



**WESTERN ROUND-UP**  
**The official publication of the:**  
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**ANTIQUA AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**

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# Notice



## 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PLEASE READ!**

Sometimes information regarding an event changes after it is posted. To avoid problems on your part, call ahead to verify times and dates of events listed.

- JULY 19                    AACA MUSEUM EXPO, PALMYRA, PENNSYLVANIA.
- JULY 19                    TOPS FRIENDLY MARKETS  
1701 EAST 38TH STREET  
ERIE, PA. 6PM-9PM  
\$1.00 DONATION 50/50 DRAWING FOOD
- JULY 19                    SUPER CAR CRUISE NIGHT  
STARLITE DRIVE-IN THEATER  
4560 GIBSONIA RD (RT 910)  
GIBSONIA, PA. 6:00 PM - MOVIE AT DUSK
- JULY 22 - 25                IDLEWILD PARKLIGONIER, PA  
OLD FASHION DAYS  
SHOW AND CRUISE THROUGH THE PARK  
PARADE AT 7:00PM SHARP  
FREE RIDE PASS FOR DRIVER AND PASSANGER  
WITH SHOW CAR
- JULY 23                    CAR CRUISE EVERY WED NIGHT6:00PM TO 9:00PM  
PIZZA & GYRO EXPRESS. CLAY PIKE RD. N.  
HUNTINGDON.  
DASH PLAQUES CONTACT - 724-864-9959
- JULY 25                    MUTUAL VFD  
MUTUAL PA.  
CRUISE NIGHT AND LAS VEGAS NIGHT  
5:00PM TO ???AWARDS
- JULY 25                    KING'S RESTAURANTS  
FOX CHAPEL  
WATERWORKS MALL  
6:00PM TO 10:00PM
- JULY 27                    **WPR ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC  
(RESERVATION FORM THIS ISSUE)**
- JULY 30                    CAR CRUISE EVERY WED NIGHT6:00PM TO 9:00PM  
PIZZA & GYRO EXPRESS. CLAY PIKE RD. N.  
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COVER PHOTO: 2003 WESTERN PA REGION CHANCE CAR  
1977 CHEVROLET CAMARO

## FROM THE EDITOR

BY MARK DeFLORIA

July, the middle of summer is here. Soon the weather may catch up. With the 1<sup>st</sup> of July being a Tuesday, this issue has caught me a little off guard. But here it is.

The Annual Family Picnic is fast approaching. The picnic is on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Slovak Picnic Grounds. Please see the reservation form at the back of this issue, and get it in touch with Debbie Sheetz as soon as possible.

Most of you are aware that we lost George French, one of our founding members in June. Many have known George for a long time and enjoy many fond memories. Tom Milligan has put together a small tribute to George and it is presented in this issue.

A flyer for our upcoming show is also in this issue. Please make sure your non-member friends are aware of our show.

Friday afternoon and evening as I was writing, and putting together this issue of the *Round-Up*, the phone rang. First Debbie Sheetz, then Tom Milligan, both bringing the same sad news that Jim Erny had passed away earlier in the day. This news affected me the same way I'm sure it affects most of our members. Jim was special. One of the nicest, most sincere people I have ever met. On behalf of the Region, I would like to extend our condolences and prayers to Barbara and their family. We will all miss Jim, but not forget him.

Mike Kosko and Fred Nicholls also submitted articles for this issue of the *Round-Up*. Due to the inclusion of the show flyer this month, this issue had to be made a little lighter to maintain our mailing costs. Mike and Freds articles will be in the August issue that you should be receiving soon. Thank you Mike and Fred for your continued support of the *Round-Up*.

Please submit items for the Round Up so it reaches me by the First of each month by mail or email. Articles can also be submitted at our monthly meetings. All items must be written down (typed if possible), so that I can accurately include it in the next *Round Up*. ☺

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## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW

BY DAN CALABRACE

We need sponsors for the car show. As of July 1st we only have 5 sponsors. If members would only get one it would be greatly appreciated. Also, those who received yellow t- shirts last year at the car show are to wear them again this year. Debbie Sheetz is collecting items for the Chinese Auction. Items can be brought to the meeting. We will be also be having a bake sale and would appreciate items from our good bakers. Thanks, Dan

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY DEBBIE SHEETZ

July is here, if you can believe it! Hot, sunny and humid days are ahead. I got my first sunburn at the Mon Valley Region Annual Car Show at Motor Drome Speedway. So did a few other members of our club.

Dave and I also, along with over 25 other members of our Region, went to the AACA Eastern Division National Spring meet at Carlisle. Hosted by the Gettysburg Region, the show had almost 900 cars registered. The off and on again rain kept some of the cars away, but a nice time was had by all.

Chance car tickets are still available for selling! We are behind on selling this year due to the weather. We do not have as many members selling so far. The Chance Car is the bread and butter of this club. It is the reason that so many members enjoy parties, apparel and refreshments at the meetings. Without the income from the chance car, we would not have the money to give a scholarship away. So please try to sell some tickets to help with this project. If you are not a seller *at least buy* a ticket or two. Every little bit will help. ☺

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## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE FRENCH



George French

BY TOM MILLIGAN

The Western Pa. Region, on June 9, 2003, lost its only still active founding member. George French of Latrobe, Pa. was 85. He joined the A.A.C.A. in 1948 and helped charter the Western Pa. Region in 1950. The club was fairly inactive until George was elected by members of the group on April 29, 1956 to be director of the region. George became the club's first president in 1957, and brought the club from the Pittsburgh area to Latrobe, Pa., where it's been active all these years.

He was appointed as A.A.C.A. National Chief Judge in 1958, 1959, and 1960. In 1960 he participated in the annual "London to Brighton Run" as well as several "Glidden Tours," through the years. *(continued)*

# MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2003 MEETING

BY MARK DeFLORIA

President Debbie Sheetz called to order the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the American Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe, PA. sixty-eight (68) members were in attendance. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark DeFloria read the minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting. A motion was made by Howard Finney to accept the minutes as read. Gary Wiegand seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Tom Milligan read the Treasures Report. Ron Underwood made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Gary Wiegand. All voted in favor.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Membership:** Tom Milligan announced that George French had passed away. A moment of silence followed. Tom and other members reflected of their memories of George. A donation to the AACA Museum will be made in memory of George.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Newsletter/Website:** Mark DeFloria thanked Mike Kosko, and Fred Nicholls for their articles and continued contributions to the *Round-Up*. Mark reported that a copy of the March Round-Up was forwarded to WQED by Ed Vance. Rich Seback of WQED responded with a thank you letter to the Region saying that the Round-Up was being included with the Fred Rogers in print tributes to Fred Rogers. The letter was read.

**Club Picnic:** Debbie Sheetz, Tom Milligan and Mark DeFloria will be coordinating the Annual Picnic. It will be on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Slovak Picnic Grounds.

**Car Show:** Dan Calabrace reported that the Dash Plaques and Trophies are ordered for our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show. The Annual Car Show will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Car Show Flyers are available from Dan. Class sponsors are needed. Please contact Dan with your support.

**2003 Chance Car:** Stan and Eleanor Kanick are handling the Chance Car this year. Tickets are now available. The car has not seen much action so far, due to the weather. See Stan or Eleanor to arrange to have the car. The car will be going to Twin Lakes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Membership:** Tom Milligan read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Harvey J. Eger of Jeannette. Harvey is recommended by Frank and Mary French. Harvey owns a 30 Ford Coupe, 54 Triumph Roadster, 67 & 80 MGB Roadsters and a 76 Cadillac. A motion was made to accept, all present voted in favor. Welcome to our region Harvey.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Badge Fine Kitty was \$117.00 for the June Meeting. \$1.00 was collected from badge fines. The Region's portion of the 50/50 (\$40.50) was added to the Badge Fine Kitty, bringing the total to \$158.50. Jim Pershing's name was drawn. The Jim was present. Jim took home the kitty. It pays to attend. The Kitty will start again at the July meeting.

At ~8:25 R. Howard Finney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Nicholls seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### The meeting was attended by:

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|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1.  | Kenneth Bankovich | 35. | Richard McKelvey  |
| 2.  | Charles Barron    | 36. | Thomas Milligan   |
| 3.  | Maxine Barron     | 37. | Richard Morhack   |
| 4.  | Wayne Barron      | 38. | Doug Murphy       |
| 5.  | Robert Baughman   | 39. | Richard Newell    |
| 6.  | Luella Bell       | 40. | Fred Nicholls     |
| 7.  | David Blain       | 41. | Anne Nicholls     |
| 8.  | Thomas Bradish    | 42. | Peter Orazio      |
| 9.  | Donald Brant      | 43. | James Peppler     |
| 10. | Mary Ann Brant    | 44. | Frances Peppler   |
| 11. | Daniel Calabrace  | 45. | James Pershing    |
| 12. | Carol Calabrace   | 46. | John Rusnock      |
| 13. | Paul Carey        | 47. | Charles Schifano  |
| 14. | Gary Cooper       | 48. | Ralph Shearer     |
| 15. | Edith Cooper      | 49. | Joanna Shearer    |
| 16. | Mark DeFloria     | 50. | David Sheetz      |
| 17. | James Erny        | 51. | Debora Sheetz     |
| 18. | Barbara Erny      | 52. | Robert Shugars    |
| 19. | Howard Finney     | 53. | James Smith       |
| 20. | Glenn Frye        | 54. | Thomas Stiffey    |
| 21. | Pat Gaudiose      | 55. | Katherine Stiffey |
| 22. | Julia Gaudiose    | 56. | Clayton Stoner    |
| 23. | Pete Goodcosin    | 57. | Marilyn Stoner    |
| 24. | R. Wayne Gorr     | 58. | William Stump     |
| 25. | Keith Howard      | 59. | Joe Swezey        |
| 26. | James Huttenhower | 60. | Alan Terek        |
| 27. | Stan Kanick       | 61. | Thomas Ulishney   |
| 28. | Eleanor Kanick    | 62. | Ronald Underwood  |
| 29. | William Kober     | 63. | Edward Vrable     |
| 30. | Linda Kober       | 64. | Nancy Vrable      |
| 31. | Mike Kosko        | 65. | Gary Wiegand      |
| 32. | David Lizza       | 66. | Allen Wirick      |
| 33. | Gene Makrancy     | 67. | Sarah Wirick      |
| 34. | Richard McCormick | 68. | Alan Wood         |

## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE FRENCH (continued)

BY TOM MILLIGAN

George was really one of the early pioneers of this great hobby of ours. If not for him taking the leadership of the Western Pa. Region at that time, in our early stages, this region very well might not have survived those early years.

The following is a write up from his daughter, that was in our local paper (Greensburg Tribune Review). (Reprinted in part)

### LATROBE BUSINESSMAN WAS CLASSIC-CAR ENTHUSIAST

When George Edward French was discussing obituaries with his daughter, he told her that many people die of TMB.

"When I asked my father what TMB stood for, he replied, 'Too many birthdays.' This was the kind of wit my father displayed throughout his youth, as a father and as a successful businessman," said his daughter, Cheryl Diane Stehle.

Once away from the rigors of running a successful business, Mr. French, who enjoyed tinkering with antique cars, was elected in 1950 to serve as the first president of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and a founding member of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

"I can still remember as a little girl sitting in the rumble seat of Dad's Rolls Royce, which was a throwback to Great Gatsby, and having Dad drive us on a Sunday afternoon to places like Somerset.

"One time it rained and, being that the rumble seat was opened, I got soaked."

"My parents participated in the Glidden Tour, which is the major annual trip associated with the A.A.C.A.," added Stehle.

In 1960, while riding in a 1904 Panhard, Mr. French participated in the annual "London to Brighton Run," conducted by the British Motor Car Club.

"My father was so proud of his English heritage that he cherished having made the London to Brighton Run," added his daughter.

In addition to his passion for antique and classic automobiles, Mr. French also had an appreciation for finely crafted clocks and watches.

Mr. French is survived by his two children, Dr. Cheryl Diane French Stehle of Hilton Head, S.C. and George Edward French II of Marietta, Ga., and his brothers, Frank Arthur French Jr. of Haines City, Fla., and William Davis French of Latrobe.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION AACA  
FAMILY PICNIC**

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM  
Slovak Picnic Grounds**



**Door Prizes???**

The annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 2003 at the Slovak Picnic Grounds. This is the same location of our past Picnics. All members and their immediate families are invited to come out and enjoy the day and delicious food with your fellow Western PA Region friends. The Region has contracted with Post Avenue Catering to provide the food for this years event, to include a Pig Roast and other favorites.

Members are asked to bring a salad or desert and a smile 😊. There will be a \$1.00 per person cost.

Please plan to arrive at 1:00 PM. Ready to eat at 2:00 PM. Door prizes at 4:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your old car!

Please fill out the form below and mail to Debbie Sheetz as soon as possible, but definitely before July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**WPR FAMILY PICNIC  
JULY 27, 2002**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL BY JULY 24<sup>th</sup> TO:**

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Questions? Phone Debbie at 724 836-0984



## 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

- AUGUST 1 FRIDAY NIGHT (CRUIZIN & GRILLIN)  
OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH  
RT. 30 & 130 EXIT GREENSBURG PA  
TEXAS ROAD HOUSE DOING THE GRILL
- AUGUST 2 SUPER CAR CRUISE NIGHT  
WAL-MART 6:00PM TO 10:00PM  
RT 8 AND KREBS DR, GIBSONIA, PA  
FREE ADMISSION
- AUGUST 6 CAR CRUISE EVERY WED NIGHT 6:00PM TO 9:00PM  
PIZZA & GYRO EXPRESS. CLAY PIKE RD. N.  
HUNTINGDON.  
DASH PLAQUES CONTACT - 724-864-9959
- AUGUST 6 WAL-MART - ERIE, PA.  
4950 W.23RD ST. 6PM-9PM  
\$1.00 DONATION 50/50 DRAWING  
BENEFITS CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK  
[HTTP://WWW.LAKEERIECLASSICS.COM/](http://www.lakeerieclassics.com/)
- AUGUST 8 KING'S RESTAURANTS  
HARMAR TWP.  
6:00PM TO 10:00PM (NEXT TO SHULTS FORD)
- AUGUST 10 ROAD KINGS 17TH ANNUAL FUN FEST  
CRUISE AND CAR SHOW, 1975 AND OLDER ONLY  
CEDAR CREEK PARK, RT. 51 ROSTRAVER, PA  
NOON TO 7:00 PM  
\$5 REG. FEE STARTING AT 9:00 AM  
FREE DASH PLAQUES TO ALL REGISTERED CARS  
TROPHIES AND AWARDS  
CONTACT: NICK OR JOE (724) 837-7658  
[HTTP://WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/RDKINGS15601/](http://www.geocities.com/RDKINGS15601/)
- AUGUST 13 CAR CRUISE EVERY WED NIGHT 6:00PM TO 9:00PM  
PIZZA & GYRO EXPRESS. CLAY PIKE RD. N.  
HUNTINGDON.  
DASH PLAQUES CONTACT - 724-864-9959



### WESTERN CAR CORRAL

*Free advertising for your car(s) and or parts. Mail or Email your list to the WESTERN ROUND-UP Editor and your ad will run for two consecutive months.*

**FOR SALE.....**

**1965 Buick Wildcat Convertible, Yellow with new white top and black interior. \$8900.00. Call Charlie Schifano, 724-832-7498 (05/03)**

# WESTERN PA REGION OVERNIGHT TOUR TO THE AACA MUSEUM AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>

We would leave Friday afternoon, have dinner at a nice casual restaurant in Hershey ( cost about \$15.00 per). Saturday morning start off at the museum, then to Posie's, then to Roy's house for free lunch and a tour of his garage. Within a block of his house is a three-story antique and craft store. This place is huge! There are other antique and craft stores in Hummelstown as well. There is also another gentlemen with a collection of cars and Coke memorabilia, etc. If anyone wants to stay Saturday night, there is a nice outlet mall just past the amusement park or people may want to go to the park. Motel will cost \$89.99 + tax/ night. This is an extremely reduced rate. Most places are over \$200.00/ night in August. The weekend is August 22-23. More to Come! Let Al Terek (724-898-9950) know if you're interested.

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