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# Notice



## 2005 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 17**      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- May 21      Irwin/North Huntingdon, PA, Norwin Hills Shopping Center Car Cruise 5:30 – 10:00PM. Every Saturday. There is a one time \$3 donation required for insurance coverage. Gary Kee 724-863-2403 chevy56ragtop@msn.com
- May 21      Car Cruise - McDonalds Restaurant Racetrack road, Exit 41 off I-79 Meadowlands, PA., 6:30 - 9:30PM, DJ, food, 50/50 drawing, dash plaques, tool raffles. Mike Leichty 724-941-1714 or leichty1@verizon.net
- May 27      Greensburg Community Days Car Show, Lynch Field, 119 North, just outside town. 6:00 - 9:30 PM, \$5, Show & Cruise in conjunction with Greensburg's Community Days. Rain or shine event restricted to vehicles 1987 & earlier!. Dash plaques, 50/50, door prizes, cars, festival booths, craft booths, food booths, musical acts, & entertainment provided by the Greensburg Recreation Board. Gary W. Hoffman 724-836-6323 or Garywhoffman@aol.com
- May 28      *2005 Eastern Division National Spring Meet hosted by the Laurel Highlands Region*
- June 5      **WPR Tour to the Dawson Car Show, \$6.00 includes lunch, car show and tour of the Cochran House. Contact Warren Sheppick** 🍷
- June 12      **WPR Tour to visit a pedal car collection in Greensburg, and the Ageless Auto Showroom in New Stanton Contact Charlie Shiffano** 🍷
- June 21      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- July 8 & 9      **WPR Tour to the 23rd annual Arthritis Foundation show in Dublin, Ohio Charlie Shiffano** 🍷
- July 19      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- July 31      **WPR ANNUAL PICNIC** 🍷
- Aug. 16      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- Sept. 20      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- Oct. 18      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷
- Nov. 15      **WPR MONTHLY MEETING** 🍷

*COVER PHOTO: 1948 Nash Super 600 Brougham  
Owned by: Cris & Molly Detwiler*

## FROM THE EDITOR



*BY MARK DeFLORIA*

I hope everyone enjoys reading the May issue of the Round-Up.

Check out the “Calendar of Events” on Page 2. Please be sure to let Charlie Schiffano know if you would like to go on one of the upcoming tours. Additional information is available in the April meeting minutes printed on Page 7.

Thanks to Cris & Molly Detwiler and Fred Nichols for submitting items for this issue of the Round-Up. Cris & Molly are relatively new members to the Region and this is their first article. Please let Cris, Molly and Fred know how much you enjoyed their articles.

The Region is in search of an Editor for the Round-Up. Editing the Round-up has been very rewarding for me. I have received the Master Editor Award from the National AACA the last two years. Since my antique is a good driver, but not a national show winner, the newsletter has be a good vehicle to achieve national AACA recognition. The newsletter itself has received several “Awards of Excellence” and is well established. Any member with some computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Word should be able to handle the job. Please let me or any of the Directors know If you would like to give it try.

Please submit items for the *Round Up* so it reaches me by the **Third Friday of the 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*. 📄

## MEMORIAL DAY



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



*BY MARK DeFLORIA*

The Kick-Off Party on April 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success thanks to John Kuhns and his family. We were treated to an Elvis impersonator as our entertainment for the evening. Looking around the room, many toes were tapping. The event was catered by our friends at Post Avenue Catering. The food was very good as usual. Many gift certificates, flowers and model cars were given out to the members present. Thanks John for such a great evening, and start of a new season with our antique cars.

Please be sure to see Barbara Erny for you Chance Car Tickets. If you do not want to sell tickets, then buy some. The chance car is what funds our wonderful events and scholarship. Please do your share. We are still looking for a chairman to handle scheduling the car. Please help. It is the start of the show season and the car is sitting idle, and I do not mean running. For now, if you want to schedule the car please give me a call. We need to get the car out...

I would like to wish Howard Finney and the Laurel Highland Region "Best Wish" and "Good Luck" with the upcoming AACA Eastern Division, National Spring Meet. The Meet will be held on May 26, 27, & 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pitt Greensburg Campus. Many members of our Region are also members of the Laurel Highland Region, with many Western Pa Region members helping out. Give Howard a call if you can help. You must have been pre-registered for the show. The show is on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. The show field opens at 7:00 a.m. Registration at show field is 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with vehicle judging from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Spectators are welcome. Howard has graciously arranged for our Chance Car to be there with tickets available.

I will not be at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting as my son, Wayne is one of the students being honored by Hempfield High School that evening at their annual Honors Banquet. John Kuhns will be present to chair the

## CARS I REMEMBER



*BY FRED NICHOLLS*

As President of the Punxsutawney Region in 1966, my one goal was to get the Region on a sound financial basis. The Executive Board agreed to purchasing a antique car to raffle off. Of course in those years, the only car considered was a Model "A" Ford. We looked at one in Glen Campbell, turned it down, but I bought the S curve roll top desk that was in the garage. Good deal, as I still have the desk in my office. Another "A" was located on the Buckhorn Mountain, which is North of Altoona. Merle McQuiston (An old time "A" mechanic) and I traveled to see the car. It was in a barn, along with about ten other cars. The owner started the 1930 "A" coupe, drove it out of the barn. Merle looked it over, one repaint, but other wise an original solid car. We bought the "A" for \$750. I noticed that one of the cars in the barn was covered up. I asked the owner what it was? He uncovered the car, and there set a real great looking 1931 Chevrolet Sedan. I fell in love with the car, and asked if it was for sale. Finally he said yes, and the price was \$1,150. I had to have it, agreed to the price. This was on March 15, 1966. Merle and I returned to bring the cars home on April 19th. We towed the "A" behind my 1955 Buick, and Merle drove the Chevrolet.

The 1931 Chevrolet was an all original car, except it had sealed beam headlights. The body was dark blue with black fenders. The paint and interior were the original, never restored. It was listed in the 1931 Chevrolet sale catalogue as: A 1931 Special Sedan- A deluxe car, offering many distinctive features. Six wire wheels standard equipment. Spare wheels mounted in fender wells. Chrome plated radiator grille guard. Mahogany grained garnish moldings. Two ash receivers, two arm rests, two assist cords. Rear compartment windows furnished with silk roller curtains. Mohair or broadcloth upholstery. Rear trunk rack.

Price \$650. f.o.b. Flint, MI. This was the most expensive model offered by Chevrolet in 1931. The car weighed 2,750 lbs. The car was originally purchased by a Mr. Wiedensaul of Lewisburg, Pa in December 1930 at the Chevrolet dealer in Hartleton, PA The original title showed an encumbrance of \$150, which was paid in full in 1932. When the man from whom I bought the car, purchased it, the speedometer showed 21,446 miles. When I bought the car the speedometer showed 22,313 miles. Next month I'll write about what a great car it turned out to be.

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## MY NASH STORY



1948 NASH SUPER 600 BROUGHAM

*BY CRIS & MOLLY DETWILER*

My 1948 Nash Super 600 Brougham was purchased new by a Mr. Ferri. Mr. Ferri lived directly across the street from my grandfather's place of employment. Every day Mr. Ferri would come out of his house and look skyward. If it looked like rain, he would walk approximately one half mile to his work place. One beautiful morning he drove to work and by afternoon it was raining. He hurried home to get the car in the garage. As he was backing into his driveway, another car was coming down the street and crashed into the left front fender. The accident damaged the under carriage and the fender enough for the insurance company to total the car. Mr. Ferri parked the car in his front yard with a "For Sale" sign attached. At the time my grandfather was driving a 1946 Nash Super 600 that had many miles on the odometer. It was now 1950 and my grandfather purchased the 1948 for fifty dollars. He then took the necessary parts from his 1946 to replace the damaged parts on the 1948.