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: www.aaca.org 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: http://westernparegion.org/membership/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: www.westenparegion.org

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

2020 Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Canceled



On Thursday, May 7th we were notified that the 2020 Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's Festival was planned for July 2-5 at Twin Lakes Park. According to an email we received from the Festival's Assistant Director Erin Shrader, "Foregoing this year's Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival is a sad occasion. For nearly 50 years, the Festival has presented an array of music, dance, literary arts, and more, completely free of charge and open to the public, as well as an Artist Market which

provides a platform and exposure for more than 170 artisans. As much as we want to gather 100,000 people to celebrate art in all its forms this July, the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has made this physically impossible as we continue to prioritize safety of our vendors, our visitors, and our staff."

The Western PA Region AACA has been a part of the Festival since 1993 providing a promotional booth and an antique car display on the lower lake dam breast. Although we had already registered and paid for our regular spot at the 2020 Festival, they gave us the option to apply that payment to retain our space for the 2021 Festival. The Region Board of Directors were notified of this option and approved that the Festival keep and apply the Region's 2020 payment to our 2021 Festival space.

We look forward to returning to Twin Lakes Park next year so that all can enjoy this wonderful event once again.



Scan tool for the 2020 Western PA Region Scholarship winner at CWCTC

Western PA Region Awards 2020 Scan Tool Scholarship to Graduating Hempfield Senior

he Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (CWCTC) in New Stanton typically has their Awards Presentation for graduating seniors in early May. This year has been anything but typical due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Working with CWCTC guidance counselor Mr. Hayes and the Automotive Technology instructors, we were able to determine a worthy recipient of the Western PA Region's 2020 Scan Tool Scholarship Award. The scholarship consists of an Innova Pro Scan Tool, certificate of recognition and memberships to AACA and the Western PA Region. This year's winner is West Ayers, who is a CWCTC Automotive Technology graduating senior from Hempfield Area Senior High School. West worked for Smail Mercedes during his senior year and plans to pursue an automotive career after graduation. His CWCTC instructors indicated by email that West has been a great student and that they felt he was very worthy of the Region's scholarship award.

We are sending the scan tool, certificate and membership information by U.S. Mail to Automotive Instructor Mr. Pegg at CWCTC so that he can work out getting it to West. We hope that we will have the opportunity to meet West at a Region event sometime in the future. But for now, we congratulate him on his achievements and wish him well in his career and future endeavors.

Special thanks to Mr. Hayes and the CWCTC Automotive Technology instructors for helping with the scholarship again, and to all the Western PA Region members who sold 2019 Chance Car tickets to support this program.

CALENDAR

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

Due to COVID 19 virus precautions and restrictions we have to cancel some of our 2020 events. All others are tentative depending on the situation in our area. We will keep everyone informed and make adjustments accordingly.

CANCELED - May 19th Monthly Meeting - American Legion Post 982

TENTATIVE - June 16th Monthly Meeting - American Legion Post 982, possibly another venue to be announced.

TENTATIVE - July 21st, Monthly Meeting - American Legion Post 982

TENTATIVE - Annual Picnic - Sunday, July 26th 1:00 p.m. at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion, Latrobe

TENTATIVE - Sunday, September 6th, Western PA Region AACA Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe

RESCHEDULED - Beaver Falls Car Cruise - Rescheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020, Noon to 8:00 p.m.

POSTPONED - Chance Car acquisition and ticket sales.

ON SCHEDULE - AACA Grand Nationals - NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, Allentown, PA, July 23-25.

The following 2020 AACA Events have been CANCELED

Sentimental Tour, Potomac Highlands, WV, June 7-11 Southeastern Spring National Meet, Charlotee, NC, June 12-13

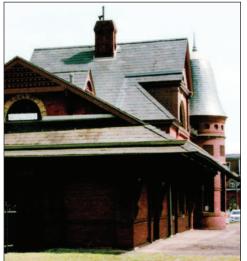
Eastern Spring National Meet, Beckley, WV, June 24-27 Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier vehicles), Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA July 19-24



Our deepest sympathy to Dodie and Tom Ulishney on the passing of Dodie's sister, Loretta Rutkowski of Greensburg on April 24, 2020. In the March Western Round-Up we extended our sympathy for the passing of Dodie's sister Irene Senek. We pray that warm, loving memories of your two sisters comfort you always.

The Road Less Traveled By

by Guy Davis





A short distance from Deep Creek Lake in Maryland, the Oakland B&O Museum is housed in a beautiful Queen Ann style train station (left). A restored 1920 Baldwin 2-8-0 steam locomotive and tender is parked outside of the museum (right).

eep Creek Lake has been a vacation destination for generations of American families. Located in Garrett County, Maryland's largest freshwater lake offers a variety of water sports while the surrounding forests provides opportunities for hiking, camping, and horseback riding. Along the 70 miles of Deep Creek Lake's shoreline, one can find restaurants, interesting novelty shops, and beautiful vistas. The Discovery Center at Deep Creek Lake State Park features hands-on exhibits, dioramas of local wildlife, and illustrations of the region's underwater ecology. The area truly offers something for everyone.

Last August, my wife, Leona, son, Benjamin, and I drove the 88 miles from our home in Greensburg to Deep Creek for an extended weekend of rest and relaxation. We participated in kayaking, jet skiing, and zip lining during our stay there. On one particular overcast day, we decided to venture into the town of Oakland, the county seat, located just a few miles from Deep Creek Lake. To our surprise and delight, we came upon three museums; all located within the same general area of town. The first museum we visited was the Oakland B&O Museum located within a beautiful Queen Ann style train station

The Garrett County Maryland Museum of Transportation



An International Harvester high wheeler with a 1930 American LaFrance fire engine in the background.



A 1916 Model T Ford Roadster

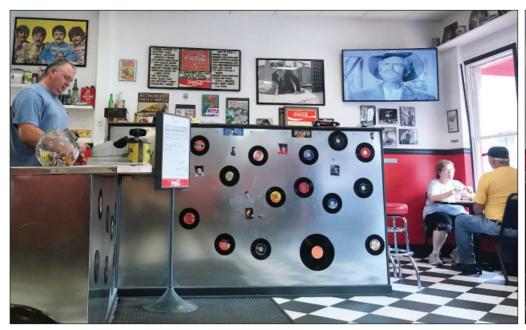
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which was constructed in 1884. Some of the famous passengers who stopped at the station over the years included President Benjamin Harrison, President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, President William McKinley, and Buffalo Bill Cody. Outside the train station was parked a restored 1920 Baldwin 2-8-0 steam locomotive and tender.

The next museum on our tour, the Garrett County History Museum, is operated by the Garrett County Historical Society. The museum displays a wide variety of local artifacts and helps to tell the story of the region. Perhaps the most interesting museum for us during our visit was the Garrett County Historical Museum of Transportation. The two story building houses antique wagons and buggies, bicycles, and watercraft. There is also a very nice display of approximately 14 antique and classic automobiles and tractors. Included in the car collection are several vintage Chevrolets, a Ford Model T, an International Harvester high wheeler, a World War II jeep, and a beautiful 1930 American LaFrance fire engine. Following our museum tours, we dined at the Alder Street Diner which has a great 1950's atmosphere with many vintage advertisements and pictures on the walls. The lake, museums, and restaurants could someday be incorporated into one of our club's summer tours. We could go by way of the turnpike and 219 South or perhaps be a little more adventuresome and find that road less traveled by in order to take in some of the more interesting sites along the way. Regardless of which route we might take, the destination should prove to be worth the journey.



A handsome antique horse drawn coach at the Garrett County Museum of Transportation is labeled for the Deer Park Hotel. It has plenty of room for the hotel guests' luggage on its roof.





The Alder Street Diner features a fun 1950s atmosphere with many vintage advertisements on the walls.

Buying a Car - Now vs Then

by Bill Holtzer

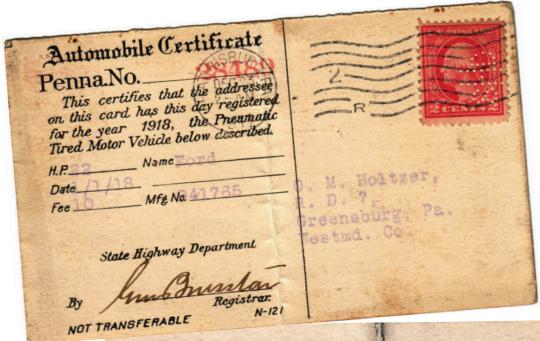
e all know that now when you go to buy a new or even a used car it is usually at least a two to three hour adventure. You go back and forth between the salesperson and their manager to come up with a price, and then you have to sign eight to ten papers. If you finance the car there are more papers to sign and fees to pay (title, transfer, license plate transfers, notary fees and on and on).

Back in 1930 my grandfather bought a brand new Model A Ford with a rumble seat. He had to sign a retail buyers order form. The next day he got his new car.

It cost \$570 for the Model A Coupe, plus \$25 more for the rumble seat installed. They gave him \$145 trade-in for his Model T Ford, which brought the total down to \$450, plus \$5 for the title, license and fees.

In September, 1948 he had to have the engine replaced. It was only \$141.95 for the rebuilt engine including parts and labor. Today, if you have to have your engine replaced you are talking at least \$3,000 or more.

My grandfather owned this car until 1957 when he traded it on a 1952 Chevy two door sedan.



An Automobile Registration Certificate issued to my Grandfather O.M. Holtzer in 1918 for his Model T Ford. He traded the Model T in on the purchase of a new Model A in 1930. (See receipts on page 8.)

Notice that in addition to the other instructions printed on the reverse side of this 1918 PA Automobile Certificate, "24 miles an hour is the maximum rate of speed on any public highway."

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AUTOMOBILE DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLDERS OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSES FOR PNEUMATIC AND SOLID TIRED VEHICLES.

Attach your 1918 license plates to you motor vehicle after December 31, 1917. Put one on the front and one on the rear, eith conspicuously placed so that the number cas

be seen at a glance.

Never operate your car unless both license plates are in place. If one or both are lost, send one dollar with application for new set to the State Highway Department.

Do not attempt to operate the vehicle with any license plates other than its own, or with only one plate.

Do not make a license plate to replace a lost one. Any substitute plate will get you into trouble.

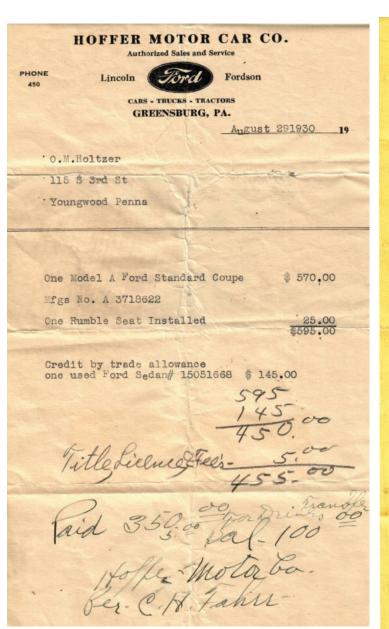
Carry always your registration certificate.

Do not permit anyone to operate your our unless he or she is an owner or has a license. Never permit any person under 16 years of age to operate your car.

Display always one hour after sunset two white lights on the front of your car. Remember that your rear light must be displayed so that it shines on your license plate. Remember 24 miles an hour is the max hum rate of speed on any public highway.

Lastly and most important, operate your car always in a careful manner. Reckless driving is responsible for nearly all of the accidents which occur. See that you are not at fault.

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SERVICE SUGGESTIONS

The efficiency of your car as well as its economy in operation depends largely upon the care it receives during the first few months of service. Giving systematic attention to lubrication and mechanical adjustments will insure your receiving more complete satisfaction in the operation of your new Ford. Follow instructions on sticker pasted to windshield or in instruction booklet.

IT IS SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CAR THOROUGHLY INSPECTED EVERY THIRTY DAYS, AND LUBRICATED EVERY 500 MILES BY YOUR FORD DEALER.

Expert workmanship is just as essential in SERVICING a car as it is in building it—hence Ford dealers are best fitted to service Ford owners—because their mechanics are Ford-trained and equipped with labor and time saving equipment, all of which means more satisfactory performance of Ford products to the owner at less maintenance cost.

THE MODEL "A" FORD PLUS REGULAR SERVICE BY AN AUTHORIZED FORD DEALER WILL FURNISH YOU THE BEST OBTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY WARRANTY

The Ford Motor Company warrants all such parts of new Ford automobiles, trucks and chassis as shall, under normal use and service, appear to it to have been defective in workmanship or material. This warranty shall be limited to shipment, to the purchaser without charge, except for transportation, of the part or parts intended to replace those acknowledged by the Manufacturer to be defective. The Manufacturer cannot, however, and does not accept any responsibility in connection with any of its automobiles, trucks or chassis when they have been altered outside of its own factories or branch shops. If the purchaser shall use or allow to be used in this automobile, truck or chassis, parts not made or supplied by the Manufacturer, then this warranty shall become void. It is agreed that the Manufacturer makes no warranty whatever regarding pneumatic tires. The Manufacturer is not responsible to any purchaser of its goods for any undertaking, representation or warranty made by Dealers selling its product, beyond those herein expressed.

(top left) The original purchase receipt from Hoffer Motor Car Co., Greensburg, for my Grandfather's new 1930 Model A Ford Coupe shows the additional \$25 charged for the rumble seat and the \$145 trade-in allowance for his Model T.

(top right) The Retail Buyers Order form was simple and direct. (bottom left) Ford Service Suggestions and the manufacturer's warranty were printed on the back of the Buyers Order form.

Model A Ford Engine Replacement Invoice from 1948

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PHOTO FLASHBACK - from a collection provided by Al Wirick

Editor's Note: A few years before his passing, long time Western PA Region member Al Wirick gave me a shoebox of old photos which he thought our members might enjoy seeing someday. 2020 marks our Region's 70th Anniversary and is the perfect time to share some of these historic images. Watch for more in future 2020 issues of *The Western Round-Up*.







When Western PA Region Chance Cars Were Model A Fords

The Western PA Region AACA began its Chance Car fundraisers in 1965 with a 1930 Model A Ford two door sedan which was won by William Flamm of Central City, PA. Model As dominated as the Chance Car of choice until 1986 when Edward Bromley of Gibsonia won the last Model A offered by our Region. Through the rest of the 1980s the Region offered 1955 and 1957 Chevrolets, then moved to sportier antiques like Mustangs, Corvettes and Camaros.

Visit our website for a complete listing of Chance Cars and winners from 1965 to 2019.

http://westernparegion.org/chancecar/All_Chance_Cars/index.html

So, What's My Car Worth?



Jim Elliott 2020 AACA President



am certain we have all been asked this question and also certain we have asked someone else this same question.

For those of us who collect cars, the value of the car is always important. We don't want to overpay and certainly do not want to part with a car for a bargain price.

So, what are our choices for determining value? There are many appraisers that will give you their estimate of value for a few hundred dollars. Most of these "guesses" come from a value guide or auction results.

The value guides are often published by insurance companies. But be careful, that high insurance estimate also works to generate a higher insurance premium.

Auction results are unpredictable. Not only are bids determined by the number of bidders but also the majority of the seller listing agreements allow for "phantom" bidding by the auction company. This is done to guarantee that the reserve price is met.

But the real answer to the question is "your car is worth what someone else will pay for it." Unfortunately, with fewer people entering the old car hobby, you should be concerned about the future value of your car.

A neighbor of mine has a late 30's Packard Sedan for sale. All six of the prospective buyers who have looked at this car were over the age of seventy.

It is time for each member and each region to begin a diligent effort to attract new members. We need to sell the "fun" that is available with our hobby.

More activities, such as shows, tours, and picnics, will always generate more members. Our cars need to be seen by the public.

We need to seek venues to display our cars, such as county fairs or antique malls. We have a great hobby in which a small minority of car owners participate. The best way to solidify the value of your collection is to increase our membership.

I hope the day doesn't come when no one wants an antique car.

-- The Rummage Box

Creative Masks Reveal Car Passions





left: Cris Detwiler sports his "Nash spoken here" mask behind the wheel of his 1946 Nash Ambassador Slipstream. right: Dave Sheetz models a mask featuring a red Camaro which resembles one in his garage.

In the face of adversity, simple light-hearted touches help keep the torch of hope burning. To help curb the spread of the COVID 19 virus we find ourselves wearing protective masks when running errands outside of our homes. We have seen everything from medical masks to cowboy bandannas. Cris and Molly Detwiler and Dave and Debbie Sheetz of the Western PA Region used their talents to create beautiful, functional masks with an antique automobile flair.

Cris's mother receives Meals on Wheels Monday through Friday. Once a week Cris drives one of his Nashes

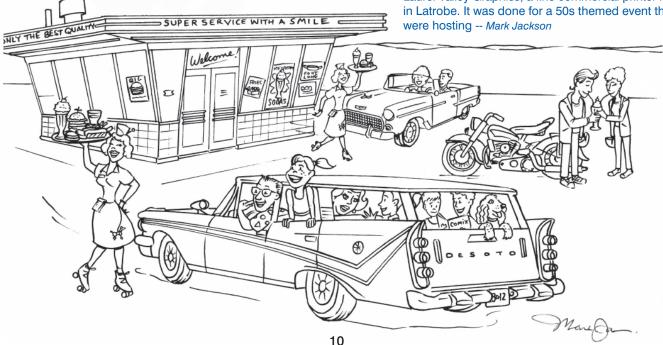
to pick up her meal. Molly was making masks for family members to use for grocery trips, so Cris asked her to make him a mask featuring the Nash logo. As you can see in the photo above, the Nash mask ads a great touch behind the wheel.

Dave and Debbie Sheetz have also been sporting beautiful antique auto masks skillfully made by Debbie. One even features a red Camaro that looks a lot like their AACA Grand National winning 1970 Z28.

As many are saying today, "Stay safe and healthy." But don't forget to work in some fun whenever you can.



Editor's Note: While going through my files I found a cartoon illustration I drew for a client many years ago. I thought our members might enjoy it. The client was Laurel Valley Graphics, a fine commercial printer located in Latrobe. It was done for a 50s themed event they were hosting -- *Mark Jackson*



Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

April's Car

Bill Maurer was the first to contact me correctly identifying the headlight flaring from the fender in this photo to be that of a Pierce-Arrow. Bill acknowledged that this style of headlights was a hallmark of Pierce-Arrow styling. (from 1914 to 1938.) He also informed me that the Pierce-Arrow is his wife C.J.'s



favorite car. Bill said that the famous Pierce-Arrow hood ornaments featuring the figure of an archer drawing back on a bow are so valuable that many owners remove them at car shows or other events to help prevent theft. He also pointed out that removing this ornament takes a careful hand, grasping the ornament at the base so as not to damage the archer figure.

Jim Heatherington also called and correctly identified the Pierce-Arrow headlight. Jim relayed the story of a well-known chauffeur in the McKeesport area who ended up working for a funeral home which owned a Pierce-Arrow in its fleet. The chauffeur refused to drive the Pierce-Arrow because, "He was a *Packard* man!"

Pierce-Arrows were built in Buffalo, New York by the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company, which produced vehicles from 1901 to 1938. Along with world class luxury automobiles, the company also produced trucks, fire trucks, boats, camp trailers, bicycles and motorcycles at various times during its operation. - reference source Wikipedia



Bill Holtzer provided this plaque for the Region's archives. It features a tag for each of the events a Western PA Region member attended to help celebrate America's Bicentennial in 1976. Do you remember attending any of these events?

May's Car



Before SUVs, before minivans, families across America chose the comfort and utility of large, roomy station wagons. They were available in many makes and models with a ton of options. People loved them for family vacations and road trips, drive-in movies and visits to the grocery store or lumber yard. Not too many survived in good condition, since these many of these beasts of burden were literally "worked to death". Here is an amazing example from a past Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie, PA.

Be the first to contact me with correct make and year of this big red wagon and win a \$10 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com.

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1950 Buick at Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA