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Monthly General Meetings are held the **First Tuesday** of the month 7:00pm at Tom Oates Automotive in Chester Springs, PA

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## Presidents Message

February’s general meeting was a fantastic showing and a good time had by all. It was our “Sponsor Night” and several of the sponsors were there. Thank you to our sponsors. I would like to welcome our newest sponsor, Rob from Rob’s Rod Shop. He is located in Downingtown. We received great stories, announcements and discounts from our sponsors.

Our new website will be up and running by our March meeting. Please check it out! It will have many new features and is a huge upgrade from our old one.

Yes, it is February. No snow or cold weather! Keep your fingers crossed and before you know it Spring will have sprung. We will be visiting County Corvette following our **March breakfast at West Chester Diner**. The location of the breakfast for March has been changed to put us closer to County Corvette. West Chester Diner is located at 1147 West Chester Pike (about a ½ mile East of 202).

Support our sponsors, they support us!

Joe O’Fria  
President

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## The Follow-up/The Happenings

### **Treasury Report:**

Watch your email for a copy of the Treasurer's Report – coming soon! ~Joseph O'Fria, Treasurer

### **Happenings:**

#### **ATTENTION:**

**Dues are now due for 2012 - \$15.00 for current members.**

\*\*We ask that all dues be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>\*\*

### Drive Out Hunger

**It is official!!** Downingtown East High School administration has given TDC authorization to use the school grounds for the "Drive Out Hunger" show for 2012. The show is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of July 28<sup>th</sup>. In 2011 TDC raised over 2000 lbs. of food for the Chester County Food Bank and over \$500.00 in cash donations.

### Father's Day Car Show

Denise Stoltzfus is finalizing plans with Jeff Chalfant of the Parks & Recreation Committee for a car show in conjunction with the West Brandywine event featuring the Grease Band on Father's Day.

As soon as all plans are agreed upon, further information will appear in our newsletter.

### Inter-Club Meeting

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Delco Cruisers is having a combined club meeting of all area clubs to discuss all clubs plans for the 2012 season. This meeting is to try and set dates for individual club events that are not conflicting with one another.

The meeting is taking place at the Middletown Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall – 237 South Middletown Road – Media, PA 19063 – 7:00 PM.

### Graduation Voucher

Discussions in reference to the distribution of the voucher for a student to further his education in the automotive field is still on the table. The qualifications of the student such as their grade average, most improved student and a letter from the student as to their plans for the future will be a deciding factor. At the present time there are three schools the club has nominated from which to choose.

## The Follow Up/The Happenings

### Refurbishing TDC Trailer

Rob DeGrandis said TDC may use his facility on the weekend to work on our newly purchased trailer. A scheduled time would have to be set up.

As the weather starts getting warmer we are going to need some helping hands to give our new trailer some TLC for use in the upcoming season.

Information will be out soon for a TDC Trailer Tool Time.

Please let Joe O'Fria know if you have any expertise that can be used when the time is ready. Thank you.

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At our January meeting, Ernie Meade mentioned that in April he will be traveling to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Round Up in Austin, Texas. It runs for three days from April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Besides a rod and custom car show there is a swap meet, mini-bike races, etc. On the 15<sup>th</sup> there is a cruise through hill country for a classic burger on the water at Ski Shores.

If interested, you can go online at [www.lonestarroundup.com](http://www.lonestarroundup.com) for more information.

### Tyler Meade Deployed

**Tyler Meade, son of member Ernie Meade, has been deployed to an unknown location.**

**Tyler has been a member of the Green Berets for three years and is skilled in communications. He is fluent in three languages; Farcy, Dari and Arabic.**

**He will be deployed for a period of nine months. For all that time his family will not know his whereabouts. We, at TDC, send our thoughts and prayers for his safe return.**

## **Activities/Shows:**

As a club we would like to participate in other activities, beside the normal show and cruise night schedule, we want to be able to gather socially and get to know one another and do something that doesn't necessarily involve cars...but can involve spouses/significant others and family!

**TDC Tool Time:** If anyone is in need of a few helpings hands, let Harry Panson know at [harry@tdcmotorclub.com](mailto:harry@tdcmotorclub.com)

*The first member to email Joe O'Fria at TDCMotorClub@gmail.com will be awarded with a free gift.*

**Rob DeGrandis has a large warehouse facility located at 185 Lancaster Avenue in Malvern, PA for rent. It is secure and accessible six (6) days a week during business hours of DeGrandis Auto. Cost is \$100.00 a month for members and \$130.00 a month for non-members. Contact Rob or Tiffany @ 610-644-6990 or [degrandisauto@comcast.net](mailto:degrandisauto@comcast.net). Four (4) spots are still available.**

Please be on the look out for communications and dates for these events coming very soon! **If you have any ideas for outings or events to attend, please contact Connie Robinson @ [dan@tdcmotorclub.com](mailto:dan@tdcmotorclub.com)**

**\*\*NOTES FOR 2012\*\***  
**SUPPORT THE TROOPS**

**TDC MONTHLY CRUISE NIGHTS- SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER AT THE VFW ON BUSINESS ROUTE 30 JUST OUSTSIDE OF DOWNINGTOWN. WE WILL HAVE AMPLE ROOM TO DISPLAY CARS ON THE LARGE LAWN AND SPECTATOR PARKING IN THE REAR.**

**50/50 AND DOOR PRIZES**

**WE WILL BE HAVING CRUISE NIGHT RAIN DATES IN 2012. THE RAIN DATE WILL BE THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY AFTER THE OROGONAL DATE.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARKING AND DONATION COLLECTION.**

## **TENTATIVE 2012 CALENDAR**

JAN. 3	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
JAN. 21	SAT.	BREAKFAST RUN 8:30AM	LIONS SHARE
FEB. 7	TUES.	SPONSORS NITE 7PM	TOM OATES
FEB. 11	SAT.	BOWLING 7PM	FRAZIER LANE
FEB. 18	SAT.	BREAKFAST RUN 8:30AM	LIONS SHARE
MAR. 6	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
MAR. 17	SAT.	BREAKFAST RUN 8:30AM	W. CHESTER DINER
MAR. 24	SAT.	OUTTING/SOCIAL (?)	TBA
APR. 3	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
APR. 11	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
APR. 21	SAT.	BREAKFAST RUN 8:30AM	LIONS SHARE
APR. 28	SAT.	PARADE (?)	LANCASTER
MAY 1	TUES	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
MAY 9	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
JUNE 5	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
JUNE 13	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
JULY 3	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
JULY 4	WED.	PARADE 8AM	PHILADELPHIA
JULY 11	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
JULY 21	SAT.	DOH SHOW 7AM	DEHS
JULY 28	SAT.	DOH (RAIN DATE)	DEHS
AUG. 7	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
AUG. 8	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
SEPT. 4	TUES.	CLUB CRUISE 7PM	TOM OATES
SEPT 12	WED.	CRUISE NIGHT 5PM	VFW DWTWN.
OCT. 2	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
OCT. 7	SUN.	CLUB PICNIC 12PM	BOB & PATS
OCT. 27	SAT.	HALLOWEEN EVENT	TOM OATES
OCT. 28	SUN.	RAINDATE	TOM OATES
NOV. 6	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES
DEC. 1	SAT.	HOLIDAY PARTY 7PM	TBA
DEC. 4	TUES.	CLUB MEETING 7PM	TOM OATES

**New Members**

TDC would like to welcome three new members to our club:

Tom Dean - '49 & '54 Chevy

Pete Bond – '81 Deloran  
'95 Mazda

Ed Willard – '61 MGB

**Activities/Shows: Cont'**  
**CRUISE NIGHTS 2012**

**“THIS BEARS REPEATING”**

**TDC Cruise Nights** to Support the Troops!  
Chair/Contact: *Dan Bourdon* VP  
([dan@tdcmotorclub.com](mailto:dan@tdcmotorclub.com))

**When:** Look for our next “Cruise For the Troops” next year. First cruise for 2012 is April 11th from 5:00pm to dusk...

**Where:** VFW in Downingtown, just outside of Downingtown on Business Route 30. We will have ample room to display cars on the large lawn and spectator parking in the rear!  
• 50/50 and Door Prizes

**We will be having Cruise Night Rain Dates! The rain date will be the following Wednesday after the original date.**

**Birthdays Wishes**

**February Birthdays:**

Ronald J. Oliver – 2/3  
Leon Lenkowski – 2/6  
James Saltzburg – 2/10  
Susan Hernandez – 2/28

**March Birthdays:**

Robert Minter, Jr. – 3/2  
Daniel Sole – 3/5  
Sara (Sally) Williams – 3/7  
Gladys Oliver – 3/12  
Patricia Lenkowski - 3/13  
Cindy Prince – 3/18

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.**

February Birthday Wishes to:  
Brian Gomez - 3/26  
Drane Minter - 3/26

**Dance at February Meeting**

Ronald J. Oliver – 2/3  
James Saltzburg – 2/10  
Susan Hernandez – 2/28

and is a professional located at 185 Hesse Rd. He has a tire rack website.  
Happy to cooperate center for which he has a shuttle business for 11 yrs. Rob has also offered his purchase from.

**Communication Survey:**

Would you like to receive a text alert from TDC when there are car shows or events in the area?  
I have a wholesale retail business for 30 years. He is located at 306 Westtown Rd. We do have a service department. Let us know the next time we see you!

Rod & Custom do classic car restoration. Their business is mainly sheet metal fabrication and detailing. BULLDOG is located 217 South

Bolmar St., West Chester. Their website is: [www.bulldogrodcustom.com](http://www.bulldogrodcustom.com)

Tom Snyder of T.E.Snyder Fabricating specializes in classic and performance cars. At the present they are located at 131 S. Bolmar St., Bldg. L in West Chester, but will soon be moving to Westtown Road and doubling the size of their shop in the process. T.E. Snyder does welding custom exhaust, channeled, glass, wiring, roll bars, wiring, suspension alignment, sheet metal fab., kit installations, all body components chopped and minor repairs.  
Their website is: [www.snyder-fab.com](http://www.snyder-fab.com).

Rob McCall from Rob’s Rod Shop located at 131 Wallace Avenue – Bldg. #5 in Downingtown. Rob’s shop specializes in parts and service for Hot Rods, Muscle Cars and High Performance vehicles. This includes fuel injection, suspensions and overdrive transmissions. Rob’s website is [Sales@RobsRodShop.com](mailto:Sales@RobsRodShop.com).

Steve Giordanno from Hudson Rod and Competition. Hudson Rod & Competition is located at 1100 Grosser Road in Gilbertsville. They work with some of the best performance shops in the industry, including TE Snyder Fabrication. Hudson also sponsors race car drivers that compete in the tri-state area. They do special orders and have hard to find parts and have been building custom street and performance cars since 1970. Visit Hudson’s website at [www.hudsonperformance.com](http://www.hudsonperformance.com)

for a large list of their services.

### **FUTURE DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**: Northeast Rod & Custom Car Show, presented by Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. The Premier indoor Rod, Custom & Classic Car and Motorcycle Show will be sporting some of the best vehicles from around the Northeastern United States.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**: 2012 "Walk for the Wounded" will take place at Rose Tree Park, Media, PA. The purpose of this event is to recognize and raise funds for wounded soldiers. This is a family event with military displays, live music, ceremonies, great food, meeting some of our supported heroes and the day culminates with a leisurely walk along the beautiful Rose Tree Park.  
More information will be in the March newsletter.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

If you have an item that you would like to sell or a specific item you are looking for you can submit it for the newsletter and we'll advertise it here! E-mail Jason O'Fria at [jason@tdcmotorclub.com](mailto:jason@tdcmotorclub.com) to add your item to the classified section.

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contact Bob Bodek at ([RBodekNEON@aol.com](mailto:RBodekNEON@aol.com)) or call 484-881-2000.

### **Re-Cap**

***\*Mark your calendar –Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Tom Oates Automotive in Chester Springs, Pa. 7:00pm***

***\*\*March 17<sup>th</sup> breakfast has been moved to West Chester Diner.\*\**** 1147 West Chester Pike  
(approximately ½ mile east of 202)

## Sponsors

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