new tube put back in the spare.

They visited for a week, and the car was purchased by a local businessman. They returned to their point of entry by bus and train, and sailed for home.

Note: The disposition of the cigarettes was never mentioned. When I docked in Naples, Italy in 1945 and went ashore you were allowed one pack. I didn't smoke, but still took a pack. I was on a converted aircraft carrier to bring back troops. We returned 700 Italian POW, and brought home 6,424 troops. On our second trip we took 2,000 GIs over as occupational troops, and returned with 6,724 happy GIs.

I believe that this story is true. The 1948 Club Sedan sold new for \$2,078.



the REO Speed Wagon light delivery truck, an ancestor of pickup trucks, though the band pronounces REO as letters rather than as a word.

The Olds Motor Works was bought by General Motors in 1908. General Motors discontinued the Oldsmobile brand in 2004, after a production run of 96 years

Olds was the first person to use a stationary assembly line in the automotive industry. Henry Ford came after him, and was the first to use a moving assembly line to manufacture cars. This new approach to putting together automobiles enabled Olds to more than quintuple his factory's output, from 425 cars in 1901 to 2,500 in 1902.

Olds was also famous for his auto racing on the beaches of Florida at Ormond and Daytona. He had the first timed run on the beach in a solo run sometime between 1894 and 1897. In 1896 or 1897, rich automobile pioneers Olds and Alexander Winton (Winton Motor Carriage Company) staged an unofficial event; Winton beat Olds by 0.20 second.



Ransom E. Olds used his initials to name his REO vehicles.

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Special thanks to Mark DeFloria and remembering Fred Nicholls whose talent to help produce this issue.

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

November's Car



On March 9, 1994 at 10:00 p.m. the roof of the Grice Community Museum in Clearfield, PA collapsed on 74 antique and classic cars due to tons of snow and ice. This 1979 Dodge Aspen R/T was one of the victims. The owner chose to leave this car on display to help illustrate the tragedy of that day.

Bob Doppelheuer, John Ross Kuhns and Gary Wiegand all correctly identified the Dodge Aspen R/T, but did not get the correct year. So there is no winner this time.

The Grice Museum is an amazing place to visit. The museum has long since recovered from the 1994 tragedy and was the wonderful highlight of the WPR 2019 Fall Tour. Thank you Carl Erb for arranging that great tour.

December's Car

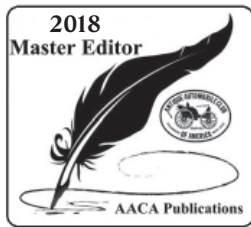


Here's another fine car from the Grice Museum Tour. Can you name the marque and year of this flashy convertible? Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a \$10 Subway gift card. Email me at jacksonmark469@gmail.com, call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or see me in person at the WPR Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

Believe it or not. The days are now getting longer. Have a happy healthy New Year.



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OLDSMOBILE
"HOLIDAY" SEDAN

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1951 "ROCKET" OLDSMOBILE