THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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Membership Information

Do you like old cars? We at the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America are excited to share our fun and exciting activities, events and resources.

You don't have to own an antique automobile to become a member, However, you must first join our national club, The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) before joining our Region. For national membership information and to join online visit: <u>http://www.aaca.org/About-AACA/</u><u>membership.html</u> AACA is the largest and oldest antique automobile club in the world and offers a wide variety of resources, and activities. All national members also receive the beautiful *Antique Automobile Magazine*.

For a Western PA Region AACA new membership application visit: <u>http://westernparegion.org/membership/</u>wpr_application.html

New members must attend a Western PA Region monthly meeting to be voted in and welcomed. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January. We are a Latrobe-based club.

Upon receipt of your membership application, our Membership Chairman will contact you to schedule a convenient monthly meeting for you to attend. Our monthly meetings take place at several venues in the Latrobe and Greensburg, PA area.

To learn more about our club and activities visit our website: <u>www.westernparegion.org</u>

Please also feel free to contact any of the directors above with questions about memberships.



Amphicar Tours at Disney Springs™

While vacationing in Florida recently with Blair and family, John Ross Kuhns photographed these 1960s Amphicars on the lake at Disney Springs [™]. Twenty-five minute Captain Guided tours in these vintage vehicles are available. The Amphicar can be driven on land or piloted in the water. For more: <u>https://www.theboathouseorlando.com/amphicar-tours/</u>

President's Message



Keep Rollin!

ell here we are into the beginning of 2020 and things are already getting busy. We are looking to having a Car Show Committee meeting with in the first couple of weeks in March, and are looking around for a suitable chance car. Other than those obvious things we need to do, I would like to see one thing happen this year and that's a Progressive Dinner Tour. That is a very fun event which we have been missing the past couple of years. Please don't feel that if you volunteer to host an event you are "stuck" doing this without help. All you have to do is ask and you will get help with the planning. So, step up and volunteer to host a stop. This club is very team oriented and you will get the support and help you ask for.

We were very fortunate to have had new ACTIVE members join our region last year. This was a huge boost for us, we need that to continue. Our car show planning meetings were very well attended with a great deal of success thus far. We will keep those wheels turning, not spinning. Spinning isn't winning and this club is a winner. This board is here for the good of the club and we pledge that will never change. You support us and we are there for you, and that's what makes it a solid core foundation for the future. We may not have big numbers as far as members go, but we are more than a team, we are family and we will always do what it takes to succeed.

> Sincerely, Your Western PA Region President Bob Doppelheuer

Something NEW... 2020 Monthly Meeting Times & Places

This year we will be holding our Western PA Region AACA monthly meetings at several different locations in the Latrobe, Greensburg area. Please note the dates, times, locations and details below.

Tuesday, February 18 starting at 7:30 p.m. American Legion Post 982 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Tuesday, March 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. The Lincoln Highway Experience Museum

3435 US-30, Latrobe, PA 15650 (near Kingston Dam) A short movie on the Lincoln Highway will preceed the meeting.

Tuesday, April 21 starting at 6:00 p.m. Hoss's Steak & Sea House

1261 South Main St, Greensburg, PA 15601

We will gather for dinner in the private dining room at 6:00 p.m. Our meeting will begin around 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own, separate checks, from Hoss's Menu. The food is good and reasonably priced. Please drive your antique car and park towards the front of Hoss's along South Main St.

Tuesday, May 19 starting at 7:30 p.m. American Legion Post 982

158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA 15650 Introduction of the 2020 Scan Tool Scholarship winners and a pizza party celebration!

More Monthly Meeting venues to come.



Be an Event Host in 2020 Go the Christmas Party FREE!

Step up this year. Serve as the host of a Western PA Region event, activity or tour and go to the 2020 Christmas Party FREE! This includes serving as a dining stop host on the Progressive Dinner Tour. Perhaps you would like to host the Rev-Up Party in the Spring or the Summer Picnic. Contact Tour Chairman Carl Erb if you would like to host a tour. Contact President Bob Doppelheuer or any director if you are interested in hosting an event or activity. We all welcome fun, refreshing, new ideas!



Minutes of the November 19, 2019 MONTHLY MEETING

meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on November 19, 2019 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Bob Doppelheuer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 31 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. James Bizzak attended the meeting as a guest.

Minutes

The Minutes of the October 26, 2019 monthly meeting were printed in the November 2019 issue of the *West-ern 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. Charlie Schifano made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Carl Erb 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 Flow Myers and unanimously approved.

OLD BUISINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reminded everyone that 2020 dues are now due. Howard Finney, read an application for membership for James Bizzak recommended by John Kuhns and Howard Finney. John Harvey made a motion to accept James into the Region, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region James.

Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson

The November *Western Round-Up* was distributed to members by email. Printed hard copies of the November *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 Carl Erb and Dave and Debbie Sheetz for their articles and photos, 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.

2020 Chance Car

President Bob Doppelheuer and the members present expressed their thanks and appreciation to Sheila and Joe Kurtz for their work handling the chance car the last two years. Bob reported that the Region is in search of a chairperson to be in charge of the 2020 chance car. Bob also talked about the search for a 2020 chance car.

There was a discussion about the possibility of finding a newer chance car. Craig DeFloria stated that he checked with JC Taylor the region's insurance carrier will insure up to 2001 cars. Bob asked that members contact one of the director's if they have a lead on a possible chance car.

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. John Ross reminded members that the Region will be collecting "Toys for Tots" again this year. The completed reservation form for the Annual Christmas Party should be forwarded to John Ross Kuhns by November 22nd. The 2019 Chance Car a white 1966 mustang will be auctioned at approximately 4:00 PM following the Christmas Party (the 2019 winner chose the cash prize). The opening minimum bid is \$8,000.

2020 Western PA Region Annual Meeting – John Kuhns Sr.

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on January 26, 2019 at Dino's, 3883 Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA 15650. The Annual Meeting will start at 1:00 PM with a social hour with the meeting starting at 2:00 PM. The reservation form for the dinner that follows the meeting at

approximately 4:00 PM will be forwarded to members.

2020 Tours – Carl Erb

Carl reported that he is "ready to go!" Carl is in the process of working on several local tours for 2020. More information to come!

From the Floor:

John Kuhns Sr. talked about a few possibilities of future "special" meeting locations for some of the Region's monthly meetings. One location is the Lincoln Highway Association building located at 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA. Another monthly meeting is being planned at the Hoss's Restaurant in Greensburg. Any meeting location change will be announced in the Western Round Up.

Adjournment

President Bob Doppelheuer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM. Dave Sheetz made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

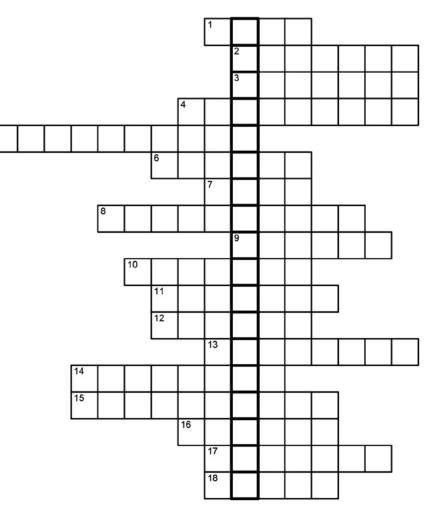
-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Find the hidden antique car name in the bold rectangles by filling in the answers to the antique car name clues in the puzzle. (Answer key is on page 11.)

Hidden Word Puzzle-Antique Car Names

- 1. Pioneered unibody construction.
- 2. Named for a famous Native American Chief
- 3. Slogan "Ask the man who owns one."
- 4. Named for a famous Swiss-born race car driver.
- 5. Began making wheel barrows for the Gold Rush.
- 6. Step down body design was a great dirt track race car.
- 7. Famous Model A and T sold millions globally.
- 8. Inspired the expression. "Its a doozy!"
- 9. English sports car named after a large cat
- 10. Popular air-cooled American car from the 1960s
- 11. Mascot wore a hat with wings on it.
- 12. Post WWII innovative car with three headlights
- 13. Fine air-cooled car made in Syracuse, New York
- 14. Could be driven on land or in water.
- **15.** First mass produced American car had a curved dash.
- 16. Manufactured a famous boat-tailed speedster.
- 17. First mass produced front wheel drive car
- 18. Slogan "The car that made good in a day"

The hidden antique car name is



Celebrating 2019 Achievements - Gearing Up for 2020 Western PA Region Annual Meeting & Dinner



Craig DeFloria and Becky Blank starting with those famous Dino's wings.



Enjoying hors d'oeuvres and conversation (I-r) Norma and Tony Mascia, Tom and Dodie Ulishney, Dave and Debbie Sheetz



During the Annual Meeting, members present listen to the various 2019 committee reports and recognitions.

Region President Bob Doppelheuer conducts the meeting and goes over the state of the region.

n Sunday, January 26th, 40 Western PA Region members gathered at Dino's Sports Lounge, Latrobe for the Region's Annual Meeting & Dinner. They Celebrated a successful 2019 and looked forward to a fun and fulfilling 2020.

The traditional Annual Meeting preceded the Dinner with President Bob Doppelheuer presiding. After approval of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and the Treasurer's Report, Bob informed members present about the Region's 2019 charitable giving, which included the AACA Library and Building Fund, the WPR Scan Tool Scholarships, Westmoreland Cleanways, and the Westmoreland Conservation District. He gave his "state of the region" comments and declared it as good, citing teamwork, planning and active new members as contributing greatly to 2019's success. The various committee chairs then gave their reports, details of which will be included in the Annual Meeting Minutes to be published in the December, 2020 *Western Round-Up*.

Annual Meeting host, Director John Kuhns, Sr. then presented the 2019 Western PA Region Awards. See page 7.

Chance Car Ticket Sales Awards for 2019 were presented

to: Denny and Becky Blank for selling the winning ticket; Carl Erb for the highest number of ticket sales; Denny and Becky Blank for the second highest; Tom Ulishney for third and Howard Finney for fourth. The Chance Car Committee Chairs then thanked all who sold and purchased tickets in 2019. They also thanked Dave Davis, Eric Wigginton and Ron Sivak for helping maintain and repair the Chance Car as needed.

President Doppelheuer then called for any nominations for the three Region directors positions which were open. Hearing none, the three outgoing directors - Mark DeFloria, Mark Jackson and John Kuhns, Sr., agreed to run again. After a motion and unanimous approval for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the three candidates, the 2020 directors held a brief organization meeting. Officers for 2020 were then announced as: Bob Doppelheuer, President, Craig DeFloria, Vice President, Mark Jackson, Treasurer, Mark DeFloria, Secretary, John Kuhns, Sr., Publicity and John Ross Kuhns, Safety. A delicious dinner and fellowship then followed.

Special thanks to John Kuhns, Sr. for hosting another great Western PA Region Annual Meeting and Dinner.

2019 Western PA Region Awards Presentations



For the first time ever, our Region awarded two Jack Clark Service Awards to amazing members who went above and beyond over the course of 2019. Left - Director John Kuhns, Sr. presents the award to Carl Erb. Right - John presents the award to Becky and Denny Blank



John Kuhns, Sr. presents the John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award to John and Flo Myers for driving their antique pick up trucks to the most Region events in 2019. John and Flo also drive their trucks regularly around the Latrobe area to the delight of residents.



Guy Davis won the Paul P. Bell Award for the Most Unique Antique Vehicle to be driven to a Region event or activity in 2019. Guy brought his original, work-worn 1947 Dodge Pick Up Truck to the Region's Car Show in September. The the windshield was missing, making it one cool ride! Guy was unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

Thank You Service Mugs Presented to Outgoing Western PA Region Directors



John presents a mug to Mark Jackson



John presents a mug to Mark DeFloria



Mark DeFloria presents a mug to John Kuhns, Sr.

They're Only Original Once



Fred Trusty HPOF Chairman



This is the 5th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked inside, the 3rd looked at the exterior, the 4th looked at convertible tops, trim, glass, wheels, tires, and now we look at the evaluation process.

The HPOF evaluation sheet is different from a class judging sheet. With HPOF there is only one evaluation sheet that the team captain fills out with input from the other judge(s) on the two or three person judging team. The sheet is based on a 30-point system with boxes for individual items that are checked for non-compliance. A copy of the evaluation sheet is on the AACA website under "Publications" and "Judges Guidelines". There is a column for the owner to check off any items that are known to be non-compliant and also a column that the judges use. One thing to note is that the judges don't automatically check a box in their column if the owner has it checked. The owner is under no obligation to check any of the boxes. All we ask for is owners to be honest.

There are two levels of awards with HPOF. The first level is the HPOF "Oval" which would be the equivalent of a First Junior award, and the second and most prestigious level is the HPOF Original which is equivalent to a Senior award in class judging. Obviously, the bar is set higher for the Original level than that of the Oval. The sheet is set up so that an older vehicle has a lower compliance threshold as can be seen in the table below.

COMPLIANCE TABLE (Judges Use Only)			
	Thru 1931	1932 Thru 1959	1960 And Newer
HPOF Oval or Repteat HPOF	21-30	23-30	24-30
AACA Original or Repeat Original	26-30	27-30	28-30

It should be noted that there is usually some interaction between the team captain and the vehicle owner. The typical scenario is the team captain introduces himself and asks a question about the vehicle such as, "how long have you owned the car?" Most owners are more than happy to share any history with the judges. It's nice to hear the "it's been in the family since new" type of stories.

The judges walk around the car together, look at the engine bay, interior, exterior, and chassis and then step back and discuss what they saw. As with class judging, documentation might be requested. Many times an owner has purchased the vehicle as is and really doesn't know any of the history of the car. For example, the judges might feel that the car has had a total repaint but unless there is evidence to support their suspensions, the benefit of the doubt goes to the owner. There are also scenarios where a very early car was probably repainted many years ago but the paint has developed a patina of its own to the point that the judges can't determine if it has been repainted or not. So the decision goes in favor of the owner.

There are too many specific scenarios to cover in a short article but if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is in the *Antique Automobile* magazine on the director information page.

Remember, they're only original once.

The Rummage Box



An amazing HPOF original 1906 Cadillac photographed at an AACA Meet hosted by the Gettysburg Region several years ago.



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 November, 2010 Western Round-Up

The 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe

By F. L. Nicholls

Paul Bell had recruited me into AACA judging at Hershey in 1966, and I was put into the Judging Team for Classic Cars. I believe this was the second year for organized judging and giving credit to members for participating. In these years most of the Classic Cars were driven to the shows, little was done to the interior and chassis. A few were repainted. Being a rookie, I was assigned to judge the chassis, which meant laying on the ground or pavement and crawling underneath. Looking for electric fuel pumps was a big issue.

We were judging a 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe, and I thought this was a really sharp car. Three years would pass before I decided to look for a Lincoln.

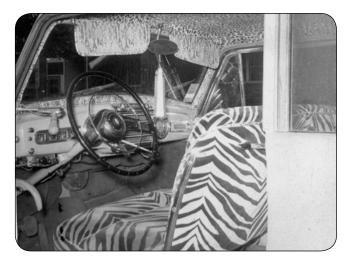
The Buick was advertised for sale in *Hemmings Motor News*, and although I still had the Buick, Ann and I drove to Erie to look at a 1946 Lincoln Continental Coupe. This was a disaster. It had zebra covered seats and a leopard headliner. The owner claimed this was original.

At Hershey I had looked at a 1941 Lincoln, but it required too much work. In *Hemmings Motor News* there was a 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe advertised by a John Elson in Versailles, Ohio. Even though it was not old enough for AACA, Ann and I decided to take a few days and drive to this town, which was on the Ohio-Indiana border.

Elson owned the Ford Agency, and also dealt in antique cars. He also had for sale a 1937 Ford Cabriolet Coupe, a beautiful 1936 Ford Coupe, a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria and the Lincoln. He had bought the car in Lockport, NY and drove it home. I mentioned that I was tired of trailering, and he told me he was interested in buying a trailer. I drove the Lincoln, and I thought it was fine, except it had narrow white sidewall tires. We made a deal, and he would drive the Lincoln to Indiana, PA. His wife would drive a Ford pickup. If the trailer was as I said, he would take the trailer on trade, and take it home behind the Ford.

He called in about a week and said that they would be in Indiana late the next day. They arrived late in the afternoon, completed all the paper work, had dinner with us, and later headed to New Stanton where they had a motel room reserved. About a week later I sold the Buick to a man who said he would overhaul the motor. He hauled it home in a big box truck.

The following year after Hershey John Elson and wife stopped at our home. He was happy with the trailer and had used it a number of times. I was happy with the Lincoln and I owned it for six years.



The zebra covered seats and leopard headliner Fred found in a 1946 Lincoln Continental Coupe he and Ann drove to Erie to look at. The owner said that it was original.



A beautiful illustration from a 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe advertisement. Fred owned one of these cars for six years.

The Studebaker National Museum



John McCarthy Vice-President - Endowments



Since 2013, AACA has held a National Show in Auburn, Indiana each May, including the Grand National in 2019. Auburn is an excellent location for a National Show as they are held in conjunction with an RM Sotheby's Auc- tion, an automotive flea market and a numerous nearby attractions. These attractions include the Auburn-Cord- Duesenberg Museum, Early Ford V-8 Museum (recently expanded), National Automobile and Truck Museum, National Military History Center, Hoosier Air Museum and the Garrett Historical Railroad Museum.

What makes Auburn even more of an event is just getting there. Traveling from the East on Route 80/90 there are numerous automotive and transportation related museums not much more than an hour's detour and I have visited one or more each year on the Auburn trip. In Warren, Ohio the Packard Museum, in Kalamazoo, Michigan the Gilmore Museum, in Dayton, Ohio the Air Force Museum and America's Packard Museum, in Cleveland, Ohio the Crawford Museum, in Canton, Ohio the Canton Classic Car Museum, in Worthington, Ohio the Ohio Railroad Museum, and in 2020 I plan to visit the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

In 2019, I traveled about seventy miles west of Auburn and visited the Studebaker National Museum. We had visited the Studebaker Museum in 1990 when it was housed in a Studebaker factory building and in 2005 after it moved to its new building. After fourteen years I thought it was time to visit again. The Museum is housed in a modern two-story building, and a basement which contains Studebaker built military vehicles, a nine-cylinder Studebaker built Curtiss-Wright radial aircraft engine, and Studebaker prototypes.

Studebaker began building wagons, sleighs and carriages in South Bend in 1852, electric cars in 1902 and gasoline powered cars in 1904. They were a major player in the automotive industry always trying to keep pace with the big three and were the largest independent producer of cars with peak production in 1950 of 320,000 vehicles. In 1963 production ended in South Bend and moved to their plant in Canada where Studebaker production ended in 1966. With such a large number of Studebakers produced they have really made it around the world – a visit to a car museum in Ushuaia, Argentina (tip of South America) that had all of four cars but they did have a South Bend built wagon c. 1890 and a military museum in Moscow had a 1940 Studebaker pickup truck converted to a rocket launcher.

The Museum is excellent. Not just Studebakers but other significant vehicles such as a 1933 Pierce Silver Arrow, a 1937 Delage on loan from the Peterson Museum, a 1948 TATRA, a 1937 Stout Scarab, 1934 DeSoto Airflow, and several Packard's including the prototype 1956 Predictor and a 1957 Packard Hawk. Studebaker made other cars – the EMF, Erskine, and Avanti and during the 1930's made many extremely nice vehicles some of which are full Classics. The 1965 and 1966 Studebaker Larks were nice looking cars that you rarely see at an AACA show, and the prototype 1967 and 1968 were even nicer. The last Studebaker built, a 1966 green and white Lark is on display – a sad ending to fine marque. The vehicles are nicely spaced with descriptive placards. Many of the Studebakers are models you rarely see - the cars are in extremely nice condition and well cared for.

The Studebaker National Museum is well worth a visit.

The Rummage Box



The Studebaker National Museum is located at 201 Chaplin Street, South Bend, Indiana 16601. Hours - Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm EDT Sunday 12pm-5pm EDT Please call to confirm hours and days of operation. From time to time the Museum may need to close

a portion of the Museum during normal operating hours. The Museum reserves the right to close without notification. Visit the Museum website:

https://studebakermuseum.org/

Photo by Derek Jensen Wikimedia Commons

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

December's Car



Gary Wiegand faithfully called to identify December's Car as a Mercury Cougar Convertible, however he identified the year as a 1971, when in fact this car is a 1973. So there is no winner this time. This car was on display with many other amazing vehicles at the Grice Community Museum in Clearfield, PA where our Region visited during our Fall Tour carefully planned by Tour Chairman Carl Erb.

Cougars of this era were comfortable, stylish and smooth riding. Some of you may also remember the Mercury Cougar television ads that ended with a live cougar laying on top of a Mercury dealer sign giving a unique cougar growl and a flip of its tail.

January/ February's Car



Here's a classy car which was photographed during the Western PA Region's tour to Don Pyle's car collection, summer 2019. Can you guess the marque and year of this beautiful roadster? Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a \$10 Wendy's gift card. (Could you imagine going through the Wendy's drive through in one of these? Better not drop your Frosty!) Contact me at the February Monthly Meeting, call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com.

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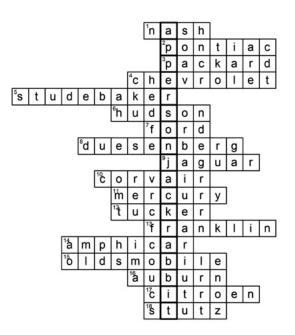
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