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Monthly General Meetings are held the **First Tuesday** of the month 7:30pm at Tom Oates Automotive in Chester Springs, PA

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LOOK ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER!! I HAVE ADDED A FAVORITE RECIPE OF A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS. EACH MONTH A NEW RECIPE WILL BE POSTED. IF YOU HAVE A RECIPE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE EMAIL TO:
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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

This message comes to you courtesy of 'Old Man Winter' with 12 to 15 inches of fresh snow on the ground, wind chills below zero and temperatures in the single digits. **Spring Where Are You!!!!**

Well, it's that time of year again. We are asking for everyone to renew their membership and I know you are probably having second thoughts. Your thinking, I don't make the meetings, can't make all the events, haven't been out with my car and my favorite one "my car's not running yet".

We all have one reason or another not to rejoin, so think of this. The money that you give us for membership goes to several different causes. It helps quite a few people through the Drive Out Hunger Show helping the Chester County Food Bank. Our Scholarship Fund to help a student from one of our tech high schools in the area that would like to attend an automotive trade school. And, not to forget, our monthly Cruise for the Troops where we get all different toiletries, foods, magazines, CD's, etc. to be shipped overseas and in some cases some of the money going to the families. Let's not forget our year end community project, which is either helping a family with food for the holidays or for the battered women of Chester County and so on.

So when you're thinking of renewing don't think of yourself, whether or not you can attend or participate. That will come in time. Think of where the money goes and who it does help.

Thank you,
Joe O'Fria
See you Cruisin'

The Follow-up/The Happenings

Treasury Report:

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

TDC PROJECT

Nancy is looking into the JumpStart Car Donation Program for our community project. This is a program for low income families. 100% of all donations go directly to someone in need! She is looking into how TDC, as a car club, can help. Maybe with supplies, such as oil, filters, money towards insurance, etc.

A "CHILI" SUCCESS

Thirty members gathered at Chili's on January 18th for the club's first dinner of the season.

Gag gifts were given out to the Officers and members.

Dinner started at 7pm and enjoyed until 10pm.

It was suggested that at the club's next outing we have a "re-gifting affair". That should be really interesting and fun.

Thanks to all the members who made this night such a success.

BY-LAWS

Amendments to TDC's By-Laws were read and approved by the club members.

TENTATIVE 2014 CALENDAR

- Jan. 28th..... Officers Only Meeting
7:30pm at the O'Fria's
- Feb. 4th General Meeting 7:30pm
Bull Dog Rod & Custom
- Feb. 15th Cruise to Jerry Parnes' Garage
Meet at Tom Oates at 12:00pm
- March 4th General Meeting - 7:30pm
Tom Oates Automotive
"Sponsor Night"
- March 18th ... Officers Meeting - 7:30pm
At the O'Fria's
- March 22nd ... Amish Buffet - Lancaster, PA
Meet at "on the Border" - 12:00pm
Deinnas buffet - 1:00pm
- April 1st General Meeting - 7:30pm
Tom Oates Automotive
- April 13th Bowling - 2:00pm
Bowling Palace - Downingtown, PA
TDC will pay for snacks at the alley
- May 3rd "Walk for the Wounded"
- May 6th General Meeting - 7:30pm
Tom Oates Automotive
- May 10th "Cruise for the Troops" - 5:00pm
West Whiteland Shopping Center
Exton, PA **Set-up at 4:00pm**
Theme - "Tribute to our
First Responders"
- May 31st Cruise to the "Cape May Zoo"
- June 3rd General Meeting - 7:30pm
Tom Oates Automotive
- June 14th "Cruise for the Troops" - 5:00pm
West Whiteland Shopping Center
Exton, PA - **Set-up - 4:00pm**
- June 14th "Chariots of Fire"
- June 15th ... Father's Day Show
Concordville Centre
- June 15th Cruise to "Father's Day Show
West Brandywine

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!

If you have any ideas for outings or events to attend, please contact

The Follow Up/The Happenings

VOTING **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Nominees are "Cadillac" Joe Priscoglio and George Corbett.

Hand ballots will be available at our February 4th meeting at Bull Dog Rod & Custom (**or**) you may vote by on-line ballot emailed to every member. You may **VOTE ONLY ONCE!!!**

FEBRUARY, 2014 **GENERAL MEETING**

TDC's General Meeting on February 4th will be held at Bulldog Rod & Custom
7:30PM - Sharp!!

2014 DUES

Dues are now due for 2014. Dues must be current by March 31st. \$15.00 renewal fee for a single member and \$20.00 to include an associate member.

NEW LOCATION AND DAY **FOR 2014**

TDC is tentatively acquiring the new location for "Cruise for the Troops". We are working with West Whiteland Shopping Plaza in Exton, PA.

If everything goes through, the plans are to change the cruise from the second (2nd) Wednesday of the month to the second (2nd) Saturday of the month.

The cruises change to start in May instead of April and run through October.

If and when all the "t's" are crossed and the "i's" dotted, a special newsletter will be emailed to the members.

Newsletter Submissions:

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, with a point of interest, or a classified ad etc, please e-mail tdcmotorclub@gmail.com with in one week after the current months meeting, for publication in that months newsletter.

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes are being sent to "Cadillac" Joe who just had surgery on his rotator cuff. It was same day surgery and he came out 'smelling like a rose. All kidding aside, Joe said he was doing well and thanks everyone for their well wishes.

Our pets are like our children and I want to send well wishes to "Monty". Monty had extensive surgery (pictures on facebook), but is now home.

"Monty" is one of Barb and Frank Shimer's cats. They have been very worried about him and hopefully he will feel much better soon.

NEW SPONSOR

"Empire Covers" have come onboard with TDC as a sponsor. They make protective covers for cars, trucks, boats, etc. We will receive 35% discount and if someone orders from our web-site TDC will receive a 10% commission.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

January Birthday Wishes to:

- 1/2 - Mary Spagnola
- 1/7 - Fred Prince
- 1/12 - Ed Dzwil
- 1/15 - Jason O'Fria
- 1/18 - Denise Stoltzfus
- 1/19 - Rick Peraino
- 1/19 - Rich Goodwin
- 1/21 - C.W. Hibbs
- 1/31 - Annamarie Purpura

February Birthday Wishes to:

- 2/3 - Ronald J. Oliver
- 2/6 - Leon Lenkowski
- 2/10 - Jim Saltzburg
- 2/28 - Susan Hernandez

FUN - FACT ARTICLE

Look for something new in TDC's Newsletter. Each month Joe (our club President) will feature an article that he feels members might find interesting. This month's article is the "History of the Car Radio"

WACKY CAKE

Submitted by Carolyn Hibbs

3 cups flour
2 cups granulated sugar
6 TBLS. Hershey's Cocoa
1 teas. salt
2 teas. baking soda
2/3 cup vegetable oil
2 cups cold water
2 teas. vanilla
2 teas. vinegar

All ingredients can be mixed right in the 9" x 13" ungreased pan that you are using to bake the cake.

Mix dry ingredients in pan first - then add wet ingredients. Adding vanilla and vinegar last.

Bake at 350 degrees for approx.. 30 minutes. Dust with powdered sugar when cool.

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! –Check out the website. Email jason@tdcmotorclub.com to add your item to the classified section

YOUR AD HERE-Buy, Sell, Trade, Services, Want Ads –Please submit via club e-mail or PO BOX

Notary Public Service that comes to you: Joseph O’Fria 610-316-9349 joe.ofria@gmail.com

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HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO

Seems like cars have always had
radios,
but they didn't.

Here's the story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset.

It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car.

But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a

There they met **Paul Galvin**, owner of **Galvin** Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios.

Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in **Galvin's** factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then **Galvin** went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard.

Good idea, but it didn't work –Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention.

radio convention in Chicago .

Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

That first production model was called the 5T71.

Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names - *Radiola*, *Columbiola*, and *Victrola* were three of the biggest.

Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems:
When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about

\$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio --The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna.

These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them.

The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression –

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory.

In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores.

By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the

company would be officially changed from **Galvin** Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, **Galvin** continued to develop new uses for car radios.

In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio -- The Handy-Talkie -- for the U. S. Army. A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II.

In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200.

In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon.

In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world.

And it all started with the car radio.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO

the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that.

But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

