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TOP DEAD CENTER MOTOR CLUB

P.O. BOX 173

LIONVILLE, PA 19353

***IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
WHILE IT'S FRESH ON YOUR MIND!!***



The dues are \$15.00 for a single member or \$20.00 for a member & associate member.

Members and Associate Members must be at least 18 years of age.

Members and Associate Members have voting privileges.

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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello and Happy New Year,

2014 has come and gone and Top Dead Center Motor Club will be six years old in March.

We have a lot of new things on the horizon for this year, 2015, one of which you are experiencing right now as you read this article. We have introduced a new format for our Newsletter.

Some other things in the works are "Social Events". If it is possible, we will do more. For our "Cruise To Events", we are trying to come up with different ones that we have not done in the past.

As usual, we will be hosting our "Drive Out Hunger" in July. Our "Cruise Nights" will be changed back to April through September and our "Halloween Show" show benefiting the scholarship fund will run, as usual, in October.

The "Club Picnic" has been moved to April and the "Christmas Party" will be the first Saturday in December.

A schedule has been sent to everyone. But, you can always check the website for up-to-date information.

I hope to see you all out this year, hope everyone has a great new year and most importantly, a healthy one.

Thanks for listening,

Joe O'Fria

President

2015 TDC CALENDAR

(check website for cancellations and/or changes)

Blue = TDC Sponsored

Red = TDC Cruise-To's

Tuesday - February 3	General Meeting - Tom Oates (Guest Speaker)
TBA - February 7	Three Dog Garage
Tuesday - March 3	General Meeting - Tom Oates (Sponsor Night)
Saturday - March 21	TDC Annual Dinner
Saturday - March 28	Tom Oates Show - 10am - 2pm
Tuesday - April 7	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - April 25	Team Scamuffa - 9am - 2pm for ALS
Saturday - April 25	1st - Cruise for the Troops
Sunday - April 26	TDC Annual Picnic/Road Rally
Tuesday - May 5	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - May 16	Chariots of Fire - New Holland, PA
Saturday - May 30	2nd - Cruise for the Troops
Tuesday - June 2	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Sunday - June 14	New Garten Air & Car Show
Sunday - June 21	Father's Day Show - Concordville, PA
Saturday - June 27	3rd - Cruise for the Troops
Saturday - July 4	Car-B-Que - The O'Fria's
Tuesday - July 7	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - July 18	Drive Out Hunger Show
Saturday - July 25	4th - Cruise for the Troops
Tuesday - August 4	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - August 29	5th - Cruise for the Troops
Tuesday - September 1	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - September 19	6th - Cruise for the Troops
Thursday - September 24 - 26	Wildwood Boardwalk Show
Tuesday - October 6	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - October 24	Halloween Show
Tuesday - November 3	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Tuesday - December 1	General Meeting - Tom Oates
Saturday - December 5	Christmas Party

1st Tuesday - each month - General Meeting

1st Friday - each month - Thomas Chevrolet

1st Saturday - each month - Pottstown

2nd Friday - each month - Faulkner

****Information to all "Cruise-to" events will
be detailed and published prior to cruise.****

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 1/1 - Harold Little**
- 1/2 - Mary Spagnola**
- 1/6 - Bob Clark**
- 1/15 - Jason O'Fria**
- 1/18 - Denise Stoltzfus**
- 1/18 - Barbara Boyle**
- 1/19 - Rick Peraino**
- 1/20 - Sue Clark**
- 1/25 - Tom Maughan**
- 1/25 - Thurman Alderman**
- 1/29 - Jack Fitzpatrick**
- 1/31 - Annemarie Purpura**

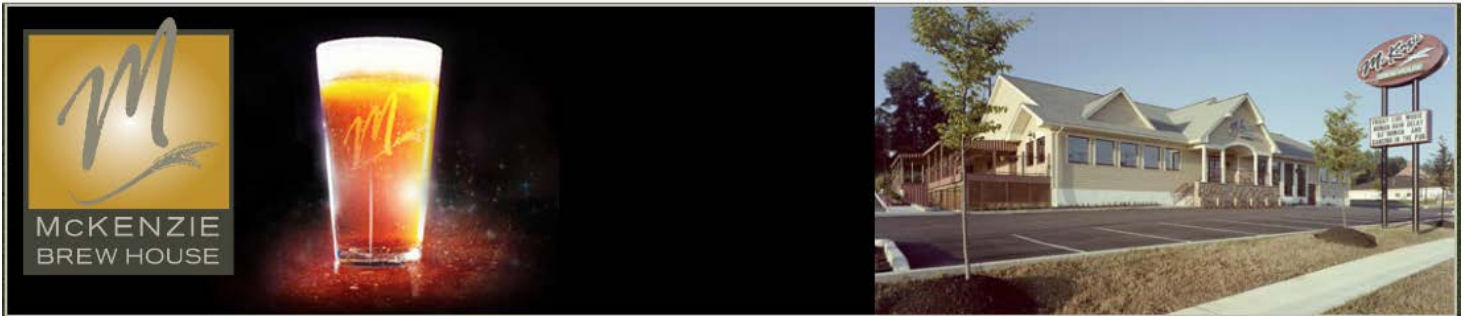
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 2/3 - Ronald Oliver**
- 2/3 - Peter Schroeder**
- 2/6 - Leon Lenkowski**
- 2/19 - Dave Hatt**

**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE YOU THINK THE MEMBERS
WOULD LIKE TO HEAR SPEAK AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS,
PLEASE APPROACH ONE OF THE OFFICERS.**

****BELOW PLEASE FIND THE MENU AND RESERVATION FORM TO
TDC'S ANNUAL BANQUET ON MARCH 21, 2015**

TOP DEAD CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET



When: 21 March 2015; 6:30 - ???

Place: McKenzie Brew House
240 Lancaster Ave
Malvern, PA 19335

Cost: \$25.00/person

Reservations are due by 14 March, 2015
To reserve your seat(s), please send the form
below with a check payable to "TDC Motor Club"
for the appropriate amount.

Top Dead Center Motor Club
P.O. Box 173
Lionville, PA 19353

Menu:

Buffet

- Firecracker Wings w/ Blue Cheese & Celery Sticks
- Tortilla Chips with Salsa Fresca & Salsa Verde
- Hot Artichoke & Fresh Spinach Dip
- Hummus & Tzatziki with Pita Wedges
- Chicken Tinga Tacos
- Fresh Broiled Tilapia with Citrus Butter Sauce
- Smoked BBQ Baby Back Riblettes
- Petite Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches
- Pasta with 4 Cheeses in Creamy Tomato Sauce
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Caesar Salad with Rustic Croutons
- Herbed Flat Bread Pizza

Dessert

- Sweet Table of Cookies, Mini Cannolis and Brownies

Non-Alcoholic Beverages

- Unlimited Soda, Tea and Coffee

Alcoholic Beverages

- Cash Bar (individual tab)

Questions? Contact Carolyn Hibbs at 610-724-2040 / secretary@tdcmotorclub.com, or "Cadillac" Joe Priscoglio at 610-952-2012 / vicepres@tdcmotorclub.com

Send this form to:

Top Dead Center Motor Club

P.O. Box 173

Lionville, PA 19353

Name: _____

Attending: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Reservations due by Saturday, 14 March 2015

**TDC MOTOR CLUB MONTHLY MINUTES FOR
JANUARY, 2015
TOM OATES AUTOMOTIVE - CHESTER SPRINGS, PA**

The January monthly meeting was called to order on January 6th, 2015 at Tom Oates Automotive in Chester Springs, PA at 7:30pm.

Joe called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All members were wished a Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary for those celebrating in the month of January.

December minutes were emailed to all members. Minutes were accepted, seconded and approved.

It was decided that we would cut back on our advertising first by cancelling of advertising with the radio station in Vineland, NJ. We had more response from our ads on Ron's Swipe Shop who broadcasts in the immediate area.

Flyers for events will be ready for distribution at our February meeting.

We are still waiting to finalize our contract with West Whiteland Towne Center in Exton, PA for this years "Cruise for the Troops".

We had a packed show for Halloween 2014 and hopefully we can even do more in 2015.

On March 28th, Tom Oates will be having a car show from 10am to 2pm at Tom Oates Automotive in Chester Springs, PA.

Members were reminded it was time to renew their dues. Those who paid during our "Special" on July 19th or after that date are automatically paid through the end of 2015.

An overhead projector was purchased for the amount of \$50.00. It is like brand new and works perfectly. This will come in handy at our February general meeting when we will have a guest to share slides and information where members may find hard to find parts.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Gottlieb from Eagle Chiropractic. He and his wife share the practice.

Dr. Gottlieb explained how our body works just like our automobile. Taking care of our bodies by keeping it in alignment it will function probably comparing it to taking care of the engine, etc. in our cars. When our spines are in alignment our whole body functions much better.

He suggested if you are looking for a good insert for your shoes he recommended Spenko's. These can be bought at most sporting goods stores and the best thing is they are washable.

Members had many questions to be answered and seemed to enjoy his presentation.

At our February meeting, Special Guest Speaker - Joe Sharretts from "carsandparts.com"

Joe will give us an overview along with a slide show of Salvage Yards near us, (and the surrounding states), that still have some old cars in their inventory.

The meeting was adjourned. Snacks were provided by Gerry O'Fria and Carolyn Hibbs. Gerry sold 50/50.

THE DEALERSHIP THAT TIME FORGOT

Roanoke, Alabama, is a small former mill town 60 miles southwest of Atlanta. Main Street has a scrubbed look, but many of the stores are empty. And although Roanoke once boasted four automobile dealerships, all that remains are an empty Ford store and the ghost of Dunn Chevrolet/Oldsmobile, with peeling paint and thousands of square feet packed with almost 70 years of memories.

In 2007, James Dunn closed the General Motors Dealership his father opened in 1940. Though he retained the sad-looking building that had been built as a livery stable in the 1920s and later served as a bus station, he sold the contents to Keith Rowell and his brother-in-law, O.W. Taylor.

Rowell spent much of his youth in Roanoke, attended high school there and remembers accompanying his father to Dunn Chevrolet where the family bought their cars. He wanted to keep the dealership going, but by the time he stepped in, the franchise had been surrendered three months earlier and he was unable to re-establish it.

So why did the Pensacola, Florida, resident take on tons of old GM parts and hundreds of photos, manuals dating back to the 1920s and more in a dusty old building in the small town of Roanoke? Always a “GM man,” and the proud owner of a [1970 SS 396 Chevelle](#), Rowell admits that “nostalgia was the main drive, and the memorabilia was important.” Of course, he didn’t object to many thousands of new old stock parts and the two never-titled cars included: a Matador Red, original-paint [1957 Bel Air convertible](#) and a 79-mile [1978 Corvette Pace Car](#). He was also captivated by “the dealer albums, silk banners and the architecture of the building.”

Looking in from the street, it’s easy to spot the service bays and a front office, but there’s no sign of a showroom. Rowell explains that due to the piles of manuals, boxes of unopened factory literature and all kinds of collectibles covering every surface and much of the floor of the former showroom, the new cars were kept outside. Some of the clutter is priceless, including a pristine 1954 Oldsmobile literature portfolio, a palette viewer showing Chevy color options, hundreds of framed photos and ads adorning the walls, old service uniforms, hats and promotional models.

The shop bays are also filled — with old holiday decorations, 40 years of service manuals and miscellaneous junk. There is even a crate full of old comment cards (go to www.hagerty.com/commentcards to see the best of the bunch). Several large boards hold many original service tools and the outlines of missing tools, but the real treasures lie in the parts department and basement.

Despite having been closed for seven years, the parts department still looks as if the manager went home one night and was planning on coming back in the morning. Notes sit on the counter alongside several pens and a pair of reading glasses, and the shelves are still in good order.

Those shelves remain fully stocked with bins of hardware and countless factory boxes contain timing chains, connecting rods, sprockets and electronic components. There are also hundreds of NOS key blanks, for the perfect finish to a complete restoration. But to be sure exactly what remains will take a parts book and hundreds of hours.

Bigger parts are in the cellar, reached by a steep stairway lined with NOS oil dipsticks. This cave of wonders holds a new 283-cid V-8 in the crate, a never-used 216-cid engine block, several transmissions, scores of new mufflers, sheet metal parts from the 1940s and '50s, hoses, belts, wheels, hub caps of all kinds, soft and bright trim, water and fuel pumps, rusty springs and far more. Of course, there is also even more junk.

Rowell has plans to empty the old Dunn building before the end of 2014. His greatest hope is that he'll find someone who will keep much of the priceless memorabilia together. There are still no set plans for the many file cabinets filled with sales records, the trove of literature or the parts goldmine. For now, though, Rowell has a Herculean task ahead as he inventories and packs tons of parts and other treasures and prepares to find them new homes.

****IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE TROPHY'S FOR DOH****

We are collecting used, preferably "internal engine parts", to make the trophies for DOH. The collection will go until the end of February.

****PICNIC AND ROAD RALLY****

Trying a change for 2015, our annual picnic will be held in the spring on April 26th instead of in the fall in October, when the weather is unpredictable. As an incentive for more members to participate in the "Road Rally" the winner will receive a \$50 (yes, \$50) gift certificate to Limoncello Ristorante & Caterers.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have an item to sell or a specific item you are looking for and would like to place an ad on Top Dead Center Motor Club's website please submit it to tdcmotorclub.com

or you may send it to:

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