

# The Washington Cruisers Car Club

**September 2024**

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## Super Cruise Review

The weather was perfect for the Super Cruise on August 4<sup>th</sup>, although it was hot. We had 230 vehicles in attendance. The attendees were very generous and we were able to raise a good amount for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

A special thank you to Tom Shanor for getting so many donations for the Chinese Auction.

Thanks goes out to all of the members that helped with the event.

Thank-you to all of our sponsors, see the list at end of newsletter. Please support them, without their sponsorship, the Super Cruise wouldn't have been such a great success.

## Welcome New Members

Keith Aggers and his 1979 Chevy Camaro Z28.

Robert & Lauri Dubich and their 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS and 1987 Chevy Camaro.

Dennis & Diane French and their 2003 Chevy Corvette 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## **Thank You**

Brent Liberatore has decided to step away from the board for personal reasons. We would like to thank him for all of his hard work for the club with the website and Facebook page. We really are going to miss him. Thanks again Brent. With there being an open board position, Tim Sakovich has volunteered to fill the position. Welcome to the board Tim!

## **Sympathy**

Jim DeJohn passed away on Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Melissa and their family. If you wish to send a card, the address is 110 White St., Washington, Pa 15301

## **Merchandise**

We still have Cruiser t-shirts for sale - \$5.00 each - in various sizes. There are also Cruiser hats in beige and gray - \$13.00 each. Check them out at the registration table on cruise night or give Tim a call at 724-255-8900.

## **It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Hobby Lobby**



So, let's cap off the 2024 Cruising Season with a beat the rush Christmas Party!!

Saturday, October 19, 2022 3:00 pm

Taylorstown Presbyterian Church

31 Main Street, Taylorstown 15365

Everyone is asked to bring a main dish to share.

Beverages and rolls will be provided.

If you are brave enough, please wear an Ugly Christmas sweater!!

Please bring a wrapped \$ Tree gift for games (the sillier the better)!!

Please RSVP (call or text) Cheryl at 724-288-1281 by September 30

Hope to see you there!!

## **Make-up for Marque Nights Cruises**

We will have make-up cruises that were rained out combined with the last cruise of the season on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Each "Marque" will have their own chance at a gas card drawing. If you are planning on attending the Halloween Costume/Trunk or Treat Cruise, please bring candy for the kids.

## Getting to know the members

This is the story of the “rebirth” of Tim and Debbie Sakovich’s 1973 Plymouth “Cuda”. The Cuda was originally purchased by my brother, Gregory Sakovich on June 1, 1973 from the Tomsic Motor Company showroom floor, previously located on Race Track Road in Washington, PA (Currently Cochran Preowned Marketplace). A copy of the original title, window sticker and sales contract are available to view with the car. The car was repainted in the early 1980’s. The original color scheme (maintained after repainting) was Rallye Red with white stripes and with a white interior. The car was used as a daily driver until it was parked in Greg’s Canonsburg garage when the inspection sticker expired on April 1988. My brother wouldn’t talk too much about his car. When asked about restoring it in past years, he just told me there was too, too much wrong with the car to fix. His favorite reply was “I will think about it”. The following information was received over that time from him; the front brakes would heat up (glowing red), the car overheated, brake tubing rotted, needed new tires, and the rear axle was leaking, to name a few of the items. The car remained in the garage for approximately 36 years, aging, never being started, with four flat tires. My brother passed away on May 5, 2023 after being handicapped by a stroke suffered in 2013.

Six months after his death, the car was titled in my name and insured. My son, Pete, and I restored the functionality of the braking system so it could be towed to my best friend’s garage in Carnegie, PA. There my mechanic, Joe, my son, Pete, and I spent six months fixing the car. We soaked the engine with Marvel Mystery Oil, replaced all rubber hoses and parts and replaced all deteriorated and wrong replacement parts to restore the car to its former glory. After first turning the engine by hand, the water pump seal started to leak, so that was replaced. My brother mistakenly bought a junkyard replacement gas tank from a 1972 Cuda, containing some contaminate, which we replaced with a new correct part number gas tank. The sending unit in the old gas tank was plugged so it was replaced. The fuel pump and gas flex lines were replaced as well. The car has been running since April 2024 but has some small issues that I am working out on an ongoing basis.

The “Cuda” has attended a few cruises since its rebirth: Washington Cruisers Car Club at McDonald’s and the Super Cruise, Montour High School First Annual Car Cruise, Bob Evans Bridgeville, and Steel City Cars Nat at Southpointe, but I have decided that the people from Washington Cruisers Car Club would be my home. I hope to make new acquaintances and wish everyone enjoys the ride as I expect to do.



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## Calendar of events 2024

### September

- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>,..... Washington Cruisers Cruise (Street Rods) @ McDonald's 5:30-8:30 pm,  
Info 724-263-3335 or 724-494-1458
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>,.....Car Show @ South Union VFC, Uniontown, 10-2, info 724-437-9021
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>,.....Car Show @ Buena Vista Social Hall, Buena Vista, Pa. 12-5pm
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>,..... Washington Cruisers Cruise (Trucks) @ McDonald's 5:30-8:30 pm,  
Info 724-263-3335 or 724-494-1458

### October

- Oct. 2-6<sup>th</sup>,.....Fall Carlisle Swap Meet @ Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, Pa.
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>,... Washington Cruisers Halloween Celebration/Costume Cruise, 5:30-8:30pm  
Trunk or Treat- please bring treats for kids, Info 724-263-3335 or 724-494-1458
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>,.....Washington Cruisers Party Taylorstown Presbyterian Church, **see above**