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# Notice



## 2004 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.

<b>JAN 25</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION ANNUAL MEETING</b>
<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>MARCH 16</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>APRIL 20</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>JUNE 15</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>SEPT 6</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION ANNUAL CAR SHOW</b>
<b>SEPT 21</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING</b>
<b>SEPT 25</b>	<b>WESTERN PA REGION CHANCE CAR DAY</b>

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

COVER PHOTO: 1953 Ford F-100 Pick-Up  
Owned by Marilyn & Clay Stoner

## FROM THE EDITOR



BY MARK DeFLORIA

**January!** 2004. Happy New Year! Our Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to attend. There is a Reservation form in this issue of the *Round-Up*.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who submitted articles for the *Round-Up*. The articles make the *Round-up*.

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

Dues are now due. Please see Tom Milligan to pay your 2004 dues. Our 2004 Roster must be submitted to the National AACA by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to have your dues paid so you can be included. 2003 Members typically receive the *Round-Up* through March.

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*. ☺

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## WESTERN PA REGION - WEB SITE



BY MARK DeFLORIA

Our Region's Website is [www.aaca.org/westernpa](http://www.aaca.org/westernpa). 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 Christmas Party and past tours can be viewed and printed on your printer. If you have trouble printing a photo, or do not have access to the internet and you would like a print from the Christmas party, let me know and I will print it and mail it to you. I try not to identify photos of children on the web site.

WPR points can be viewed as well. Points along with the current roster is available on the "Members Only" pages.

We have a "new" email address starting in January 2004. It is [Westernparegion@hotmail.com](mailto:Westernparegion@hotmail.com). Please make a note of it.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



*BY DEBBIE SHEETZ*

Happy New Year! Can you believe we are into the year 2004! This past year has been a good year for our club. This year for me has been a good one for the most part. I have enjoyed being President of our club. There have been a few bumps in the road but if I asked the members for help on projects, there was always a good response.

To name names I am afraid I would miss someone, so I would like to thank everyone that planned and attended our summer tours. Starting with the Gravity Hill Tour, the Longaberger Factory and Car Show bus trip, the Progressive Dinner Tour and the Fall Poker Run Tour every tour was a success and enjoyed by all.

The Chance Car was another success. Despite the rainy summer weekends, the volunteer members were able to sell most of the tickets to make the club another profitable year. Thank you to all who helped to make this important club fundraiser a success.

The Annual Paul P. Bell Car Show for 2003 was a huge success. Well attended by participants it was also well attended by volunteers. Our members really came through to help make the show a success. The weather was most cooperative with the day's events. Thank you to all who helped with the show.

This past year has seen some great changes for the clubs newsletter the Round-Up. It is now being delivered in an envelope so as not to be damaged. The Round-Up is now in color! The website is also a sign of our antique auto club keeping up with the 20<sup>th</sup> century technology. Thanks to our Editor!

Also a big thank you to all who attended the regular meetings. Those who came enjoyed programs, good food and fellowship. All of our club activities include good food and great fellowship of long time and new members.

Thank you again to all who have helped me and the board with all the decisions of keeping our club to continue and prosper for the future!

## CARS I REMEMBER



*BY FRED NICHOLLS*

In writing these articles I often refer to Felder's in Jeannette. It was located on South 4th Street and was the "hang out" for the young people. It was the old fashion ice cream parlor, run by Sam Felder and his wife. They served soft drinks, milk shakes, sandwiches, and also made candy. Stopping there was daily on my way home from class.

I had lost my place on the Chevrolet list, but I had still four to go. Of course the Ford garage received more Ford s than the Buick, Pontiac or Mercury. The Ford garage was on the corner of South Third and Cuyler Avenue, not far from Felder's. So, one afternoon I stopped to see where I was on the list. As I walked into the garage, I remember looking at a beautiful Ford Sportsman convertible. Paint was black, all the wood trim, black canvas roof. As I was looking at the car, the owner and only salesman came over to me. He told me that Bob (I also knew him) was not sure he wanted this car, and if he decided not to buy it, I was next on the list. I had high hopes, but Bob decided to take the car, so in a few months I would be number one.

It was in March that on arriving home, my mother told me that the Ford garage had called and that my car was in. Of course the next afternoon I stopped at the garage and looked at my new car. It was dark green, tan top and tan trimmed interior. It had white wall tires, radio and heater. I added a spotlight and left side outside mirror. I can pick it up on Saturday morning. I could hardly wait. 🍷



# MOBILE PHONE SAFETY DURING FUELING



*SUBMITTED BY WARREN SHEPPICK*

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phone (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations.

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump. In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to the face when fumes ignited as a call was answered while refueling a car. Third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone which was in a pocket, rang while the car was being refueled.

In a recent release from NEA, the Association of Union Constructors, strong warnings were issued that mobile phones can ignite fuel or fumes. When cell phones light up when switched on or when they ring, they release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition. Cell phones should therefore not be used in lifting stations or when fueling lawn mowers, boats, etc. Likewise, they should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust (i.e. solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.),

In a study of 150 recent cases of fires started by static electricity at gas pumps, the following results were very surprising'

- Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women,
- And almost all cases involved getting in or out of a vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas, with resultant static electricity.
- Most men never get back into their vehicle until completely finished.
- Most had rubber soled shoes.
- It is the vapors that came out of the gas that caused the fire when connected with static charges.
- 17 fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Four rules for safe refueling were offered:

1. Turn off engine.
2. Don't smoke.
3. Don't use your cell phone. Leave it inside the vehicle or shut it off.
4. Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling