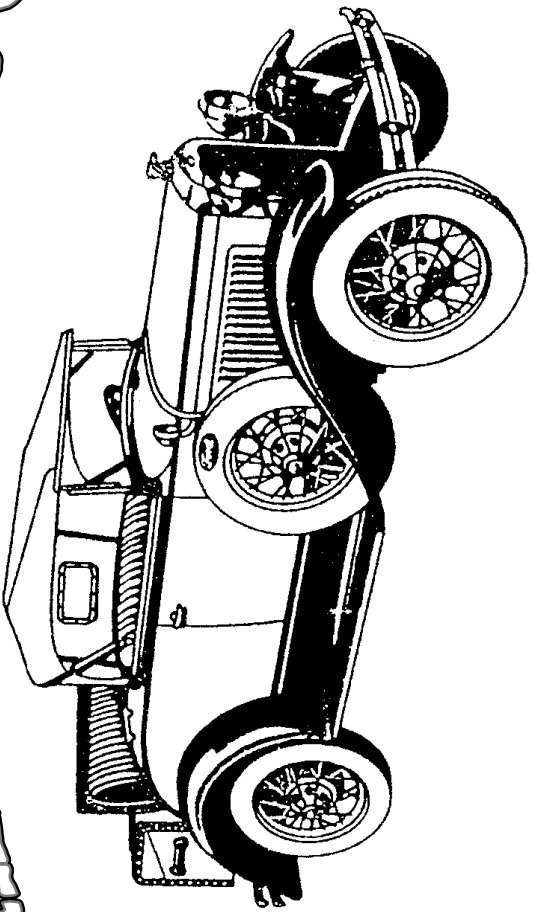


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## CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET (A VW with a cloud over it)

*Continued from last month*



**BY WARREN E. SHEPPICK**

Drove the VW back to the Chevy Used car lot & traded it for a 1963 Ford Galaxy hardtop coupe, red & white in color, 6 cyl with "3 on the tree". Car looked good, but it didn't take long for us to realize it wouldn't go. Too much car for that 6 cyl engine, we hung on to it for a while. About a month after purchase, the carburetor latterly fell apart. Took it to the local Ford dealer and they put a used one on and we were once again in business.

Driving it home went through Belle Vernon and noticed a 1963 Chevy II Nova station wagon on the Pontiac lot. It looked so good I just had to take a look! This car had a 283 8 cyl w/powerglide tranny and 4 bbl carb. It immediately "sucked me in". Just had to take it for a ride. Wow! Hadn't had a car with so much oomph, seemed like forever. Needless to say we traded and finally I had sane wheels that would go.

Returning one morning about 3 am from my job at the Twin Coaches, I was clocked on 1-70 at 100 MPH. A friend by the name of Buzzy, a prize fight promoter returning from a fight, driving a Chrysler recognized me and gave chase. He told me all this or our day jobs that morning about 8 am. (never did that high-speed stuff again!) Anyone of you who remember these Chevy us, will also remember that they had single leaf rear springs. If you really "punched it", you could latterly break off the springs. This I managed to do. Pow! Pow!, not only did the rear of the car drop to the ground, but at the same time the rite axle decided to inch out and part company with me.

After getting all this fixed, I was driving to work one morning when the rite side of the floor decided to part company with the car, dropped to the road shooting sparks all over. Lucky for me my side held on. This happened just as I arrived at my office. The guys helped me jack it back into place, made some brackets and welded the whole thing together.. Plans began to develop for a change of cars.

Next time: Ever heard of a Vega? 🚗

To be continued



## Notice



### 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Feb. 21</b>   | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| March 16-18      | AACA Winter National Meet, Mobile, Alabama, Hosted by AACA Deep South Region   |
| <b>March 21</b>  | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| April 8-10       | AACA Central Divisional Tour, Grandbury, Texas, Hosted by AACA Texas Region  |
| <b>April 18</b>  | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| April 20-22      | AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson, Arizona, Hosted by <a href="#">AACA Tucson Region</a>                                |
| <b>April 29</b>  | <b>WPR Annual Kick-Off Party</b>   |
| May 11-13        | AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Camp Pendleton National Guard Base Virginia Beach, Virginia, Hosted by AACA Tidewater Region |
| <b>May 16</b>    | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| 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.  |
| <b>June 20</b>   | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| <b>July 18</b>   | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| <b>July 30</b>   | <b>WPR Annual Picnic</b>   |
| <b>August 15</b> | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Sept. 03</b>  | <b>WPR Annual Antique Auto Show</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 19</b>  | <b>WPR Monthly Meeting</b>   |



**Time to Pay 2006 Dues**

## FROM THE EDITOR



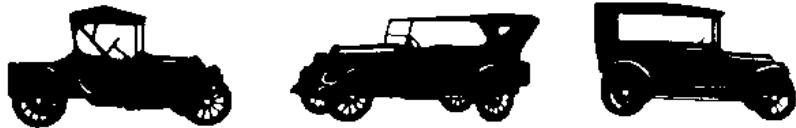
**BY MARK DeFLORIA**

It's February and spring is around the corner. The Kick-off party is only just over 2 months away.

The Annual Meeting went very well with many of our members present. Photos are viewable on our WEB pages. This issue features articles from Warren Sheppick and Fred Nicholls. Thanks Warren and Fred !

As most of you are aware, I started to seek a replacement Editor for the *Round-Up* at our 2005 Annual Meeting in last January. Due to increased family and work commitments, I must now resign as Editor. I have greatly enjoyed being the Editor of the *Round-Up* these past 8 years. I want to thank all of you who have submitted articles, information and otherwise supported me. Please continue to support the new Editor. As for now, the February Issue will be my final issue as Editor.

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*. ☺



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We did not see one car on this road and I was getting very concerned when we came upon a lodge. Sign said Zanavoo.

We were so tired. I from turning the steering wheel we just pulled in there. Not one car in sight but there was one fisherman casting in a small stream in back. We parked and entered to the desk. Looked like an old bank, window with bars and all and a bell to ring for service. This we did. A fellow appeared rubber bands on his sleeves and a visor cap. We inquired about a room and he replied that he had all eight available down in back overlooking the stream. We registered and were told dinner would be in the dining room after 5 pm. He introduced himself as Casper Berry. He asked where we were from. We were from Charleroi, Pa, he laughed and said he knew exactly where that was as he was originally from Monessen, Pa. We took out our bags and went around back to our room. Strange, no fisherman back there now. Room was very nice, clean no AC but upon opening the window found out it would not be needed.

The dining room was quite large, would hold maybe about 150 or 200 people. There was only one other couple seated far across the room in a corner. I should have gone over and spoken to them then, as they left before we were finished.

We selected our own table, sat down and Casper Berry appeared in a waiter's uniform. He presented us with menus, we made our selections and he disappeared into the kitchen. Food was brought in reasonable time served by Casper Berry and was excellent. He did say, to come around to the front desk in the morning before we left and have donuts and coffee at his compliments. He left the check. We left the proper amount plus tip and retired to our room. Looked like Casper Berry was "chief cook and bottle washer." Down to our room, the soft movement of the stream water over the rocks, other than complete silence, a good bed and well lets just say for this couple, 40 years after the honeymoon, it was romantic.

Upon awakening, we remember Casper's invitation to come up for donuts and coffee. We dressed, packed up our bags and headed up to our car. Tried the door, but it was locked. We looked around but there was absolutely no one in site.

After a thorough check of the premises we "saddled up" and headed once again down Logan canyon to, we hoped, Logan, Utah. We were low on fuel and our next thought was to look for a gas station. We soon pulled out of this "big ditch" out into sunshine and stopped at the first gas station we came to. The attendant (full service then) noticed our Pennsylvania license plate and made small talk about where we were going and where we had been. When we said we had come down from Jackson, he said where did "we "night over"? When I replied Zanavoo Lodge, he gave me a very puzzled look and said "I thought that place closed over two years ago"! No one drives that road much anymore.

I still have the business card of that lodge, phone numbers and all, but when I call them I just get a sort of disconnected sound. I have included a picture of the card. You try.

We then left for Salt Lake City to see the Great Salt Lake, but it wasn't there. Explanation later

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2006 OFFICERS:

Mark announced that the Board of Directors held a brief reorganization meeting after the election to elect officers. The following were elected:

President	Harvey J. Eger
Vice President	John Ross Kuhns
Secretary	John Rusnock
Treasurer	Barb Erny
Safety Director	John Kuhns
Publicity	Don Brandt.

At approximately 7:30, upon Motion of Howard Finney, seconded by Tim Smith and unanimously carried, the Meeting was ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted, Harvey J. Eger, Secretary ☺

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## TOURING AGAIN/MYSTERY & ROMANCE (continued)



Onto Yellowstone, took the northern circle and ran into a good size snowstorm, and this was June 30. (elevation here around 10,000 feet). We made it around the loop and exited on the western side to West Yellowstone, Montana where we had made out reservations. Good thing we did because there were a lot of people turned away that night. We spent the next day seeing the sites in Yellowstone including Old Faithful Geyser.

We then turned south onto Rt. 89 to Jackson Hole, WY. past the Grand Teton mountains to Jackson for lunch. Jackson is a great experience, and rite now they still have a lift that takes you to the top of the mountain. The lift is to stop operating at the end of this summer(2006).

Still driving south on 89 into Idaho through Montpelier, we passed one of the most beautiful blue lakes we had ever seen. Bear Lake, half in Idaho and half in Utah. At the time there wasn't much development there but I bet things are different today.

Now comes a puzzle. Rt. 89, on the map, is a normal redline route going into Logan, Utah. There is a small spur which cuts off and I took that one thinking I had picked the correct one to go down Logan Canyon. This road was like a snake awful turns right and left and all the while dropping down into what seemed like a giant hole. Now it is around 4 pm and getting dark, the sides of the canyon blocking out all sunlight.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**BY HARVEY EGER**

The response of our Members to serve as chairpersons for almost all of our 2006 activities, as demonstrated at our recent Annual Meeting, was overwhelming. In a matter of minutes, my job as President for the coming year became so much easier. I sincerely hope that this "Spirit of 2006" will be felt by our entire Membership, and that every Member will find a way to contribute, in one way or another, to what I hope will be one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Western PA Region.

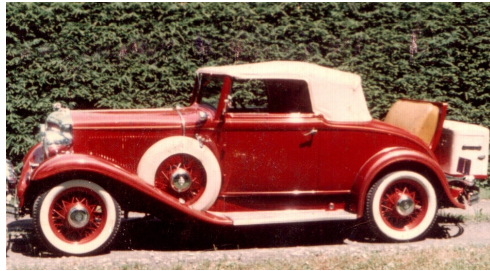
Compare, if you will, our Region to an antique or classic automobile. Think of the coming year as a "journey", and our activities as "stops" along the way. Let's call this imaginary journey the "WPR Spirit of 2006 Tour". Your Board of Directors, along with the Members who have volunteered to chair our events, is charged with developing an itinerary for this tour, in the form of our Region activities. As your President, I have the opportunity to sit behind the wheel and drive. You, the Members, are the fuel necessary to make this car run. At this point, we are well on our way to filling the tank, but as the year goes on, more fuel will be needed to complete the tour. That's where you come in. If each Member pitches in and does his or her part to help, we will have an exciting and rewarding year.

The Board held a lengthy Directors' meeting earlier in the month, and developed a broad outline of our plans for the coming year. This outline will be reviewed at the February Meeting. Any ideas or suggestions you may have are welcome, and should be passed along to me or to any of the other Directors.

Please keep in mind that your input is important to the success of the Region. I encourage you to share with me any ideas, suggestions, comments, criticisms or concerns that you may have for the betterment of the Region. Please don't hesitate to call me, or any of the other Directors, to discuss any matters whatsoever affecting our Region.

Last but not least, I am looking forward to serving as your President for the coming year, and I would like to thank the members of our Board for their confidence in giving me this opportunity. With your help, we can keep the "Spirit of 2006" alive throughout the entire year. ☺

## CARS I REMEMBER



**BY FRED NICHOLLS**

The Ford Speedster was a fair weather fun car. Painted yellow, it was great for parades and a sunny tour. But, I needed a car that Ann would ride in. In the spring of 1968 a friend who was an auto mechanic and I drove to Canton, Ohio to look at a 1931 Chrysler roadster advertised in HMM. A winner of AACA 2nd Junior, I talked to the owner who assured me it was a really nice car. I took the trailer, and arrived in Canton about noon, called the owner who directed me to his: home. It was setting in the garage behind his rather large home. Merle and I looked it over.

The AACA judges had to be blind. The gap around the doors was really bad. Merle said he didn't think it could be improved. So I told him I wasn't interested. He wasn't a antique car man. He asked me to make an offer. No; In another week reading a current HMN I saw an ad for a 1932 Chrysler convertible coupe. I called, and talked to the owner, and found the car was located in Washington, PA. I told him I had bought a car there earlier, and he wanted to know if I had bought a Speedster. YES, so he went on to tell me he knew that car, and he would trade me.

So on June 10th, with the Ford on the trailer, I drove to Washington, looked at the Chrysler. and we made a deal. The Chrysler was restored, wide white sidewall tires, sidemounts, rumble seat, trunk, driving lights, mirrors and lots of nice chrome. It was painted a non original color, I think it was a Mopar color, which he seemed to use a lot of, a red with some metallic. I brought the car home, and drove it to The Western PA show in Somerset where it won a first place trophy. At other local shows it always placed.

At a show at Altoona, a man looked at the car and wanted to know if I wanted to sell it. I told him No. He asked me for my name and telephone number. He called me every month, and finally in December he made me an offer I couldn't refuse. When he picked up the car a few days later, I learned he was one of the owners of the Chrysler garage in Altoona. It set in their showroom for several years, a~ few years later it sold at the Atlantic city auction to a buyer from OKLA. . Again I needed a car, and winter weather is not the best time to look for a car.

And Warren, perhaps F' 11 borrow your line for the next car. ☺

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors has acted as the Nominating Committee, since no one volunteered to participate when asked. Three Directors are to be elected this year. The following persons have been placed on the ballot John Ross Kuhns, Barb Erny, Al Terrick, Don Brandt and Dan Calabrese. Mark asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The membership was also instructed to vote for the winner of the Jack E. Clark Sr. Award. The award is given to the member or members who contributed the most to the Western Pa Region in 2005. The Board nominated the following individuals for consideration: Tom Milligan, John Kuhns, Charlie Schifano, Tom and Dodie Ulishney, Connie Schifano and Debby Rusnock, Dodie Ulishney, Tom Ulishney, Barb Erny, Dan Calabrese, Mark DeFloria, Fred Nichols, Debbie Sheetz. Ken Bankovitch, Howard Finney and Warren Sheppick. Each nominee's contributions were noted on the ballot following their name.

The election was held and the ballots counted by the Judges of Election, Gary Cooper, Fred Nichols, Guy Davis and Dave Sheetz. Director John Rusnock supervised the tabulation of ballots and determination of results. The following were elected to a two year term: John Ross Kuhns, Barb Erny and Don Brandt.

After the ballots had been counted and the winners announced, a Motion was made by Howard Finney to destroy the ballots. The Motion was seconded by Tim Smith, and unanimously carried.

Dinner was then served.

Following Dinner, Guy Davis spoke about his experiences in Iraq. Since Guy was unable to show us his slides, he agreed to do so at a Monthly Meeting. Thanks to Guy not only for his presentation, but also for his service in Iraq.

## AWARDS

Awards were given out to Mark DeFloria, John Ross Kuhns and Tom Milligan for their past years of service on the Board.

The Paul P. Bell Award for the most unique vehicle at the Car Show was awarded to Dave & Karen Berg for their 1904 Kreiger Barsier Electric Automobile, which was also featured on the cover and in an article in the January issue of the Antique Automobile.

The Jack E. Clark Sr. Award went to Tom Milligan, as the Member who did the most for the Region during the past year.

Dave Lizza was awarded the Foster Fike Award for his 1968, freshly restored, Cadillac Limousine

Tom Milligan also presented awards to the top three Chance Car ticket sellers. Tom Ulishney and Dodie Ulishney sold the most tickets, 386. Second was Howard and Bettyanne Finney with 340 tickets, and third, was John Kuhns, with 215 tickets. John and Nancy Wolf also received an award for selling the winning ticket.

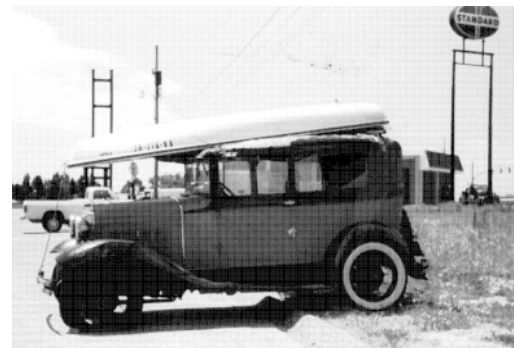
Total cost of the party was \$3,489.20, with the Region underwriting was over \$1,800 of the cost. Any suggestions for next years' party will be welcomed.

8. **Monthly Meetings Hospitality & Badge Fines:** Mark DeFloria thanked Debbie Sheetz for handling hospitality by providing the members with treats at the monthly meetings. Badge fines were collected at each monthly meeting from Members who were not wearing their name badges. This, in addition to one half of the monthly 50-50 drawing is added to a kitty. The winner's name is drawn from a list of Members. If the Member whose name is drawn is not present, the kitty is not distributed, but is carried over to the next meeting.
9. **Newsletter:** Mark DeFloria thanked everyone who submitted photos and articles for the RoundUp. He specifically mentioned Fred Nicholls, Harvey Eger, Warren Sheppick and Mike Kosko for their frequent contributions. Mark announced that he will be stepping down at the end of February as Editor. One or more members are needed to take over the Roundup beginning in March.
10. **Website:** Mark asked all Members to take a look at the Website, and offer him any suggestions they may have.
11. **Scholarship:** Tom Milligan reported that John Kuhns attended the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology School's annual banquet to present a \$1000 scholarship to Tom McDowell from Ligonier High School Collision Repair Techniques program. Tom's plans are to attend Wyotech.
12. **Merchandise:** John Kuhns reported that he thought everyone was up to date on their merchandise orders. John still has some denim shirts. Order forms should be given to John.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Audit:** Tom Milligan reported the annual audit was held this past week by Harvey Eger, Barb Erny and Debbie Sheetz. The committee reported that all was in order.
2. **2006 Chance Car:** The Board will be looking for a Chance Car for this year's raffle. Members with suggestions should pass them along to the Board. A motion was made by Howard Finney to destroy the 2005 Chance Car ticket stubs, which was seconded by Tom Ulishney and unanimously carried.
3. **National Membership:** Mark reminded all Members that in order to belong to the Region, you must be a Member of AACA. Members will be required to present their National membership cards in order to vote at next year's Annual Meeting.

## TOURING AGAIN/MYSTERY & ROMANCE



*BY WARREN E. SHEPPICK (& JANE)*

It's 1993 and once again we took the last week of June and 1st week of July, thru the road atlas into the car and headed west, and we will pick up this adventure getting onto I-90 west of Souix Falls, South Dakota.

We did the usual tourists stops, first at the Corn Palace in Mitchell and the on to the Pioneer Auto Museum, in Murdo, SD. (Now called the pioneer Auto Show). This place is a must for all car buffs. They have always advertised 200 cars on display. Some restored, some as they were taken off the street/road. They had fields of ancient cars in the weeds just waiting.

We saw a 1954 Nash Rambler on display there. Our honeymoon car was a new 1954 Nash Rambler Club Sedan, the only one I have seen since. They also had on display the first motor home, 1930's vintage.

Next morning to breakfast, at the diner in Murdo was a 1930/31 Franklin Sedan, Unbelievable! Found a young couple inside and they were from Michigan, in that car heading for Yellowstone Park, with small boys along. He wasn't the least concerned about the problems he might be facing.

After breakfast we headed west on 90 and stopped at Badlands National Park. You got to see it; I don't know how anyone could have made it thru here back then! Next stop was Wall Drug. Anyone who goes west must stop at Wall Drug. All the highway signs insist upon it. Saw a couple of 1965 Fords just sitting in the weeds across the road. Looked pretty good to me. They had been resting there for sometime.

Onto Rapid City and Mt. Rushmore, second visit there for us but always worth it, then off to Deadwood where Will Bill Hickcock was killed in Saloon #10 (still there) holding what came to be called "the dead man's hand!" We had been to Deadwood before but now they had transformed it into a gambling mecca.

Back onto I-90 west and at Buffalo onto Rt. 16 to Worland, down to Thermopolis and up 120, thru the Shoshone National forest and up to Cody, WY. Our idea was to have lunch there and call to make reservations for our stay at Yellowstone Park. They are hard to come by as there aren't that many for the volume of tourists going through.

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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

BY HARVEY EGER

The January Annual Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America was called to order at 4:05 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2006 by President Mark DeFloria. The meeting was held at Dino's Lounge, Route 30 West, Latrobe, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mark welcomed all Members and recognized all past Presidents, from 1957 to date.

Secretary, Harvey Eger passed out copies of the Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting, which had been approved at the February, 2005 meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Heatherington, to accept the Minutes of the November 2005 Meeting as printed in the Roundup. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith and unanimously carried.

Tom Milligan read the final Treasurer's report for 2006. On motion of Tim Smith, seconded by Howard Finney, and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Membership:** Tom Milligan reported that he had received two applications for membership, which he read for the first time. Those applications were submitted by Rick Totanto, who is sponsored by Connie and Charlie Schifano, and George Foster, who is sponsored by Barb Erny and Jim Erny III.

A moment of silence was held for Tom Bradish, Sr., who passed away during the past year.

2. **Kick Off Party:** John Kuhns reported that Kick-Off the party was held on April 30, 2005, at the Pipetown American Legion. 102 Members attended. The cost of attending was \$5.00. Post Avenue Catering again provided the food, and entertainment was provided by an Elvis impersonator. Over \$1000 worth of door prizes were awarded. This year's kick-off party will be held on April 29, 2006, at the Pipetown American Legion.

3. **Picnic:** The committee for the picnic was Tom Milligan, Debbie Sheetz and Mark DeFloria. 102 Members attended the picnic on Sunday, July 31, 2005 at the Slovak Picnic Grounds in Latrobe. The charge was \$1.00 per person. Members were asked to bring either a salad or a dessert. Post Avenue Catering provided a pig roast, turkey and spaghetti. Gift certificates totaling \$500 were awarded. This year's picnic will be held on July 30, 2006.

4. **2005 Chance Car:** There were several people who participated in this year's Chance Car program. Tom and Dodie Ulishney were in charge of scheduling the Chance Car this year. Harvey Eger handled scheduling for Twin Lakes Heritage Festival. Barb Erny handled the ticket sales, and Ken Bankovitch stuffed the envelopes. Barb provided a report and thanked everyone who helped with the car. There were 750 unsold tickets, which amounted to \$3,750 in lost revenue. Tom and Dodie Ulishney sold the most tickets, and John and Nancy Wolf sold the winning ticket to Bob Ersler from Plum. It took 3 drawings until we had a winner.

5. **Tours:** Charlie Schifano reported on the tours that were held over the past year. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Gary Cooper and Warren Sheppick lead a tour to Dawson, PA where we enjoyed great food, a tour of the beautiful Frick Family mansion and an opportunity to see many antiques and classics.

On Sunday, June 12, a tour was held in conjunction with Laurel Highlands Region to visit Ageless Autos in New Stanton, a pedal car collection in Greensburg, and dinner at Hoss' Restaurant. The tour was coordinated by Charlie and Rich Flickenger of Laurel Highlands Region.

July 8, 9, and 10 Warren Sheppick led a tour to Dublin, Ohio for the Arthritis Foundation Show. Over 3500 antique and classic cars were displayed in a beautiful industrial park that contained full accommodations for everyone.

Al Friend of the Pittsburgh Corvair Club and Ralph Shearer from our Region led a tour on August 20 to Gravity Hill. 39 cars and 89 people participated. Drivers were able to drift their cars uphill, and then it was on to the Glenn Sauger Ranch, which is soon to be purchased by the Pittsburgh Zoo, for a wonderful dinner. On the way back, there was a visit to the Compass Inn in Laughlintown.

On Sunday, September 18, Dan Calabrace led a group to the Marion Center Car Show hosted by Fred Nichols and the Punxy Region of AACA. It was a great show, followed by a wonderful dinner.

Fred Nichols led the "Frostbite Tour" through beautiful back roads of northern Indiana, Smicksburg and the Wingate Winery on October 22. Dinner followed at Fire Mountain. There were 11 cars and 21 people participating.

A number of tours are already planned for 2006, including the Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio, a Progressive Dinner tour on June 11, the Arthritis Foundation Show in Dublin, Ohio on July 7,8,and 9, McCungy, PA on August 4,5 and 6, Marion Center on September 17, and Snowshoe, WV, in the middle or end of August.

Additional Tour suggestions are welcome and should be given to Charlie Schifano.

6. **Car Show:** Dan Calabrace once again chaired the annual Paul P. Bell Car Show. Dan said that we had 60 cars pre-registered and 215 cars on the field at the show. It was a wonderful day for a show. There were 28 sponsors, 1 food vendor, a car corral and a J C Taylor booth. Dan thanked all who helped. Next years show is September 5, 2006.

7. **Christmas Party:** John Kuhns was in charge of the Christmas Party. Which was held at DeNunzio's Chop House on December 11, 2005. 111 people were in attendance. Broiled Scrod, Chicken Parmesan or Lobster Ravioli were the entree choices. Santa showed up around 7:30. Entertainment was provided by a DJ, and \$500 in door prizes were awarded. Members' cost was \$15 per person.