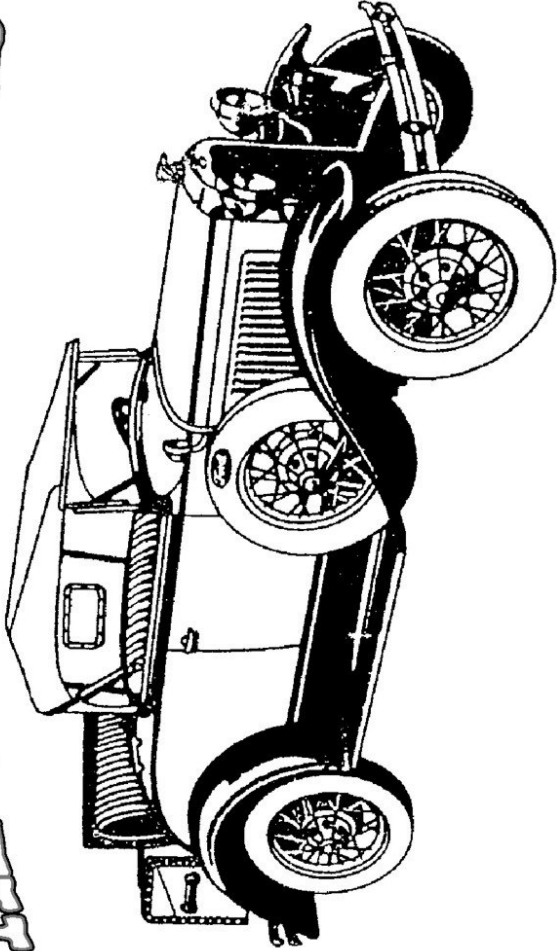


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Notice



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.

- April 8-10 AACA Central Divisional Tour, Grandbury, Texas, Hosted by AACA Texas Region
- April 18 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- April 20-22 AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson, Arizona, Hosted by AACA Tucson Region
- April 29 **WPR Annual Kick-Off Party**
- May 11-13 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Camp Pendleton National Guard Base Virginia Beach, Virginia, Hosted by AACA Tidewater Region
- May 16 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- 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.
- June 11 **WPR Progressive Dinner Tour**
- June 20 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- July 7, 8 & 9 **24TH Annual Arthritis Foundation Show & Cruise, Dublin, OH**
- July 18 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- July 30 **WPR Annual Picnic**
- August 4 - 6 **43 Annual DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT, Macungie**
- August 15 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- August 18 - 20 **Joint WPR & WPA Corvair Club Tour, Snowshoe Resort, WVa**
- Sept. 03 **WPR Annual Antique Auto Show**
- Sept. 17 **Marion Center Tour**
- Sept. 19 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- October 17 **WPR Monthly Meeting**
- October 28 **Drawing for 2006 Chance Car**

FROM THE EDITOR



BY DICK McKELVEY

A big thank you to everyone for putting up with all of the miss-spelling of names in the March issue. To be honest I never did the job I should have and followed up to check the spelling in the latest edition of our roster. I was too intent in getting my first attempt out on time. The worse part was that I did know how to spell most of the names. I even butchered Mark DeFloria's name once. My boss, Harvey did present me with my own fresh copy of the club roster as soon as he came into the March meeting. I'll try to do better.

Please submit items for the *Round Up* 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 they can accurately include it in the next *Round Up*. ☺

FOR SALE

Free advertising for your car(s) and or parts. Mail or Email your list to the WESTERN ROUND-UP Editor and your ad will run for two consecutive months.

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Call Ron Underwood Phone - 412-341-7812 / Cell 412-303-4927

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



BY HARVEY EGER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all know by now, our Chance Car for this year is a bright red, 1966 Mustang. Thanks to Barb Erny for putting together a group of Members to stuff tickets, and to all of the Members who helped get the tickets stuffed in record time.

For those of you who do not want to wait until after the April meeting to begin your ticket sales, they are available now from Eleanor and Stan Kanick (724-697-4272). If you want to schedule the car, give Tom Ulishney a call at 724-423-4640 as soon as possible, as a number of dates have already been requested.

The first outing for the car was Saturday, March 25, and ticket sales were brisk outside a local convenience store. The car was also displayed at the Maple Festival in Meyersdale on March 26, and over 100 tickets were sold despite a small crowd and cold temperatures. As I've said before, this car will sell itself; we just need to get it out on display.

With warmer weather just around the corner, many of us are getting our cars out and ready for the coming season. If you can, drive one of your cars to our next meeting. It would be great to see the parking lot full of antiques and classics, and let our Members see the wide variety of cars we have in our Region. Remember, our hobby is all about fun, and what's more fun than getting your car out for a ride?

Finally, if you haven't already done so, send in your reservations for the Kick-Off Party, to be held on April 29. Reservation forms can be found in this month's issue of the Round-Up.

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET

By Warren E Sheppick

(What? No Trucks!)

Yea, we bought a total of two. When I bought this one, Jane asked me, "will it go in the snow"? To which I replied, (and she will never forget this reply), "Honey, throw two concrete blocks in the back and it will go anywhere".

It was in the 70's, when a fellow worker drove a 1969 Chevy C-10 pickup into his parking space at our plant. Two tone green, looked good except this morning he had a for sale sign on it. I checked it out, very clean, stovebolt 6, w/3 on the tree and no power anything. When I saw 31,000 on the odometer I called him. He came down with the keys, we started her up, sounded good, went forward and aft, and the price was \$1000. I took it.

I thought I better "break it in" driving it to my day job just in case something was not as it should be. Good thing. Next week as I was driving in, there emanated from the front a very loud squeal. Turned out to be a left front wheel bearing with some spindle repair. Not to worry, winter was approaching and I turned the truck over to Joan. Every thing was good – no snow.

This was when we were told about a gas embargo or something, so I installed a wood burning fireplace at home. Now I needed firewood, and a friend over at Belle Vernon had just cut down some trees and he said "come and get it"! Took the truck over, backed her down over a hill, loaded her full, started the engine, let out the clutch, and nothing. Would not budge. Had to get a tow up over the hill. I noticed from the get go that this vehicle was slo on the take off, but I never had it off level before. Ever hear of western rear ends / mountain rear ends? This one had a very hi rear end. (almost looked like a movie star!!!)

Well the wood got home, but then the next week when it snowed and Jane had to drive to school, we found out that a hi rear truck just doesn't "go in the snow"! And she reminded me of it.

The final straw came when our daughter got married and we were delivering some furniture, stove, etc. to their apartment in Spears, all on the level, and we got stuck! Now the truck was loaded down, winter tires and all, but all she would do is spin. We pushed, pushed some more, got their stuff delivered and headed for home. Truck would not come up our snow covered driveway. Truck had to go. And we started looking for a replacement.

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CARS I REMEMBER

By Fred Nicholls

And one I would like to forget (borrowed from Warren Sheppick). The 1932 Chrysler was sold in December 1968, so my garage was empty of antique cars. Now, I must admit that through these years, I was buying some cars that did not qualify for antique status. I watched HMN and checked out several cars in the Pittsburgh area, but of no avail. In the January 69 issue I saw a 1931 Buick Coupe that was an AACA National prize winner. It seemed interesting, so I called the owner. The car was in Rochester, NY.

The weather forecast for the end of January looked good, so on January 30th I flew to Rochester and was picked up at the airport by the owner. Cost of the round trip was \$44.10. The car was stored in the neighbor's heated garage. The body was Lorenzo Blue, with black fenders and aprons, cream striping. The interior was done in dark gray mohair, the top in simulated leather and the rumble seat in leather. Samples from the original car proved these correct. The motor was painted the correct color, as was the frame, etc. It was a National Second at Norristown, NJ. and a first at Hershey.

He had removed the battery, and had not recharged it, so I didn't hear it run. Lesson #1, Always run the motor and drive the car, don't believe the owner. Being he was an AACA member, I believed. I bought the car, and flew home to Pittsburgh. The car was listed as a 1931 Buick, Model 8-56S Special Coupe.

In late March, my friend Merle McQuiston and I headed to Rochester and the more North we drove the more the weather changed from rain to snow. But when we arrived in Rochester there was no snow. Stayed all night and the next morning drove to the owners home. He wanted to drive this last time onto the trailer. LESSON #2, Drive the car yourself. We covered the car and headed home over the NY Thruway to Erie and home.

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MINUTES
OF THE MARCH 21, 2006 MEETING
OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGION
OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBIL CLUB OF AMERICA

A meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held on March 21, 2006, at the America Legion Post 982 (Pipetown) Hall, Latrobe Pa., commencing at approximately 7:33 P.M. 66 Members were in attendance . The meeting was called to order by the President, Harvey J. Eger, and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Guests:

The following guests were introduced: Jim Jones.

Minutes of the February 21 Meeting:

The Minutes of the February 21, 2006 Meeting were printed in the March Roundup. The President asked if there were any corrections to those Minutes. Several misspelled names were noted among the corrections to the Treasurers Report given at that meeting and a correction to the National Tour information for 2010, which should have included a reference to the Sentimental Tour. Hearing no additional corrections or additions, the President called for a motion to approve the Minutes as printed in the Round-Up. Upon Motion of Warren Sheppick, seconded by Howard Finney and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 21 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Erny presented the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by James Smith. Seconded by Ronald W Underwood and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINSS:

Membership:

Membership Chairman, Bill Rusnock was called upon to give a report on membership. Bill reported that he had contacted nine members that had not paid their 2006 membership dues. Four of those nine noted that they want to continue their membership. One Member, F.R. Hauser would not be renewing due to health reasons. One member contacted by Bill sent a check in for \$50.00 and noted that the balance of \$35.00 was to be donated to the club.

No new membership applications were read. A second reading for Andrew and Tricia Blanco was followed by Charles Stefano making a motion to accept their application, which was unanimously approved. Bill also noted that dues were delinquent after March 2006.

Chance Car:

The Western Pennsylvania Region has purchased a 1966 Mustang Coupe as this year's Chance Car. Thanks were given to the Car Committee for all the work and time spent to locate a suitable car for this year's raffle.

Charlie Schifano noted that the committee had searched as far as Ohio to locate a suitable chance car and with that in mind it was the recommendation of the Committee to purchase the 1966 Mustang as our 2006 Chance Car. Charlie went on to suggest that as soon as monies become available the Committee should proceed with searching for the 2007 Chance Car.

Barb Ermy will set up a gathering to stuff the tickets, when they become available. Mark A. DeFloria had printed a colored flyer with a picture of our Chance Car.

Stan and Eleanor Kanick have agreed to handle the tickets and noted that the tickets will be available at the April Meeting.

This year's drawing will be held on October 28, 2006.

2006 Kick Off Party:

Al and Sandy Wirick are Co-Chairing the Kickoff Party, to be held at the Pipetown American Legion Post 982 on April 29, 2006. The Wiricks reported that the cost to members would be \$17.00, and for non-members would be \$25.00. Reservations are to be made by April 19, 2006.

Picnic:

This year's Picnic will be held on July 30, 2006, at the Cooperstown Club Picnic Ground. Tim Smith, Co-Chair of this year's picnic was not present. At this time we are seeking another Co-Chair to work with Tim Smith.

Christmas Party:

Bettyanne Finney and Julia Smith are this year's Christmas Party Co-Chairs. The Christmas Party will be held on December 2, 2006 at Lakeview in Greensburg, Pa. No Report was given.

Annual Meeting:

John Kuhns, Chairman of the Annual Meeting gave the following report. John noted that the Meeting will be held at Dino's Sports Bar and will be held the week between the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl.

Incentive Points:

Harvey Eger, President of our Region, noted that due to the financial situation all the Directors had donated their remaining incentive points back to the Car Club. He asked that any members who have remaining incentive points do the same. Harvey went on to note that all remaining points expire on September 30, 2006 and there are 400 outstanding points to be used. Harvey also requested that if possible members should avoid using their points for the kickoff party. John E. and Nancy Wolfe gave back their 30 earned points to the Club. There will be no incentive point system for 2006. Harvey said that in place of the point system everyone who sells 100 tickets will receive two tickets to the Christmas Party, but if you have a non-member guest you would have to pay the difference between member's cost and guest's cost of the party. There will be additional discussion at the next directors meeting, pertaining to first, second and third place prizes for ticket sales.

Tours:

Charlie Schifano is our Tour Chairman for this year. Charlie presented the following report and tours that are in the works at this time.

Packard Museum Tour in Ohio

Back Yard Buddy Tour

Johnstown Region Tour to Don Pyle's April 29, 2006

Progressive Dinner Tour, June 11, 2006

The Arthritis Foundation Show, Dublin, Ohio, July 7, 8 & 9, 2006

Macungie Tour, August 4, 5 & 6, 2006

Snowshoe, WV, Tour, August 18, 19 & 20, 2006

Marion Center Show, September 17, 2006

Progressive Dinner Tour:

The date for the Progressive Dinner Tour is June 11, 2006. We are still in need of help, please see Charlie Schifano if you are interested in hosting a portion of this tour.

Newsletter:

Everyone should have by now received a copy of the March Round-Up which is the inaugural issue for our editor, Dick McKelvey. A round of applause was given to Dick for a great job on his first newsletter. Dick reminds everyone that the third Friday of each month is the deadline for submitting articles to him for the newsletter.

Website:

Mark DeFloria is Chairman of the Website. Mark reported the picture of the 2006 Chance Car is now on the website.

Region Historian:

Tom Milligan, Region Historian, was asked if he had anything to report concerning items of historical interest to the Region. Tom is asking for help in securing data for the club. He notes that there was a period in the sixties that things seemed to have been lost.

Hospitality:

Debbie Sheetz continues to handle our meeting refreshments. Debbie notes that the desserts are from Sam's Club and hopes everyone enjoys.

Merchandise:

John Kuhns Continues to handle Region Merchandise. John Reports the following in a brief report: John has some merchandise for sale, please see him if you are interested in buying or ordering something.

Heritage Festival:

John Rusnock is taking care of the Heritage Festival Booth, John reported as follows: The application, along with a \$200.00 deposit, has been submitted and anyone interested in scheduling a time to sell Chance Car Tickets should see Tom Ulishney.

Car Show:

Dan Calabrace is once again the Chairperson of the Car Show. Dan reported as Follows: Dan said the Car Show Committee is seeking additional sponsors this year and urges individuals to also sponsor a class. Bill Rusnock goes on to note that he has the registration forms and sponsor sheets. If anyone is interested please see Bill Rusnock and he will provide with forms and answer any questions you might have.

Programs:

We are still looking for a Program Chairperson. We have scheduled programs for the next four or five months and ask anyone interested in Chairing the Committee or possibly presenting a program to see one of the Directors.

John Kuhns presented a program on City Service items. John brought in items of interest and demonstrated how the first service station was like the original Sheetz.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Tour:

A "Steering Committee" was established to investigate the possibility of hosting a National Tour. The following members will serve on the committee: Harvey Eger, John Ross Kuhns, Howard Finney, Dan Calabrace, Debbie Sheetz, Charlie Schifano and Warren Sheppick.

Budget:

Harvey Eger reported that the Board met earlier this month to review finances and establish a budget for the coming year. Details were presented concerning last year's expenses, and this year's budget cuts.

Other New Business:

Some members indicated an interest in hosting a Flea Market / Swap Meet. Dan Calabrace suggested that we look into a pavilion for Old Fashion Days at Idlewild Park.

Dan Calabrace and Pete Orazio visited Denebo vista, where a silent auction was being held on a collection of fire trucks and antiques.

Kitty:

The President reported that the Board adopted a change in the Kitty drawings. Beginning

With tonight's meeting, the remaining balance of the 50-50 drawing will go to the Club, rather than to the Kitty. We will continue to draw names for a winner of the Kitty. Which will include the balance from last month: \$81.25; however, the only additions to the Kitty will come from the Badge Fines.

Badge Fines of \$1.25 were collected, bringing the Kitty to \$82.50

Robert D. Cirilli's name was drawn: He was not present.

Next month's Kitty will start at \$82.50.

ON MOTION of Bill Rusnock, seconded by Warren Sheppick and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M.

John Rusnock, Secretary

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET

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(What? No Trucks!)

It eventually became spring and we went hunting. Since we had a good "snow" winter, 4 x 4's were not easy to be found, but we finally found a 1978 Chevy Custom full time 4 x 4 which someone could not wait on. Price was \$7800 and we got \$1000 trade in on the 1969, Sold. The "new truck" now has a little over 50,000 miles on her and although she has been restored once, is going downhill once again body wise, this one, with her 350 engine and full time 4 x 4 is still in our stable.

PS: never could keep that 1969 truck in time, it became a ritual every three weeks to time it. (NEXT: How to keep that Vega in shape.)

TOUR TO SNOWSHOE, WVA.

The W.P.A. Corvair Club and our own AACA WPR are planning a joint August cruise to the Snowshoe Resort in West Virginia. Plans are for a 2 night / 3 day cruise, starting August 18 and returning on August 20.

We would stay overnight at "The Inn at Snowshoe". Besides traveling through some of the most beautiful country anywhere, on the way home we will see the huge National Radio Observatory. Optional activities will include: travel on a nostalgic early evening steam rail excursion with a stopover for a hearty dinner and blue grass entertainment (Adults \$30 and Youth 12 & under \$20). We will also have as options a number of short tours to several local attractions and opportunity to participate or observe the many activities at the resort. If all of this does not fit your fancy there will be ample time to leisurely participate in the fellowship known only to those of us who are old car nuts.

Interested, you must make your own reservation. The resort is holding a block of 25 rooms for our group at "The Inn" on a first come first served basis. Our cost is \$170.32 for both nights (Aug. 18 & 19) including tax. Reservations can be made at (887) 441-4386.

Choose option 3 on the phone and tell the person in reservations you are with the W.P.A. Corvair Car Club in order to get the negotiated price.

Any questions contact Al Friend or Charlie Schifano.

CARS I REMEMBER

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When I backed the car off the trailer I knew something was wrong. It set in the garage for several days and then was hard to start. Merle came down and then it started and ran fine. I had it listed for the National Meet in Winchester VA. The next time it was not running right, so I pulled the carburetor and took it to an old time mechanic. He took it apart, told me the carburetor had never been apart, and he rebuilt it. I was all set for Winchester, as I had purchased Jim Altman's Chevy pickup, which was set up for pulling a trailer.

The rest of the story of the Buick which didn't know "When Better Cars Are Built, Buick Will Build Them"

WESTERN PA REGION AACA
KICKOFF PARTY
6 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006
American Legion Post 982 Hall (Piptown)

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

Buffet Dinner: \$17.00 per person x _____ number of members = \$ _____

\$25.00 per person x _____ number of guests = \$ _____

\$6.00 Children under 12 x _____ number of guests = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Western PA Region AACA,**

Mail or call in your reservations to:

Sally & Al Wirick

RD# 8, Box 106C

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724-836-1910

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 19, 2006

Good old WPR fellowship, a few prizes, a DJ for entertainment

Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Salad and Desert

Regular Menu: Roast Beef, Baked Scrod, Twice Baked Potato, Malibu

Vegetable Blend, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Princes Cake for Desert

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