

# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



December 2022

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of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



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The first automobile purchased by Saint Vincent College. The two riders are Fr. Mark Kistner, O.S.B. and Fr. Cornelius Enders, O.S.B.



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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](http://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 information about our Western PA Region AACA

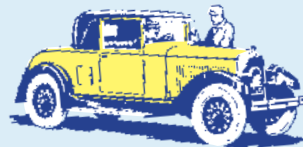
activities and membership visit our website [www.western-paregion.org](http://www.western-paregion.org)

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.

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

## Member News



Ed and Nancy Vrable brought a Delorean die cast to the "Back to the Future" themed 2018 WPR Rev-Up Party.

Long-time Western PA Region member **Ed Vrable** passed away on December 10, 2022. We extend our deepest sympathies to his loving wife Nancy, family and friends. Ed had a passionate interest in antique cars and owned several unique ones through the years including: three MGs, a Thunderbird, a Delorean, a Buick Reatta and a pristine 1972 Chevy convertible. He liked researching and learning about interesting antique and classic cars like the Tucker, and

enjoyed sharing his knowledge. Ed and Nancy worked at the Western PA Region Car Show for many years with Ed serving as a judge and helping on the show field and Nancy working with the Bake Sale and other activities. The Vrables also enjoyed going on Western PA Region tours and regularly participated in Region activities and get-togethers. Ed Vrable was 86.

Long-time Western PA Region member **Rupert Martinko** passed away on December 2, 2022. We extend our deepest sympathy to his loving wife Elaine, family and friends. He belonged to the Western PA and the Covered Bridge AACA Regions. Rupert was 85.

Our deepest sympathies to long time member **Carol Calabrace** on the passing of her son **Daniel Calabrace, Jr.** on November 8th. Carol, her husband Dan, Sr. and Dan, Jr. were very active in our Region through the years, especially with our annual car shows.

# President's Message



## A Special Thank You

By Bill Holtzer

The Greater Greensburg Marine Corps League Detachment # 834 would like to thank the members of the Western Pa. Region AACA for their generosity in donating 38 toys to our 2022 Toys for Tots campaign.

We really appreciate your kindness. Thanks again !!



## CALENDAR

### 2023 WPR Annual Meeting and Dinner

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Dino's Sports Lounge, 3883 US-30, Latrobe, PA 15650

You may attend the Annual Meeting without staying for the Dinner. Registration forms will be emailed and printed copies will be included with the printed December Western Round-Ups when they are mailed. The registration form will also be posted on our website homepage [www.westernparegion.org](http://www.westernparegion.org)

#### Schedule:

1:00 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar

2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting with Reports, Awards Presentations and the Board of Directors Election

4:00 p.m. (approx.) Dinner

### 2023 AACA Annual Convention

February 9 - 11

Williamsburg, Virginia

### 2023 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals

April 13 - 15, 2023

Charlotte Motor Speedway

Concord, North Carolina

Sponsored by the AACA Hornets Nest Region

### 2023 AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour

April 30 - May 3

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Sponsored by the AACA East Tennessee Region

### 2023 Eastern Spring Nationals

May 18 - 20

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Sponsored by the AACA Gettysburg Region

With hopes all of your Ponys, Birds, Beetles, Stingrays, and Cats are covered and tucked in for a long winters nap. I would like to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Annual meeting will be on February 5, 2023 with the election of three officer positions. Anyone wanting to run for office, please let me or someone on the board know. All are welcome!

We are planning for the 2023 season and need ideas of programs for the monthly meetings and tours to get us all together to enjoy our hobby. Dave and I feel very lucky to have found such a great hobby with wonderful friends and the continued possibility of new ones.

*Merry Christmas,*

Debbie



## Don't Miss the Fun to Come 2023 Dues are Now Due

Please be sure to pay your 2023 AACA National dues first. You can pay them online at [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) or mail your renewal in with a renewal form included with Antique Automobile Magazine. AACA also sends out email reminders this time of year.

Then pay your Western PA Region dues before our Annual Meeting and Dinner on February 5. Secretary Mark DeFloria will accept Western PA Region dues payments at the Meeting, but it is best to pay them ahead of time. After the Annual Meeting a late penalty will apply. Region 2023 renewal forms were emailed in the November and are posted on the website.



# Minutes of the April 3, 2022 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the Wednesday, November 15, 2022 regular monthly meeting will be printed in the January/February, 2023 Western Round-Up.

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on April 3, 2022 at the Westmoreland Conservation District (barn) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. There were sixty-one (61) members were in attendance. President Bob Doppelheuer was not able to attend, in his absence, the meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Vice President Craig DeFloria.

## Minutes of the 2021 WPR Annual Meeting

The minutes of the April 25, 2021 WPR Annual Meeting were printed in the December, 2021 Western Round-Up. Vice President Craig DeFloria 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 Howard Finney, seconded by Nancy Wolfe and unanimously approved. Treasurer's Report – 2021 Summary Treasurer Mark Jackson presented a summary of 2021 income and expenses. Vice President Craig DeFloria asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Debbie Sheetz, seconded by Alan Terek and unanimously approved.

## Audit Committee Report – Dave & Debbie Sheetz

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

## State of the Region 2021 – Bob Doppelheuer

Vice President Craig DeFloria thanked everyone for attending our Annual Meeting. Karla Doppelheuer read Bob's "state of the region" president's message to those present. Bob thanked the region members for the teamwork shown among our members during 2021. Bob was not in attendance due to illness.

## By Law Change Approval – Craig DeFloria & Mark Jackson

Vice President Craig DeFloria and Mark Jackson explained the changes the Directors would like to make to our Bylaws in preparation for our Region's 501(c)3 non profit status application. Copies of the marked-up existing Bylaws indicating the proposed changes were emailed to all members by Secretary Mark DeFloria on March 2, 2022 and were available for review at today's meeting.

Following discussion, a hand count vote was taken to change the Bylaws. The Bylaw change was unanimously approved.

## Committee Reports

### 2021 Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney reported that Pete and Cathy Highlands were our only new members in 2021. Welcome to our Region Pete and Cathy.

Howard then read the new membership application for Sam and Christy Kuhns. Sam and Christy were recommended for membership by Bob and Barbara Shugars. Becky Blank made a motion to accept Sam and Christy into the Region, seconded by John Harvey and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Sam and Christy.

### 2021 Rev-Up Party

The 2020 Rev-Up Party was postponed, then canceled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The 2021 Rev-Up Picnic was held at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion in Latrobe in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2021. The Annual Meeting was delayed due to concerns of the pandemic. Fifty (50) members were in attendance for the 2021 Annual Meeting and Rev-Up Picnic. Members present enjoyed getting together again.

### 2021 Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

The 2021 Annual Picnic was held on July 25, 2021 at the Cooperstown Club Pavilion. The July General Meeting was held just prior to the Annual Picnic. There were forty-six (46) members in attendance for the meeting and picnic. Post Avenue Catering provided roast pork and turkey along with corn on the cob, pasta, and vegetables. Members were able to bring desserts to share. The Oreo Cookie slide, the bubble gum bubble blowing contest and the water balloon toss were enjoyed by the members present.

### 2021 Western Pa Region Annual Car Show

– Bob Doppelheuer & Mark Jackson

The 2020 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show was canceled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Mark Jackson reported that the 2021 Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show was changed to a car cruise that was open to all vehicles and mostly non-judged with a few special awards. The change was necessary due to the uncertainties that the pandemic presented. The cost was \$5.00 per vehicle. The club had our usual bake sale, and Chinese Auction. This year we added a Lottery Tree raffle. Unfortunately, it rained. There were 32 cars



registered for the show. Attendees and members present made the best of the day being there and working together. Mark thanked all the members that helped with this years show.

### **Christmas Party 2021 – Mark & Jill Jackson, and Bob & Karla Doppelheuer**

Mark Jackson reported that the 2021 was held on December 5, 2021 at the Westmoreland Conservation District barn in Greensburg. There were fifty-three (53) members and guests in attendance. Dinner was provided by Kings Pointe Catering of Mount Pleasant. Hors d' oeuvres were prepared by Mark, Jill and Regis Jackson including a selection of cheese curd delights from The Creamery at Pleasant Lane Farms, where Regis works as an assistant cheese maker. The return of acoustic musician Wayne Shaffer and photographer Ray Adams to entertain us and take beautiful portraits of attending members and friends. It was great to get back to one of our favorite traditions.

### **2021 Chance Car Ticket Sales**

The Region did not purchase or sale tickets on a chance car due to the ongoing pandemic.

### **Newsletter – Mark Jackson**

Editor Mark Jackson talked about the content in the newsletter. Mark thanked everyone who contributed to the Round-Up this past year. Mark Jackson was presented the 2021 Master Editor Award by the national AACA.

### **Website – Mark DeFloria**

Web Editor Mark DeFloria thanked all who provided information for the Western Pa Region website ([westernparegion.org](http://westernparegion.org)). Mark reported that we continue to have many visitors to our web site in 2021, who are taking the time to view several pages including our newsletter. Mark DeFloria was presented the “Award of Excellence” by the national AACA. Mark asked the members to continue to forward any information they would like included on the web site. Members were asked to keep up-to-date with any changes to their email addresses.

### **Region Tours – Carl Erb**

Tour Chair – Carl Erb presented a recap of the 2021 tours and polled members present on some great ideas for 2022 tours. 2021 tours included a Saturday, June 26th tour to Maxmotive Classic, Muscle & Custom Automotive Dealership, 1005 Pittsburgh St., Cheswick. A Sunday, July 11th Driving Tour to Dave & Karen's Bergs to view their collections. And a Saturday, October 16, 2021, Fall Foliage Driving Tour to The Greenberg Cadillac Museum, Brookville, PA and The Coolspring Power Museum, Coolspring, PA.

### **Future Meetings – Craig DeFloria**

Vice President DeFloria reported that the directors are looking at some different venues for upcoming meetings. Notice will be provided via email, mail and the Western Round-Up.

### **Western Pennsylvania Region Awards – John Kuhns Sr.**

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

**Jack Clark Service Award** – In recognition of the Region member who contributed greatly to the success of the Region was presented to Flo Myers.

**Paul P. Bell Award** – for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a WPR event was presented to Carl Erb for his 1952 Citroen Traction Avant 15CV.

**Foster Fike Restoration Award** – No award given this year.

**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 was presented to both Tom & Doreen King and to Guy Davis.

**Three outgoing directors were recognized for their service**

– Craig DeFloria, Bob Doppelheuer and John Ross Kuhns.

### **Election of Officers**

Each year there are three director openings. Directors serve for a period of two years. This year we were fortunate to have four members volunteer to seek the three open Director positions. Craig DeFloria, Bob Doppelheuer, Debbie Sheetz and Flo Meyers. An election was conducted with the following outcome:

### **Announcement of 2022 Officers**

The followed Director positions were announced.

Debbie Sheetz – *President*

John Kuhns Sr. – *Vice President*

Mark Jackson – *Treasurer*

Mark DeFloria – *Secretary*

Bob Doppelheuer – *Safety*

Flo Meyers – *Publicity*

### **Adjournment**

Vice President DeFloria asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Sam Snively, seconded by Tom Ulishney, and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 2:20 PM.

Following the Annual Meeting a buffet dinner by Kings Pointe Catering of Mount Pleasant. Door prizes were given out during dessert.

Al Terek updated everyone on the Route 30 Frederick Duesenberg cast aluminum historical marker, which was originally furnished and erected by the Western PA Region during a previous Founder Tour hosted by the Western PA Region, AACA. Al provided some interesting historical details about Mr. Duesenberg, his classic automobiles and the story behind the accident, and the WPR historic marker. The marker has disappeared and the Region is hoping for its return. Al asked for any help members could give to publicize the region's desire to find and return the marker.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

# Region Christmas Party Spreads Holiday Cheer



John Ross Kuhns's 1932 Ford greeted everyone by the entrance to DiSalvo's Station.



Door prizes included beautiful antique car books.



The historic railroad motifs and round dining tables made for a warm and wonderful get together.



Wayne Shaffer helps set the "tone."

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, the DiSalvo's Station restaurant located in the historic Latrobe Train Station was once again the scene of the Western PA Region Christmas Party. John Ross and Blair Kuhns and family served as hosts making sure that all was merry and bright. To help set a wonderful antique car tone for the event, John Ross parked his beautiful 1932 Ford two-door sedan outside in the parking lot directly to the left of DiSalvo's main entrance. It was a treat to see as members and guests walked in.

Acoustic musician Wayne Shaffer entertained us once again with his easy-going style, performing holiday and popular favorites while everyone socialized and enjoyed their dinners. As has become a WPR tradition, Photographer Ray Adams was scheduled again to take Christmas portraits, but unfortunately he had to cancel a few days before the party because of illness. WPR member and past president Craig DeFloria then stepped up and took portraits at the party of all who were interested. He posed them by the entrance to the restored "Prima Class" railroad dining car sitting on a short set of tracks inside the restaurant.

John Ross welcomed everyone and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. He then periodically

called out winning door prize ticket numbers until all the prizes were given away. The selection of fantastic door prizes included some beautifully illustrated antique car books.

Everyone enjoyed the savory selection in the DiSalvo's hors d'oeuvres room featuring mini pizza slices, fresh vegetables, a variety of cheeses, mini crab cakes and asparagus wraps. Dinners then included wedding soup, salad, rolls, an entree of either Chicken Romano or Grilled Salmon with Chive Cream Sauce and Cheesecake with fresh berries for dessert. The friendly DiSalvo's serving staff did an excellent job making sure that everyone was well taken care of.

This year the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Many of our Western PA Region members have contributed their time and energies to support this wonderful program through the years. At this year's Christmas Party WPR members donated 38 new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to local children in need.

Our sincere thanks to John Ross and Blair Kuhns and the Kuhns family for hosting the Christmas Party this year. About 60 members attended. This was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with each other and share our best wishes as the holidays commence and before the year ends.



# Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

## November's Car



Tom King was the first to correctly identify November's Car as a 1956 Lincoln Capri Coupe. Pete Highlands was a close second with the correct answer followed by Tony Mascia. We also heard from Gary Wiegand. This stunning Lincoln is an AACA First Grand National Award winner. The owner is Jim Sadler from Charleroi, who has faithfully attended our car show for many years. It's always a delight to see the Sadlers pull up in this Lincoln. They have also brought their blue First Grand National Award 1954 Ford F1 Pickup to the show. This year they wanted to bring the pickup in addition to the Lincoln, but were minus a second driver at the last minute.

There are many things that make our car show special, but one of the real stand-outs is our display of AACA Senior Award cars. There are hundreds of car shows in our region during the cruising season, but none showcase a consolidated class gathering of AACA Senior Awards cars like we do every Labor Day weekend at beautiful Legion Keener Park in Latrobe. Our thanks to all who bring these amazing cars out for people to enjoy. "The magic is in the details."

## December's Car



If you attended the Carl Erb's WPR July Tour to Dan Heit's Showroom you will probably remember this car. There were many amazing vehicles in Dan's spectacular show room, all of them very unique in one way or another. Be the first to correctly identify the make and year of this stately car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Dan Heit opened the hood of this car to reveal an interesting engine. If you can correctly identify the car and tell me what was special about the engine, I will add a bonus of five bucks to make that prize a \$25 gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email [jacksonmark469@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmark469@gmail.com). If you went on the tour you have a leg up on this one.

## THE WESTERN ROUND-UP

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for their time and talent,  
which helped produce this issue.**

## Auto Parts & Tools For Sale



WPR member Joe Vrable, Jr. passed away in December, 2018. His wife Tammy is cleaning out their garage and has a nice assortment of reasonably priced car parts and tools for sale. There are parts for vehicles from the 30s, through the 80s along with general parts like Timken Bearings. Tools include auto body tools, ratchets, drill bits, sanders and more. If interested please call Tammy at 724-989-5630.



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