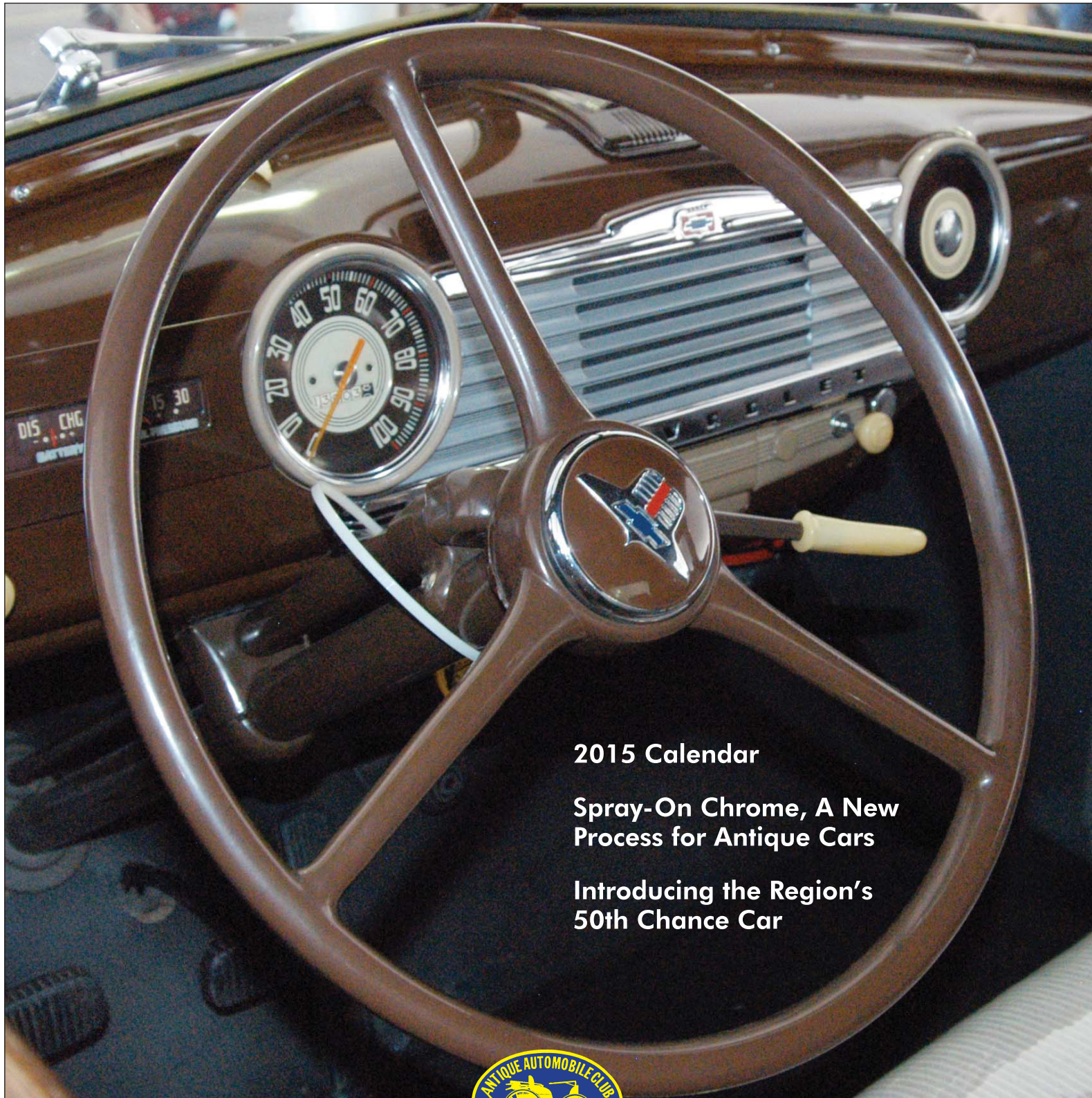


# THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



March 2015

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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*

My mom always reminded us of the old adage, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." I certainly hope by now we can say goodbye to sub-zero temperatures and snow. Jill's spring flowers are poking their heads through the ground, and that's a sure sign that the cruising season is just around the corner. The recent rains are helping wash the salt off of our roads in preparation. Now all we need is an army of workers to repair those pot holes!

I was amazed to realize that this year marks the 50th year that the Western PA Region has been selling tickets on a Chance Car! It all started in 1965 with a 1930 Model A Ford two door sedan, which was won by William Flamm from Central City, PA.

When I was a kid in the 60's, I would always pester my dad to buy a ticket on the Region's Model A Ford Chance Car. He always did. We never won, but had fun trying and dreaming. I remember him once buying a Chance Car ticket at a car show in Greengate Mall. I also remember that one of my best friend's cousins actually won the Chance Car one year. It was a Model A Ford. Oh, to have been that lucky ticket holder...

Mark DeFloria has the entire history of WPR Chance Cars illustrated on the Region's website. Take time to go online and check it out.

This year's Chance Car is a 1988 Corvette Convertible, and is featured in an article on page 11 of this issue of *The Western Round-Up*.

The Chance Car is not only our Region's primary fund raiser, it also serves as our Region's ambassador of goodwill in our communities. I am sure that there are many others like me who have purchased tickets from us in the past, didn't win the car, but keep the dream alive by purchasing them again. I also think they like supporting our club, our mission, and the good things we support.

Please do your part to help sell Chance Car tickets this year. If you cannot get out to sell them, please buy one or more for yourselves or as gifts. There's always a winner!

-- Mark Jackson

# Western PA Region AACA – 2015 Calendar

## MARCH

**22** – WPR Sunday Pizza Social, 6:00 p.m., Pizza Sienna, Greensburg Shopping Center

## APRIL

**11** – WPR Rev-Up Party, Saturday 3:30 p.m. Westmoreland Conservation District, J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg.

**9-12** – AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.

**21** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**22-26** – Spring Carlisle

**25** – Downtown Irwin Car Cruise, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**26** – WPR Ice Cream Social, Brusters, New Stanton

**30 - May 2** – AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by the Tidewater Region

## MAY

**4-6** – AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, hosted by the Eastern TN Region

**7-9** – AACA Central Spring Meet, Auburn, Indiana

**16** – WPR Spring Tour

**16** – Cruisin' For A Cure, Noon - 4:00 p.m. Alpha Aquatic Park, Waynesburg - Benefits the American Cancer Society

**19** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**24** – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m. Brusters, New Stanton

## JUNE

**14** – WPR Tour

**16** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**21** – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Brusters, New Stanton

**19-21**, Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama, Butler County Fairgrounds, Butler, PA

## JULY

**2-5** – Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, Twin Lakes Park - WPR Car Display on the Lower Lake Dam Breast and Chance Car ticket sales.

**5** – Visitation Church Car Show, Mount Pleasant, PA

**10 & 11** – The Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In, Dublin, Ohio

**16-18** – AACA Southeastern Fall Meet, Louisville, KY hosted by the Kyana Region

**27-31** – AACA Vintage Tour, Lancaster, PA hosted by the Buzzards Breath Touring Region

**21** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**26** – WPR Annual Picnic, Cooperstown Club, Latrobe



The Downtown Irwin Cruise is Saturday, April 25th, 10:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

**31 & August 1** – WPR Overnight Bus Trip - Mecum Auction, Harrisburg, AACA National Museum, Hershey and Hershey Outlets.

## AUGUST

**1 & 2** – Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA,

**7 & 8** – Swigart Museum 46th Meet, Huntingdon, PA

**12** – Weatherwood Manor Cruise, Weatherwood Manor, Greensburg, PA, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**18** – WPR Meeting – 65th Birthday Party

**22** – WPR Progressive Dinner Tour

## SEPTEMBER

**6** – WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Antique Auto, Custom and Street Rod Show, Legion Keener Park, Latrobe

**12** – 50's Fest and Car Cruise, Waynesburg, PA

**14 -18** – AACA Founders Tour, Northeast Ohio, Canton & Meander Chapters of the Ohio Region

**15** – WPR Monthly Meeting

**20** – WPR Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Brusters, New Stanton

**26** – WPR Tour

**30 – October 4** – Fall Carlisle

## OCTOBER

**7-10** – AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA, hosted by the Hershey Region

**10** – WPR Bus Trip to Hershey Car Show

**20** – WPR Monthly Meeting – October Fest

**24** – WPR Pumpkin Run Tour, hosted by Ron and Alice Shaulis

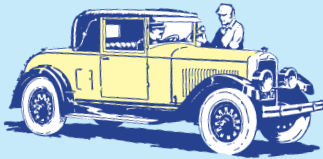
**31** – WPR Chance Car winner determined by PA Lottery Big Four number.

## NOVEMBER

**17** – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## DECEMBER

**5** – Saturday, WPR Christmas Party - Dinner Theater, The Ramada Inn, Greensburg, PA



## Member News

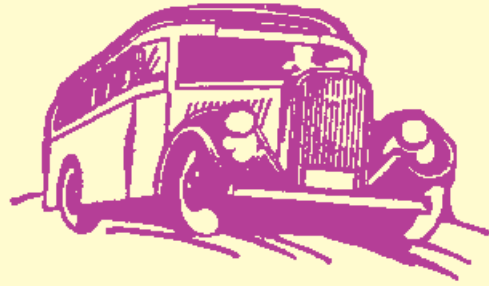
**Our deepest sympathy** to the families and friends of the following former Western PA Region AACA members who passed away in February of 2015.

**Larry Hood** passed away on February 28th. A Region member for many years, Larry enjoyed participating in local car shows and events.

**John Keck** passed away on February 25th. A talented clock repairman, John was known for taking members on tours of his clock shop and hosting parties in his home.

**Andy Malinich** passed away on February 6th. Andy was the owner of Malinich Auto Wreckers in Ligonier.

## Make reservations early Seating is limited



## Western PA Region Bus Trips

### Overnight Trip to the Harrisburg Mecum Auction and More...

**Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 1**

- Mecum Auction, Harrisburg,
- AACA Museum, Hershey,
- Chocolate World
- Hershey Outlets

To qualify, single or joint WPR members must sign out at least 40 Chance Car tickets to sell. (These do not have to be sold before the trip.) Bus transportation is free, but you are responsible for hotel, food and other expenses.

### One day trip - Visit the AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, PA ( The Hershey Car Show! )

**Saturday, October 10**

**Member price \$25 each**

**Reservation Deadline April 30**

This trip is to enjoy the Car Show only. The large flea market will be over by Saturday. We will leave Latrobe early and come back late afternoon.

Food and other expenses are on your own.

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# Spray-On Chrome: A New Process for Antique-Car Applications

By John E. Saylor, Jr. Gettysburg Region AACA

From the Gettysburg Region AACA newsletter, *The Gas Buggy Gazette*  
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A 1965 Plymouth instrument panel, restored, was done with spray-on chrome. The process is versatile and the finish can be applied to virtually any material.



Forward looking antique-car enthusiasts usually welcome new products from the wide variety of suppliers and manufacturers that serve the hobby. Their enthusiasm can be especially compelling when a new product can save them money.

“Check out the video and let me know what you think,” requested a fellow hobbyist of a Gettysburg Region member earlier this year. He was referring to a video on a popular antique-car internet site. That collector, who lived out west, had found that chrome-plating shops were hard to find in California, due to strong environmental concerns and resulting protective regulations that had apparently driven business elsewhere. He had been finding that complete rechroming for a car was costing near \$20,000.

Though the cost of rechroming is considerably more affordable in car-friendly Pennsylvania, it can still be a major expense in restoration. A new technique holds interesting promise. Though this new process isn’t suited for everything, it actually gives much more flexibility in some regards.

Coat of Chrome is a company located in Wind Gap, Pennsylvania, a small town north of the Allentown-Bethlehem area and conveniently located for the state’s numerous antique car fans. Don Pirre is the owner and proprietor there, and *The Gas Buggy Gazette* contacted him recently to find out more about the process.

“It’s something on the order of 10 years, which is relatively new,” Don Pirre responds when asked how new the process is. “It’s really an extension of an older pro-

cess, by which glass is made into a mirror....What’s new and different here is that, instead of having to put this directly to glass, and glass only, it’s able to go on a base coat that you can paint on lots of different surfaces.” Much as mirrors are silvered, this new process applies a flawless reflective coating to other materials such as plastic, fiberglass, metal, and even wood.

Indeed, this promising product has been tried in Jay Leno’s Garage, the large California collection of just about everything automotive. It was Mr. Leno himself who recommended that a club member look into the process, and subsequently gave him Don Pirre’s name

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A prop for a window display—made of wood, no less—receives the sprayed-on silvering fluid.

and telephone number.

Don Pirre is quick to point out that the process doesn't give just a vague impression of chrome plating; rather, it exactly duplicates the look of chrome plating or colored chrome finishes. Moreover, it is often one-third to one-half the cost of the usual triple-layer electroplating process.

So how does it work?

"Typically someone comes to me with metal parts that have been chromed originally," Don says. "They're probably going to be pitted, at least corroded in some way. The chromium electroplating that's on there is very hard, so it has to be more than just sanded by sandpaper. You have to sand-blast it quite aggressively, so that you roughen up the surface really well; then you can prime it with some etch primer first. Then you can coat it again with primers—high-build primers to do some filling. If some of the filling requirements are excessive, you can do body work, the same as you would do when painting the fender of a car." All imperfections must be eliminated so they do not show up in the finished piece.

Once all the prep work is done, "and you have a nice smooth finish like it was going to be painted, then instead of painting it, I can take that piece and get a base coat sprayed on. Next, this base coat can be treated through a series of chemical rinses that I have, to allow silver to be deposited on it. Silver plates chemically instead of electrolytically: it attaches through chemical reaction."

"Silver is sprayed in the sense that it comes out of spray guns, but it's a fluid, so unlike a paint where a mist hits the surface and dries almost on contact, this is a spray of fluids that rinse over the part. It's almost like putting the part under a shower head.... And like I said, there's a series of these rinses and through the succession of these rinses, a silver plating is deposited on that base coat. Then what it needs after that is a top coat to protect it, so a fairly conventional acrylic urethane clear coat will go over the silver metalizing. At that point, you have the same protection as a good paint finish." In describing his work, Don sounds careful and meticulous, and he says that the finish can be applied not just to steel, but to pot metal (typically hard to electroplate) and aluminum as well.



Exterior lamps from a hearse show the bright reflectivity that the new process achieves. The brass-colored highlights were achieved by tinting the clear coat.

Any substrate—even stone, ceramic, and cloth—can receive the process, though artists, not car restorers, would be more likely to use such a capability. But the method's applicability to plastic parts may suit the needs of 1960's, '70's and '80's collector cars.

"A lot of plastic from those 1960's, 1970's cars had a vapor deposition of aluminum on the plastic," Don explains. "That basically wears off from the elements, oxidation from the air. The aluminum basically disintegrates. That's why you see a kind of yellowness left behind." Haven't we all seen interior plastic arm rests with such a malady? "Yes, I can readily redo those kinds of parts. The vacuum metalizing can be sanded off; I can rehabilitate the plastic, fixing cracks and things like that. Don explains that cracks are fixed with an isocyanate type of very strong adhesive, and the isocyanate can be strengthened with some filler in the mixture. "And then after some priming and fine sanding to the repaired surfaces, I can deposit the base coat, the silver metalizing, the clear coat, and it will look as good as new." Though



Chromed feathers? Try that with the usual process! Trophies and myriad other creative uses come to mind.



the process differs from the original, the resulting appearance will be the same.

An interesting feature of this process is that other colors, even different colors on the same piece, can be achieved. Brass color, gold color, copper color, are done through careful color selection and tinting of the clear-coat. Even colors such as red or blue chrome can be done for specialty applications. And through masking, more than one color can appear on the same piece. Colored lettering can even be done for more creative needs. The making of spectacular trophies comes immediately to mind.

Since the product is essentially a mirror-smooth silvering protected by a clear coat, how well does it hold up? Does it hold up as well as paint?

“That’s the way I’d have to answer that: As well as paint does,” Don replies. “I do tell customers they ought to be cautious about where the piece is going to go, if it’s going to take a beating, like on the front end of an everyday use vehicle.” Don says that the process is perfect for interior chrome parts, and exterior parts that aren’t likely to get road rash. Bumpers, subject to more abuse, probably wouldn’t be the place for spray-on chrome, since any nick in the clear coat-ing would appear magnified by the chrome’s reflectivity. But he has done taillights, trim rings, bodyside moldings, and windshield frames, for example, for various antique cars.

The Jay Leno garage has used the process—done by a now-defunct California shop—for items such as motorcycle parts, 1966 Ford window switches, and a 1956 Chevrolet hood ornament, and they are evidently satisfied with the result, as Mr. Leno has made the aforesaid video, talks about this new development enthusiastically, and now refers people to Don Pirre. Coat of Chrome’s professionalism must be becoming well-known as well: Don has used the method for 100 chrome parts on an old race car belonging to football coach Dick Vermeil; has plated some items for Disney movies and Disney World; has done a C3PO (Star Wars) costume; and even plated clothing for the Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show.

Those wanting more information can see Coat of Chrome’s website at [www.coatofchrome.com](http://www.coatofchrome.com), call Don Pirre in Wind Gap, Pa. at (570) 656-5001, or see Jay Leno’s video (with the spray-on process done by the now-out-of-business California shop) at [www.nbc.com/jay-lenos-garage/video/spray-on-chrome/n35122](http://www.nbc.com/jay-lenos-garage/video/spray-on-chrome/n35122).

*Special thanks to Ed Heckendorn of Carlisle, Pa. for alerting us to this new idea; and to Jay Leno of California for providing background information on the process.*



# Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

## January/February’s Car



John Ross Kuhns’s “swap meet vision” must be 20/20, since he was the first to correctly identify the light blue, four-door sedan as a 1956 Chevrolet in this photo from 2014’s Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama. Suzanne Heatherington also checked in with the correct answer. This year’s Pittsburgh Parts-A-Rama will be held June 19, 20 and 21 at the Butler County Fairgrounds.

## March’s Car



Can you identify the year and make of this car? It was at the 2014 Waynesburg 50’s Fest.

I love this car because it looks just like it did when it came from the “factory.” I’m not referring to the auto manufacturing factory, but rather, the long-ago parking lots at local, hard-working factories like Walworth Valves, Latrobe Steel, Vulcan Mold and Elliott Company. Some of these bastions of American industry are still going strong today.

This car carries the dust, dirt, battle scars and patina of an everyday “beater” – the dependable old car that got people back and forth from work, once upon a time.

Be the first to contact me with the correct year and make of this car, and win a bag of Rolos chocolate, caramels. These were a favorite that my dad would bring home from the Elliott Company vending machine to share with my sister and I when we were kids. I am very proud to be the son of a blue collar steel fitter.

Contact me in person, by phone 724-832-9074, or by email, [rpmguy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmguy2002@yahoo.com)



# Minutes of the February 17, 2015 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on February 17, 2015 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). President Mark Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:38 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 20 members in attendance. Pamela and Lee Yothers were our guests for the meeting.

## November 18th General Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the November 18, 2014 monthly meeting were printed in the January/February 2015 Issue of the Western Round-Up that was available for pick-up at tonight's meeting, and/or 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. Tom King made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Al Wirick and unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney read the new membership application for Pamela and Lee Yothers, Greensburg, PA. John Ross made a motion to accept Pamela and Lee into the Region, seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously approved. Welcome to our Region Pamela and Lee.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Western PA Region Annual Meeting – John Kuhns Sr.

The Western PA Region's Annual Meeting and Banquet was held on January 11, 2015 at Dino's Lounge in Latrobe. Fifty-five members attended the meeting. Director's completing their two year terms were Craig DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns and Dominic Surace. Engraved Director Service Mugs were presented to the Director's completing their terms. The three Directors with another year remaining are Mark Jackson, John Kuhns Sr. and Mark DeFloria. An election of officers was held with Craig DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns and Ron

Shaulis being elected for a new two year term. 2015 officers are:

Mark Jackson – President  
John Kuhns – Vice President  
Mark DeFloria – Secretary  
Craig DeFloria – Treasurer  
John Ross Kuhns – Publicity Director  
Ron Shaulis – Safety Director

The Paul P. Bell Award for the most unique passenger vehicle displayed by a member at a Western PA Region event was awarded to Dave Davis for his 1936 Pearce Arrow that he brought to the picnic.

The Foster Fike Restoration Award was presented to Dave Lizza for his 1940 Plymouth that he showed at this year's car show.

The Jack Clark Service Award was presented to Mark Jackson for all his work and contributions to the Region in 2014.

The John Ross Kuhns III Participation Award was presented to John Ross Kuhns for bringing an antique automobile to the most Region events.

A visual presentation "2014, A Look In The Rear View Mirror" of our Region's 2014 activities was narrated by Mark Jackson following the meeting.

### AACA Annual Meeting In Philadelphia – Mark Jackson

President Jackson talked about his experiences at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Mark brought back mementos and flyers from the National Meeting and asked that the members present look them over.

### 2015 Chance Car – Mark Jackson

President Jackson reported that the Region is still looking for a chance car for 2015. We would like to purchase a Mustang, Chevelle or perhaps a late model Corvette convertible or coupe. Lately we have only been seeing overpriced six cylinder Mustangs. President Jackson asked the members present what was their opinion of a 50s car or early 60s convertible or pick-up. Mark asked that anyone knowing of a possible chance car to please contact one of the Directors as soon as possible. The goal was to have tickets printed in time for the Myerstown Maple Festival on March 22nd.



### **Calendar Overview – Mark Jackson**

President Jackson reported that the Western PA Region Directors met and set dates for Region activities for 2015. Some activities already have chairpersons. Some dates may be subject to change.

March 22nd	WPR Pizza Social
April 11th	Rev-Up Party
April 26th	WPR Ice Cream Social
May 16th	WPR Local Tour
May 24th	WPR Ice Cream Social
June 14th	WPR Local Tour
July 2-5	Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, Twin Lakes Park
July 26th	WPR Annual Picnic
July 30 & Aug. 1	WPR Overnight Trip to Mecum Auc- tion, AACA Museum, Hershey & Hershey Outlets
August 22nd	WPR Progressive Dinner Tour
Sept. 6th	WPR Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show
Sept. 20th	WPR Ice Cream Social
Sept. 26	WPR Local Tour
October 10th	WPR Bus Trip to Hershey Car Show
October 20th	WPR Meeting “October Fest”
October 24th	WPR Pumpkin Run Tour
October 31st	WPR Chance Car Giveaway Day
December 5th	WPR Christmas Party

### **Rev-Up Party – Jill Jackson, Lee Speicher & Molly Detwiler**

The 2015 Rev-Up Party is scheduled for April 11th. A Flyer is in the January/February Western Round-Up and on the Region’s web site. Jill, Lee, and Molly are planning a “Western” Theme with great food, music, fun and games. Prizes will also be awarded for optional western dress. Please be sure to see the flyer and RSVP by March 24th. Members are \$10 each and Non-Member Guests are \$25 each.

### **Mecum Auto Auction, Harrisburg, Overnight Bus Trip – John Kuhns, Sr**

Saturday, July 31st and August 1st. The Region is in the process of planning a bus trip to the Mecum Auto Auction in Harrisburg. The region will provide the bus to and from Harrisburg for members who sign out 40 chance car tickets. Tickets would not need to be sold prior to the auction. 40 tickets would cover either individual or both joint members. Attending members would be responsible for hotel, food and other expenses. Trip would include a visit to the AACA museum, Hershey and Hershey Outlet Stores.

### **Hershey Car Show Bus Trip – John Ross Kuhns**

The region is considering a bus trip to the Hershey Car Show. Members are asked to contact John Ross Kuhns if they would be interested in a bus trip.

### **Tours – Mark Jackson**

Tours are marked on the calendar. President Jackson asked for chairpersons to help with local tours for the months of May, June and September. President Jackson asked if any members were planning on going to Dublin or Macungie this year. Please contact Mark if you have any ideas for a local tour.

### **Western PA Region Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns**

John Ross has volunteered to chair the Annual Picnic. The picnic is scheduled for July 26th at Cooperstown Club in Latrobe.

### **Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show – Dave Sheetz**

Dave Sheetz has volunteered to chair the Car Show. The car show is scheduled for September 6th. Please contact Dave if you would like to help. More Information to come.

### **Western Pa Region Annual Christmas Party – Craig DeFloria**

Craig DeFloria has volunteered to chair the Annual Christmas Party. The party is scheduled for December 5th at the Ramada Inn located in Greensburg. The party tentative start time is 1:00 PM. More information will follow.

### **Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson**

President Jackson reported that he was awarded the National AACA Award of Excellence for the Region’s Newsletter 2014. The members present gave Mark a round of applause. (Secretary Note: Great work Mark Jackson!).

### **Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria**

President Jackson reported that Mark DeFloria was awarded the National AACA Award of Excellence for the Western Pa Region’s Web Site was Mark DeFloria. The members present also gave Mark a round of applause.

### **AACA 2018 Grand National Meet – Mark Jackson**

President Jackson reported that we have received no official word yet regarding our application for the 2018 AACA Grand National Meet. Mark understands that it was discussed at the AACA’s Directors Meeting in Philadelphia.

### **Westmoreland Conservation District – Mark Jackson**

President Jackson reported that the Region received a thank you letter from the Westmoreland Conservation District for the Region’s donation.

### **From the Floor**

Al Friend spoke about the return tour to the Dayton Air Force Museum. It is looking like the tour will take place

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in 2006 to coincide with the opening of the new museum building. Al said he will give more information as it becomes available.

### Meeting Snacks – Debbie Sheetz

Debbie Sheetz has once again volunteered to chair the Meeting Refreshment Committee. In other words, arrange for great refreshments at our meetings. Debbie was not able to make tonight's meeting. Tonight's refreshments were brought by Jill and Mark Jackson.

### Program – Mark Jackson

"This Car Matters" videos were shown following the meeting. "This Car Matters" videos are available at youtube.com on the internet. They are short videos of various cars with the owners or others narrating why "this" car matters. Sometimes it is just because it was their fathers. Sometimes it was because it is a Tucker or a General Motors Futurliner. Great videos.

### Adjournment

President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 PM. Howard Finney made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Ron Underwood and unanimously approved.

*Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary*

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# Introducing The Western PA Region's 50th Chance Car... *It's a 1988 Corvette Convertible!*



The 2015 Western PA Region Chance Car - a 1988 Corvette Convertible with the Greenwood Package

**N**ot only does 2015 mark the Western PA Region's 65th Anniversary, it also marks the 50th year the Region has offered the opportunity for people to win an antique Chance Car. In the beginning, the Chance Car was a Model A Ford. Over the years other Chance Cars included: 1948, '55 and '57 Chevys, 1977, '78 and '84 Corvettes, 1967, '77 and '81 Camaros, 1970 Dodge Challengers, a 1979 Pontiac Firebird and 1965, '66 and '67 Mustangs. You can see all of the Region's Chance Cars since 1965 on our website: [www.western-paregion.org/chancecar/All\\_Chance\\_Cars](http://www.western-paregion.org/chancecar/All_Chance_Cars).

Our 50th Chance Car is a Region first, a 1988 Corvette Convertible with the Greenwood Package. It comes from Monroeville, PA, and has been in the same family since it was given from husband to wife as a birthday gift in 1988. It was very well-maintained and has only 35,000 gently driven miles on it. The Greenwood Package was a Chevrolet-endorsed, dealer-installed option, which included a spoiler and body ground treatments.

## **Two People & Stuff Fit Nicely**

Prior to purchasing this Corvette Convertible, a major concern was being able to fit two people and ticket selling equipment - folding table, chairs and ticket box into a limited cargo area behind the seats. Member Chuck Speicher has a similar 1995 Corvette Convertible and came up with an excellent solution utilizing a "roll up" camping table which fits into a sack. When set up the table is 31 x 31 inches square. This table along with two folding chairs, ticket box and a fold-up tripod shade umbrella fit neatly into the Corvette Convertible cargo area, leaving just enough room for a bag of donuts or a small sack of sandwiches. With equipment properly stowed

away, two members will be able to ride comfortably to any ticket selling venue.

We will have the Corvette at the Region's monthly meeting on April 21st and demonstrate how these items fit into the car (weather permitting).

2015 Chance Car tickets will be available for sign out on Friday, March 20th.

## **Handling the tickets this year:**

- Scheduling - Mark Jackson, 724-832-9074
- Ticket distribution and ticket/money turn-in  
Alice Shaulis, 814-926-3306
- Storage - John Kuhns, Sr. and  
John Ross Kuhns, 412-558-0994

Tickets are bundled in batches of 40. Sell 40 tickets and earn a free 2016 WPR membership. For each batch of 40 tickets sold beyond your first 40, earn a \$10 voucher good towards WPR activities, events and apparel.

The Chance Car will be stored in Latrobe. Please give 24 hours notice if you wish to pick up the Chance Car for ticket selling.

## **WPR Chance Car ticket sales support:**

- The Western PA Region AACA's mission, "The preservation and enjoyment of antique automobiles"
- The Western PA Region Tool Scholarship Program
- The world class AACA Museum in Hershey, PA
- The outstanding AACA Library in Hershey, PA
- The Westmoreland Cleanways Fugitive Tire Program (Local youth groups earn funds by cleaning up discarded old tires from our beautiful natural areas and recycling them.)



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## 1915 Dodge Brothers Touring Car with Local Roots Helped Celebrate Dodge Centennial at the AACA Museum



*From pieces to perfect - The 1915 Dodge Brothers Touring Car once owned by Rupert Martinko stands restored and proud.*

**A little over fifteen years ago**, WPR member Rupert Martinko, found a 1915 Dodge Brothers Touring Car in Whitehall, PA near McKeesport, while he was working on a house in the area. The owner was an elderly gentleman, who was trying to restore it. Prior to taking the car apart, the owner had shown it at some local events. He had the engine rebuilt and the body off of the frame. Unfortunately, he

began to lose his vision, so he decided to sell the car, and Rupert decided to purchase it.

Rupert then got together with a friend. Bolted the body on the frame. Loaded the Dodge Brothers Touring Car on a trailer and took it home. When he got it home, he suspended the body in the garage and made sure all of the parts were carefully preserved with oil until he had time to work on it.

Other projects soon found their priorities, and not being a "Dodge guy", the Touring Car remained in pieces. Finally, Rupert decided that it would be better to sell the Dodge Brothers car. He placed an ad in *Hemmings* and got calls from all over the USA from people wanting to buy parts. Although "parting out" the car would have been more lucrative, Rupert decided that it was too nice of a car, and should be sold to someone who would finish the restoration.

Ultimately, Rupert sold the entire car to Daniel Kerr of Russellton, PA, who is an officer in the Dodge Brothers Club. Daniel had previously restored 38 Dodge cars. This restoration took two years with amazing results. Rupert's careful preservation of the car's parts with oil paid off. The car came out so nice that it was displayed at the AACA Museum in Hershey beside a Dodge Viper to celebrate Dodge's Centennial in 2014.

This wonderful hundred-year-old touring car is now back in Mr. Kerr's collection. He has contacted Rupert offering to take him for a ride in it this spring. What a treat that will be.