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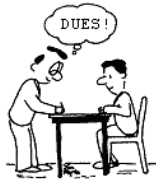
# Notice



## 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.

- Jan. 29, 2006**      **WPR Annual Meeting**
- Feb. 10-11      AACA 70th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 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**

*COVER PHOTO:*

*1904 Krieger Barsier Electric Automobile  
Owned by Dave & Karen Berg*

## FROM THE EDITOR

BY MARK DeFLORIA

Happy New Year. It's January and our Kick-off party is only just over 3 months away. There is an Reservation Form for the WPR Annual Meeting in this issue. This issue also features an article from Warren Sheppick. Thanks Warren !

The Region continues to seek a "new" Editor for the *Round-Up*. If anyone is interested, I would be glad to assist you in getting started.

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*. 📧

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## FOR SALE

**Antique and Classic Auto Painting:** Call Gary Cooper for details. 724 483-3165 (9/05)

**1973 Plymouth Valiant ;** 4Dr / Slant 6, Automatic, Metallic Green / Green Vinyl Roof, No Rust  
Phone Howard Finney - 724-539-3137

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## CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET (A VW WITH A CLOUD OVER IT)



BY WARREN E. SHEPPICK

Jane needed her own car as she started working for the Charleroi School District. (Just a short time to help put our kids through college — Ha lasted 22 years!) I bought her a 1951 Chevy Sport Coupe for the pricey sum of \$285. Was a good runner, but had a serious flaw. It did not like snow, in fact, at the first snowflake it would run and hide! After the second episode of sliding off the road into a ditch, it became time to "ditch it".

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



*BY MARK DeFLORIA*

It's January and time for our Annual Meeting & Elections. The Annual Meeting is on January 29, 2006 at Dino's Lounge, Rt. 30, Latrobe. Please see the details listed on Page 12 of this Round-Up.

Anyone interested in running for one of the three open Director Positions should contact one of the current Director and request that your name be added to the ballot.

Guy Davis has agreed to talk about his recent stay in Iraq. Thank You Guy! Hope to see everyone at the January 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting. 🍷

## 2005 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Bill & Debbie Rusnock with Beverly & John Rusnock

## CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET

(A VW WITH A CLOUD OVER IT)

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I'm now driving through Charleroi, past the Chevy used car lot when lo and behold there sat a 1961 green Volkswagen sedan. 4 Cylinder, 4-speed, air-cooled (don't need any anti-freeze), and low mileage. (The reason for this will be apparent later.) Hey, they go in the snow and on regular tires to boot. This is just the ticket for Jane to get to school, and this was the first 40 HP engine. Made the deal and traded the Chevy, but not before noticing that the right front fender was a slightly different shade of green than the rest of the car. Not to worry, the former owner had crunched a fender, so they had ordered and installed a new one. A new fender, Great!

I had the car one-day, and had stopped at our Lover General Store to pick up my paper. In the store I heard a screech, and a bang. A car coming down the hill and around the curve at the store had rammed our VW. Off to Cooper's body shop for repairs. Winter had approached and I was selling boats at the Pittsburgh Boat show, evenings. The first night I came out of the arena to my parked VW, and darn, someone had creased the rite front fender. AW, it wasn't too bad. I had next driven the car into Charleroi to pick up a few things, parked in the lot, and upon my return, someone had creased the left front fender. Well, at least they now matched.

Up to this point in time I didn't know much about auto mechanics: Oh sure, I did overhaul my teenage 1939 dodge coupe engine in my father's garage, but knew nothing of bearings, honing, rings and whatever. But, my father offered his help in doing the job. Now dad's best contribution to the world was as a carpenter and a very good one.

Well, even though I kept breaking rings trying to pull them apart to get them over the pistons, and not knowing that the openings were not to be on the same side, we managed to put it all back together and it ran. Never did find out where that coffee can of bolts left over went. Back to the VW.

Upon driving my oldest son to his piano lesson, and observing a stop sign onto Rt 88, the driver in back of us did not and with a loud bang we were pushed forward. Back to Cooper's body shop.

This time there was engine damage and Gary had to drop the engine and I took it over to the VW dealer in Washington to be repaired.



Got the VW back home and Jane got to drive it awhile, but always there were dings, scratches, and someone ran into and tore off the rite running board.

I was in the Fallowfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. and drove the VW over there for a meeting. We had a very large parking lot in the back, and a house on the premises, which we rented to a family. I was very careful to park the VW away by itself put it in gear and set the parking brake. Wasn't long before

there was a knock on the meeting door. It was our renter. He somehow had backed into the VW pushing the engine into the back seat. Once again, back to Cooper's. By now Gary knew this car so well he could put it together with his eyes closed.

This time the VW dealer gave me the bad news that repairs could not be made this time. Needed another engine. I was "lucky" that they had a used bus engine, which I hauled back to Gary's, he repaired the body damage and installed the bus engine which seemed to run just fine. In fact, this car did always run fine, and it drove well, if you could keep it on the road! I'm sure you now recognize the reason for the low mileage on the car. The poor thing had thus far spent most of its life being repaired.

By now both Jane and I had "had it" with this jinxed car. I quickly drove it back where I had purchased it and traded it on a 1963 Ford Galaxy 6 Cylinder hardtop coupe. I kept watching the VW sitting on the lot till one day it was gone. I stopped and questioned the salesman about who had bought it. Me told me that a local fellow who worked at the Lee Norse plant in Charleroi had just taken it.

Two weeks later I saw the VW parked on the street at the Lee Norse plant, and guess what? It was minus the right front fender!!! Was the cycle starting all over again??? And, was this vehicle hexed at the plant in Wolfsburg, or was something else even more sinister??? And why, did all this happen when I drove the car, and not Jane? 🍷

Next: Another Ford and a couple others. *To be continued*