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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.

Nov. 15 WPR MONTHLY MEETING 

Dec. 11 WPR Christmas Party

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 [AACA Tucson Region](#)
- 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.



Photo from the Frostbite Tour

COVER PHOTO: *1929 Ford Model A
Owned by Susan & Harvey Eger*

FROM THE EDITOR



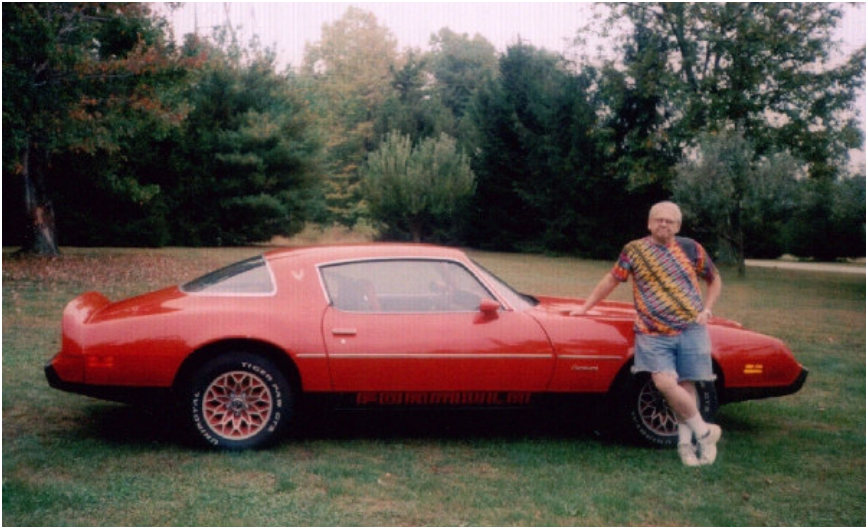
BY MARK DeFLORIA

The November Issue of the *Western Round-Up* includes the Minutes from the September & October monthly meetings.

Please keep submitting items. Your articles and items make these pages interesting. I want to thank everyone that has contributed to this months *Round-up*. Fred Nicholls, Warren Sheppick & Al Friend for sending in articles for this issue. Clay Stoner provided the photos of the cars ready to leave on the Frostbite Tour.

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*. ☺

2005 Western Pa Region Chance Car Winner



Robert Ergler of Pittsburgh. Winning number 9328.
Sold by John & Nancy Wolfe at Twin Lakes Park

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY MARK DeFLORIA

Many thanks to Fred Nicholls for chairing the Frostbite tour. I understand the tour was well attended in spite of the rainy weather. I was unable to attend due to the Hempfield Area Band "Sub Sale." Thanks to the hard work of our members, the Region has really enjoyed a good season of tours this year.

Our last 2005 annual event is the Annual Christmas Party. It is on Sunday December 11th at DeNunzios Chophous (Formerly Blue Angle Restaurant). John Kuhns is again chairing the party. Please be sure to fill out the reservation form and get it to John by November 30th. Phone John if you have any questions.

It is also time to establish a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee search for members who would like to be on the ballot for a Director position. Region Directors are elected for 2 year terms at the Annual Meeting. The 2 year term of three directors are ending (Tom Milligan, John Ross Kuhns & myself). Please let me or any of the Directors know, if you would like to serve on the committee, or run for a Director position.

Our next monthly meeting is November 15th. There is no monthly meeting in December. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2006. Please mark your calendars. Hope to see everyone at the November 15th meeting. 🍷



Photo from the Frostbite Tour

CARS I REMEMBER

BY FRED NICHOLLS

During the early months of 1967, Ann and I decided to buy a car-hauling trailer. The problem was, at that time there was no dealers selling trailer in this area. HMN carried advertisements for two companies, one was Wells Cargo, the other was a Company whose trailer was all aluminum the name I forget. They were priced less than \$1500 at the factory. So I watched for a trailer to be for sale in HMN.

Finally in the June issue I found one advertised in Valley Forge, PA. I called, still available and I set a date in early June to look at it. We had just bought the first Opal Station Wagon for Ann, and I thought this would be a good run for it. It was a five speed manual trans. It gave 30 mpg on the trip. I looked at the trailer and it looked great. It had been built by Bianco Welding in Philadelphia. I gave a deposit, measured the ball height and came home. I had a hitch put on the Cadillac convertible.

On June 21 I returned to get the trailer. The owner was a PA State Police, and since I didn't have a license for it, he wrote out a violation form for no license, which gave me 24 hours to get home. The trailer had a surge brake, and I believe it would have hauled a bulldozer. I loaned it to a friend to bring a Ford AA truck home from Maine. My first trip was with the Chevy sedan to Niagara Falls Meet. I hauled many cars, without any accidents. At the time I found new friends who needed a car hauled. I never was happy with the hitch on the back of the Cad, very unsightly. In 1969 I bought Jimmy Altmans 1965 Chevy truck which he had hauled his trailer with, but soon found it was not equal to the task. By late 1969 I had my fill of trailering cars, and traded it toward a classic car. That car dealer used it for many years in his business, and it never left him down. I had paid \$400.00 for it. 🗑️



Fred has sent along this photo.
He thought it could be Garry Coopers "next" restoration project.

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET (*Continued from October Issue*)



BY WARREN E. SHEPPICK

Well, I drove the limping Plymouth over to “Slimy Slick’s” (made up name) used car lot never thinking for an instant that “there was a Ford in my future”.

Looked over the slim pickens, not much there but out of the corner of my, on the lot’s corner sat a green & white 1956 Ford Country Sedan station wagon. It ran, but had a rust through on the rite rear quarter panel, and the tires were tired. It also had “boo-koo” miles on the odometer. We talked a bit, kinda agreed on a price, but then he started up the Plymouth and immediately my trade-in price went down a couple hundred. He heard the bearings.

I took the car because I was leaving for a job with a band in Texas at the end of the week and I had to get some wheels for Jane and the kids. (Included a new born a week old). Drove the Ford home and hoped for the best.

About four weeks later, I received a call from Jane that the radiator was leaking and the engine had a funny noise in it. Told her to take it to the radiator shop, that the bill wouldn’t be so bad to ignore the engine noise, and I would send her some money. Two weeks went by and another call. The car would not move. It was the transmission. She had the car towed to a transmission shop where she got the news, \$150. Well we had to make payments, \$150 was my entire weekly “take home” pay. Told her to not drive the car too much until I got home, which turned out to be the first part of November.

She managed to keep it running among various break-downs, pumps, electronics, hoses and various other things, and when I returned the first thing was to look for another car. I managed to trade backwards for a 1955 Chevy 210 Sedan with 90,000 miles on it, ran alright, never cost us anywhere near the Ford’s appetite for money, but she was so tired.

Something else turned out to be a new, left over, 1960 Ford Falcon (yes, another Ford), but this one turned out to be a fine car which we had for many years. And thus ends the 2nd “Cars I’d Like To Forget”.

Next: A VW with a cloud over it. (Or was it haunted????) ☹️

To be continued