



Western Pennsylvania Region  
Antique Automobile Club of America  
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# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



September 2014

Promoting the enjoyment and preservation  
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Bill and C. J. Maurer drove Bill's 1926 Model T Ford Touring Car to Cedar Creek Park for the 2014 Progressive Dinner Tour Salad Stop.

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## Western PA Region AACA Monthly Meetings

WPR monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 982, 158 American Legion Road, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown).

We start with a business meeting followed by fellowship, a snack and short program. There is also a 50/50 and bonus drawing. If you enjoy old cars please join us. You do not have to own an antique car to belong.

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## From Your President



Why are my lovely wife Jill and I dancing in the photo above? We're dancing because Tammy and Joe Vrable started dancing to a live Elvis tribute concert in their garage as they hosted dessert during the 2014 WPR Progressive Dinner Tour. As I recall, Dick and Nancy McKelvey and Charlie and Connie Schifano also joined us on the Vrable's garage dance floor.

As I cross the half-way point in my term this year as WPR President, I reflect with so much gratitude on the help and support I have received from my spouse during the year and since we first joined the Region in 2009. While I have marveled at antique autos since early childhood, I now also marvel at the tremendous support and consideration many wives and husbands show to each other throughout this hobby.

Regarding a joint membership – some couples tend to do everything together – Carlisle, Hershey, tours, shows meets and even restorations. Some couples balance it out – “While you look at the car corral, the girls and I are going shopping. We'll catch up with you for dinner.” Often times you'll hear *him* say something like, “I bought and restored it because she loves Mustangs.” Or you'll hear *her* say something like, “It's good to see him busy with something he enjoys so much.” Or even better, you may hear *them* say, “We had such a great time on that tour. The museum and park were wonderful and the food was delicious!”

Life can get so hectic and complicated. It's nice when a husband and wife can relax and enjoy the company of good friends. The antique auto hobby offers many such opportunities. How else would you be able to dance to the music of Elvis in a friend's garage?

-- Mark Jackson

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## Important Chance Car Ticket Question from Diana and Duane Anderson...

Are you missing some tickets that you signed out? Is there a chance you could have accidentally left a batch of approximately nine unsold 2014 Chance Car tickets in a rental car? We got a call from the Alwine Curry Garage in Greensburg. As they were servicing a rental car this summer, they found a batch of unsold Western PA Region Chance Car tickets in the car. The car was not rented at Alwine Curry. It was taken there for service by the rental company. If you think these tickets are yours please contact Diana and Duane Anderson at 724-834-6808 as soon as possible. Thank you!

## 2014 Calendar Overview

**September 20 - Penn Township Annual Car Cruise at the Fall Festival** - 12 noon - 4:00 p.m., Municipal Park, 2001 Municipal Court, Harrison City, PA

**September 21 - Punxetawney Region AACAA Car Show** - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Marion Center, PA

**September 21 - WPR Ice Cream Social** - 6:00 p.m. Bruster's Ice Cream, Center & Painterville Roads, New Stanton

**October 1-5 - Fall Carlisle** - Collector Car Swap Meet, Corral and Auction, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA

**October 4 - Octoberfest Car Show** - 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hebron Lutheran Church, Blairsville, PA

**October 8-11 - AACAA Eastern Division National Fall Meet** - Hershey, PA

**October 11 - Bedford Fall Foliage Festival Antique Car Parade, Bedford Region AACAA**, Check in 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Bedford High School parking lot. Parade through downtown Bedford at 2:00 p.m. Antique cars only (1989 and older). No street rods, customs or after market wheels

**October 18 - WPR Pumpkin Run Tour**

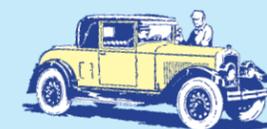
**October 21 - WPR Monthly Meeting & October Fest** - 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

**October 26 - WPR Pizza Social** - 6:00 p.m. Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Ctr., 408 East Pittsburgh, St, Greensburg

**November 18 - WPR Monthly Meeting** - 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 982, Latrobe (Pipetown)

**November 23 - WPR Pizza Social** - 6:00 p.m. Pizza Siena, Greensburg Shopping Ctr., 408 East Pittsburgh, St, Greensburg.

**December 6 - WPR Christmas & Holiday Party** - Ramada, Greensburg. **Special rate overnight accommodations available.** Watch for a registration flyer soon.



## Member News

Welcome new members Bob and Karla Doppelheuer of Scottsdale, PA.

Congratulations to Fred Nicholls on his acceptance into the AACAA National Judges Honor Society. Thank you for your dedicated service to the hobby.



# Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held August 19, 2014 at John Kuhns Garage/Diner in Latrobe. President Mark Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 50 members in attendance and one guest. Our guest attending the meeting is Bob Doppelheuer.

## July Minutes

The Minutes of the July 15, 2014 monthly meeting were printed in the August 2014 Western Round-Up that was mailed to each member.

President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Howard Finney made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Craig DeFloria. President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections. Gary Wiegand made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Robert Inhoff and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership – Howard Finney

Howard read the application for Bob and Karla Doppelheuer of Scottdale, PA. Bob was present. Charlie Schifano made a motion to accept Bob and Karla into the Region, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2014 Chance Car – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked that any unsold tickets be turned in tonight or as soon as possible. Mark continued that members should only keep tickets that they can sell. President Jackson also reminded members to please bring the car back clean and full of gas. A receipt for the gas should be turned in with the car for reimbursement by the Treasurer.

The car storage is being handled by John Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns in Latrobe. Duane & Diana Anderson are handling the tickets. Please contact the Anderson's or Mark Jackson to schedule the car for an outing. Members are reminded to try to give John or John Ross at least a 24 hour notice that you are picking up the car for an outing (if at all possible).

### 2014 Chance Car Tickets – Duane & Diana Anderson

Duane Anderson reported that tickets were going very well. Duane reminded everyone to please turn in ticket stubs in order and with a check made out to "WPR AACA". Duane has

approximately 750 unsold tickets on hand along with about 85 that came back to him at tonight's meeting.

Please contact Duane or Mark Jackson as soon as possible if you could help sell tickets at the Region's Car Show.

### Region Bus Trip to the first Mecum Auction in Harrisburg

(2014 Chance Car Ticket Seller Rewards Program)

President Jackson reported that on Saturday, July 26th, twenty-one Western PA Region members traveled by limo-bus to the first ever Mecum Auction at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA. There were approximately 1000 cars for auction on Saturday. The bus trip was part of the 2014 Chance Car Seller Rewards Program. President Jackson thanked John Kuhns for arranging for general admission tickets to the event "free" to the Region from Mecum Auctions. President Jackson expressed that with the success of the trip, we could do it again next year.

### 2014 Chance Car Ticket Seller Rewards Program

If you sell 40 tickets on the Chance Car you earn a free 2015 Western PA Region membership. Member must maintain National AACA membership. For every additional 40 tickets sold (above initial 40 tickets) you earn a \$10 voucher good for WPR parties, events, tours and apparel.

### Car Show – Dave Sheetz

Dave Sheetz reported that everything is ready for the upcoming car show to be held at Legion Keener Park in Latrobe on August 31. Dave asked members to let him know where they can help. Dave reported that Carole Calabrace informed him that we have the necessary 31 sponsors for awards and that the awards are ordered. Dave said we have 18 AACA senior cars registered. Any members wishing to help setting up the show field should show up at Legion Keener at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 30th. See Dave if you would like to help.

**Car Show Food – Jill Jackson** reports that we will have Boy Scout Troop 405 with hamburgers and hot dogs returning this year. They will also post the colors and participate in selecting a Scout's Choice Award. Food vendors also include Bataggia's catering with hot sausage sandwiches, etc. and the return of the Ice Cream Truck.

**Car Show Chinese Auction** – Please contact Vickie Kuhns if you have any items for the Chinese Auction. Please try to get them to Vickie as soon as possible.

**Car Show Bake Sale** – Please contact Connie Schifano if you plan to bring items or would like to help with the Bake Sale.

**Car Show Yellow T-Shirt** – Please contact Mark Jackson as soon as possible if you need a yellow Western Pa Region Car Show T-Shirt.

### Picnic – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross reported that the Annual Region Picnic was held on July 27th at the Cooperstown Club in Latrobe. It was a beautiful day with many members and guests in attendance. The members enjoyed great food and games. Fun was had by all. After Meeting Update from John Ross: 55 members, 1 guest and ~ 6 small children were in attendance. (Secretary Note: there was even a "fishing pond" provided for the very little ones.)

### Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria

The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6th at the Ramada Inn (old Sheridan Inn) in Greensburg. Please mark your schedule and plan to attend.

### Tours – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked if anyone has any ideas for tours to please let him know.

### Progressive Dinner Tour – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reported that the Progressive Dinner Tour held on August 16th was well attended and very successful. The weather was the best. Mark thanked everyone for their help. The tour hosts were Dave & Debbie Sheetz – breakfast stop, Mark & Jill Jackson – salad stop, Duane & Diana Anderson – dinner stop and Joe & Tammy Vrable – dessert stop with Elvis.

### September 13th Rally to Waynesburg –

Chuck & Lee Speicher are planning an outing to Waynesburg for their annual 50's Fest. They are leaving Greensburg for the event around 8:30 in the morning. It is about an hour drive. The 50's Fest is scheduled for 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There is no charge to get in. Waynesburg is closed down and cars are parked along High Street. Classic cars, live music and much more so put on your saddle shoes and join in on the fun! More details to come. Please contact Chuck if you plan to travel with him.

### Dayton Air Force Trip – Al Friend

Al Friend reported that the museum is planning a new building. The cost of the building has increased along with the planned amenities. Trip is still in the planning stage.

### Newsletter – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reported that the newsletter was mailed to all members this month.

### Website – Mark DeFloria

Mark DeFloria reported that the Region's web site was "live" on the GoDaddy Servers. Please let Mark know if you experience any problems. Mark asked that members email him with their email address if there are changes or if you have a new one. Having email address helps to keep members informed of Region Activities between Meetings and Newsletters.

### AACA Grand National Meet – Mark Jackson

President Jackson informed members that the Directors voted

and approved submitting an application for hosting the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet. The application is being submitted naming Harvey Eger as Meet Chairperson and Howard Finney as Chief Judge. The proposed location of the meet is the Pitt Greensburg Campus.

### From the Floor

**Howard Finney** reported that he had submitted **Fred Nicholls** name for consideration for the **AACA National Judges Honor Society** on behalf of the Western PA Region.

**The Judges Honor Society** is for all retired members of the judging community and those contemplating retiring or a member of the judging community with limited ability to complete field judging assignments due to various permanent disabilities, such as mobility, vision, writing, etc.

The judging community includes field judges, team captains, members of the National Awards team, and members of the Administration team. Any applicant must be a member in good standing of AACA, have at least ten (10) years' experience as an active judge and have a minimum of fifty (50) judging credits.

Fred has been accepted into the society.

Fred will be receiving a numbered certificate of membership, an Honor Society shirt and a membership pin from the AACA National Headquarters and will be inducted at a later date and place.

Congratulations Fred!

**Bill Maurer** reported that the folks from "American Pickers" were in his neighborhood while he attended the Progressive Dinner Tour to "pick" a warehouse. Remember to look for it in an upcoming episode.

### Adjournment

President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Speicher made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom King and unanimously approved.

### After Meeting Program – Howard Finney

A very informative program and talk was presented by Howard Finney on antique automobile judging using John Kuhns GTO as a prop. Howard provided answers to the many questions asked.

*Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary*



Having fun at the Kids Corner during the 2014 Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show at Legion Keener Park, Latrobe.

Hosted at the Beautiful Kuhns Garage & Gazebo...

## August Meeting Featured Judging, Jewelry & Desserts



The regular August monthly meeting of the Western PA Region AACA took on a different twist. It was hosted by John and Vickie Kuhns at their garage and gazebo in Latrobe on Monday, August 18th. After a brief business meeting, this unique venue provided an opportunity to prepare for the Region's upcoming car show with a special judging seminar conducted by Region Chief Judge Howard Finney. *Left photo* - Howard uses John Kuhns, Sr.'s Pontiac GTO to give judging pointers. *(l-r)* Ron Underwood, Howard Finney, Cris Detwiler, Ron Shaulis, Sam Snively and Bob Inhoff.



There was some good discussion among members present on judging details. *Right photo* - *(l-r)* Charlie Schifano, Denny Blank, Ron Underwood, Ed Vrable, Clay Stoner, Bill Maurer, Tom King, Bob Doppelheuer, Gary Wiegand, Jack Mull and Pat Gaudiose.



During the judging session, WPR member Jill Jackson conducted a Lia Sophia Jewelry Show for those interested at the Kuhns's gazebo.



Host John Kuhns, Sr. serves up a slice of coconut cream pie to Nancy Vrable in his garage.



*Above photo* - In the arms of her grandfather, John Kuhns, Sr., Auria Kuhns gives her dad, John Ross Kuhns, a "high five".



Dave Sheetz and Tom Ulishney layout the show field.



Ready to register the entrants, l-r: Bettyann Finney, Nancy Vrable, Marilyn Stoner and Carol Calabrace



Bake Sale goodies are ready to go, l-r: Connie Schifano and Joanna Shearer



Boy Scout Troop 405 posting the colors.



Dave Lizza's 1940 Plymouth



Some competition in Class 16

# Steady Rain Yields Small, But Enjoyable 2014 Car Show



As with all summer outdoor events, the Western PA Region AACA's Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show is at the mercy of the weather. Ours is a rain or shine event. This year we had more rain than shine, but through it all we were still able to put on a very enjoyable car show on a much smaller than usual scale. On a beautiful, sunny day, our show has been known to attract nearly 300 vehicles. This year's show featured 47.

There are many who will not take their classic vehicles out in the rain for sound, practical reasons. However, we are thankful for the hearty souls who did venture out to Legion Keener Park under the moist circumstances of September 1, 2014.

Car Show Chairman Dave Sheetz and his team had prepared to judge 24 classes of vehicles this year, which included a re-introduced class for

motorcycles. Unfortunately, due to the light turnout in the wet weather, a few classes had no entries at all.

This year's dash plaques and award plaques were some of the nicest ever featuring a great photo of Cris and Molly Detwiler's 1946 Nash Ambassador.

Boy Scout Troop 405 managed to set up their food booth early in the morning and Gee's Ice Cream Truck arrived on time. A few flea market folks also set up in the on-again, off-again rain.

Region members were prepared for and dealt with the wet weather admirably. Tom Ulishney purchased a special pair of rubber boots prior the show so he could easily navigate the park. Vendor coordinator Jill Jackson sat at her post in the main parking lot with umbrella in hand until Troop 405 brought over a special canopy for her. Region members huddled under the cover of 10 x 10 Easy-Ups to manage vehicle regis-

trations as they entered the show field.

Spectators also came prepared with umbrellas and enjoyed what they saw. Latrobe Bulletin photographer Ernie Sisteck was seen getting a few shots. Connie Schifano and team were busy with the Bake Sale and a smaller version of the Chinese Auction prepared by Vickie, Blair and Ashley Kuhns also went over well.

Remarkably, the rain let up just enough to allow us to judge the attending vehicles and to conduct the traditional Western PA Region winners parade around the main pavilion, where the awards are presented to the drivers.

Special thanks to Car Show Chairman Dave Sheetz, Debbie Sheetz, Carol Calabrace, Howard Finney and all the WPR car show volunteers who helped us to shine on an otherwise dreary day.



Car Show Chairman Dave Sheetz presents Dave Lizza the President's Award for his 1940 Plymouth.



Class 11, Modified Trucks, First Place Award, a 1956 Ford F 100 Pickup owned by Butch and Carlotta Thatcher



Class 14, Street Rods thru 1948 (Steel Body Only) First Place Award presented by Tom Ulishney to John Gordon for his 1931 Chevrolet Coupe.



Class 7, Production Autos 1972 thru 1977 First Place Award presented by Tom Ulishney to Gary Henderson for his 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

# 2014 Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show Awards

### Best of Show

1931 Model A Ford Roadster  
*John Ross Kuhns III, Latrobe*

### President's Award

*Given in memory of all deceased members of the Western PA Region*

1940 Plymouth  
*Dave Lizza, Latrobe*

### Oldest Driver

*Owen Snyder - 85 years young*

### Youngest Driver

*Ben Davis - 16 years old*

### Longest Distance

*John Gordon - 70 miles from Clarksville, PA*

### Boy Scouts Choice Award

Ghostbusters 1967 Cadillac  
*Bob Shapiro*

### Class 1

#### Antique Autos thru 1935

1st 1931 Model A Ford Roadster  
*John Ross Kuhns III*

### Class 2

#### Production Autos 1936 thru 1948

1st 1940 Plymouth  
*Dave Lizza*

### Class 3

#### Production Autos 1949 thru 1953

1st 1950 Plymouth Coupe  
*John Berlin*

### Class 4

#### Production Autos 1954 thru 1959

1st 1954 Chevrolet 210 Sedan  
*Don Hillen*

### Class 5

#### Production Autos 1960 thru 1964

1st 1960 Pontiac Convertible  
*Paul and Mary Johnson*

### Class 6

#### Production Autos 1965 thru 1971

1st 1971 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia  
*John Golock*

2nd 1966 Ford Thunderbird  
*Roxanne Hillen*

3rd 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass  
*Ken Dietrich*

### Class 7

#### Production Autos 1972 thru 1977

1st 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo  
*Gary Henderson*

2nd 1972 Pontiac Catalina  
*Ben Davis*

### Class 8

#### Production Autos 1978 thru 1983

1st 1978 Chevrolet Impala  
*Justin Kurtz*

2nd 1983 Cadillac Eldorado  
*Randy Hayes*

### Class 9

#### Production Autos 1981 thru 1999

1st 1983 BMW 328  
*Flo Myers*

2nd 1993 Ford Mercury  
*Mitch Koshtek*

3rd 1992 Buick Riviera  
*Nadine Henderson*

### Class 10

#### All Corvettes 1953 thru 1999 (stock only)

1st 1960 Corvette  
*Ron Horak*

### Class 11

#### All Modified Trucks thru 1999

1st 1956 Ford F 100 Pickup  
*Butch and Carlotta Thatcher*

2nd 1948 Chevrolet  
*Pete Highlands*

3rd 1990 GMC S-15  
*Brian Vought*

### Class 12

#### All Stock Commercial Trucks thru 1999

1st 1956 Chevrolet 3100  
*John Elder*

2nd 1993 Chevrolet Silverado  
*James Vought*

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Class 5, Production Autos 1960 thru 1964, First Place Award presented by Denny Blank to Paul and Mary Johnson for their 1960 Pontiac Convertible



Class 6, Production Autos 1965 thru 1971, First Place Award presented by Denny Blank to John Golock for his 1971 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia.



The Boy Scout and Class 22 Special Interest Vehicles thru 1999 First Place Awards presented by Tom Ulishney to Bob Shapiro for a 1967 Cadillac Hearse Ghostbusters Conversion.

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3rd 1974 Chevrolet Elcamino  
Michael Ramaley

**Class 13  
All Ford Mustangs thru 1999  
(Stock Only)**

1st 1965 Mustang Coupe  
Fred May

2nd 1966 Mustang Convertible  
Rebecca May

**Class 14  
Street Rods thru 1948  
(Steel Body Only)**

1st 1931 Chevrolet Coupe  
John Gordon

2nd 1938 Ford  
Jim Hoffman

**Class 16  
Custom & Modified Cars  
1949 thru 1969**

1st 1964 Chevy II  
Harry Feather

2nd 1951 Chevrolet  
Ed Henderson

3rd 1961 Chevrolet El Camino  
George Ergi

**Class 18  
Production Factory High  
Performance Cars 1962 thru 1969  
(Stock Only)**

1st 1969 Chevrolet SS Coupe  
Michael McDonald

2nd 1968 Ford Shelby Mustang  
Owen Snyder

**Class 20  
Production Factory High  
Performance Cars 1977 thru 1999  
(Stock Only)**

1st 1984 Pontiac T/A  
Richard Lenz

**Class 21  
All Sports Cars thru 1999  
(Two Seats Except Corvettes)**

1st 1971 MG Midget Coupe  
Convertible  
Dwight Saul

**Class 22  
Special Interest Vehicles thru 1999**

1st 1967 Cadillac Superior Hearse  
Conversion - Ghostbusters  
Bob Shapiro

2nd 1950 Crosley Tow Truck  
Dale Frederich

**Class 23  
All Antique Automobile Club of  
America (AACA) Senior Cars**

1937 Ford Pickup  
Roger Clark

1946 Nash Ambassador  
Cris Detwiler

1933 Chevrolet  
Roger Rittenhouse

1956 Lincoln Capri Coupe  
James Sadler

1970 Camaro Z-28  
Dave Sheetz

Awards photos by Mark DeFloria

# Just Thinking Again... (Getting Dangerous)

by Al Wirick



Mark Jackson and I were talking about the car club, and he asked me how long we belonged, and that made me think again!

About 40 years ago, I was talking to Dave Lizza at Hertz in Greensburg. Don't know why I was there. He started talking about the

Antique Car Club and said why don't you come to our meeting. It's at a little bar-restaurant next to Latrobe Brewery. So at the next meeting he gave me a call to remind me.

This meeting was very "crowded", Dave Lizza, Paul and Luella Bell, Jack and Alice Clark, Fred and Ann Nicholls, Gary and Edie Cooper and Sally and myself. Can't remember anyone else, but we had a good time and they were great friends.

We didn't have an antique car, so the chase was on to find one. Someone told me they had the phone number of a person up the other side of Indiana, PA who had a 1936 DeSoto for sale. So I called and it was still available. Sally and my son Les and his wife went with me to check it out. We drove around for about 20 minutes trying to find the place, which was hidden by trees and shrubs. Finally Les spotted it. The man saw us drive up and brought the keys out and tossed them to me and said, "Take it for a spin."

We agreed to buy it, got the paperwork done and



Al's first antique car - a 1936 DeSoto

started home. It was time to eat so we stopped at a fast food in Indiana. Then started home about dark. I went to put the lights on and guess what - no lights! I had one of those six volt lanterns with a flashing red light. So I put that in the rear window. I told Les to lead, but to drive slow because I would be right on his rear bumper. We made it home safe and sound. The next day we found the problem when we opened the hood. There on the generator was a fuse box with two blown 20 amp fuses. I replaced them and the new fuses were still with the car when I sold it a few years later.

I've had about 10 antiques over the years and every one is a good and fun story.

Over 40 years of fun and enjoyment - many, many, trips to Hershey, many tours and great memories. I still enjoy everything about the hobby very much, and the friends!

## Looks like a Western PA Region Car Show First - Youngest & Oldest Drivers are Grandson & Grandfather!



Youngest Driver Ben Davis also won 2nd in Class 7 for a 1972 Pontiac Catalina. Presented by Denny Blank



Oldest Driver Owen Snyder also won 2nd in Class 18 for a 1968 Ford Shelby Mustang. Presented by Denny Blank.

**Antique cars are all in the family** for Ben Davis and Owen Snyder. Ben is a Western PA Region Student Member and the son of long time members Guy and Leona Davis. He is 16 years-old and received the Youngest Driver Award at the 2014 Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show. Owen Snyder is Ben's Grandfather and received the Oldest Driver Award. He is 85. Although generations apart, how wonderful to see grandfather and grandson getting out together to enjoy this great hobby. As far as we know at the *Western Round-Up*, this was a Region first.

## Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

### August's Car



Ed and Nancy Vrable were the first to correctly identify August's car as a 1931 DeVaux. Bill Maurer also correctly identified the car. Jim Heatherington checked in and remembered the owner of the car, former WPR member Tom DeVaux. Thanks to Fred Nicholls for submitting this interesting car.

### September's Car



How good are you at dashboards? Can you name the year and make of the car with this great art deco dash? Be the first to contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074 or email [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com) and win a bag of Snickers Bars.

# Progressive Dinner Was a Winner!



Breakfast - Great cars surrounded Dave and Debbie Sheetz's house.



The breakfast circle, l-r: Charlie Schifano, Tom Ulishney, Ron Shaulis, Lou Zecchini, Ed Vrable, Dick McKelvey and Clay Stoner



A nice little car show on the Anderson's lawn at the dinner stop



By the 1928 Dodge, l-r: Ed Vrable, Gary Wiegand and Duane Anderson

It was a beautiful day, one of the nicest of the summer – clear, blue skies and pleasant driving temperatures, perfect for going places and eating things.

On Saturday, August 16th, The Western PA Region 2014 Progressive Dinner Tour began with a wonderful energizing breakfast at the home of Debbie and Dave Sheetz, a corner of paradise in the country located between Greensburg and Armbrust. Members enjoyed circling their chairs and socializing in the lush lawn beneath the big trees. Breakfast dishes giving a great start to the day included a variety of delicious homemade quiches, beautiful fruit cups, juices and a fabulous selection of Dunkin' Donuts.

Departing the Sheetz's, the tour then followed scenic country roads to New Stanton and Route 136 near Hempfield High School. Continuing west on Route 136, participants traveled to the town of West Newton and crossed the Youghiogheny River on the historic West Newton truss bridge, originally built in 1907. The tour then wound through Rostraver Township to Route 51 and Cedar Creek County Park. There Jill and Mark Jackson hosted the salad stop at the Cedar Creek Station Activities Building located in the Riverfront section of the park. Jill and Mark served up a refreshing variety of salads including a leafy greens salad bar, three bean



Salad time, Becky Blank and Charlie Schifano



Patty Surovey and Lou Zecchini



l-r: Joanna and Ralph Shearer, Dick McKelvey, Clay and Marilyn Stoner, Nancy Mckelvey



l-r: Lee Speicher, Bill and C.J. Maurer, Chuck Speicher, Debbie and Dave Sheetz (standing)



Enjoying a fabulous dinner.



Clay Stoner enjoys a Coke in a glass bottle.



Lenny Lavin's Elvis Tribute



Listening to Elvis at dessert, l-r: Mark and Craig DeFloria, Jill Jackson



At dessert, l-r: Tammy Vrable, Lenny Lavin (Elvis Tribute), Joe & Joey Vrable



Serenaded by the Elvis Tribute at the Vrables' dessert, l-r: Jack and Nancy Wolfe, Dodie Ulishney, Joan Bowman, Tom Ulishney and Jim Bowman



Tom Ulishney fits very nicely in Jim Bowman's 1960 Corvette at dessert.

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## Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE

**1955 Chevrolet Belair 4 Door Sedan,**  
265 Power Glide, 25,000 Original Miles, Harvest Gold & Ivory, Chrome Package, Joe 724-593-5570

**1979 Lincoln Continental** For Sale from original owner. 20,925 original miles. Asking \$15K. phone Don Holt at 724-837-9889 or email jacqholt@yahoo.com

**1994 Toyota Turcel**  
Standard Shift, 2 Door, Red, 117,571 Miles  
Needs some engine work. 724-850-7458



**1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster,**  
Excellent condition, Washington Blue, Riviera Blue trim, Yellow wheels and pin striping. Rebuilt engine, completely restored, rumble seat, twin spares in wheel wells, trunk w/rack, side curtains. MARC Award of Excellence in Touring Class. \$25,000 firm. 814-442-1574, Rockwood, PA

**1950 Ford 4 door sedan**  
Maroon, AACA Grand National First Prize Winner. Excellent tour car, \$15,000. firm Roy Graden, cell 717-503-4771



**1956 Ford Thunderbird**  
Looks and runs great. Purchased by my father in 1959 (he was the 2nd owner) and has been in my family ever since. All rubber is new, the engine is tuned - 312 V-8, three speed with manual overdrive. All original. New wide white Coker tires, all new interior, fender skirts (not pictured) Replaced tube radio (still have) with am/fm MP3. New ragtop. Have unfinished hard top, air conditioning unit, extra set of wheels and Thrush mufflers go with the car. Asking \$41,500. All reasonable offers considered. Call Pete at 724-875-0993.



**1966 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible**  
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**2 Stainless steel center grill**  
Ronald Underwood 412-341-7812

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salad, pasta salad, and a pink Hawaiian salad, which was a hit at this year's Rev-Up Party. There were also rolls, trail mix, a cleverly carved watermelon and iced teas. Members enjoyed eating on the large open deck in back of Cedar Creek Station and strolling around the Youghiogheny Riverfront watching park visitors having fun in their boats, kayaks and canoes.

Bill and C.J. Maurer, who live close to Cedar Creek Park, drove Bill's 1926 Model T Ford touring car to the salad stop. Several park visitors stopped to ask questions about the Model T and other antique cars members had parked nearby.

From Cedar Creek Park, the tour headed back east on Route 981 through the town of Smithton to Mount Pleasant. Outside of Mount Pleasant, near the village of Norvelt, participants caught the Greensburg-Mount Pleasant Road and traveled past the Westmoreland Fairgrounds towards Greensburg and dinner hosted by Diana and Duane Anderson at their beautiful home. Diana and Duane had their large garage set up with rows of tables and chairs along with several umbrella-shaded tables in their driveway. Members parked in the Anderson's large sweeping lawn, which took on the appearance of a nice little car show. The sumptuous dinner was highlighted by stuffed pork chops topped with the most amazing brown gravy. Savory sides included scalloped potatoes, green beans and Diana's special corn casserole. After dinner, Duane opened the doors of his shop to reveal his new antique auto project – a 1928 Dodge Brothers coupe. Members enjoyed Duane's well-organized shop and had many questions about the snappy Dodge Brothers car. (Sidenote: 2015 will be the 100th Anniversary of Dodge.)

What better way to top off the day than with dessert and some live musical entertainment? From the Anderson's, the tour wound about 15 minutes through the country heading east to the village of Margaurite. There, along Margaurite Road, WPR student member Joey Vrable waved cars into the driveways and front lawn of his family's home. Joe and Tammy Vrable hosted the dessert stop. To the left of Joe and Tammy's house is a large garage which housed a spectacular dessert buffet which included a fresh fruit chocolate fountain, cherry and apple pie, ice cream, cookies, brownies, pastries, a punch fountain and your choice of Coke-a-Cola or Mountain Dew chilled to perfection in glass bottles! (Talk about nostalgia!)

As everyone found a spot for their chairs in the Vrable's driveway and lawn, something wonderful happened in the garage – ELVIS began to sing backed by full karaoke orchestra. Actually, the talented singer was Joe and Tammy's great friend, Lenny Lavin, who came out of semi-retirement to perform his Elvis tribute show especially for this occasion. Later during the show Joe and Tammy began to slow dance in their garage with Joe's 1941 Chevy Pickup resto-rod watching from the sidelines. Other couples also came up to dance to the classic Elvis tunes. It was a fantastic garage concert. Lenny had the costume, the style, a phenomenal voice and delivered an outstanding finish to a wonderful day.

Special thanks to all of our 2014 dining stop hosts for their hospitality. Over 40 Region members and guests went home with some great memories and fully satisfied appetites. The tour route totaled nearly 77 miles.

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