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OUR 52ND YEAR



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.

DEC 6 WESTERN PA REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 25 WESTERN PA REGION ANNUAL MEETING

FEB 17 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 16 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 20 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 18 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 15 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 20 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 17 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

SEPT 6 WESTERN PA REGION ANNUAL CAR SHOW

SEPT 21 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

SEPT 25 WESTERN PA REGION CHANCE CAR DAY



**2004 Dues are due.
Please send dues to Tom Milligan.
\$10.00 Individual or \$15.00 Joint Membership**

COVER PHOTO: 1968 Ford Mustang Coupe
Western PA Region 2004 Chance Car

FROM THE EDITOR



BY MARK DeFLORIA

December! 2003. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! December brings an end to another year. This year seemed to go so fast. I do not know about anyone else, but I have many 2003 projects yet to do. And it doesn't look good for getting them done.

I want to thank everyone who submitted articles this year for the *Round-Up*. The articles make the *Round-up*. Stay warm "spring is coming." The next Western Pennsylvania Region meeting is the annual meeting on January 25, 2004. Our annual Christmas party is December 6th. If you have not yet done so contact John Kuhns about attending. He may still have room.

Contributing to this issue is Fred Nicholls and Tom Milligan. Please let these folks know that you enjoyed their articles.

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, so that I can accurately include it in the next *Round Up*. ☺

WESTERN PA REGION - WEB SITE



BY MARK DeFLORIA

Our Region's Website is www.aaca.org/westernpa. Members are urged to check it out. The Round-Up is posted on the web site as soon as it is printed. Also available are printable Region and National Applications, along with car show results and photos. Photos from our tours can be viewed and printed on your printer.

Photos from our Gravity Hill tour are also featured (with approval) on an international magnetic hill web site:
(<http://www.eureka4you.com/magnetichillworldwide/NewParis-PA.htm>).

Be sure to check it out. Let me know if you would like me to add anything.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY DEBBIE SHEETZ

Can you believe we are in December? How fast a year can go! I can hardly believe I have been President for almost a year. What better way to end the year, than to attend the annual Christmas Party being held at the Blue Angel Restaurant at Latrobe Airport. It will be on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Hosted by John Kuhns, it promises to be an enjoyable evening with entertainment, good food and many door prizes. In addition, what would a Christmas Party be without a visit from Santa Claus? So put on your Christmas clothes and plan to attend!

Set for January will be the Western PA Regions Annual Meeting and Dinner. It has been set for January 25, 2004 at Dino's Restaurant in Latrobe. Check the Round-Up for reservation form and mail in soon. Use your points from selling chance car tickets in 2003 to pay for dinner. Elections will be held for new officers at the meeting. Please plan to attend.

The next regular meeting will be on the third Tuesday in February at the American Legion Post 982, (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe, PA at 7:30 PM. ☺



CARS I REMEMBER



BY FRED NICHOLLS

Car dealerships of the era of which I am writing, were far different from the, large dealerships of today. Most of the garages were located near the downtown area of towns like Jeannette, Latrobe and Greensburg. Most were owned by a single family, while the owner was often the only salesman. I know of several where the wife was the office.

During the war, the garages had a tough time, as no new cars were available, personnel were in the military, repair business was the only source of income. But things would change with the end of the war. Salesmen were no longer needed, they became order takers. One wanting a new car, maybe preferred a club coupe, but if your name came up, and a Tudor was in, you either took the car, or wait. Any color was acceptable, and dealers were known to add accessories you did not want. It was also known that money under the table could move your name up on the list.

One day after school I stopped at Felder's, and in pulled a friend in his new Chevrolet convertible. Black, black top and red trimmed interior, white walls and a few accessories. This was good news, as he was on the list before me. Several months passed, and after school I stopped at Felder's, and a friend told me that they had unloaded a convertible that afternoon.

The Chevrolet garage was across the street, so I took off for the garage to look at my new car. The owner (Name will leave out) finally got around to tell me that the car went to the son of a downstreet merchant. Oddly enough, he had received the first Chevrolet convertible in 1946. to come to the garage. After a few remarks, that I could have his old car, Thanks but no Thanks. Give me back my fifty dollar deposit and forget the list. I knew then that I would not be seeing the USA in my Chevrolet, BUT, there was a Ford in my future. 🍷

2004 WPR ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday January 25, 2004
Dino's Lounge
Rt. 30 Latrobe
(across from Denny's)

The Western Pennsylvania Region's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2004 at Dino's Lounge, Rt. 30 Latrobe. The afternoon will begin with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 3:00 PM. General Business Meeting and Elections at 4:00 PM. Dinner will follow.

Past WPR Presidents and their guest are invited to attend the dinner at no charge as the Region's guest. WPR Points can also be used.

Dinner Choices Are:

Prime Rib or
Broiled Cod with orange crush

Baked Potato, Baby Carrots, Salad, Dessert, Rolls & Butter, and
Coffee or Tea included with each meal.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 19th

Please fill out the form below and mail to:

Mr. John Kuhns
2339 Raymond Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650

Phone (724) 539-0889 if there are any questions.

(cut here)

Members Name: _____

Prime Rib _____ Members at \$15.00 \$ _____

Prime Rib _____ Non-Members at \$22.00 \$ _____

Broiled Cod _____ Members at \$15.00 \$ _____

Broiled Cod _____ Non-Members at \$22.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Sorry no children's menu