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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.

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| Feb. 21 | WPR Monthly Meeting |
| March 16-18 | AACA Winter National Meet, Mobile, Alabama, Hosted by AACA Deep South Region |
| March 21 | WPR Monthly Meeting |
| 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 20 | WPR Monthly Meeting |
| July 18 | WPR Monthly Meeting |
| July 30 | WPR Annual Picnic |
| August 15 | WPR Monthly Meeting |
| Sept. 03 | WPR Annual Antique Auto Show |
| Sept. 19 | WPR Monthly Meeting |



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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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.

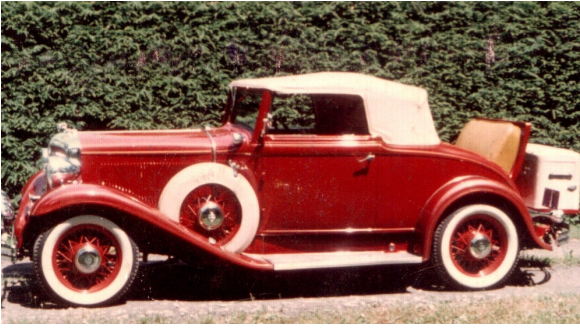
Compare, if you will, our Region to an antique or classic automobile. Think of the coming year as a "journey", and our activities as "stops" along the way. Let's call this imaginary journey the "WPR Spirit of 2006 Tour". Your Board of Directors, along with the Members who have volunteered to chair our 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.

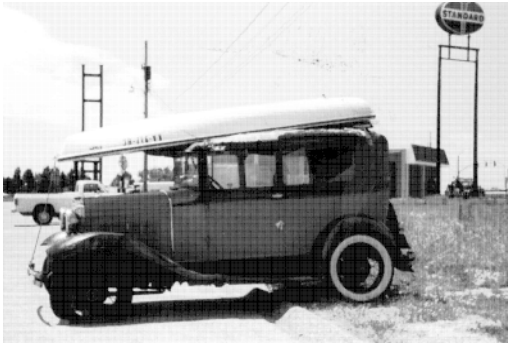
The AACA judges had to be blind. The gap around the doors was really bad. Merle said he didn't think it could be improved. So I told him I wasn't interested. He wasn't a antique car man. He asked me to make an offer. No; In another week reading a current HMN I saw an ad for a 1932 Chrysler convertible 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. 🗄️

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 displayed. 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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