

The Washington Cruisers Car Club

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Annual Membership Meeting

Elections

Each year the club membership elects Executive Board members at the annual membership meeting in January. The date and location of this year's meeting will be Monday January 11, 2016 at Panera Bread in Washington, near Sam's club in Trinity Point. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Please patronize Panera, we are asked to spend at least \$50.00 to cover the cost of closing off the room for us. Please arrive earlier so as to be finished eating by 7:00! We have the room reserved from 5:30-8:30.

The Executive Board consists of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 members. The Executive Board members are elected to a two year term with some elected in alternate years. Nominations for Board Member seats will be accepted up to voting time at our meeting.

At the end of the year, most people reflect on the year and where they want to go in the New Year. This year is ending with **Jim Suffern** retiring from the board, and **Bob** and **Bernie Bodvake** stepping down. We do have 2 new Board members coming onto the Board – **Dave “Diz” Dean** is returning to the Board, and **Rich Vlainich** – but with the departure of **Jim**, **Bob**, and **Bernie**, we will only have 7 total active Board members. This is below the minimum of the 8 Board members our club bylaws call for.

Executive Board seats are filled by a membership secret ballot election with majority approval vote. Officers of the Board are President, Vice President of Events, Vice President of Activities, Secretary, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining board members are Directors.

From the Executive Board, Officers are elected for a one year term. Officers of the Club are elected from the Executive Board members, by secret ballot at the February Board meeting each year, with majority vote.

Membership Dues

Now is the time to send in your 2016 dues. As always the dues are only \$20.00. Look for the form at the end of this newsletter.

Dues MUST be paid by January 31st, 2016. After that they are \$25.00!! This will be your last newsletter if not paid by 31st!

Wanted

I am looking for a nice stock valve cover for a 1954-1962 Chevy 235.

I am also looking for a recommendation of a carburetor repair shop. If you have any information please call Charles Klein 724-225-3486

Welcome New Members

Welcome back **Dave "Diz" Dean** and his 1966 Chevrolet Impala SS.

Bob Beatty and his 1937 Dodge Truck and 1970 Chevy Chevelle.

Bruce & Janice Coen and their 1968 Dodge Charger & 1988 Pontiac Firebird

Brent & Allison Liberatore and their 1989 Pontiac Firebird.

Tom & Cindy Queen and their 1987 Avanti Convertible.

Francis & Carol Startare and their 1959 Fiat 500.

Did Someone Say Breakfast?

We had a nice turn out at our November 'Meet, Greet and Eat' breakfast at the Eat'n Park on Oak Spring Rd. (To see who was there, check out the gallery page on our web site ...www.washingtoncruisers.com) Thanks to **Bill Norcutt** for some great pictures.

Something new was added at this breakfast...I asked **Karen Pellecchia**, to make sure that each person got a name tag, so that we could call each other by first name. (When we don't see each other very often, faces are remembered, but sometimes names get forgotten...the tags helped....a lot.) Thanks so much, **Karen**. Many folks also took the opportunity to pay their dues at the breakfast...I made sure the forms and \$ got to **Jamie** the next day.....paid your dues yet??

Our members seemed to enjoy the get together, so I have scheduled a few more breakfasts to tide us over till spring gets here. Since the Eat'n Park venue seems to please most, we will get together there on the following dates: Jan. 23rd, Feb. 20th and Mar. 19th, at 9:00 a.m. on each date. We will again have the private room in the back of the restaurant, and you have your choice of the breakfast buffet or you may order from the menu. Just tell the hostess/host that you are with the *Washington Cruisers* and you will be directed to the right place. There is no need to register or let us know you are joining us. I hope to see many of you there. Get back to me with any questions.

Rosalie

Renewed Call for Board Members

We are working on more new events and activities for 2016, but we need Board members now. The lack of sufficient Board members is leading to burnout and is threatening the Club's survival. With membership up this year, the need to keep and attract more members continues to be very important. I want this club to continue to flourish, rather than die out like so many others. Please contact me or any of the Board members on what is involved to becoming a Board member. Help our Club continue to raise money for Ronald McDonald House and to help us make 25 years in 2017! Bob

Ronald McDonald House Donation

Well, what a year we have had. Our cruise season started off with an invite to the Washington County Auto Show in April. We were able to raise donations through "voting for you favorite car".

In May we started our Cruises at McDonald's. Because it rained 7 out of 12 cruises, our donations were down significantly.

Luckily the Cruise at the Springhouse in July was a great success and we received a lot of money in our donation can. We hope to be invited back again this year.

We were able to secure a location for our Super Cruise in August at the Washington Crown Center, thanks to **Rosalie**. The weather was great and the large turnout of vehicles was a welcome sight. The donation bucket was pretty full and the end of the day. The Chinese Auction was also a big money maker.

Through the efforts of the board, sponsorships and the generosity of those who attended our events, we were able to donate \$1500.00 to the Ronald McDonald House in 2015.

Let's hope for better weather and let's make 2016 another huge success!

Jamie

Christmas Party

The *Washington Cruisers* Christmas Party is now in our rear view mirror, but in case you were not able to join us, below is a brief recap.

The low temperature and brisk breeze that evening, plus a tiny bit of ice crunching underfoot, here and there, put all of us who attended the party in a Christmassy mood. Forty members plus a few guests enjoyed the evening as we celebrated the season with our friends. The grab bag gifts were a popular attraction, and 4 lucky folks also won \$25 gas gift cards. (Many thanks to Tim Gordon at Advance Auto for that donation.)

The catered meal was delicious, only to be outdone by the scrumptious desserts provided by the members. Some ladies must have been baking all day!! (The line at the dessert table finally dwindled when just about everything was gone...YUM!!)

We are indebted to **Jamie Leichty** for all of her hard work to arrange the Christmas party, and pull it off without a hitch, to **Bernie Bodvake** for the center pieces for each table, (they looked very nice), to **Bob Bodvake** for providing 'cruisers music', via his boom box, and the donations of board members for some behind the scene items. In addition, **Bob Black** entertained us with a slide show of pictures of past Christmas parties, and the 2015 Super Cruise. He gave a short speech, welcoming members, praising **Jamie** and **Rosalie** for their work for our club in the past year and reminding us of the *Washington Cruisers* annual meeting which will be held at Panera Bread in Trinity Point on January 11, 2016. He encouraged members to attend.

Time flew, and before we knew it, it was time to head home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year voices echoed around the room. The general consensus was that a good time was had by all!!

Rosalie

Calendar of Events
2016 Cruises/Shows/Events

January

Jan. 11thAnnual Membership Meeting at Panera's, Trinity Point in Washington, 7:00 p.m.
If you plan to eat before the meeting, please arrive a little earlier so you are finished when the meeting begins.

Jan. 22-24thWorld of Wheels, David Lawrence Conv. Center, info www.autorama.com

Jan.23rdMeet, Greet and Eat breakfast gathering at Eat'n Park on Oak Spring Rd. at 9:00 a.m.

February

Feb. 20thMeet, Greet and Eat breakfast gathering at Eat'n Park on Oak Spring Rd. at 9:00 a.m.

March

Mar. 19th ... Meet, Greet and Eat breakfast gathering at Eat'n Park on Oak Spring Rd. at 9:00 a.m.

April

Apr. 20-24th Spring Carlisle Swap Meet @ Fairgrounds, Carlisle, Pa.

Apr. 29-May 1stCanfield Swap Meet @ Fairgrounds, Canfield OH. 8 am

May

May 7th Washington Cruisers first cruise of the season @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm

Membership Dues \$20.00 (by Jan. 31st, 2016)

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