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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

There is something about the winter that makes us build great anticipation about the upcoming car season. Let's face it, unless it is a warm winter, which at times it was, most of the time our rides stay parked. Well, Spring has sprung, the car season is upon us and we have a lot of exciting things going on this year. Our first cruise night of the season was a huge success, thanks to everyone for all your help, without you all we could have not pulled it off. As always, volunteers need to arrive by 3:00pm.

The buzz is everywhere! I heard many, many people are looking forward to our cruise nights. Many have gone by the wayside, but we are growing each month. We have several exciting events this month. Walk for the Wounded, Club picnic and road rally May 15th, our 2nd cruise night May 28th and of course a new meeting place for our June meeting. Chester Springs Harley Davidson. Let's not lose sight why we participate in this great hobby. Fun, Friendship and Cruising.

A special thanks to Rob and Tiffany DeGrandis for hosting the May General Meeting.

**See you Crusin',
Joe O'Fria**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Starting June 7th, General Meetings will be held promptly at 7pm at
Harley-Davidson of Chester Springs
12 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425

2016 TDC CALENDAR

Blue = TDC Sponsored Red = TDC Cruise-To's

Saturday	May	28	Cruise # 2 - Main Street at Exton
Tuesday	June	07	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	June	25	Cruise # 3 - Main Street at Exton
Sunday	July	03	Car-B-Que
Tuesday	July	05	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	July	23	Drive Out Hunger
Saturday	July	30	Drive Out Hunger (rain date)
Saturday	July	30	Cruise # 4 - Main Street at Exton (Cancelled if DOH) 
Tuesday	August	02	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	August	20	Cruise # 5 - Main Street at Exton
Tuesday	September	06	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	September	17	Cruise # 6 - Main Street at Exton
Tuesday	October	04	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	October	29	Halloween Show (TBD)
Tuesday	November	01	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson
Saturday	December	03	Christmas Party
Tuesday	December	06	General Meeting - Harley-Davidson

Information to all "Cruise-to" events will be published prior to cruise

Don't forget to check the "Weekly Blast" for up-to-date events!!

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

5/1 - Allan Kennel
5/3 - Wendy Corbett
5/3 - Marian White
5/4 - Bill Monhollan
5/6 - "Cadillac" Joe Priscoglio
5/8 - Danielle O'Fria
5/10 - Barb Shimer
5/10 - Gary Knox
5/11 - Heather Sahagian
5/15 - George Corbett
5/15 - Rhonda Corrigan
5/17 - Art Giove
5/17 - Pete Kellermann
5/18 - James Toolan
5/19 - Jeff Yeagle
5/19 - Ike Johnson
5/21 - Cathie Yeagle
5/22 - Dave Summers
5/24 - Stephanie Sheller
5/28 - George Amadio
5/28 - Nancy Sargent
5/30 - Frank Shimer

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

6/2 - Caryn Abdill
6/2 - Tricha Marosek
6/5 - Linda Alderman
6/6 - Barbara Donahue
6/7 - Tiffany DeGrandis
6/13 - Matthew Boyle
6/22 - Pat Maida-Miller
6/23 - Debarah Barnes
6/25 - Gary Hervey
6/26 - Brenda Miller

OMISSION FROM APRIL NEWSLETTER



Ty Pedicone of Toughkenamon, PA was the chosen recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award given by Top Dead Center Motor Club. TDC awards \$500.00 to

a student who plans on furthering his/her education in the automotive field. Ty will also receive a club paid membership for one year along with a hat and t-shirt.

Ty attends the Technical College High School Brandywine Campus. His plans are to enroll at Torchiana Training Institute where he will work on getting his emissions and inspection licenses. He has earned numerous awards through out his years of schooling. Currently, Ty is doing his internship at Bills' Service Center in Toughkenamon. 🌹

Award Ceremony was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 10th at the Technical College High School Brandywine Campus.

Regulation Could Have Been Crippling To Motorsports

John Corrigan brought to the members attention the following article printed in The Area Auto Racing News on April 26, 2016.

The House committee held a hearing on March 15th where Congressman Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) asked SEMA CEO Chris Kersting how his organization found out about the EPA's proposed regulation. Kersting testified that the regulation was not initially noticed by SEMA or any other Washington D.C.-based trade organizations that monitor regulatory and legislative issues because of the way it was "tucked on to" page 584 of a 629-page document of unrelated regulatory material. Kersting underscored that "it did not bear a heading ... in the table of contents that would indicate that race cars were being regulated. There was no easy way to find it. Thankfully we found it." 🌹

ART OF THE SERVICE STATION

In the 1940's and 1950's, oil companies produced a wealth of items now eagerly sought after by collectors.

Not that many years ago, there were service stations on the corners of almost every major intersection. Service was not just an idle term, as nattily attired attendants greeted motorists as they filled the car with fuel, checked the oil and cleaned the windshields. It certainly was a far cry from today's world.

Competition was severe and the stations attracted customers not only with exceptional service, but bold and dramatic advertising. Multicolor porcelain signs

displayed the company logo and illuminated glass globes proudly sat on top of the majestic gas pumps. Even oil cans were often striking as this was an era prior to the age of mass advertising and impulsive point-of-sale decisions were often based on the distinctive graphics.

Many items early motorist required were often free for the asking. Road maps were distinctive with interesting covers in hopes that the traveler would keep them in the glove box and stop in again at the same station. Ink blotters and matches were given freely and promotions that involved items such as salt and pepper shakers in the form of gas pumps were frequent. 🌹

Today, die-cut figural porcelain signs can sell for as much as \$20,000.00 and early brands such as Sunset, Mohawk, Paragon and Ace High are extremely desirable. Items from Roxana Shell facility in Illinois cause a frenzy when they are offered due to their distinctive logo, while the Mobil "Flying Red Horse" has an equally committed following.

The early gas pumps, such as the Art Deco Wayne 50 display cabinet, are now worth around \$10,000.00 and, while frequently restored, they make a strong statement in a "car barn" or rec-room. The colorful glass globes can get pricey in a hurry. For example, a Musco globe with the colorful Indian in full headdress can easily push five figures. Of course, more common ones can be obtained for a few hundred dollars, but reproductions abound. 🌹

Glassware, playing cards, name badges and mechanical pencils are just a few of the other items that are very collectible, especially when a collection is focused on a particular brand.

Service with a smile may be a thing of the past, but many of the reminders of that service live on with a group of committed collectors.



"Cadillac" Joe was one of several club members that had the honor of transporting Veterans to the Walk for the Wounded at Rose Tree Park



It's time again to start looking and counting to win a \$10 WAWA gift card.

**Be the first to email me at starbuc618@yahoo.com
the correct count of the "pink rose" pictured above**

**TDC MOTOR CLUB MONTHLY MINUTES FOR
MAY 3, 2016
DeGrandis Automotive Center - Malvern, PA**

The May monthly meeting was called to order by the President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary wishes were conveyed to all members celebrating during the month of May.

Aprils' minutes were emailed to all members. An omission was noted in the April Minutes of TDC's Scholarship Award for the Brandywine Technical High School. An article will be placed in Mays' Newsletter. Minutes were accepted, seconded and approved.

TREASURY REPORT - April 30, 2016 

Beginning balance - April 1, 2016: **\$ 4,802.14**

Total Deposits: **\$1,358.27**

Club Apparel	\$	88.00
Membership		75.00
Sponsor		250.00
Old Trailer Deposit		250.00
1st Cruise Troop Donations		443.00
1st Cruise 50/50		129.00
1st Cruise T-Shirts		100.00
Credit Voucher/Home Depot		23.27

Total Expenses: **\$ 1,554.61**

Trailer Sign	\$	193.95
Trailer Tags & Taxes		244.50
Trailer Improvements		282.00
Insurance (Club Liability)		350.00
PA Repairs		221.52
Flyers (post cards)		212.64
Change for T-Shirts		50.00

Ending balance - April 30, 2016 **\$ 4,605.80**

Our General Meeting's will be held at Harley-Davidson of Chester Springs starting on June 7th . All meetings will start at 7:00pm sharp!!

Congratulations to Pete Schroeder who won "Best of Show" at the show in Wayne, PA. Pete also handed in numerous gift cards and a check he had collected for DOH in July. There will be an email posting of those items already collected for DOH so no one calls on the same people/merchants.

A list of upcoming car shows will be published again for members who care to attend.

Our 1st Cruise was successful not only for the club, but also for the troops. There were close to 150 cars in attendance. Five cases were sent to Kuwait. Soldiers are also asking for food for the canines that work with our soldiers to help uncover land mines, etc. Our government does not supply food for these animals who save a lot of lives by the tasks they are trained to do.

The group that got together to cruise to DJs Taste of the 50's Diner in Lancaster on April 24th said the place was crowded and will have to get there earlier next year. All had a great time.

Bulldog's Open House on April 30th seemed to be well attended and they were very appreciative of TDC for those who attended and helped with parking. There were about 50 cars total of which 25/30 were from our club.

Saturday, May 14th 10am to 3pm is the Walk for the Wounded at Rose Tree Park in Media, PA. If you would like to transport a Wounded Warrior, please contact Carl Nathans at cnathans@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 15th is TDC's Annual Picnic and Road Rally. Same as 2015, it will be held at Warwick County Park - 38 County Park Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 (off Route 23). The Road Rally will start at 11am at the ACME in Chester Springs, 400 Simpson Dr. Ernie Meade, with the help of Curt and Pete will try to get us lost again. Picnic starts at 12pm (noon). An evite was emailed to members for the "Picnic" and "Road Rally".

Joe O'Fria is working on getting the "Eagles" drum line to attend one of our events. He is also trying to get military vehicles to also attend.

Joseph sent an email to members and asked those who need window cards to please reply and give the information you would like printed on your card. There were quite a lot of members who answered the request. They will be ready for pickup at the picnic or anytime after.

Joe is working on getting more t-shirts for the club. Discussion on different types to buy. 

Don Miller has invited us to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Tredyffrin Twp. Police Dept. on May 21st. See "Blast" for details.

May 29th is the 37th Annual Chester County Car Show in Kimberton. TDC will have a space 20'x20'. Volunteers are needed to man the tent for two (2) hour shifts from 8am until close. Two people at a time to provide club information, sell cruise t-shirts and hand out flyers. If you can volunteers please send an email to tdcmotorclub@gmail.com.

Jeff Yeagle will also have a table/tent at the Kimberton show and any members who have anything to sell are welcome to sell items at his table.

Joe is looking for coordinators to handle the Halloween Show on October 29th from 11am to 3pm. The Hot Dog Lady has all ready agreed to serve at the show. Harley-Davidson of Chester Springs is anxious to have the show on their property.

Members were reminded if they go to a show to please take flyers and hand them out.

Club Merchandise was sold by "Cadillac" Joe and 50/50's by Gerry.

Again, our thanks and appreciation to Rob and Tiffany DeGrandis for hosting and serving food for another meeting of TDC.

Don't forget our June 7th General Meeting will be held at Harley-Davidson of Chester Springs. 185 Lancaster Avenue - Malvern, PA 19355. The meeting starts at 7pm - snacks will be served after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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