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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>www.aaca.org</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 information about our Western PA Region AACA

activities and membership visit our website <u>www.western-</u> 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



Ron and Alice Shaulis enjoy a light moment at the Marx Toy Museum in Moundsville, West Virginia during the memorable tour they organized.

It's hard to say goodbye to such an active and vibrant member of our region as **Ron Shaulis**, who passed away on January 13, 2023 after a valiant battle with cancer. Ron and Alice Shaulis contributed greatly to our region's success and helped us shine. They organized memorable tours which included a bus trip to Moundsville West Virginia to visit the historic Penitentiary and Marx Toy Museum, and visits to the eclectic collections of Mike Miller in Somerset County. They also hosted a stop on a Progressive Dinner Tour, which included a tour of their personal car collection. When our region hosted the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet in Greensburg, Alice served as Registrar and Ron helped map out showfield parking among other duties. Ron also served a term as a WPR director. Ron and Alice made many friends in AACA since Ron once served as President of the Flood City Region in Johnstown and the Laurel Highlands Region in Ligonier. Ron also had a passion for flying and was a terrific storyteller. He had an extensive background in architecture, construction and real estate and a long association with Seven Springs in Somerset County. We express our deepest sympathies to Alice, family and friends. Ron was 81.

Welcome new members Charles and Karen Wichrowski of Greensburg, Lee and Judy Herbermann of Pittsburgh and Kirk Fellabom and Linda Tierney of Acme. We hope you enjoy our upcoming 2023 activities and events.

President's Message



s I sit here reflecting on the past year for the Western PA Region AACA club, I can't help but feel it has gone by so quickly. I have enjoyed being your president learning and laughing along the way. We have returned back to somewhat of a normal schedule and routine of running the club.

I would again like to welcome the newest members who have joined us in the past year. I would like to ask everyone to encourage others to join. The members are why we are all here to enjoy and share our hobby of antique automobiles.

Please take a moment to remember our members who we have lost this past year. They will forever be in our hearts and memories.

We are looking forward to getting the cars out in the spring and heading out on our local tours. Anyone wanting to host or co-host a tour, we encourage you to let the directors know. Also we are looking for some members to do a 20 minute program at the meetings.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your president this past year.

Debbie

CALENDAR

WESTERN PA REGION MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - WPR Monthly Meeting American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, (Pipetown) 158 American Legion Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650 Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - April Monthly Meeting and Rev-Up Party

Westmoreland Conservation District (red barn building) 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601 Starting at 1:00 p.m. Registration required. Registration forms will be distributed in March.

Tuesday, May 16 - May Monthly Meeting Specialty Cars Ltd.

4728 PA-982, Latrobe, PA 15650 Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Future meetings, tours and special events will be announced via email and this newsletter.

NOTE: If you are interested in hosting a tour or have an idea for a tour please contact our Tour Chairman Carl Erb.

AACA 2023 NATIONAL EVENTS

Southeastern Spring Nationals

April 13 - 15, 2023 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina Sponsored by the AACA Hornets Nest Region

Southeastern Divisional Tour

April 30 - May 3 Oak Ridge, Tennessee Sponsored by the AACA East Tennessee Region

Eastern Spring Nationals

May 18 - 20 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Sponsored by the AACA Gettysburg Region

Founders Tour

July 16 - 22 Ontario & Quebec, Canada Sponsored by the AACA Ontario Region

Special Eastern Nationals

July 26-29 Norwich, New York Sponsored by the AACA Rolling Antiquers Old Car Club Norwich Region

Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Monthly Meeting

meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on November 15, 2022 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-eight (28) members in attendance. Kirk Fellabom was a guest at tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the October 18, 2022 monthly meeting held at John Kuhns, Sr.'s Garage, 2339 Raymond Avenue, Latrobe, PA 15650. President Debbie Sheetz asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the October 18, 2022 minutes as printed in the November 2022 issue of the Western Round-Up. Hearing none, Debbie asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Pete Highland, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report

In Treasurer Mark Jacksons absence, Secretary Mark DeFloria read the Treasurer's Report for October as prepared by Treasurer Mark Jackson. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion for approval was made by Howard Finney, seconded by Becky Blank and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard reported that there was one new membership application to read. Howard read the application for Kirk Fellabom from Acme. Kirk has a 1991 Chevrolet Corvette, 1959 Chevrolet Belair Sedan, 1967 Chevelle Malibu Coupe and a 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Kirk was recommended for membership by Howard Finney and Tom King. President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to accept Kirk into the Region. A motion to accept Kirk into the Region was made by John Harvey, seconded by Clay Stoner and unanimously approved. Welcome into the Western PA Region, AACA Kirk.

Newsletter

No Report - Mark Jackson was not present at tonight's meeting.

Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria asked that members let him know if they have an address or an email address change.

2023 Region Dues – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reminded the members present that 2023 Region Dues are due. Mark asked that members fill out the renewal application and forward it along with the 2023 dues to the Region's P.O. Box. Members with an email address will automatically have the Region's Newsletter emailed. The Region's Newsletter is also available on our web site. Members that would also like to have the Region's Newsletter printed and mailed should check the box on the Renewal Form and include an additional \$10 to help cover the cost.

WPR Non-profit Status (501C) Update

President Debbie Sheetz read an update report on our Region's Non-profit Status as prepared by Mark Jackson. Mark reported that he and Craig DeFloria are proceeding with obtaining a Non-Profit Classification for the Western PA Region, AACA. Mark said they have prepared an extensive report of club activity for inclusion with our submission this is currently being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Christmas Party - John Ross Kuhns

There is no December Meeting. The Region's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 11, 2022. Registration Deadline: December 2nd at DiSalvo's Station, 325 McKinley Avenue, Latrobe. Social time with cash bar is at 12:30 p.m., Hors d'oeuvres and photo portraits with Ray Adams at 1:00 p.m., with dinner at 2:00 p.m. Dinner to include wedding soup, house salad, potatoes and glazed carrots. Entrée choices are Chicken Romano or Grilled Salmon & chive cream sauce. The Christmas Party reservation form will be mailed to the members.

Annual Meeting – John Kuhns

The 2023 Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Western PA Region, AACA is on February 5, 2023 at Dino's Sports Lounge, 3883 US-30, Latrobe, PA 15650. Social Hour with cash bar will be at 1:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting with Reports, Awards Presentations and the Board of Directors Election will start at 2:00 p.m. Dinner will be at approximately 4:00 p.m. A dinner reservation form will be mailed to members.

March 21, 2023 Monthly Meeting

The Region's March meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st at American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe, PA 15650. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. This is our usual meeting location.

Tours – Carl Erb

Carl said he already has ideas for tours in 2023. Carl said that he would like to see the Region members travel to cruises and local shows together and parking as a group. Carl spoke about ideas to recruit new people into the Region.

Sunshine Committee – Flo Myers

Flo reported that a WPR Sunshine Committee Flo Myers, Sheila Kurtz, Molly Detwiler and Becky Blank has mailed four cards on behalf of our region to members this past month (3-sympathy and 1 get-well). Please let a member of the committee know when you become aware of a member that can use some sunshine.

Meeting Snacks – Toni Beattie

Members were asked to bring cookies to tonight's meeting. Toni Beattie organized snacks and brought the Region supplied beverages.

Meeting Notes

Pete Highlands suggested that the Region send a copy of the newsletter to the Vo-Tech Schools that could be made available to students in the school's library.

Adjournment

President Debbie Sheetz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Denny Blank and unanimously approved.

Program

Following the meeting, Debbie Sheetz gave a short presentation of her hobby of quilting. Debbie brought beautiful examples of her work. Debbie asked that members consider sharing their hobby or other interest with our members in the way of a short 20 minute presentation at an upcoming meeting.

-- Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Western PA Region Annual Meeting & Dinner -Reviews, Recognitions and Moving Forward



Western PA Region members enjoy conversation and catching up with each other before the Annual Meeting at Dino's Sports Bar in Latrobe.

he Western PA Region Annual Meeting and Dinner returned to Dino's Sports Bar, Latrobe on Sunday, February 5 with 45 attending. After a social hour with hors d' oeuvres including those legendary Dino's wings, President Debbie Sheetz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, she read the names of the nine WPR members who passed away in 2022 and asked for a moment of silence. Then she called for approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes, which were published in the December 2022 newsletter, and for the 2022 financial report. The various Region committee chairs gave their 2022 reports including membership, sunshine, car show, tours, website, newsletter, picnic and Christmas party. Replacement of the missing Frederick



I-r: Western Round-Up Editor Mark Jackson presents Carl Erb with the Region's Chrome Quill Award for his outstanding story writing and photographic contributions to our newsletter.

Duesenberg historic marker sign along Route 30 was also a topic of discussion, which led to some promising possibilities.

Awards and Elections

Western Round-Up Editor Mark Jackson presented Carl Erb with a Chrome Quill Award recognizing his regular, outstanding contributions to our newsletter. John Kuhns, Sr. then presented the other 2022 Awards. There was no Foster Fike Restoration Award this year. Jaime Cintron received the Paul P. Bell Award for Most Unique Vehicle shown at a Region event, which was his 1932 Plymouth PB Convertible Roadster shown at the 2022 Car Show. President Sheetz then called for nominations from

The Road Less Traveled By

By Guy Davis



On the road at the Forney Museum in Denver, Colorado back seat, I-r: Katilyn Davis and Ben Davis; front seat, I-r: Leona Davis with her mother Betty Snyder at the wheel.

he Forney Museum of Transportation located in Denver, Colorado contains a wide variety of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, trains, small planes and more. Included among the many displays is a rare 1921 Nera-car created by Carl A.Neracher. The Ner-a-car on exhibit is a three-wheeled model with a 1 cylinder engine. It sold new for \$270.00. Another interesting automobile to be seen at the museum is a beautiful 1909 REO Runabout. The REO contains a 1 cylinder engine which produced 10-12 horsepower and originally sold for \$695.00. The International Harvester Company sold nearly 20,000 Auto Buggies and Auto Wagons between 1907 and 1916. A 1909 IHC high wheeler is featured among the many exhibits at the museum. For those who think electric vehicles are the latest craze in the automobile industry, they only need to visit the Forney Museum and study the 1916 Detroit Electric on display there. It produced 4.2 horsepower and had a maximum range of 211 miles before needing a recharge. A total of 13,000 cars were built by Detroit Electric. One of the more handsome cars in the collection is a 1934 Pierce-Arrow sedan containing a 462 Cubic inch V-12 engine which produced 175 Horsepower. The Pierce-Arrow sold new for \$4495.00, a tidy sum for the times.

One of the most imposing sites at the Forney Museum is a massive Union Pacific "Big Boy" steam locomotive. This behemoth of transportation is 132 feet long and weighs 1.2 million pounds. It was the largest and most powerful steam locomotive ever built producing 7,000 horsepower. Several other locomotives, both diesel-powered and wood-powered models are also on exhibit within the building. Watercraft, helicopters, and jet propulsion machines can be viewed and studied there. So, if you like planes, trains, and automobiles, I suggest you turn onto the road less traveled by and steer your way to the Forney Museum of Transportation. You will surely enjoy the visit.



A rare 1921 three-wheeled Ner-a-car with a one cylinder engine



1906 REO Runabout - REO's slogan was "You can do it with a REO."



An International Harverster Company 1909 high wheeler



This 1916 Detroit Electric had a range of 211 miles per charge



An elegant 1934 Pierce-Arrow



Here's a fine line up of early 20th Century motorcycles.



1960 Fornaire small plane



Cable cars were introduced to Denver in 1887 and in service until 1893 when they were replaced by electric trolleys. This is Cable Car No. 40 from The Denver Tramway Company.



The imposing Union Pacific "Big Boy" was the largest locomotive ever built at 132 feet long and weighing 1.2 million pounds.



Putting decals on our 1948 Nash Super 600 before the tour.



Fort Ontario in Oswego County, New York overlooks Lake Ontario

Freedom Road Rally - September 2022

By Cris and Molly Detwiler

Ve enjoy looking at the car magazines over the years and I had noticed an ad in the AACA magazine for the Freedom Road Rally. The Freedom Road Rally was planning a tour of the New York Finger Lakes region in September 2022. The ad stated an entry fee per car (two people, a driver and a navigator) covered the cost of the hotels, attractions, activities, chase vehicle services, victory dinner and a souvenir package. The driving tours use state routes instead of the interstates and visit the small towns along the way. This type of tour is considered a 'wheel' tour since it starts at a location and throughout the tour you travel to a different town and stay the night, then continue to the next town without returning to the starting point.

We had signed up for the tour and stayed at the host hotel a night before the tour started in Liverpool, NY (near Syracuse). Since this was our first tour with this group, we had to have our vehicle inspected to make sure it was road worthy and legal for the tour. The day before we left, vinyl decals were placed on the car to show that we were part of the touring group. It also helped advertise the Freedom Road Rally organization during the tour of the area. We counted 38 cars on this tour including a 1954 Studebaker Commander, a 1955 Dodge Suburban and a 2003 Aston Martin DB7.

On the first day, we drove our 1948 Nash Super 600 to the first stop in Watertown, NY. We visited the Fort Ontario Historic Site, a maritime museum, and an antique boat museum. We stayed at the hotel in Watertown, and travelled 132 miles that day.

The second day, we drove to Canton, NY and visited Boldt Castle via boat and the Frederic Remington Art Museum. The driving distance that day was 99 miles.

The third day, we drove to Latham, NY and we visited the The Wild Center (a natural conservation park with regional animals and plants) in Tupper Lake and the Adirondack Experience in Blue Mountain Lake, which had several buildings that featured people who lived, worked and played in the Adirondack Park area from the 1860s. We had travelled 191 miles that day.

On the fourth day, we stayed in the Latham area and visited the Star Trek Original Series Set Tour in Ticonderoga, NY. We were told that a person purchased the original blueprints



An antique boat museum near Watertown, New York



A view at The Adirondack Experience in Blue Mountain Lake



Amazing Boldt Castle is in New York's Thousand Island Region and is located on Heart Island in the Saint Lawrence River

of the Star Trek TV series sets. He along with a friend, built the sets of the bridge, sickbay, engine room, transporter room

and the conference room, along with the hallways of the USS Enterprise. It was very impressive to walk around and sit in the captain's chair. For our next stop of the day, we travelled to the Saratoga Automobile Museum and walked around their car display. We traveled 180 miles. On the fifth day, we travelled to a parking lot outside of

Cooperstown, NY. We took a ride on a trolley to town and visited the National Baseball Hall of Fame, a great place to visit for a baseball fanatic. The town of Cooperstown is small and park-



"Beam me up Scotty." Cris is ready for transport Star Trek style on a TV series set reproduction.

ing is limited, so a trolley ride to the hall of fame was more convenient. Next, we went to the Farmer's Museum and walked around the buildings that were used for displaying farming implements. There was a small patch of land used to demonstrate for school children and visitors how land was used. There was also a replica of a small town that included a blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a doctor's office, and a townhall meeting building. We travelled 117 miles for the day. That evening we had the 'Victory' dinner at a banquet hall in New Hartford, NY (close to the hotel we were staying that night). Door prizes

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We enoyed seeing this row of stately Franklins at the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, New York.

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were given during the dinner.

The Freedom Road Rally's organizer, Scott Dorsey, talked about the trip and plans on next year's road rally. He explained that the Freedom Road Rally isn't a political group and doesn't support any political agenda. He said that people tend to be confused with the name of the group, but it is only a travelling car group of people who like to drive their cars and visit local attractions.

On the last day of the road rally, we drove from New Hartford back to the starting point of Liverpool, NY. We visited the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY and drove through the Chittenango Falls State Park. We traveled 109 miles that day.

When we arrived back to the host hotel in Liverpool, NY we attended a send off dinner at the hotel. We were able to talk with other travelers about our and their adventures during the week long tour.

We have signed up for this year's (2023) that will be held in Ohio with the starting point planned in Columbus, OH. The sites listed for the 2023 Road Rally tour as of now are the Airstream Heritage Center, the AMA Motorcycle Museum, the Bicycle Museum of America and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The link of the Freedom Road Rally website is: <u>freedomroadrally.com</u>

> Happy Travelling, Cris and Molly Detwiler



Use Your Newsletter as a Marketing/Membership Tool





By Phillip Cole Vice President - Publications

raveling to Nationals and other events across the country, I have noticed some of our chapters and regions are passing out their newsletters to potential new members and spectators. Have you ever thought about using your newsletter as a marketing/membership tool? Here are some examples: One chapter sets up a tent at the local Cars & Coffee and passes out copies of Antique Automobile and their newsletter along with the AACA brochure and their local brochure. All of these have a contact website printed on them. Last year at one of our Nationals, the sponsoring region printed up a brief magazine about the event, AACA, their region and local area. Strategically placed, there was a membership application in it. I took a picture of the show field; and when I looked at it, I saw one of those magazines in the hands of virtually every spectator. Now, that's a great example of good marketing! Okay, I know our editors are mentally estimating the cost, but how much would you be willing to pay for an influx of new members, great public relations in your area and the spreading of the mission of AACA?

As the Vice President of Publications, I read dozens of newsletters each month. All of them are interesting and well worth reading. And yes, a primary purpose of your newsletter is to inform and motivate your current local membership. Of course, it is! Most of us seem to have our in-reach down pat. But now take another look at your newsletter. How could you add some out-reach? What could you add to make it more interesting to potential new members and spectators at your events? Where could you add some information about the mission of AACA? Come to think of it, since you are reading this article from the *Rummage Box*, how about one or two of our National Directors' articles and the calendar of national events for a start!?!

-- The Rummage Box

Name That Car

By Mark Jackson

December's Car



Tom King was the first to correctly identify December's car as a 1936 Cadillac, closely followed by Phil Beattie, who also correctly identified the unique engine as a V-16. We also heard from Nancy McKelvey, Bill Maurer and Gary Wiegand.

Phil and Toni Beattie were along for the tour to Dan Heit's showroom in the Pittsburgh area last July. This amazing Cadillac is a part of Dan's collection, as well as many other unique and interesting vehicles. Dan lifted the hood so all could marvel at the V-16 engine, which was designed to be both functional and beautiful.

Jill and I also enjoyed this tour immensely. We encourage all WPR members to attend our fun-filled tours in 2023. These tours really bring our hobby to life.

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the floor for the Jack Clark Service Award, which is presented to an individual who did the most for the region that year. John Kuhns, Sr., Carl Erb and Mark Jackson were nominated. Upon Mark's nomination John and Carl declined the award, and it went to Mark, who gave his heartfelt thanks to all.

Three outgoing directors were presented with service mugs - Mark DeFloria, Mark Jackson and John Kuhns, Sr. President Sheetz then called for nominations from the floor for the three open director positions. Hearing non, she asked for a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the outgoing directors to be retained. The motion passed and they were all willing to serve again. After a brief recess and directors organization meeting, the Annual Meeting reconvened and the 2023 directors were announced: President Debbie Sheetz, Vice President Flo Myers, Treasurer Mark Jackson, Secretary Mark DeFloria, Publicity Bob Doppelheuer and Safety John Kuhns, Sr. Minutes of this Annual Meeting will be published in the December 2023 *Western Round-Up* newsletter.

After the Annual Meeting, Dino's served up a delicious dinner, which included a choice of stuffed chicken breast or baked fish, salad, baked potato, vegetables and dessert. Thanks to John Kuhns, Sr. for arranging and coordinating the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

January/February's Car



January/February's Car is brought to you by Guy Davis from his visit to the Forney Museum of Transportation in Denver, Colorado (see pp 6-7). It's one of those "compact" models - very "compact." Restoration of this antique car would be an "impossible dream." However, one could re-purpose it by adding a Formica[®] top and possibly a lamp. Do you see any recognizable features that hint to it's former full blown identity? Be the first to correctly identify the year and make of this cubed car and win a \$20 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email me at jacksonmark496@gmail.com.

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