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Notice



2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE READ!

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

- OCT 19 WESTERN PA REGION – FALL TOUR**
Meeting at 9:00 AM at the Eastgate Shopping Center/Giant Eagle Parking Lot next to Krispy Kream.
- OCT 21 WESTERN PA REGION MEETING**
- NOV 18 WESTERN PA REGION MEETING**
- DEC 6 WESTERN PA REGION ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FALL “POKER RUN” TOUR OCTOBER 19, 2003

ENJOY THE LEAVES WITH A DRIVE THROUGH OUR LOCAL PARKS
LEAVING EAST GATE SHOPPING CENTER AT 9:00 AM SUNDAY.
(NEXT TO KRISPY KREAM)
(This is a BI Week for the Steelers)



The tour is approximately 3 hours long traveling on mostly back roads throughout Westmoreland County. Last stop is Hoss’s for a late lunch. Playing Cards will be passed out at each stop. Member with the Best poker hand wins a prize. Get the cars out and have some October Fun! Contact Tom Milligan or Mark DeFloria for more details. Complete Tour Directions listed on the Regions Web Page.

COVER PHOTO: - 1931 Chevy Coupe Owned by R. Wayne Gorr

FROM THE EDITOR

BY MARK DeFLORIA

October!! The leaves are changing, and its time for our Fall “Poker Run” Tour. Don’t miss it. We should have a lot of fun. This years tour will travel through local parks and end up at Hoss’s for buffet lunch. Tom Milligan will be handing out playing cards at each stop. Best poker hand wins. What? I don’t know, you’ll have to meet us at the East Gate Shopping Center by Krispy Kream 9:00 AM Sunday morning on October 19th to find out.

I had many very nice comments about the September Round Up cover. Thank you. Since everyone enjoyed the color, we will continue with color covers.

The 2003 Annual Antique Car show results are listed in this issue. Dan Calabrace and his helpers once again did a wonderful job.

This issue also contains articles by Fred Nicholls, Bettyann Finney and Ed Vance. Please let these folks know that you enjoyed their article.

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



2003 FOUNDERS TOUR

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY DEBBIE SHEETZ

Fall and cool brisk days have arrived! Dave likes the weather but I am resisting all the way. Brrrrr!! The frost in the mountains should set up the fall for beautiful colors on the Fall Tour on October 19, 2003. It will be the clubs final tour for this year, so try to make it.

I would like to thank Mark DeFloria for the excellent job on the *Round-Up*. Last months issue was super with the color cover. Let him know how much you appreciate it!

Coming up in December is the annual Christmas Party on the sixth. John Kuhns is hosting the party again this year. Check with the Round-Up for registration.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2003. Please plan to attend. ☺

MEMBERS ATTENDING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

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| 1. Kenneth Bankovich | 26. Richard McKelvey |
| 2. Donald Brant | 27. Thomas Milligan |
| 3. Mary Ann Brant | 28. Richard Morhack |
| 4. Julia Bray | 29. Doug Murphy |
| 5. Daniel Calabrace | 30. Richard Newell |
| 6. Carol Calabrace | 31. Fred Nicholls |
| 7. Paul Carey | 32. Ann Nicholls |
| 8. Alice Clark | 33. Peter Orazio |
| 9. Gary Cooper | 34. James Pershing |
| 10. Edith Cooper | 35. Shane Rudy |
| 11. David Darrigo | 36. Charles Schifano |
| 12. Mark DeFloria | 37. Connie Schifano |
| 13. Harvey Eger | 38. David Sheetz |
| 14. Susan Eger | 39. Debora Sheetz |
| 15. Barbara Erny | 40. James Smith |
| 16. Howard Finney | 41. Thomas Stiffey |
| 17. Glenn Frye | 42. Katherine Stiffey |
| 18. Pat Gaudiose | 43. William Stump |
| 19. Julia Gaudiose | 44. Joe Swezey |
| 20. R. Wayne Gorr | 45. Ronald Underwood |
| 21. Robin Kanick | 46. Edward Vrable |
| 22. Stanley Kanick | 47. Nancy Vrable |
| 23. Eleanor Kanick | 48. Allen Wirick |
| 24. David Lizza | 49. Sarah Wirick |
| 25. Charles Lynch | 50. Alan Wood |

2003 FOUNDERS TOUR



BY BETTYANN FINNEY

Suzanne & Jim Heatherington & Howard & Bettyann Finney enjoyed the 2003 AACA Founders Tour at Valley Forge, PA hosted by the Delaware Valley Region.

The early arrivals on Sunday were able to attend the Macungie car show of 1300 antique vehicles. Following the opening banquet on Sunday evening, we were entertained by the Philadelphia Mummers String Band. We started the tour on Monday morning with a special treat – a lovely catered breakfast at the home of Ray & Nancy Carr. Ray is in the Guinness Book of World Records for traveling across the United States from coast to coast in the oldest gasoline, steam and electric powered vehicles (1902 Northern, 1912 Baker and 1909 Stanley Steamer). In addition, Ray has also driven around the world in 80 days and from Peking to Paris in his 1939 Ford. Chatting with Ray was one of the highlights of the trip.

So as not to make this article too long I'll only list places of interest, etc. We visited the Landis Valley Museum, RR Museum of PA, Byers Choice Doll Museum, The American Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (which was dedicated in 1966 to coincide with the celebration of Poland's millennium). An important part of Polish history is the portrait of Our Lady of Czestochowa which is one of the oldest of the Mother of Jesus in the world. It is also known as the Black Madonna.

We also visited the Mercer Museum which is an impressive concrete castle built by Henry Mercer to house his collection of early American tools, the Hagley Museum located along the Brandywine River which provided a glimpse of American life at home and at work in the 19th century.

Another highlight of the trip was The Magic Age of Steam which included seeing the world's largest collection of steam-powered automobiles and riding in a 1915 steam powered vehicle.

Other points of interest were the Brandywine River Museum which is internationally known for its collection of works by three generations of Wyeths and its fine collection of American illustration, still-life and landscape painting, The Franklin Mint which is famous for its finely detailed die-cast replicas of automobiles. We enjoyed wine tasting at the Chaddsford Winery, the Boyertown Museum of Historical Vehicles housing more than 50 rare automobile products under one roof, the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum of which the Black Widow P-61 Night Fighter is the rarest aircraft in this collection.

We also ate at some interesting places such as Stokesay Castle which is a replica of a 13th century Norman Castle, Kings Mills which dates back to the early 1700's and the Shady Maple Smorgasbord which featured authentic PA Dutch cooking.

We also enjoyed a bus and walking tour of Philadelphia. Part of this day was a 2 hour luncheon cruise aboard the "Spirit of Philadelphia". We viewed the Delaware River shoreline including Battleship New Jersey, Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Philadelphia Naval Base.

Our fabulous week ended with a closing banquet in the Lancaster Ballroom-Convention Center.

On our trip home we stopped in Bedford and had lunch at the Jean Bonnet Tavern that was built in 1762 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. What a lovely way to conclude a great tour.

We made new friends, renewed some old friendships and had a wonderful time. There is so much to see and do in our state and we are so glad we experienced some of them.

