

THE WESTERN ROUND-UP



September 2015

65th Anniversary
1950-2015

The Detwilers' National Adventure

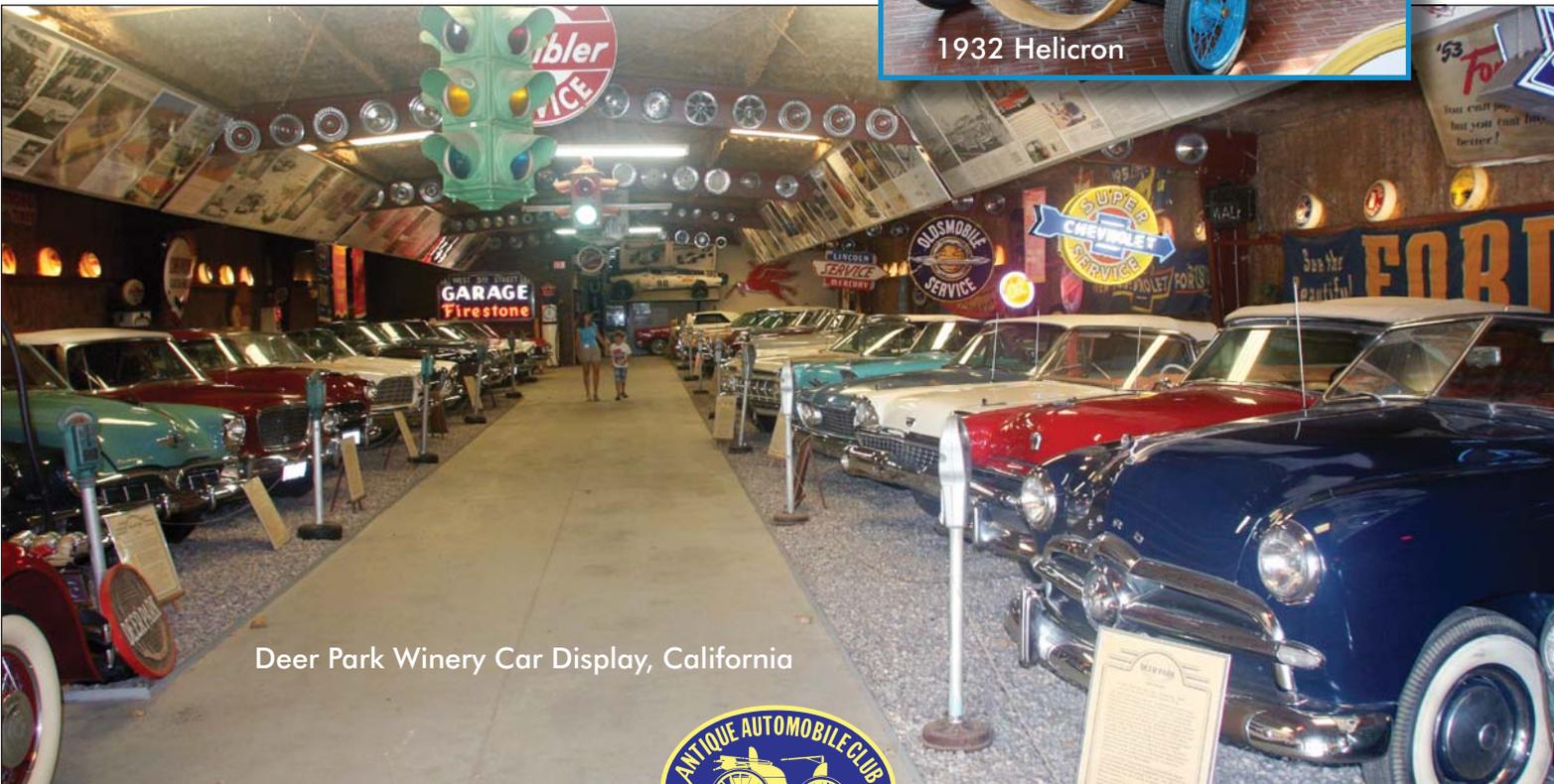
A Special Travelogue Program for October's Meeting



The Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo, Texas



1932 Helicon



Deer Park Winery Car Display, California



Photos - Cris and Molly Detwiler

On The Cover...

This summer the Detwilers motored across the USA to California. They enjoyed visiting with family and friends, but also visited many interesting auto-related sites including the Cadillac Ranch in Texas and a number of great collections and museums. Mark your calendar. At the Region's monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 20th** they will be sharing their "Nashional Adventure" with us. Cris and Molly are great storytellers and photographers. **This is a program you won't want to miss.**



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Our 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). You do not have to own an antique car to join us.

From Your President

The Western PA Region received a wonderful compliment. A new member recently said to me, "We really are having a good time belonging to the club. You guys do stuff!" That's what we like to hear.

This President's message is going to be short because we've got lots of stuff to do!

Flyers are enclosed for the **September and October WPR Tours** which look fantastic! Go on them and enjoy!

There's still room on the bus for the October 10th **Hershey Bus Trip**.

There's also the **2018 AACA Grand National Meet Kick-Off Meeting** at the Greensburg Ramada on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Join a committee and be a part of the fun.

We were blessed with an extraordinary day for this year's Car Show. **Winners and photos will be featured in the October Western Round-Up**. Thanks to all who helped make the show a great success this year!

-- Mark Jackson

Western PA Region Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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

24 - **2018 AACA Grand National Meet Kick-Off Meeting** at the Greensburg Ramada starting at 7:00 p.m.

26 – **WPR Tour with Myron & Connie Shoaf**

30 – **October 4** – Fall Carlisle

OCTOBER

3 - University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Car Cruise

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

10 – WPR Bus Trip to Hershey Car Show

10-11 - Fort Bedford Region AACA Fifty-First Annual Fall Meet, Antique Car Parade and Festivities

20 – WPR Monthly Meeting – October Fest

24 – **WPR October Tour, hosted by Ron & Alice Shaulis**

31 – WPR Chance Car winner determined by PA Lottery Big Four number at 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

17 – WPR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

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



Salad host Bill Maurer helps Ron & Alice Shaulis park their VW.



Denny Blank enjoys refreshing salad & fruit.



Salad hosts C.J. & Bill Maurer (right) were assisted by Mike and Sandy Pesta (left)



Joanna Shearer enjoys the dinner buffet.



Great cars surrounding a great dinner experience.



Aria Kuhns in her dad's 1929 Chevrolet

Progressive Dinner Tour Was a Flavorful Journey

A favorite Western PA Region tradition unfolded on Saturday, August 22nd as 40 members participated in the 2015 Progressive Dinner Tour.

Departing from the Hoss's parking lot in South Greensburg the tour group headed west on Route 70 on a beautiful day. Exiting at Route 51 and winding through the scenic countryside near Belle Vernon, they arrived at the Cedar Hills Community Clubhouse for the salad stop hosted by Bill and C.J. Maurer. The Maurers had prepared beautiful greens and a bevy of toppings along with pasta salads, fruit, fresh rolls and iced teas. All enjoyed socializing in and around the comfortable Clubhouse.

A unique feature of this year's tour was that the dinner and dessert stops were very close together in Latrobe, so the drive from the salad stop had to be a good one, and it was. Leaving the Maurers, the group headed south on Route 51, then caught Route 201 to Vanderbilt and on to Connellsville.

The "mountain" views of the valley just outside of Vanderbilt were outstanding. In Connellsville the tour got on Route 119 North to Route 982 through Pleasant Valley on to Laurelville, Kecksburg, Youngstown and Latrobe. The drive took a little over an hour.

When the parade of autos started rolling into John Ross Kuhns's parking lot, he remarked, "Looks like we got a lot of old cars on the road today!" All enjoyed dinner with John Ross, Blair and Aria in John's car storage building. There was tasty fried chicken, potatoes and baked beans in the company of John's antique car collection. Each car had a postcard on it with a unique story about the car.

After dinner all headed around the block for dessert with John and Vickie Kuhns inside John's nostalgic garage & diner/ice cream parlor. The delicious desserts were a great finish to a wonderful day – a million thanks to our 2015 Progressive Dinner Tour hosts!



Time for dessert in John Kuhns, Sr's garage, (l-r) Nancy McKelvey, Gary Wiegand, Nancy and Jack Wolfe.



Enjoying delicious desserts by John and Vickie Kuhns, while John serves up ice cream sundaes behind his nostalgic diner/ice cream parlor counter.



Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Monthly Meeting

A meeting of the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on August 18, 2015 at the American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, PA (Pipetown). The meeting followed the Region's 65th Birthday Party Dinner with entertainment by Lenny Lavin's Elvis Tribute. President Mark Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jackson wished the Region a happy 65th Birthday.

There were 64 members in attendance at tonight's meeting.

The Minutes of the July 21, 2015 monthly meeting were printed in the August 2015 Issue of the *Western Round-Up* that was available for pick-up at tonight's meeting, and if not picked-up; are mailed to each member.

President Jackson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Debbie Sheetz made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Gary Wiegand 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. Myron Shoaf made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Lou Zecchini and unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Membership – Howard Finney

Howard Finney reported that there are no new members to vote on at tonight's meeting.

President Jackson reported that the memberships of "New" members joining in July through December, 2015 will be valid through December 2016, as voted on at the July 20th Director's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

65th Anniversary Birthday Party – John Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns

The Western PA Region, AACA 65th Anniversary Birthday Party was tonight. Happy Birthday Western PA Region!

2015 Chance Car – Mark Jackson, Alice Shaulis

Tickets: President Jackson reminded that tickets can be signed out from Alice Shaulis. Members are asked to return tickets to Alice in numerical order and pay by check made out to the "Western PA Region, AACA."

A minimum of 5 tickets may be signed out. They are packed in lots of 40. Sell 40 tickets to earn a free WPR membership. A \$10 voucher good for WPR events or apparel will be earned for every additional 40 tickets sold. The winning ticket number will be the first 7:00 PM, PA Lottery Big 4 drawing on

October 31, 2015.

Alice Shaulis reported that our Chance Car advertisement that was in the recent Antique Automobile Magazine has resulted in approximately 20 ticket sales thus far. Alice also reported that some members have turned in tickets, stubs and money at tonight's meeting.

The Chance Car schedule is being handled by Mark Jackson this year. Mark asked that members please help get the car out to events. Posters to help sell tickets are available at tonight's meeting. The Chance Car is being stored by John Kuhns and John Ross Kuhns. Please try to give a 24 hour notice if possible to pick up the car.

2015 Chance Car Scheduling – Mark Jackson

The 115th Annual SOMERSET COUNTY FAIR, AUGUST 22-29 2015 Festival: President Jackson reported that Ron Shaulis has arranged for the Chance Car to be at the Somerset County Fair. Ron Shaulis spoke about the fair. The slots for selling tickets are pretty full.

Mecum Auto Auction, Harrisburg, Overnight Bus Trip

– John Kuhns Sr. & John Ross Kuhns

President Jackson reported that the overnight bus trip to the Mecum Auto Auction in Harrisburg on Saturday, July 31st and August 1st was a great success. Members present at tonight's meeting appeared to agree. The trip included a visit to the AACA museum, Hershey and Hershey Outlet Stores.

Hershey Car Show Bus Trip – John Ross Kuhns

John Ross is planning a bus trip to the Hershey Car Show. John Ross reported that we have reserved the limo bus that is currently half full. The trip will cost \$25 per member for transportation. A signup sheet was available for the Hershey Car Show Bus Trip at tonight's Meeting. Please contact John Ross if you would like to attend. Hershey week is coming soon!

Tours – Mark Jackson

President Jackson asked for chairpersons to help with local tours. Please see the calendar of events for tours and other events.

Progressive Dinner Tour: The Progressive Dinner Tour is Saturday, August 22nd. Mark Jackson reported that the tour will start by departing from the parking lot between Hoss's and Dunkin Donuts in South Greensburg at 11:00 am. Mark described the route taking Route 119 to Route 70 West, and exiting at Route 51, Ridge Road to Cedar Hills, back to Route 51, and then South to Route 201. The tour will take Route 201 to Connellsville. Then driving on Route 119 and getting onto Route 982 at Pleasant Valley. Continue on Route 982 driving into Latrobe. Hosts are Bill and C.J. Maurer – salad, John Ross and Blair Kuhns – dinner and John and Vickie Kuhns – desert. Please contact Mark Jackson if you want to attend. There are 38 members signed up so far. A registration flyer is



Elizabeth of Chef Dato's Table grills steaks



Bill Holtzer, Al Friend and others enjoy the buffet.



Lenny Lavin's Elvis Tribute



Enjoying fellowship and some car talk.

Celebrating Our Region's 65th Birthday!

Prior to the August 18th Monthly Meeting, Western PA Region members gathered at American Legion Post 982, Latrobe, to enjoy fellowship and a steak dinner to help celebrate the Region's 65th Birthday. The dinner was catered by Chef Dato's Table of Derry. Lenny Lavin entertained during dinner with his Elvis Tribute Show. There was plenty of car talk and fellowship. Over 70 members attended. Thanks to John Ross Kuhns for coordinating the dinner and Joe and Tammy Vrable for arranging the entertainment.

in the July issue of the *Round-Up*. Contact Mark Jackson if you would like to attend ASAP.

Western PA Region Annual Picnic – John Ross Kuhns
John Ross spoke about the Annual Picnic. John reported that he believed everyone that attended the picnic had an enjoyable time. Over sixty members attended the picnic. A write up complete with photos is in the August issue of the *Round-Up*.

Meeting Programs – Mark Jackson
President Jackson talked about the need for volunteers to present programs for our monthly meetings. The programs should be 20-30 minutes long. Programs are needed for September, and November. Please contact Mark if you would like to present a program or have any program ideas. Cris and Molly Detwiler will provide a program on their recent trip out west at the October meeting. (Secretary's note: a short Abbott and Costello clip titled Las Vegas / Driver's License will be September's meeting program.)

Western Pa Region – Paul P. Bell Memorial Car Show
– Dave Sheetz
Dave Sheetz reported that everything is ready for the Western PA Region, Annual Car Show on September 6th. Dave asked all members present to raise their hands. When they did, Dave thanked them for volunteering to help at the car show. Dave asked that everyone show up early as registration starts at 9:00 am. Saturday's show field set-up is 4:00 pm at Legion Keener Park. Dave said that all that is needed now is good weather. Please contact Dave if you would like to help.

Western Pa Region Annual Christmas Party
– Craig DeFloria
December 5th at the Ramada Inn located in Greensburg. The party start time is 1:00 PM. More information to come.

Western Round-Up Newsletter – Mark Jackson
President Jackson thanked the contributors to the *Round-Up*. The August issue of the *Round-Up* is available at tonight's meeting. Newsletters not picked up tonight will be mailed to the members that were not present.

Western PA Region Web Site – Mark DeFloria
Mark DeFloria asked members to let him know by emailing the region at westerparegion@hotmail.com if there are any email address changes.

Western PA Region Participation Award – John Ross Kuhns
President Jackson reminded the members present to drive their antique car to the upcoming WPR events and meetings in order to be considered for the WPR Participation Award and to please indicate on the Meeting Attendance Sheet if you brought a car to the meeting.

From the Floor
Bill Maurer talked about the retractable that is with Jill and Mark Jackson on Page 2 of our August Newsletter was sold for \$36,000, then sold again 30 days later for \$48,000. Someone did well, and someone else bought the car of their dreams.

There several reports of many sightings of **Ron Underwood** selling tickets wherever he goes. The members present extended a special recognition to Ron Underwood for his Chance Car Ticket salesmanship.

Adjournment
President Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:37 PM. Becky Blank made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Jack Wolfe and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Mark DeFloria, Secretary

Just Thinking Again



by Al Wirick

Thinking again – only about two legged and four wheeled critters, not animals, but us old car people and our cars.

I've belonged to the antique car club for about 50 years and one thing that we do, and do it very, very well is car tours. They are always a good time with good eating places. This last ride was no exception. Starting out at Bill and C.J. Maurer's for a great selection of salads, dressings and drinks. Then on a very long and scenic tour on very nice country touring roads. Then on to John Ross and Blair Kuhns for a great dinner and then great desserts by John and Vickie Kuhns.

Thanks to everyone involved for a beautiful and great tour day, friendship, fellowship and great food.



Western Round-Up Classifieds FOR SALE



1985 Buick Riviera Landau,

5.0 litre 4 bbl, automatic with overdrive, cold A/C with climate control, power steering, brakes, windows and seats. Have original keys, sales receipt, copy of original title and build sheet. \$8,995.

Call Denny 724-836-3225 or 724-689-2233.

1977 Cadillac Eldorado

27,000 original miles. Purchased new. Excellent condition. Best reasonable offer. Details, call Lou Zecchini 724 834 6813

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Mark DeFloria, Cris Detwiler, Molly Detwiler,
Fred Nicholls, and Al Wirick

Remembering



by Fred L. Nicholls

The 1931 Chevy Part Two

We left Indiana for Hershey on a Thursday morning driving the 1931 Chevy and stopped in Duncansville for breakfast. At the restaurant people could not believe we would be driving an old car that far. In Harrisburg we stopped and rented a new Dodge Dart, and Ann followed me to Hershey where we parked the Chevy under the stadium. We then drove back to Harrisburg where we located a motel. We found a good restaurant and spent the rest of the evening relaxing.

In the morning we returned to Hershey, checked the '31 Chevy and the Flea Market. In the afternoon we went on a tour through the original Hershey Chocolate Factory, which is no longer available. In the evening we met some of the Western PA Region members and had dinner. I remember Foster Fike and wife, the Suders,

Paul Bell and others.

Saturday morning my class was on the football field outside the stadium. In the evening we went to the High School for the Award Banquet. Here Ann signed up for a room at a new motel that was being built called the Hershey Motor Lodge.

On Sunday we returned the Dodge Dart and drove the '31 Chevy home with no problems. On the way we stopped at the Mercury Garage in Lewistown, to pick up the trunk. They bolted it onto the rack. Only a brown trunk on a blue car didn't look good. Once we were home Ann dyed the trunk black. She did a nice job and it looked good. Now we needed the original headlights.

When I bought the car, I joined the Vintage Chevy Club and learned from a reproduced sales brochure that my car was listed as a "Special Fordor Sedan." It came from the factory with chrome radiator guard, twin sidemounts, trunk rack, inside special window mouldings and a pull-down blind on the rear window.

According to Bob Kuntz, from whom I bought the car, he brought the car from a Mr. Wiedensaul of Lewisburg, PA. The original title showed it was purchased in December, 1930 at the town of Hartleton, PA. There was an encumbrance of \$150. on the title, which was paid in full in 1932. There was 21,446 miles on the odometer when Bob bought it, and a sticker for every grease job on the door frame.

I sold this Chevy at Hershey in 1968.

Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

August's Car



Gary Wiegand was the first to correctly identify August's Car as a 1932 Essex. The Essex was produced by the Essex Motor Company (owned by Hudson) from 1918 to 1922 and by the Hudson Motor Company from 1922 to 1933. Hudson introduced the marque as an economical alternative. The Essex proved to be a very durable car and helped start the trend towards enclosed passenger compartments. My Granddad Jackson had a 1931 Essex, which was the source of many great family car stories.

September's Car



Here's the back of a station wagon from the AACA Museum's special station wagon tribute this summer. Can you name the make and year of this station wagon just by looking at the tail? Be the first to contact me with correct answer and win a big bag of Snyder's Cheese Popcorn. Contact me in person at a meeting. Call 734-832-9074 or email rpmguy2002@yahoo.com.



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Calling All Western PA Region Members!

Our Region will be hosting the 2018 AACA
Grand National Meet here in Greensburg, PA

Help on a committee and join the fun!



2018 Grand National Meet Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, September 24th

7:00 p.m.

at The Greensburg Ramada

100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

**Keep selling those Chance Car tickets,
but please turn in the ones you've sold.**



Craig DeFloria selling Chance Car tickets at Cedar Creek Park's
August Fun Fest Cruise sponsored by The Road Kings.



The 2015 Chance Car,
a 1988 Corvette Convertible

Alice Shaulis will be on the
Region's September Tour on
Saturday, September 26th. She
can accept sold tickets then,
or you can bring them to the
October 20th monthly meeting.
Remember to pay by check and
keep your sold tickets in numeri-
cal order according to the top left
number.

**The Chance Car ticket goes off on Saturday,
October 31st based on the PA Lottery Big 4 number.**