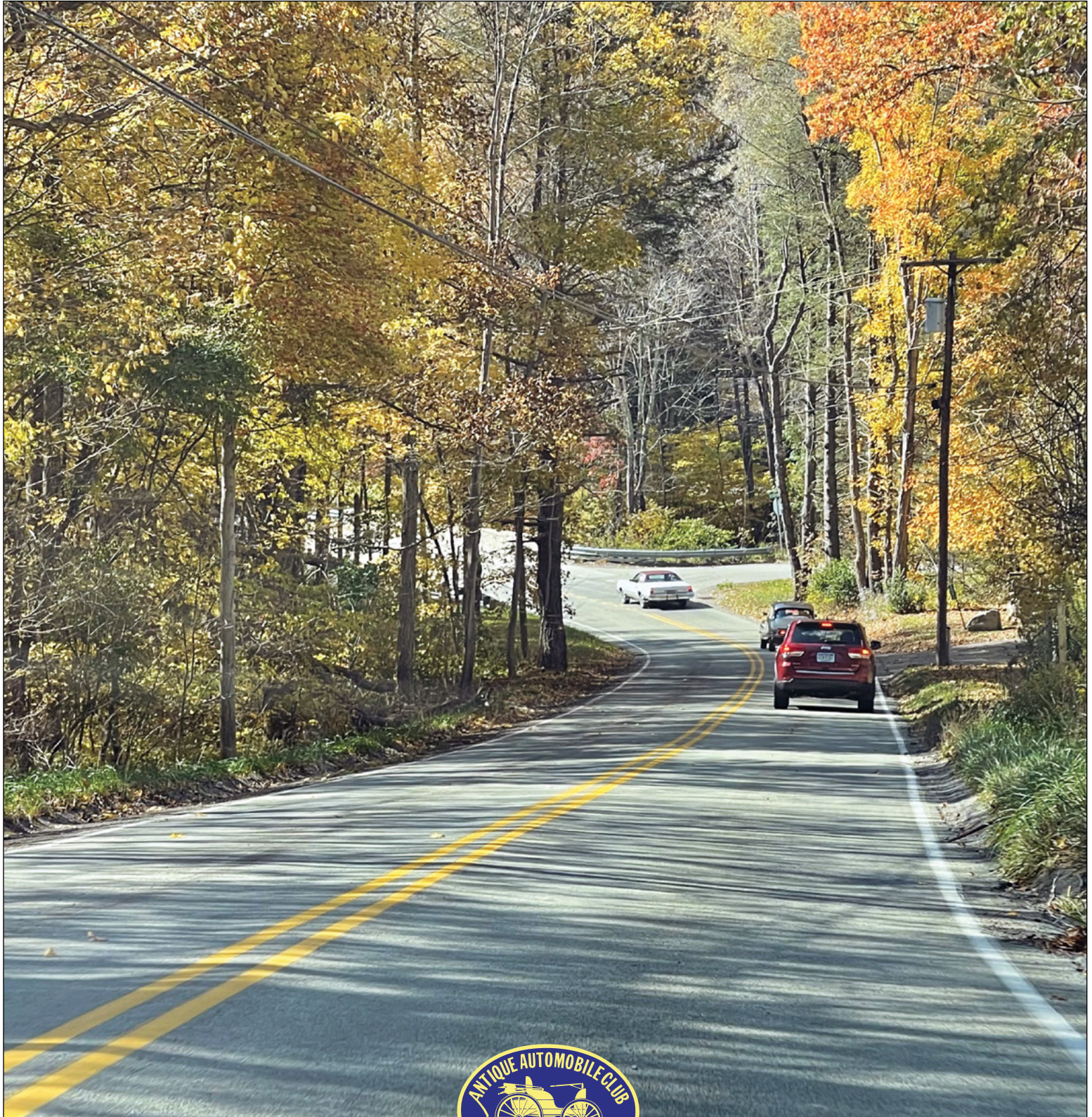


THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



November 2022

Promoting the Preservation & Enjoyment
of Antique Automobiles Since 1950.



On the road in the Laurel Highlands - photo by Jill Jackson

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for further information see the 2022 Western PA Region Roster, which is available on the Region's website.

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 information about our Western PA Region AACA

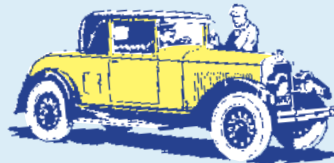
activities and membership visit our website www.western-paregion.org

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.

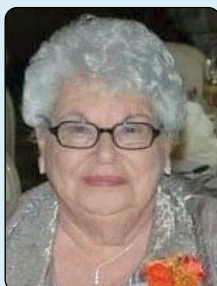
Upon receipt of your membership application, our Membership Chairman will contact you to schedule a convenient monthly meeting for you to attend. Our monthly meetings take place at several venues in the Latrobe and Greensburg, PA area.

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

Member News



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of long time Western PA Region member Norma Barnhart who passed away on Monday, October 31, 2022. Norma was married to long time member Ron Barnhart who passed away in July this year. Norma was 76. We were fortunate to have the Barharts as active, smiling members for many years.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of long time Western PA Region member Edith Cooper who passed away on November 6, 2022. Edith was married to long time member Gary Cooper, who passed away in September this year. Edith was 92. She and Gary were married for 70 years. They were very dedicated members of AACA and our region. It was always a delight to be in their company.

obituary photos

President's Message



Hershey has come and gone. The leaves have all fallen. We have set our clocks back an hour. With the sun shining we have reached nearly eighty degrees....what is going on? There have even been some last minute car cruises pop up! So have you taken your antique out for a spin?

Check your email for the registration form for the annual Christmas party. **Reminder that our next meeting will be at the American Legion Post 982 Latrobe PA. We're asking that members bring 2 dozen cookies to share so that we can have a 'cookie table' for our snack.** Thank You.

We would like to bring back the '20 minute program' for the meetings. If you or someone you know has something interesting to talk about, we'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you volunteer on a community project that you could speak about for 20 minutes. Maybe you have a collection that you'd like to share or someone you know with an interesting job would like to tell us about it.

There's still time...go for a drive!

-- Debbie



**Help Celebrate the Marine Corps Reserve
Toys For Tots Program's 75th Anniversary!**

**Donate new, unwrapped toys by bringing them to the
Christmas Party. We will have collection boxes ready!**
Share Christmas cheer with local boys and girls.

CALENDAR

Western PA Region - MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 15

at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, (Pipetown)

158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650

The Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Please bring two dozen cookies to share for a cookie table
as our November Meeting snack!**

Western PA Region - EVENTS

Western PA Region AACA Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11, starting at 1:00 p.m.

DiSalvo's Station, 325 McKinley Ave, Latrobe, PA 15650

with acoustical music entertainment by Wayne Shaffer

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Social, Hors d' oeuvres, Cash Bar
& Holiday Photo Portraits by Ray Adams

2:00 p.m. Dinner - Wedding Soup, House Salad, Potatoes
and Glazed Carrots with your choice of Entree:
Chicken Romano or Grilled Salmon & Chive Cream Sauce

Adult members \$30.

Youth members 12 and under \$15

Guests \$40.

A Christmas Party registration form will be emailed to all members. Please print it out and mail it in with payment.

Those members who do not receive email will be mailed a printed copy of the registration form with the November *Western Round-Up*.

The Christmas Party registration form will also be posted on the website westernparegion.org

If you are unable to access the form via email or online, and/or do not receive a printed one, you may send a check with a note indicating your dinner entree selection(s) to our Christmas Party host:

John Ross Kuhns
2552 Raymond Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650

Make checks payable to Western PA Region AACA

Registration deadline December 2, 2022

2023 WPR Annual Meeting and Dinner

Sunday, February 5, 2023

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

Registration forms will be emailed and included in the printed December, 2022 *Western Round-Up*. You may attend the Annual Meeting without staying for the Dinner.



Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on October 18, 2022, at John Kuhns, Sr.'s Garage, 2339 Raymond Avenue, Latrobe, PA 15650. President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were thirty-four (34) members in attendance. There were not any guests at tonight's meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the September 20, 2022 at Specialty Cars Limited new dealership building, 4728 Route 982, Latrobe were printed in the October *Western Round-Up*. President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Cindy Harvey, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report – Mark Jackson

Mark read the Treasurer's Report for September. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Nancy Wolfe, seconded by Carl Erb and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that there were no new membership applications to read. Howard expressed that he is having difficulty ordering badges. The company has been slow to respond and then indicated that they are having a problem getting the material that the badges are made of.

Newsletter – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson thanked Guy Davis and Carl Erb and all who contributed photos and articles for the October *Round-Up*.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that members forward any photos they would like on the web page. Mark also asked that the members let him know if they have an address or an email address change.

WPR Non-profit Status (501C) Update – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reported that he and Craig DeFloria are proceeding with obtaining a Non-Profit Classification for the Western PA Region, AACA. Mark said they are currently preparing a required activity report for inclusion with our submission.

NEW BUSINESS

November 15, 2022 Monthly Meeting

The Region's October meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th

at American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe, PA 15650. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Our usual meeting location.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl reported that he is working on tours for next year. Carl said he would like to see the Region travel to cruises and local shows together and parking as a group.

Fall Tour – Flo Myers

Flo reported that 8 cars participated in the very colorful tour. The attendees enjoyed a gorgeous day and great food.

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

Flo reported that a WPR Sunshine Committee consisting of Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler, Becky Blank and herself has mailed one card on behalf of our region to members this past month (1-sympathy). Please let a member of the committee know when you become aware of a member who can use some sunshine. *Secretary Note:* Thank You.

Red-White-and Blue Presentation – Flo Myers

The October 18th monthly meeting was our Red, White and Blue Meeting to honor our members who served in the U.S. Military. Flo Myers read the names and asked that the members who served in the U.S. Military stand and be recognized for their service to our country. Flo presented a military challenge coin to each recognized member. The members recognized were Denny Blank, Jaime Cintron, Guy Davis, Carl Erb, Lynn Ferraro, Howard Finney, Pete Highland, John Myers, Bill Maurer, Ralph Shearer, Myron Shoaf, Clay Stoner, Jack Wolfe and Gary Cooper. Gary had recently passed away on September 12, 2022.

Meeting Snacks – Toni Beatty

Toni Beatty provided "red, white & blue" cakes for tonight's meeting.

Meeting Notes

A discussion was held concerning getting together at the Ligonier Theater for pizza and a movie over the winter months. The members present indicated that they would be interested in attending such an event. John Ross Kuhns to further explore.

Adjournment

Vice President John Kuhns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m. Nancy Wolf made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

The Road Less Traveled By

by Guy Davis



This 1962 Thunderbird Hardtop sat undisturbed in a heated garage for 26 years until my brother Dave purchased it last year



With styling inspired by the dawn of the Space Age, this third generation Thunderbird features the original Sahara Rose color.

The 1962 Ford Thunderbird was available in four different models: the Hardtop; the Landau Coupe; the Convertible; and the Sports Roadster. All four versions were powered by the Thunderbird 390 cubic inch Special V8 engine which produced 300 horsepower. The Thunderbird Cruise-O-Matic transmission converted the energy from the engine to the rear wheels. Standard equipment included power steering, power brakes, and a swing-away steering wheel for easy entrance into the cabin. The luxurious interior featured crinkle-grain vinyls and Bedford cords, although glove-soft genuine leather was an option. The Thunderbird could be ordered in one of 18 color selections as well as 20 two tone color combinations for the hardtop. Other options for the 1962 model year included air conditioning, power windows, power seat, push button radio, and Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels.

Last year my brother Dave purchased a clean, low-mileage 1962 Thunderbird Hardtop from an elderly couple in nearby Youngstown. The couple had purchased the T-bird in 1984 and drove it to local cruises and car shows. They provided Dave with a detailed history of the car from new as well as original Ford sales literature. Always a local car, the couple enjoyed exploring the roads less traveled in the Thunderbird until 1995 when it was parked in their heated garage where it sat undisturbed for the next 26 years.

The Thunderbird's color is an attractive shade called Sahara rose which appears as a very soft pink. The car's handsome interior is colored black and white. Options include power windows, an AM radio, and the ultra impressive Kelsey-Hayes chrome wire wheels. The indoor long-term storage of the Thunderbird helped to keep the chrome and stainless trim in remarkably pristine condition, and the totally original interior is clean and attractive. The Thunderbird would be a fine candidate for AACAA's HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features) class.

After Dave acquired the Thunderbird, he purchased a new original stock gas tank for it, replaced the brake and fuel lines, and carefully brought the engine back to life. The power windows function properly as well as all lights and gauges. The only item which may need further attention is the transmission which tends to shift erratically. Hopefully, the Thunderbird will be back on the road soon so that it can be enjoyed by both passengers and spectators alike.



The swing-away steering wheel gave the driver easy access into the space age inspired cabin.



The 390 cubic inch V8 engine produces 300 horsepower.



The Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels add a special touch of class.

Photos by Ben Davis

Honoring Our Veterans



Phil and Toni Beattie prepare the patriotic cakes and decorations on the snack table.



Flo Myers reads the poem "We Honor You Today" by Susan R. Smith to those present.



A hug of thanks to Denny Blank for his service



Ralph Shearer receives a challenge coin.



A hug of thanks to Bill Maurer



President Debbie Sheetz serves Myron Shoaf

The Western PA Region's October 18th monthly meeting was hosted by John Kuhns, Sr. at his garage in Latrobe. In addition to regular business and discussions, this beautiful, unique location set the stage for a heartfelt tribute to honor Western PA Region members who have served in our nation's military branches. Region Publicity Director Flo Myers conceived and conducted this program. In several earlier *Western Round-Up* newsletters this year Flo wrote a special column asking, "Who are our Veterans?" Her goal was to compile a list of military veterans within our club, past and present with names, rank, branch and years served. This information was to be communicated only with the veteran's permission in time for our October monthly meeting. The list is featured on page 7 along with a group photo of those veterans who were able to attend the meeting. At the meeting Flo read a poem and prayer as a tribute. Then she called out the names on the list. Those present came up one by one and were given a "challenge coin" in honor of their service and then received a thank you hug from Flo. It was inspiring to watch members and friends we have known for so long be recognized and thanked for their contributions to the preservation of our freedom. Now in his 93rd year, and recovering well from recent hip surgery, long

time WPR member Bill Maurer was the oldest veteran in the group. After the program and meeting all present enjoyed a piece of patriotic red, white and blue decorated cake. There was also ice cream and a selection of fresh fruit.

Afterwards, John Kuhns, Sr. gave a presentation on the history of the Cities Service gas station his mother and family once ran, and his interesting collection of auto and soda fountain memorabilia.



These challenge coins were presented to each WPR member on the veteran list who attended the October meeting. Giving a challenge coin to a veteran identifies them with a special group. These beautiful coins feature five military branch logos. Thank you Flo for sponsoring and organizing this outstanding program.

VETERANS - WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Denny Blank
U.S. Marine Corps.
1957 to 1963, Corporal

Jaime Cintron
U.S. Air Force
1965 to 1971

U.S. National Guard
1978 to 1980, Staff Sergeant

Gary Cooper
U.S. Army
1952 to 1954

Guy Davis
U.S. Navy
1996 to 2011, HM-1 Corpsman
U.S. Air Force
2011 to 2016, Tech Sergeant

Carl Erb
U.S. Army
1960 to 1963, Corporal

Lynn Ferraro
U.S. Air Force
1966 to 1970

Reserves
1970 to 1972, Sergeant

Howard Finney
U.S. Army
1959 to 1960, PFC

Pete Highlands
U.S. Navy
1961

U.S. Army
1962 to 1965
U.S. Air Force
1975 to 1988 Tech Sargent

Bill Maurer
U.S. Army
1953 to 1955, Private

John Myers
U.S. Army
1968 to 1970, Sergeant

Ralph Shearer
U.S. Army
1953 to 1955, Corporal

Myron Shoaf
U.S. Air Force
1953 to 1957, Staff Sergeant

Clay Stoner
U.S. Air Force
1954 to 1958, A1C

Jack Wolfe
U.S. Air Force
1963 to 1967, Airman First Class



At the Western PA Region AACA October, 2022 Monthly Meeting Veterans' Tribute

Seated, l-r: Jaime Cintron, Jack Wolfe, Carl Erb, Pete Highlands, Clay Stoner, Standing, l-r: Western PA Region President Debbie Sheetz, Denny Blank, Howard Finney, John Myers, Bill Maurer, Ralph Shearer, Myron Shoaf, Western PA Region Publicity Director Flo Myers

Flo's Fall Foliage Tour of The Laurel Highlands

By Carl Erb



A tour host's view from Flo and John Myers's 1950 Plymouth rear windshield



Molly and Cris Detweiler cruising the colorful Laurel Highlands in their 1983 Pontiac Grand Prix.



The Jackson's classic 1999 Buick Regal makes its way on a magnificent day.

Unless you subscribe to USA TODAY or saw an article in one of our regional newspapers about this survey, you are probably not aware that USA TODAY has an annual top ten ranking of the best places to see fall foliage in the USA. In 2020 the Laurel Highlands ranked #3, in 2021 it ranked #8 (switched places with the Poconos from 2020) and is in the running again for 2022. https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/laurel-highlands-takes-top-10-spot-in-usa-today-contest-for-fall-foilage/article_d07e3c5c-3ab7-11ed-baa9-c3ed09dfb5f2.html

Fortunately for us, Flo Myers picked the right weekend to arrange the WPR-AACA Fall Foliage Tour of our beautiful mountains. Despite the very windy conditions, it was an otherwise beautiful day with plenty of sunshine and white puffy clouds. Flo grew up in this area and knows all the country roads. In my many years of white-water kayaking and skiing I thought I had been on every country road on my way to and from 7 Springs, Hidden Valley, and Ohiopyle, but Flo mapped out a beautiful tour on many rural roads I had never traveled before.

Everyone arrived early at our starting point in Mountain Laurel Plaza on Route 30 in Latrobe, so we had some time to socialize before the start of the tour. Flo brought the magnetic signs, made by Cris & Molly Detweiler, to put on our cars to help promote our club in hopes of recruiting new members. Unfortunately, it was so windy that we were very concerned about those signs blowing off, so a decision was made to put just one sign on Mark and Jill Jackson's 1999 Buick Regal to

test the magnetic strength. We were pleasantly surprised that despite a slightly curled-up edge on the entire length of the sign, it was still there when we arrived at our mid-afternoon dinner break at the Creekside Grill.

We were not too concerned about losing anyone on the tour, which started about one o'clock, when Flo and John Myers led us out of the parking lot in John's 1950 Plymouth with a



The WWI Doughboy statue in the center of the Diamond in downtown Mount Pleasant, PA



Since a WPR magnetic promo sign survived the ride to Indian Head on the Jackson's Buick, it was time to add one to my 1970 Citroen DS 21.



We enjoyed a wonderful early dinner at the Creekside Grill along Indian Creek in Indian Head, Pa. The food and service was great.

103 HP Mopar six cylinder. All six of the following collector cars and one daily driver were newer and more powerful than John's Plymouth. Even so, he did need to slow down and/or pull over a couple of times so the tail end of our caravan of 8 cars could catch up. We went down 981 to the roundabout at Arnold Palmer Airport, then on some country roads to Rte. 130 East enjoying the colorful foliage all the way. Flo told us we would pass by Stonehenge Lodge, Oak Lodge and Foggy Mountain Lodge, which I knew nothing about. These lodges are all on Rte. 130 just a few miles apart, not far from the Donegal exit of the PA Turnpike. I have since learned that all of them are rustic mountain getaways with lodging and banquet rooms that place their emphasis on weddings,

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A historic Saltlick Township Fire Co. photo at the Creekside Grill features an long, impressive 1940s Cadillac ambulance.



l-r: John Myers, Denny Blank, Flo Myers and Becky Blank are ready to order their sweet dessert treats at Suzy's.



John and Cindy Harvey enjoy their cones.



Suzy's Frozen Custard is located along Route 819 south of Mount Pleasant.

business gatherings and club events. Only Oak Lodge has a restaurant open to the public when they do not have an event scheduled, which is normally Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. <https://oaklodgepa.com/experiences/the-village/> Just a few miles from the last lodge we crossed over the PA Turnpike, turned right up the hill on Rte. 31 West past the PA Tpke. exit. A few more turns put us on County Line Rd. for quite a few miles with expansive hilltop views of the colorful Laurel Highlands foliage. We crossed Rte. 711, up the hill towards 7 Springs, then took a sharp right turn onto Indian Creek Road, down a very steep hill to our meal stop at Creekside Grill on the eastern bank of the creek, which at this point runs right beside Rte. 711. This family operated restaurant was new to me, because it just opened last year. Flo had pre-arranged our visit to this small restaurant that had tables lined up for us when we arrived. That was a good thing because by the time we were served the place was at full capacity.

After a great meal with equally great service, we crossed over Rte. 711 again onto more country roads, known only to

Flo, past her parents' church in Buchanan until we came to a stop sign at Acme Pizza & Antique Car Museum at Rte. 31. We were now near the top of Chestnut Ridge looking down into Mt. Pleasant PA. The ride down the steep mountain road was another spectacular panoramic view with foliage in full color that you could see for miles. In the center of Mt Pleasant at the World War I "Doughboy" statue, the most recognizable veteran's statue in Westmoreland County, we turned left and drove just a short distance to our dessert stop at "Suzy's Simply Delicious Ice Cream". I don't think I have ever been to an ice cream place that has as many flavors and combination of toppings and exotic dairy creations as Suzy's. From the patio, sitting in front of the store, there is a spectacular panoramic view of Chestnut Ridge from which we had just descended to get to Suzys. After about 45 minutes of enjoying our dairy delights and catching up on the latest car and other "chit-chat" we found our own way back to our homes, which are scattered around the East of Pittsburgh area. Thanks ever so much to Flo Myers for putting this great WPR-AACA Fall Foliage Tour together. Those who attended had a wonderful time. If anyone else has a tour in their mind, please let us know!

The view of Chestnut Ridge and the fields across from Route 819 at Suzy's is fantastic! It's fun to sit on a bench with your flavorful frozen custard treat and take in the ambiance of this amazing scenery.



Western PA Region 2022 Fall Tour participants and hosts pose for a group photo at Suzy's in Mount Pleasant. *Seated l-r:* Carl Erb, Jill Jackson, Camille Erb, Sheila Kurtz, and Norma Mascia. *Standing l-r:* Denny Blank, Becky Blank, Tony Mascia, Flo Myers, John Harvey, Cindy Harvey, Mark Jackson and John Myers. (Did anyone try a pumpkin milkshake or apple dumpling?)

Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

October's Car



No one correctly identified October's Car. I heard from Tom King and Gary Wiegand. Each got the make of the car correct. It is a Ford Thunderbird. However, they were off slightly on the year. This is a 1970 Thunderbird, which was shown at this year's WPR car show. It's the first year for the front end "beak" design. The 1971 Thunderbird also features a "beak" and is very similar.

These cars are extremely comfortable. My buddy Joe Vrable once owned a brown 1972 Thunderbird. It didn't have the front end "beak", but it did have comfy couch seats and rode like a cloud. Another of my best friends named Emil would often go for rides with Joe and I during the late 70's. Emil liked to sit in the wrap around back seat. As we rode along, Joe and I would sit in the front seat and talk. Trying to keep Emil in the conversation was always a challenge because it didn't take too long for the sound of snoring to come from that back seat. He loved to fall asleep there as we drove along. Now that's a comfy car.

November's Car



Here's one more from this year's WPR car show at Legion Keener Park. This car has made an appearance at our show for many years. It's an AACA Senior Car. The couple who owns this car takes such pride in it, and have so much fun showing it that they often wear his and hers polo shirts that match the color of this beautiful car.

Be the first to correctly identify the correct year and make of this car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. We'll add another bonus \$5 bucks if you can also name the owners. Email jacksonmark469@gmail.com or call 724-832-9074 and leave a message.

I will not be at the November meeting. Jill and I wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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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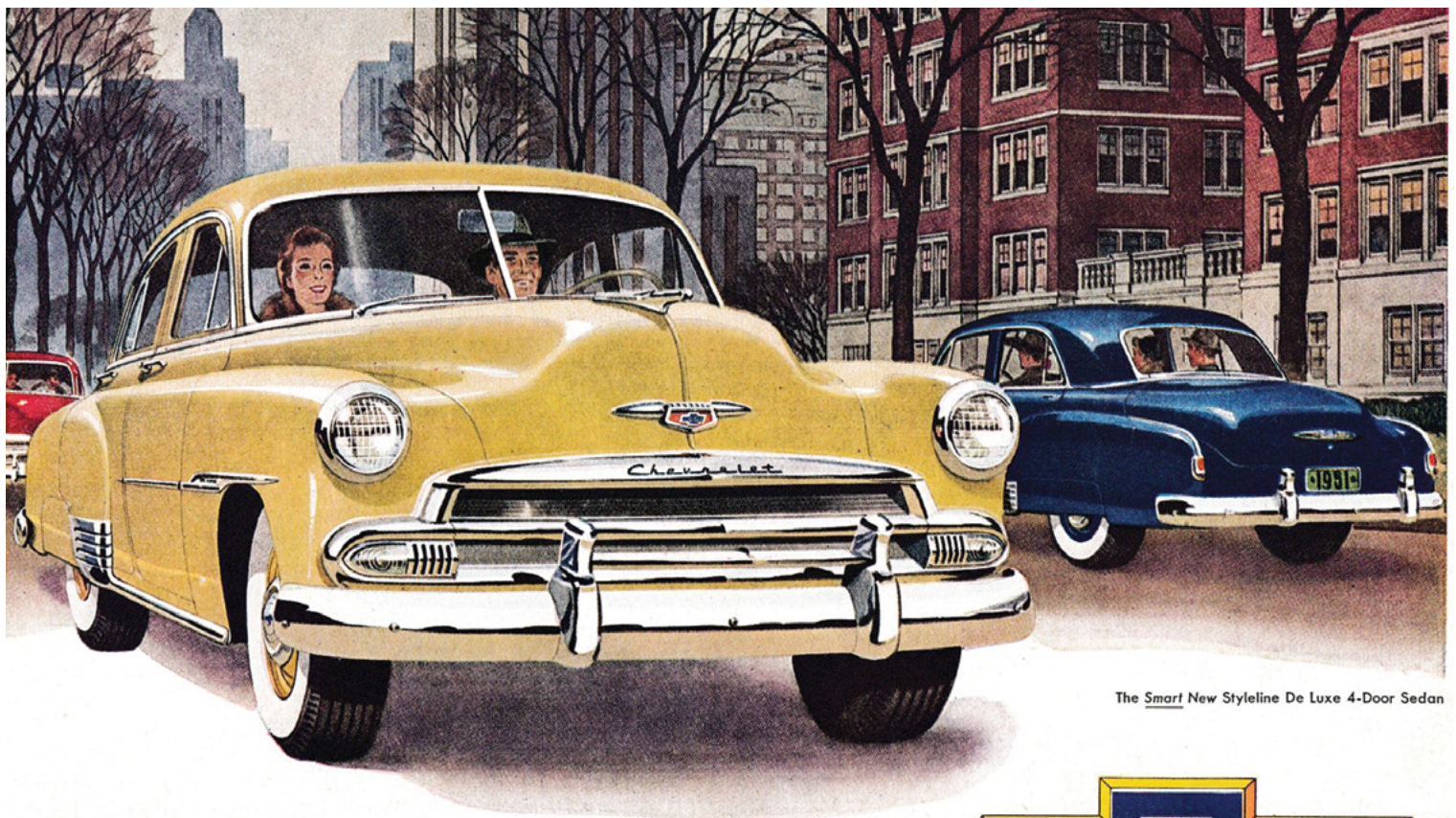
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