

# The Washington Cruisers Car Club

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## Johnny Anderson

We were saddened to hear that one of our long-term members and *Mr. Chinese Auction*, Johnny Anderson, was involved in a severe auto accident with multiple injuries. He is currently recovering from those injuries in the hospital, but it may be awhile before he is back to normal. We ask for your thoughts and prayers for Johnny's recovery.

## State of the Saturday Cruises at McDonald's

It took what seemed like forever, but now that Washington County has gone green, and the McDonald's franchise main office has given the green light, we can once again have our cruises at McDonald's on Racetrack Road. However, because of the PA state guidelines for dining room occupancy, McDonald's has chosen to close the dining room and restrooms at 7:00 PM. This means we have had to adjust the cruise hours to accommodate the new hours for the dining and rest rooms. We will now start our cruises at 4:00 PM, and go until 7:00 PM. You will still be allowed to stay longer in the parking lot, but will not be able to go in the restaurant for food or restroom facilities after 7:00 PM. This may change again as the rules change, but this is what we have now. So, our first Saturday cruise will be July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 7 pm – hope to see you there!

## Super Cruise Update

Unlike most other events in the area, our Super Cruise is a go! The Washington Crown Center is fully open for business, and we have been given the green light by mall

management for us to have the cruise again this year. We also will have a larger space to accommodate more cars as a bonus due to changes in tenants at the mall. So, mark down August 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar as the day for the Super Cruise from 11am-4 pm. We hope you all come out, as this may be our only fundraising event this year.

### **Super Cruise Donations**

Now that we are having the Super Cruise, we need to round up donations for the Chinese Auction. A large part of the money raised at the Super Cruise comes from the Chinese Auction, and is dependent on the items we have for people to bid on. So, if you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Jamie or Rosalie for coordination of getting the items from you. Thank you for your support with this part of the Super Cruise.

### **Help for the Super Cruise**

In order to have a smooth-running event, we need a lot of people to help with the logistics of the event. We need lot workers to assist with parking and policing the perimeter, setup of the tables and awnings for the check-in and Chinese Auction, and others for various other tasks as they arise. If you are interested in helping out, speak to any board member for details. We will be happy for your help!

### **North Strabane Retirement Village & Rehab Facility**

As part of the club's giving back to the community, we had a group of 6 member and 1 non-member vehicles visit the North Strabane Retirement Village in Canonsburg. There was music for the residents and us while they came out to see the vehicles. We all were served Kielbasa and sauerkraut, potato salad, hot dogs and root beer floats and we had the resident Speedy Gonzales come down the hill in his turbo wheelchair to show off his ride – you can't keep a hot rodder down...LOL. We put a lot of smiles on the resident's faces, and we had them as well. Everyone had a good time, and we will be looking forward to doing this again!

### **Club Christmas Party**

Thanks to those of you who took the time to read and comment on the COVID-19 addendum to our Christmas party contract. Based on your input, even though those restrictions might change in the future, and since we don't have a crystal ball, we have canceled our contract with the Chartiers Township Community Center for this year's party. There are just too many unknowns to try and have this event. We plan on having the party again next year when things are back to a normal state.

## **Transitions Cruise**

Marion Clemens, a member of the board, was the organizer. The visit went well, with approximately 15 cars or so in attendance. The staff brought out numerous residents and guided them thru our widely space cars, wheelchairs and all. Refreshments were hot dogs and cold drinks for all with plenty to go around all, served under the pavilion. Everything wrapped up by 3:30 or so - it made for a very nice outing. Look for information about a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> cruise to this facility, this year, in the next newsletter!

## **Riding Around with Doug and Karen**

Hello Washington Cruisers! We've all have had a crazy time these past few months. Doug and I were so forlorn, missing our regular nights at McDonald's in Meadowlands. We put on our thinking caps and figured out what we could do, instead of what we couldn't do! A group ride through our communities was the remedy for our Covid -19 confinement! Thanks to everyone who joined us on our un-official rides around town. The first "ride" was Saturday May 2, 2020 from Canonsburg to Washington and meeting back at Chartiers Houston High School. Earlier that day, when we set out to meet everyone in Canonsburg, Doug and I mused that maybe we would be the only members attending! But before we got to the starting point, we saw several cars! The day turned into a great success with approximately 30 cars and we are so appreciative of everyone who attended and to the general public who obviously enjoyed seeing us ride through the community. The next un-official "ride" was on May 16, 2020 from Chartiers Houston High School through Canonsburg to the far end of South Pointe. Again, we had approximately 30 cars, and again, while enjoying the ride, we put on a nice show for the community. The next un-official "ride" was on May 30, 2020 from the Beau Street Park and Ride, Washington, PA using Rt. 136 out to Eighty-Four, PA and back to Washington on Rt 40. They tell me we had approximately 30 cars on this ride, and it went very well. (Doug and I missed this one, as, at the last minute, we were enlisted to babysit grandchildren). Since then, there were a couple other gatherings of like-minded-car-enthusiasts, including a May 25 Memorial Day ride through Mingo Creek Park, (Eighty Four & Finleyville area) where picnickers were surprised and delighted to see us 30+ cars cruise through the park. This "ride" was coordinated through the Facebook group "Gotta drive 'em". I am happy to say we all enjoyed riding in our cars, seeing fellow car enthusiasts, and "breaking free" of the bounds of Covid -19! And I am happy to say there were no fender benders or speeding tickets, we all kept our social distances, and had our masks ready for close encounters.

Special thanks to all who participated!  
Karen Meighen