

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



November 2019

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



**Dave and Debbie Sheetz on
the AACA Vintage Tour in Canada
with their 1930 Plymouth.
See pages 6-7.**





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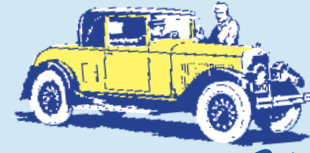
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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday
of every month except December and January beginning
at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982,
158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown).
You do not have to own an antique car to join us.

Get Ready for the Good Times Coming in 2020

Remember to renew your AACA and Western PA Region Memberships for 2020 before the Western PA Region Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020. You can renew your AACA membership online at www.aaca.org

Western PA Region membership renewal forms were emailed and mailed. You can also access membership renewal forms on the region website at www.westernparegion.org



Member News

Long time Western PA Region member **Frank Flowers** of Smithton passed away on October 19, 2019. A WWII veteran, Frank started a body shop in Donora, PA and then established Flowers Auto Wreckers in Smithton in which his family is still involved today. Frank was a founding member of the Mon Valley Region AACA, and was very proud of his antique cars. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Frank was 93.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of past Western PA Region member **James E. Smith** who passed away on November 5, 2019. Jim was 88.



It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of long time Western PA Region member and past President **Fred Nicholls**. Fred died on November 2, 2019. A WWII Navy veteran, and mortician, Fred's lifelong passion was antique automobiles. He also collected antique toys.

Fred and his wife Ann were very involved with the Western PA and Punxsutawney Regions. They encouraged and helped so many others enjoy this fine hobby. Fred volunteered as an AACA judge for many years, and received a special recognition from AACA for his long tenure of service. He also was a recipient of the Western PA Region Chrome Quill Award for his story writing contributions to the region's Western Round Up newsletter over the years. Fred was resourceful and had a broad knowledge of antique cars. His stories were always fun and informative. As a tribute to Fred the Western Round Up will be reprinting a selection of his stories in several upcoming issues in 2020. Fred and Ann regularly attended region events as long as they were able to. Those of us who knew Fred will certainly miss him and treasure memories of he and Ann. Fred was 93 years old.

President's Message

Past, Present and Future

As we say goodbye to fall and head into the holiday season it seems like a good time to reflect and also think of the future. We had a very active year with tours, parties and our annual car show. So many people worked very hard this year and it showed.

The chance car was a challenge this year with club members and non-club members spending time working on the car and not charging for their time. We are looking at new avenues for the chance car and that will be decided on shortly. Also, now would be a good time to mention if you haven't bought or sold any chance car tickets please rethink that in 2020. That car is vital to our club whether it be our activities and events, scholarships and charitable giving (ACA Library and Building Fund, Westmoreland Cleanways, etc.), car show or anything else we do. We can not continue to rely on the same people every year to sell the tickets. We need everyone's help.

Another thing we have going on is Car Show Planning meetings. This has had a huge impact and we will continue them through the year. These meetings are designed to delegate different duties and have a time line on what needs to happen such as sponsors, door prizes, contacting the Boy Scouts etc. We had 15 people at the last meeting on November the 8th, and it was very important meeting focusing on sponsorships. I can't



remember the last time the car show was discussed in November or such enthusiasm this far from the show. The main thing I wanted is opinions and ideas that the chair people can base their decisions on, and that is happening. This is our clubs' "main" event and it needs this kind of attention. My goal is to have most of this shows details ironed out by June and I think that is possible.

It has been an honor to be this club's President for 2019. Thank you all for your help and support.

God bless, and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Bob Doppelheuer

CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

Sunday, December 1, 2020 Western PA Region Christmas Party DiSalvo's Station, Latrobe, PA 12:30 p.m. Social, 2:00 p.m. Dinner. Registration due by November 22nd. Flyers have been distributed by email and U.S. Mail.

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

AACA Annual Convention, February 6-8, 2020 in Philadelphia, PA Registration information available on your Antique Automobile Magazine inserts and on the AACA website.



Volunteers Needed - Pick Up/Sorting/Bagging Week Schedule:

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Monday, Dec. 16, Tuesday, Dec. 17, Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 19

6:00 p.m. - ? - Friday, Dec. 20 (We will be bagging only on Friday and go until it is done.)

Greensburg Pass Out - Saturday, Dec 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

If you can help with the pickup of all the box locations, please contact Jonathan at 724-420-5631 or email at jmc-831@hotmail.com

Any groups that want to participate should contact Doug at westmorelandt4t@gmail.com ONLY



Minutes of the October 26, 2019 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was a special Oktoberfest -Chance Car night meeting held on October 26, 2019 at the Westmoreland Conservation District, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. President Bob Doppelheuer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 56 members in attendance at today's meeting. Joseph (Tony) and Norma Mascia were in attendance as guests.

Minutes

The Minutes of the September 17, 2019 monthly meeting were printed in the October 2019 issue of the Western Round-Up distributed by email with printed copies available at today's meeting. President Bob Doppelheuer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Denny Blank made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney, read an application for membership for Joseph (Tony) and Norma Mascia recommended by Denny and Becky Blank, and Charlie and Connie Schifano. Becky Blank made a motion to accept Tony and Norma into the Region, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Tony and Norma.

Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson

The October Western Round-Up was distributed to members by email. Printed hard copies of the October Round-Up are available for pick-up at today's meeting. Remaining newsletters will be sent to members who opted to have newsletters mailed. Mark Jackson thanked Guy

Davis, Philip and Toni Beattie and everyone who contributed to this month's Round-Up.

Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that members notify him of any changes in email addresses. Mark reminded the members present to check the web site for Region related information. Members should forward by email anything they would like included on the Region's web site.

2019 Chance Car – Sheila and Joe Kurtz

Sheila Kurtz reported that 3,410 tickets were sold on this year's chance car. Sheila thanked all the members that sold tickets and helped with the chance car. She also informed members present that she does not wish to handle the chance car tickets again in 2020.

The membership waited patiently for the 7:00 pm PA lottery drawing. The winning number was 3634. Once the winning number was confirmed, Sheila went through the tickets stubs and quickly found the winning ticket stub. Jan Berry from Beaver Falls was the winner! Denny Blank sold the winning ticket. Mark Jackson called Jan to inform her that she was the winner! Unfortunately, Mark was only able to leave a message. The meeting ended without being able to talk to Jan.

Charlie Schifano made a motion to destroy the tickets and stubs, seconded by Nancy Wolf and unanimously approved. (Secretary's Note: Jan decided to receive the \$8,000 cash prize. The 1965 Mustang will be available to members at auction held at this year's Western PA Region Christmas Party.)

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Christmas Party – Kuhns Family

President Bob Doppelheuer reported that the Christmas Party will be at DiSalvo's Station, 325 McKinley Ave. Latrobe, PA 15650 on Sunday, December 1st. The reservation form for the Annual Christmas Party will be mailed to members and available on the Region's web site.

2020 Western PA Region Annual Meeting – John Kuhns

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on January 26,

2020 at Dino's, 3883 Route 30 East | Latrobe, PA 15650.
Mark your calendars!

From the Floor:

The possibility of purchasing a "newer" automobile for the 2020 Chance Car was discussed by the members present. The purchase of a 2000-2004 Mustang was discussed. The directors will research any vehicle age requirements of the insurance carrier for the Region. Members are asked to contact any director with your thoughts of having a later model chance car.

Adjournment

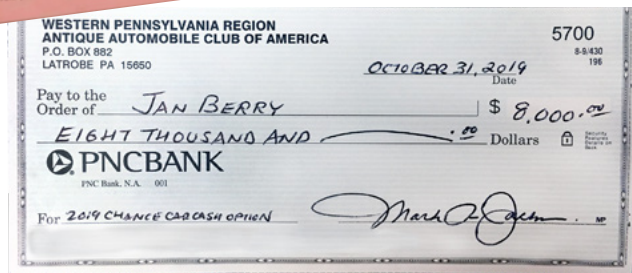
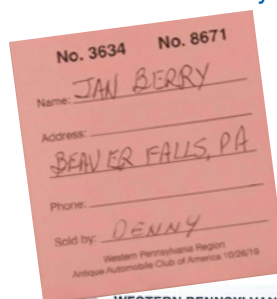
President Bob Doppelheuer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 PM. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

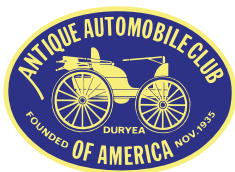
2019 Chance Car Winner

The winning PA Lottery number drawn at 7:00 p.m. October 26th was 3634. Jan Berry of Beaver Falls, PA was the winner. Jan decided to take the \$8,000. cash option. A check was U.S. Mailed to her, registered return receipt. Thanks to all who sold tickets this year and to all who purchased them.

The 2019 Chance Car, a 1965 Mustang, will be auctioned off after the WPR Christmas Party at DiSalvo's Station on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at approx 4:00 p.m. Bidding details are on the Christmas Party flyer, which was emailed and mailed earlier this month.



They're Only Original Once



by Fred Trusty
HPOF Chairman



This is the 4th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked inside, and the 3rd started the exterior series with paint. This time we'll look at tops, trim, glass, wheels, and tires.

Convertible tops are another item that if not properly cared for can contribute to the deterioration of other areas. A leaky top can cause rust in the fender wells, floor boards, and other areas. The sun can take its toll on fabric so if it's dry rotted it needs to be replaced. If it's done so in a professional manner and with period correct materials, there should be no deductions.

What about chrome and stainless trim items? If the part serves the purpose for which it was intended, then it's ok to an extent. But, if that chrome bumper has holes rusted through and almost no chrome is left, then it's time

for trip to the salvage yard. The same goes for badly damaged trim items.

If the windshield and/or glass is damaged or starting to have that foggy appearance, then it's time to replace it. If possible, use the correct glass for the era of the vehicle. Either way, there should be no deductions because glass is considered a safety issue.

And last but certainly not least is the controversial area of wheels and tires. The vehicle has to have the correct wheels and covers. Even though those nice Cragar mags on your '69 Chevelle SS are period correct, they aren't what the factory installed so there would be a deduction. And then there is the area of tires. If radial tires weren't available for the year of the vehicle, then that would also be a deduction. One sometimes confusing area is the 1972 to 1978 alpha numeric radials on American cars and light trucks. Most of these size tires are not available and using a bias ply tire would definitely be incorrect so a P-metric radial can be substituted in most cases by making a written request for exemption to the VP of Class Judging. Please keep in mind that proof of authenticity is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. When in doubt, remember these three things: documentation, documentation, documentation.

Remember, they're only original once.

-- The Rummage Box

2019 AACA Vintage Tour - Kingston Ontario Canada

by Dave and Debbie Sheetz



WPR members Debbie and Dave Sheetz enjoying the 2019 AACA Vintage Tour in Kingston Ontario Canada.



The Sheetz's 1930 Plymouth rests beside a 1929 Plymouth with Canadian license plates which was also on the Vintage Tour.

Our first AACA Vintage Tour (antique vehicles 1931 and earlier) started on Sunday, August 4, 2019. After traveling through customs at the U.S.-Canadian border, we arrived in Kingston Ontario with our 1930 Plymouth. Our host hotel for the week was the Ambassador Hotel. Sunday evening was the meet and greet banquet.

Monday's tour took us to the town of Sydenham, where we visited Canada's oldest family owned General Store dating back to 1836. From there we went to the town of Westport to a private buggy collection.

On Tuesday's tour we had our coffee break at the Upper Canada Region Car Club's club house. From there on to an open car ferry ride to an island. We traveled through the Lake on the Mountain area to Waupoos Winery on the shore of Lake Ontario for a very picturesque lunch, until the wind and rain storm hit. On our way back to the hotel, we stopped and toured the Wardens House Prison Museum.

Wednesday's tour was to Farmtown, an all indoor museum of a 1920's era street. Also, there were many buildings full of antiques. Leaving there, we stopped and toured the Canadian Air Force Museum.

On Thursday we drove to a dock and boarded a boat cruise for a two and half hour tour of the Thousand Islands area. It is the waterway between the United States and Canada.

Friday, our last day of touring, took us to the British Fort Henry. The fort was built in the 1830's to protect Canada from the United States. Friday evening was the closing banquet.

Saturday we returned to the U.S. and home after going through customs at the border. We had all of our vehicles owners cards checked and they inspected the inside of our enclosed trailer.

There were 40 cars registered for the tour. The oldest car was a 1907 Darracq. Our 1930 Plymouth performed great for the 430 miles of touring, even through numerous thunderstorms with heavy downpours. The only leaks were on Debbie's side of the car! We enjoyed the tour and talking to people from all over the two countries. It was a lot of fun viewing all the different cars and seeing them traveling down the great back roads of Ontario. We would like to urge everyone to take an antique car on a national tour that their car is qualified for.



The AACA Vintage Tour is for historically correct antique vehicles 1931 and earlier.



Tour participants parked within the walls of 1830s Fort Henry in Kingston where Lake Ontario flows into the Saint Lawrence River.



The 1930 Plymouth takes a ferry boat ride.



A boat cruise around Boldt Castle in the Thousand Islands Region.



On an unpaved lane at Wapoos Winery in Prince Edward County



Military drill at Fort Henry in Kingston



An antique tractor collection at Farmtown Park in Sterling

WPR Fall Foliage Tour to the Grice Museum, Clearfield, PA

by Carl Erb



Starting with breakfast at Dean's Diner in Blairsville. The Grice Museum - an imaginative combo of great animal mounts and fine vehicles



A replica of the 14' x 14' Grice Sinclair Service Station

Custom 1979 Cadillac Eldorado with longhorns and sidemounts

Our WPR tour to Clearfield PA on Sunday October 20th was a great success in spite of the fact that we did have a couple of mechanical problems, a few sprinkles of rain and perhaps not the best year ever for fall foliage. However, to find two incredible museums like the Grice Community Auto and Taxidermy Museum and the Clearfield County Historical Society Museum in a borough of only 6,035 people was well worth the trip.

We were to meet for breakfast at Dean's Diner in Blairsville at 8:00 a.m. But by 7:45 a.m. when Camille and I arrived, almost all 27 tour participants were already there checking to see who drove which car today. Everyone had a good breakfast in Dean's 1950's type diner where they had reserved the back room for us with extra help brought in early to accommodate our group. At Dean's we passed out Google Maps and directions with additional notes about landmarks to look for to make sure no one got lost. I also made sure that everyone knew it would be a 2 hour country drive with no restrooms available until just 20

minutes from Clearfield. Howard Finney and Dave Sheetz suggested that everyone try to keep the car behind them in view. Great idea, because before we exited Route 22 to get onto PA-259 we had already lost the last half of our group due to a breakdown of the car driven by one of our new members. Tony dropped his car off at a relative's house, which must have been right on route, because that half of the group arrived at the Grice Museum with Tony and Norma riding with Denny and Becky Blank before the first half of the group even entered the museum.

Going up route 259, after a quick left and right turn in Brush Valley, that first leg of the trip included a pleasant country drive through Yellow Creek Lake State Park, right past the boat launch area with a nice view of the lake. After a turn onto US-422, which seemed like an interstate after travelling on 259, we quickly turned off and got back into that country drive feeling. The rest of the trip to Clearfield up PA routes 259, 553, 403, and 580 to the town of Cherry Tree, where we picked up US-219 then



A 1958 Oldsmobile originally purchased in Clearfield, PA



There are about 1,000 scale model cars on display in chronological order.



A polar bear skin rests on a 1960 Cadillac.



1948 Allard from England



A brass era 1910 Metz



1972 Lincoln Mark IV purchased by the Grices



Around 500 animals are on display.



A rare 1932 Rockne by Studebaker

PA-879, all had that twisty, hilly, country feeling which in many places seemed like we were going through a corn maize, or through a tunnel of trees in a forest.

Upon arrival at the Grice Museum, we were enthusiastically welcomed in the parking lot by two of the volunteers, Penny and Kris, and once inside we were introduced to the originators and biggest benefactors, "Scoot" and Janet Grice. This is a non-profit museum with all proceeds going to support it. We were split into two groups, the first guided by Scoot and the second by Penny. The entrance room to the museum doubles as a store where they collect entrance fees, sell model cars, photos, books and all other kinds of automobile memorabilia. From the store you go through an exact replica of the inside of the 14' x 14' Sinclair Service Station that "Scoot" Grice operat-

ed for several decades before starting the automobile and taxidermy museum. In 1955 upon his return from U.S. military service, Scoot opened his uncle Tom's closed service station, which he ran for several decades. At the same time, both he and Janet were building a firearms business on the side by sporterizing military rifles that GI's had brought back from WWII or purchased at Army Surplus Stores. Their gun business eventually grew to be one of the biggest in the Eastern U.S., which afforded Scoot the resources to begin collecting old cars. His car collecting and super successful gun business gave him contacts with other old car owners and big and small game hunters who had their own collections of cars and stuffed animals, many of which have either been donated or are on loan to

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the museum today. There are about 75 cars on the showroom floor and 500 stuffed animals interspersed throughout the museum on the floor, walls and even on some of the cars, including a Polar Bear on the hood of the vintage Cadillac. There is also a huge collection of about 1,000 scale model cars throughout the museum including a donated private collection of 672 1:18 scale models beautifully displayed in glass cases in chronological order.

I can't begin to tell enough stories or show enough photos in this article to do justice to the museum. If you are reading this article online just click on the following links to see videos done by news agencies. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yA-9jU3q_U and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGothVYTUg8>

One interesting story that Penny related was about a beautiful 1958 Oldsmobile that "Scoot" purchased at an auction in the state of Indiana. After the Olds arrived at the museum the original sales spec sheet was found in the locked glove compartment. That sheet revealed that the

car was actually sold in Clearfield at the Strattan Oldsmobile dealership, which is actually the building in which the Grice Museum is located today.

After leaving the car museum we drove a few short blocks to the Clearfield County Historical Society Museum which is housed in a stately 1870's Victorian mansion on the east bank of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. It has a beautiful arched stone entranceway and two turrets on the front of the building with a widow's walk on the roof in between. There is also a two story carriage house, the top floor of which was the servants' quarters. Inside the mansion we were able to explore the first and second floors where there were all the typical things you would have seen in a home of that period. We could also go down to the basement where there were all kinds of tools and "modern appliances" of the era including things like a wooden butter churn, etc... Currently in the carriage house are a horse drawn, steam powered fire engine and a horse drawn hearse, both magnificently restored.

Howard Finney said,"the one thing that made my day



Entrance to the Clearfield County Historical Society Museum



Each room featured a treasure trove from days gone by.



The horse drawn steam powered fire engine in the carriage house



Howard Finney learned to drive on a Fordson tractor like this one.

and this trip all worthwhile to me was to see the Fordson farm tractor on the lawn between the mansion and the carriage house that was just like the one I learned to drive on”.

Our return trip from Clearfield took us back PA-879 and US-219 to PA-286 with a restroom/fuel stop at Betty-Lou’s Restaurant. 286 took us right into Indiana where all but one couple on the tour stopped to have dinner where I had reserved the “Music Room”. Hoss’s was great as always to stop with a group. From there everyone was pretty much on their own for the rest of their return trip.

A big thank you to “Scoot” and Janet Grice for creating this museum and to Penny White, the super enthusiastic “volunteer”, who helped me arrange this tour. ■

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

October’s Car and TV Quiz



Denny and Becky Blank were the first members to correctly identify the Halloween hot rod in this photo from the Hebron Lutheran Church Octoberfest Car Show as “Dragula” from the classic 60s TV sitcom, “The Munsters.” The characters in the photo are Herman Munster on the left and Grandpa Munster behind the wheel. These characters were wonderfully portrayed by Fred Gwynne as Herman and Al Lewis as Grandpa. They were a great comedy team and also nice guys and good friends off screen. Fred Gwynne’s Frankenstein monster costume and makeup were so hot and heavy that he lost weight when shooting and the crew had to be sure he didn’t dehydrate. There was no cooling mechanism in the costume as is available today. The Munsters episodes were well written with comedy and family virtues woven in. Their popularity continues today.



Janet and “Scoot” Grice



Penny White explains a micro car.

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November’s Car



What is the make and year of this car and what happened to it? If you were on the Fall Foliage Tour to the Grice Museum in Clearfield, PA in October you may know the story. Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a \$10 Subway gift card. Tell me at the November Meeting, email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message.



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Fall foliage tour fun at the Grice Museum in Clearfield, PA See pages 8-11.



Amazing animal mounts and automobiles at the Grice Museum



Carl Erb is ready to deliver pizza in an electric micro car.



An original 1911 International truck from a Clearfield dealership



One bite on those Cadillac tires and you have a gator deflator.