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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

**Top Dead Center Motor Club
Was Formed in 2009**

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President's Message

In today's world there are many different methods of communication available to us. I personally prefer verbal communication, but the way society is going there is texting, emails, websites and the list goes on and on.

Five years ago when Top Dead Center Motor Club was created we decided that the way we would communicate with all of our members was through emails, our website and through our Facebook page. We also have a newsletter that goes out every single month with quite a bit of information and there are people, particularly our editor, who works hard on that newsletter.

We come to find out that there are very few people who even read it.

Our website is one of the best websites of all the car clubs out there. If you don't believe me try going to some of the other websites and navigate through them.

Our website is done well and is updated on a monthly basis with information, pictures and events happening including and most importantly our event calendar. Most recently we have added our weekly email updates, which everyone at the beginning seemed to think was a fantastic idea. One email, one time a week with all the upcoming information and details. There are many other ways that we communicate, but these are probably the most efficient in today's society.

It becomes very frustrating when you hear from everyone: "I never read that, I don't open that, I don't know what's going on, I never see it, I never got it." Then there's the members who tell other members, "You don't have to come to the meeting or events. It's really not necessary."

There are a lot of members in this club that work very hard to make our club what it is today. And let me say thank you to those people. But, please if you need more information please take advantage of what we are sending you. If you are not receiving our communications please contact us and we'll see why your not receiving it. We want to stay in touch, we want you to be aware of what's going on and we want you to enjoy the social outings and everything we do.

Happy Spring and thanks for listening.

Joe O'Fria - President

March Birthdays

3/5 - Daniel Sole
3/7 - Sara (Sally) Williams
3/12 - Gladys Oliver
3/13 - Patricia Lenkowski
3/17 - Curt Allshouse
3/18 - Cindy Gillespie
3/20 - Mary Jaramillo
3/25 - Jim Fisher

April Birthdays

4/2 - Miguel Hernandez
4/7 - Dan Bourdon
4/11 - Denine Summer
4/11 - Ernie Meade
4/11 - Suzanne Steczak
4/12 - Bob Bodek
4/20 - Bob Sheller
4/21 - Al Spina
4/22 - Joseph Chevalier
4/26 - Glen Peters
4/29 - Rusty Canfield
4/30 - Nancy Dzwill

Dues for 2013 are due now!!

(Membership renewal is not required for 2013 if you joined after November 1st, 2012)

A vote was taken by the current members at TDC General Monthly Meeting On February 5, 2013. By unanimous decision (24-1) the proposed changes to Article IV - Membership and Dues was put into effect.

By-Laws - Article IV - Membership and Dues

Membership shall be open to persons with a genuine interest in cars or other motor vehicles. Ownership is not required. Enrollment will require an initial membership for a single of \$25.00 and and \$30.00 for a single and associate. Annual Renewal for a single is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for a single and associate. (see Voting Members Section). Window Cards, serving as membership cards, will be issued the month following initial membership. Membership includes: Window Card(s), Current Membership List, Event Calendar and By-Laws. By-Laws will be available via the TDC Website. The minimum age of 18 is required for single membership, including children of active members. Membership renewal is not required for the following year if joined after November 1st of the previous year.

January - June 2013

April 2nd, Tuesday - **Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 PM @ Tom Oates

April 10th, Wednesday - **Ed Pluck Memorial Cruise**
VFW Downingtown - 5:00 PM - Four (4) volunteers will be needed

May 7th, Tuesday - **Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 PM @ Tom Oates

May 8th, Wednesday - **Ed Pluck Memorial Cruise**
VFW Downingtown - 5:00 PM - Four (4) volunteers will be needed

May 21st, Tuesday - **Officers Meeting**

June 4th, Tuesday - **Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 PM @ Tom Oates

June 12th, Wednesday - **Ed Pluck Memorial Cruise**
VFW Downingtown - 5:00 PM - Four (4) volunteers will be needed

June 16th, Sunday - **Father's Day Cruise** - 3:00 PM @ West Brandywine
"Chico's Vibe" will perform.

ATTENTION

Support The Troops

TDC Monthly Cruise Nights – Second Wednesday of the month April through September at the VFW on Business Route 30 just outside 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

Rain date will be the following Wednesday after the original date.

Volunteers needed for parking and donation collection.

Father's Day Show

Sunday, June 16th, at 3:00 pm will be TDC's Father's Day Show at the West Brandywine Township Park. The band performing this year will be "Chico's Vibe". Check out their website and listen to their music for yourself.

<http://www.chicosvibe.com>

Myers Museum – Boyertown, PA

March 23rd at 9:30 am we have been invited to visit the Myers Museum to see various antique collections. There is **No Fee**. Take a peek @ [3 doggarage.com](http://3doggarage.com).

The club will be meeting at the Old Hoss' Parking Lot at the Intersection of Rts. 113 & 100 at 8:15 AM and leaving at 8:30 AM.

Those members who would like to have lunch at the restaurant across the street from the Museum, please email Dan Bourdon at vicepresident@tdcmotoreclub.com. Dan needs a head count so he can let them

Drive-Out-Hunger Show

The show is scheduled for July 20th with a raindate of July 27th. Show time is 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Location is Downingtown East High School. Proceeds from the show (food and cash donations) benefit the Chester County Food Bank.

On March 19th, there will be a meeting for the officers and coordinators to discuss plans for upcoming events. The meeting will take place at the O'Fria's.

Independence Day Parade

July 4th, 2013

Start thinking if you would like to attend. This parade is televised all over the world.

TDC has been invited back this year, but I don't know how many cars are going to be permitted. So please, get your name on the list early. See me at a meeting or email me at: cptahab1@verizon.net

Thanks, Carolyn

NE Rod & Custom Car Show

On March 22nd, 23rd and 24th there will be a Custom Car Show at the Convention Center in Oaks, PA. Please visit their website for more details.

know how members they need to seat.

American Treasure Tour

On March 10th TDC had the pleasure to visit the American Treasure Tour.

We were amazed at the number of antique nickelodeons, band organs, music boxes, etc. that adorned the room. And even more amazed these instruments were still working bringing back memories of yesteryear.

The tram portion of our tour opened to a room of animated holiday toys and decorations. Dolls & dollhouses, animated store displays, model airplanes, miniature circus and vintage carnival displays. Classic autos and motorcycles.

One antique auto was one that was ordered from the Sears Catalog.

The walls were adorned with pictures of movie stars, halloween masks from the forties and fifties, stained glass. Patriotic and every holiday collectibles imaginable.

One end of the building had antique calliopes and when played you could envision the merry-go-rounds that were and still are at amusement parks today.

The club would like to thank Ginni Frey and her assistant Neil for showing and explaining to us all the many instruments and collections under this one roof.

March Meeting at Bulldog Rod & Custom

TDC Motor Club would like to thank Dan Mayer, Billy Little and Ron Inverso for allowing us to hold our March meeting at their new facility.

There were demonstrations showing how metal was shrunk and molded and also how a glass shine is achieved on a newly painted car.

Bulldog Rod & Custom is doing work on Ernie Meade's 1932 Ford Roadster.

We would also like to thank Bulldog for the delicious, after meeting, spread consisting of salad, meatballs, baked ziti, garlic bread and cake for desert. Everything was delicious and much appreciated.

April 13th 10 AM to 3 PM

Home Depot Community Day
Downingtown, PA

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 to add your item to the classified section.

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