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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.

**APRIL 20 WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING**

**MAY 1 WESTERN PA REGION KICK-OFF PARTY**

**May 6 Delmont, PA. Lamplighter Car Cruises 6PM**  
**Lamplighter, 330 Route 22, Delmont, PA 15626**  
**Car Cruises will be held every Thursday night**  
**Contact: 724-468-4545 6pm to 9pm**

**May 6 Fayette Co. Area Vo-Tech Car Show**  
 175 Georges Fairchance Road  
 UNIONTOWN, Pennsylvania 15401  
 5/6/2004, 5:30 to 8:00 PM Rain Date: 5/13/2004  
 Entry Fee: \$5 Steve Riba 724-437-2721  
 Email: riba20@fayettevo-tech.org

**May 7 Burger Bash/car Cruise**  
**Bovard VFD 6pm to 10pm Hosted by E.C. Cruisers**  
**\$4.00 reg Dash plaques 1st 100 cars**  
**(724) 836-6323**

**May 8 Penn State New Kensington Car Show**  
 3550 7th St. New Kensington, PA 15068  
 10:00am to 4:00pm, Entry Fee: \$5 web site:  
[http://www.carcruises.com/cruise\\_detail.asp?eid=4769](http://www.carcruises.com/cruise_detail.asp?eid=4769)  
 Contact: Eric Kellaway Phone: 412-559-4342

**May 8 Irwin/North Huntingdon, PA, Norwin Hills Car Cruise**  
 Norwin Hills Shopping Center, Norwin Avenue/Route 30  
 Irwin, Pennsylvania 15642 5:30pm to 10pm \$0 -  
 There is a one time \$3 minimal donation required for insurance coverage,  
 Gary Kee, 724-863-2403  
 chevy56ragtop@msn.com

**May 11 Nigro's Car Cruise 6PM**  
 3507 5th Avenue, North Versailles, PA 15137  
 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Every Tuesday  
 \$0 Becky Bendel 412-678-0368  
 chevy552002@comcast.net

**COVER PHOTO:** 1968 Mustang  
 Western PA Region Chance Car

## FROM THE EDITOR



BY MARK DeFLORIA

**April!** April showers are said to bring May flowers. Hopefully it will also bring many sunny days to get our old cars out.

As you may notice I have had some difficulty getting this issue out. Perhaps things will go better in May. I sure hope so. Thank you for your patience.

I am again trying to keep our calendar updated. Please check it out and let me know if there is something you would like included.

I want to thank everyone who submitted articles for the *Round-Up*. The articles make the *Round-up*. Contributing to this issue is Gary Cooper, Fred Nicholls and Mike Kosko. Please let these folks know that you enjoyed their articles. It's great that they keep on writing....

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

I have added a links to great car show/cruise websites The newest is CarCruise.com ([www.carcruises.com](http://www.carcruises.com)). I believe it is based in Pittsburgh but it covers the USA & Canada. It is up-to-date and lists a lot of shows in our area. Pete Highlands site ([www.geocities.com/sncruise/](http://www.geocities.com/sncruise/)) is also a good place to check out for locations of local shows and cruises. Shows and cruises are also listed on Hemmings pages ([www.hemmings.com](http://www.hemmings.com)) Please go to our site and check them out.



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



*BY DAN CALABRACE*

Hope everyone had a nice Easter. It sure is nice to see the flowers, green grass and longer days.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner. Hope you are planning on attending the Kick-off Party. We will be giving away a TV and a lot of nice prizes. As always there will be plenty of good food and entertainment for all to enjoy. Get your reservations in to John.

The Chance Car is ready to go for anyone who would like to take it to an outing, so far it's been to Myersdale and to K-Mart in Latrobe. Please see Stan and Eleanor Kanick for scheduling. There are a lot of weekends open for members to show the car. The chance car is our source of income so we can have such nice parties. Please help out by selling a few or even buying a few yourself.

For those of you who haven't heard, Howard Finney has been appointed Chairman of the Development and Support Eastern Division for the AACA. He will be traveling to Western Pa, West Virginia, and Western New York. He will meet with regions to encourage them to sponsor meets and tours.

Some nice tours are being planned for us this summer. It's time to get your car out and get it ready to go. It is always nice to see so many of the member's cars when we go on a tour.

September may seem far away, but already we are planning for the Car Show. To help defray the cost of the show we need sponsors for the trophies. The sponsors are \$40.00 a class. Please see me, Tom Ulishney or Doug Murphy for sponsor sheets.

Our Badge Fine Kitty is increasing, It pays to attend our monthly meetings. 🐾

## CARS I REMEMBER



1940 Packard 120 Coupe

*BY FRED NICHOLLS*

In my last article I forgot one of the best places in Greensburg. It was the CHROME ROOM in the Penn Albert Hotel. Here one could listen to jazz combo of Harold and Jerry Betters. Great musicians who went on to fame in the music world.

Several houses from my family home on Harrison Avenue in Jeannette was an older couple who's pride and joy was a 1940 Packard 120 Club Coupe. It had the wide white side wall tires and was like new. In later years the car was demolished and the couple killed at a railroad crossing on the road from the Greensburg Country Club and ending at Route 30 near the former Greengate Mall.

On the corner of Harrison and First street was a service station. For a long time a 1940 Buick series 80 Limited Convertible Phaeton Model 81—C. was for sale. It was light blue. But who would want a big old car like that, when new cars were available. At the end of South First Street was a Used Car Lot, called Mountain Dollar P.J. I would never have notice this lot, except for a long time he had a 1941 Cadillac four door fast-back for sale.

Where Lowry Avenue ends at Route 30 in Lincoln Heights was the car lot of Joe Amadio. Joe was one of the young crowd, and carried nice cars. He had the love for Packards. I recall one big four-door convertible sedan he had, with a reported history of being in the White House Fleet. Joe moved his lot West on Route 30 to where (I think) was the former site of Gene's Musical Bar which had burned down. I recall trying to buy a real mint 1941 Packard Clipper Sedan from him, but couldn't make the deal. His great car was a 1948 Packard Super 8 convertible coupe. Outstanding on this car was a fold down windshield for those in the back seat. I last saw this car in the Faretta collection in Altoona. I confirmed this several weeks ago.

In Lincoln Heights in an old garage is a 1940 LaSalle Convertible Coupe whose owner recently died. I know this car and owner well, and I think that it will be another story. 🚗

## WRECKS OF THE PAST



*SUBMITTED GARY COOPER*

This wreck happened around 11:00 at night in the early sixties. Between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> street in Charleroi, which is now Route 88. A light rain, a young driver around 24 years old traveling at a high speed in a 1959 Chevrolet Impala Coupe with a 348 Engine with a four speed hit a couple of parked cars. Then went airborne through a ten-foot high chain-link fence and hit a brick building, the Lee Noise Company. The car was flattened. Hood and door tore off. Motor knocked loose. I had a hard time towing it. Needless to say, the young man was killed.

