

# WESTERN ROUND-UP The official publication of the: WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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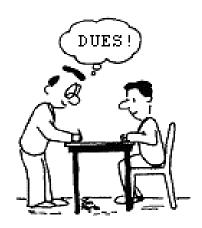
**OUR 55TH YEAR** 



### **2006 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.

Jan. 29, 2006	WPR Annual Meeting
Feb. 10-11	AACA 70th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 16-18	AACA Winter National Meet, Mobile, Alabama, Hosted by AACA Deep South Region
April 8-10	AACA Central Divisional Tour, Grandbury, Texas, Hosted by AACA Texas Region
April 20-22	AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson, Arizona, Hosted by <u>AACA Tucson Region</u>
May 11-13	AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Camp Pendleton National Guard Base Virginia Beach, Virginia, Hosted by AACA Tidewater Region
May 25-27	AACA Central Spring Meet, Waco, Texas, Hosted by AACA Central Texas Region
May 29-June 3	AACA Founders Tour, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Hosted by AACA Cedar Rapids Region.



Time to Pay 2006 Dues

COVER PHOTO: Field of 1957 Chevy's

Owner: Tom Milligan & Mark DeFloria

#### FROM THE EDITOR



#### BY MARK DeFLORIA

The end of the year is near. Hope everyone has enjoyed the Round-up this year. Please be sure to thank all the folks who have submitted articles for the Round-up. This issue features an article from Fred Nicholls. Thanks Fred!

The Region continues to seek a "new" Editor for the *Round-Up*. As I have requested to take a leave from the position. If anyone is interested, I would be glad to assist you in getting started.

Please submit items for the *Round Up* so it reaches me by the <u>Third Friday of the month by mail or email</u>. 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*.

## INTERACTION WITH AND BETWEEN REGIONS, CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

By Herb Oakes
Vice President of Development &
Support of the Eastern & South Eastern
Division of Regions & Chapters
(Reprinted from the Rummage Box)

As your Vise President of Development and Support of the Eastern and South Eastern Division of Regions and Chapters, along with a team of 8 chairman, I would like to introduce to you our on-going program of interaction with and between Regions, Chapters and individual members to promote good will and understanding ("esprit de corps") between members, Regions Chapters and the National organization. Consider me that of a goodwill ambassador representing the National club.

Our task is informational and should help to address the main questions of what can the AACA do for our local Regions and Chapters. If your members would like to have one or our chairman make a visit, they would be more than happy to accept an invitation to your club meeting or event, as well as accept or answer questions from individual members. Our objective is to make a presentation, have a short video and then answer questions.

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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY MARK DeFLORIA

As the year is winding down, I want to thank everyone who helped with our Region activities. We have had a great year. John Kuhns continues to be the "Party Person" as he has organized the "Kick-off Party" and the "Christmas Party." Both very successful events.

The "Annual Picnic" was chaired by Debbie Sheetz, Tom Milligan and myself. The food was good and the company was even better. The weather helped out, and we were able to see many of our members antique automobiles.

Western Pennsylvania Region members were treated to some fine tours this year. Many thanks to Charlie Schifano for helping to organize the tour and for being our "Tour Chairperson." Thank also to Fred Nichols, Warren Sheppick, Ralph Shearer, Ralph & Joanna Shearer and Al & Carole Friend for planning and conducting our tours.

The 2005 Chance Car Chairpersons were Barb Erny, Tom and Dodie Ulishney. Ken Bankovich volunteered to stuff the chance car tickets into envelopes. Many thanks to Barb, Tom, Dodie and Ken. The Chance Car ticket sales help fund everything our Region does.

Our \$1,000. scholarship this year was awarded to Timothy McDowell from Ligonier High School. He was a student from the Collision Repair Technology Program. Timothy maintained an excellent academic record, and is described as being self-motivated, reliable, and dedicated.

Our Annual Car Show was once again a huge success thanks to Dan Calabrace and his helpers. The sun was shining, food was great and once again our members did an outstanding job. What a group!

With the help of so many members, it has been a joy to be President of the Western Pennsylvania Region. Thanks to everyone who made this year so enjoyable.

#### CARS I REMEMBER



RY FRED NICHOLLS

Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard my garage was bare in the first week of March 1968. The Chevy was sold at Hershey '67, the 38 Ford coupe before that, and the 30 Ford roadster found a new home in Feb. 68. So I needed wheels. I had started to judge on the National level in 1966, and been assigned to Classic Cars.

That influenced me to look for something classic. In HMN I saw an ad for a 1938 Cadillac Convertible Sedan, and the car was located in Washington, PA. I called and made an appointment to look it over. Several days later I drove to Washington, I found the address, and met Pat Iperigne. We drove to a large warehouse where he had his cars. The Caddie had been painted, engine overhauled, etc. But it had a bad interior and canvas roof. This alone was going to cost mega bucks after I bought the car, so I passed on it.

He had other cars in the garage including a Packard coupe, but a yellow job under a cover caught my eye. He uncovered a 1929 Ford roadster that he had made into a speedster. It was not for sale.

About a week later, I received a telephone call from Pat, and he told me if I wanted the Ford for \$1,500, he would deliver it to Indiana. I bought it.

On a nice day he came into my driveway towing the Ford behind a 1950 Chrysler Town and Country hardtop coupe. The Chrysler was a beautiful car, and for another \$1,000. I could have the Chrysler. I passed it up, a really bad mistake.



The Ford was a knockout, juice brakes, push button starter, Rajo heads, chrome covers on the wire wheel covers, running lights and dual spare tires with knock off hubs.

I had one problem, Ann would not ride in it. On a Western Tour Paul Bell rode with me, and I trailered it to the Meyersdale Show where it won an award.

At a custom show in Pittsburgh it won a Best of Show. But, still Ann wouldn't ride in it. So the search was on.

