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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.

MAY 18

WESTERN PA REGION MONTHLY MEETING

May 20

Delmont, PA. Lamplighter Car Cruises 6PM
Lamplighter, 330 Route 22, Delmont, PA
6pm to 9pm \$0 Car Cruises will be held every Thursday night
hone: Cheryl (724) 468-4545,
VinLin1936@cs.com

May 22

Cordia Commons
Rt 30 just east of the PA Turnpike , Irwin, PA.
2:00 to 7:00 (724) 863-2600

May 28

Greensburg Community Days: Car Show
Lynch Field rt. 119 N. Greensburg 6-9:30
Hosted by E. C. Cruisers
\$5.00 reg Dash Plaques, Entertainment
87 and earlier cars please, (724) 836-6323

May 29

Cruise at Westmoreland Museum
Main St Greensburg, 6:00 pm
Dash Plaques sponsored by Road Kings Car Club
and Greene Motor Parts (Carquest of GBG.)
Free (724) 837-7658

May 30

New Stanton, PA. Rollin Oldies 14th Annual Car Show
New Stanton Park, New Stanton, PA
\$7 Registration is open at 9AM- Awards are at 4PM. Colleen at
724-527-3625 or Becky at 724-834-7272.

June 5

Saltsburg Canal Days Festival Car Show
On the Canal in Historic Downtown Saltsburg
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681
10AM to 5pm - \$5 phone: 724-639-8765
hijank@pghmail.com

*COVER PHOTO: 1970 Dodge Challenger
Owner: Gary Wiegand*

FROM THE EDITOR



BY MARK DeFLORIA

I want to get things back on track with this issue. There is plenty to read in this issue.

The Saturday June 26th bus trip to the 8th Annual American Dream Cruise at the Longaberger Homestead has been cancelled as only 18 people were signed-up by the May 1st deadline. The trip was announced at several meetings but was not in the Round-up as the April Round-up was published late.

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. 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*.

WESTERN PA REGION TOURS

June 6, 2004 Raystown Lake

Chairpersons: Ann & Fred Nicholls. Sightseeing and lunch aboard a boat and a visit to East Broad Top Railroad and/or the Swigart Antique Auto Museum.

August 15, 2004 Progressive Dinner Tour

9:00 AM	Breakfast	Connie & Charlie Schifano
12:00 Noon	Lunch	Dodie & Tom Ulishney
3:00 PM	Dinner	Mary Ann & Don Brant
6:00 PM	Desserts	Vickie & John Kuhns

October 16, 2004 Parade & Nemacolin Castle Tour

Chairpersons Jane & Warren Sheppick

California University Of PA Homecoming Parade at 11:00 AM (~1/2 hr parade)
Lunch at California Boat Club, a good restaurant floating on the Mongahila River with a beautiful view of the fall foliage. Following lunch, a tour of the Nemacolin Castle in Brownsville will be conducted at a cost of \$6/person. 🍷

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY DAN CALABRACE

We sure have been having nice weather. Time to get your car ready for the summer tours.

Our first tour for the summer will be June 5th to Raystown. Fred Nichols will be hosting the tour. I'm sure Fred has planned a lot of interesting things for us to see. We will have lunch on the boat.

If you missed the Kick-Off Party, you missed an enjoyable evening. It was an evening filled with fellowship, good food, music and lots of prizes. I'd like to thank John Kuhns and his family for doing a super job.

Latrobe's Sesquicentennial Birthday parade along with Latrobe VFD hosting the Westmoreland County Fireman's parade will be June 12th. You are welcome to put your car in the parade. They are looking for convertibles. You don't have to pay anything for this parade. If you are interested call.

Hoping to see you May 18th at our next meeting. 🗑️



SUBMITTED BY WARREN SHEPICK

Definition of a Taxidermist: One who works on, buffs and waxes cabs.

CARS I REMEMBER



1930/31 Ford "A" Roadster
Owner in apartment's parking lot

BY FRED NICHOLLS

I received some feed back on my article in the March issue, and one was Gordon and Lois Shurie who are spending the winter in Florida.

Gordon reminded me of DENT'S in Lincoln Heights. The building was located where a battery store now stands. Leaving Felder's we would end up at Dent's for sandwiches and suds. My friend who owned the 1940 LaSalle would often join us there, as his home was near by. Gordon also reminded me of ERNIE HEALEY'S near the Turnpike entrance. Sorry about that Gordon, but that leaves a blank.

I am sure that all of us in this hobby remember why they became interested in antique cars. For some, it was inheriting the family sedan, or raised at Dad's garage or junk yard. In either case, I was too dumb to keep my father's 1955 Buick Century Riviera, and I was raised with horses. Ponies when I was young, and horses I later years. I am not sure where my interest in antique cars began.

My first employment was in Homestead, Pa., and a fellow down the street had a 1930/31 Ford "A: roadster as his only car. Times must of got better, because he bought a 1936 Dodge sedan from an old lady who lived in the same apartment house. He offered me the Ford for \$50.00, but I certainly wasn't interested in an old car like that. I relocated to Indiana, PA in 1954, and it was there that my interests started when a friend bought an old car in the fall of 1962. 🍷

Editor's Note: Fred should have bought the car!

THE STORY OF THE HUMVEE, HUMMER



Hummers in Iraq

SUBMITTED WARREN E. SHEPPICK

No the Humvee story wasn't in 1980 when it first came out, but 1992?

Those of you who watched Desert Storm, and now Iraq, know what it can do, but how many realize that AM General, the inventor of that vehicle, stands for American Motors General: that they also made jeeps, 4 x 4 trucks for the military, as well as most of the plastics for the American Auto Industry?

GM is presently getting the credit but:

In March 1971, a new wholly owned subsidiary, AM General Corporation was created by American Motors. The company assumed the assets and government contracts of the former General Products Division. AM General also produces vehicles for the US Postal Service, as well as articulated buses and electric trolley coaches.

Isn't ironic that one of the first auto company's, Nash, AMC, which was merged into Chrysler Corp. in 1987, would take part in a foreign war four years later, and now, 2003-2004?? 🤔

