

The Washington Cruisers Car Club

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting was held on January 11th at Panera Bread at Trinity Point. There were 19 members in attendance. The Minutes from the last membership meeting were read and the financial report was distributed and approved.

At this meeting, elections to the board were made. **Bob Black, Jamie Leichty and Stush Valentino** were up for re-election; **Dave Dean and Rich Vlainich** were then nominated to the Board. We asked if anyone would like to fill the vacant Board positions, but no one volunteered. All Board members were elected to two-year terms by unanimous votes.

We then discussed needing more members to help with all the work that is needed to keep the club running. We also went over this year's events, such as our plans for our Saturday cruises starting May 7th, the Super Cruise on August 7th, and hosting the Springhouse cruise again in July. Another possible event in the planning stages is that the club has been invited to display our vehicles again at the Washington County Auto Show: it has been moved to the Meadows Casino and we are waiting for the details regarding this show in April.

In other business, the new website was discussed as the place for event information, photo galleries of happenings, and club newsletters. New merchandise for club members was reviewed. If there is enough interest we will order a Polo style shirt with the club logo on the front only. Suggestions to sell merchandise to non-club members were reviewed and tabled due to the terms of our 501c3 IRS status. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

New Perk for Members

Beginning March 1, for a donation of \$5.00, we will begin to accept classified ads on our website. Ads are limited to 35 words and one picture and will run for one month. Please contact Rosalie for particulars and questions at rosalie.dibert@gmail.com . Members Only, Please!

Be sure to check our website for more news, information and membership application.
www.washingtoncruisers.com

February Board Meeting – Officer Elections

At our February Board meeting **Don Cunningham, Tom Shanor** and **Ralph Ullum** volunteered to fill a few of the vacant Board positions. This helped to bring the Board up to 10 members. If anyone is interested in filling the 2 vacant Board positions, contact any Board member.

Nominations for Board positions were made and voted on - here are the Club Officers for 2016:

President: **Rosalie Dibert**

V. President: **Dave Dean**

Secretary: **Bob Black**

Treasurer: **Jamie Leichty**

Asst. Secy: **Rich Vlainich**

Directors: **Don Cunningham, Don Dibert, Tom Shanor, Ralph Ullum** and **Stush Valentino**.

Congratulations to all the newly elected board members!

Board Meeting Dates and Your Invitation

As you may know, the Board of Directors of the Washington Cruisers meets once a month to discuss the business of the club. In addition, the board members plot, plan and scheme (just kidding) how to strengthen and build our club to ensure a good experience for our members and of course how to raise money for our charity, *Ronald McDonald House*.

Recently the board has begun meeting at the **Panera Bread in Trinity Point** and has reserved their meeting room for our board meetings. The meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month, and that is true for all of 2016 as well, **except** for the March meeting, which will be held on the 3rd Monday, (**March 21**) due to room availability. We have the room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Board meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Some of us arrive around 5:30 and enjoy a bite to eat and some good conversation before the meeting, and all members are certainly welcome to come for the conversation and to stay and see our board in action. Although you cannot vote on items that come before the board for action, there will be time at the meeting to bring your ideas or concerns to the board. We really **do** want to hear from you. You do not need to let us know in advance that you will be attending, but I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to let us know what you think. It is, after all, YOUR club.

The dates for the remainder of the board meetings are **April 11, May 9, June 15, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12, 2016**.

Something New at Our McDonald's Saturday Cruises...Feature of the Month

This year your Board of Directors is trying something new at some of our Saturday Cruises. On the 2nd cruise of each month we are extending an open invitation for the type of vehicle we are going to feature. There will be a **special prize drawing** for car owners who identify themselves as bringing a **featured vehicle** to our cruise that evening. Make sure to tell your friends...we'd like to welcome them to our cruises. Here is the schedule for those vehicles:

May 21st Corvettes

June 18th Street Rods

July 16th Antiques & Classics

August 27th Mustangs

Sept. 24th Mopars

Do You Remember When...?

As you may know, **Jim Suffern** recently retired from the Washington Cruisers Board of Directors, after serving for roughly 22 years. I had the opportunity to chat with Jim recently as he reflected on the club's happenings during his tenure on the Board.

He spoke fondly about the picnics that were held in Mingo Park, and how much fun folks seemed to have. He reminisced about the 'car games' that the cruisers played. He also talked about the cruises in Robinson, and how that has evolved over the years.

But the thing that he really remembered was the Washington Cruisers Super Cruise of 1994...or was it 1995...? That year, the Super Cruise was held at the former K-Mart lot, (now Home Depot) in Washington. In Jim's words..."It was ridiculous, we quit counting at 1000 cars, but they just kept on coming! It was a little bit out of control!"

When asked why the Super Cruise does not draw that many vehicles anymore, Jim's opinion is that there are certainly more car cruises in our geographical area nowadays, and there are more options for cruisers. He is hopeful that the Washington Cruisers web site and our fliers will bring more cars in this year.

Thanks Jim for sharing your memories.

Meet, Greet and Eat, (February Edition, Recap)

The sun was out, the temperature was on the rise and all of the snow had melted. We were in for a great day! The back room at the Eat 'n Park on Oak Spring Road, Washington, PA was reserved and set up for us, our favorite waitress, **Danica**, greeted us with a smile, and the Washington Cruisers began to arrive for our breakfast gathering around 9:00 a.m.

The following members enjoyed a nice hot breakfast and each other's company, including some *heated* conversations and wonderful suggestions....**Jim & Mary Suffern, Mike & Jamie Leichty, Bruce & Janice Coen, Fran & Carol Startare, Mike & Gloria Stephan, Monk & Cheryl Cunningham, Tom Shanor, Kenny & Mary Lou White, Tom & Cindy Queen, Don & Rosalie Dibert, Ralph Ullum, Marcus & Autumn Ralston, Johnny Anderson, Jack & Sherri Cole, Bill & Judy Norcutt, Bob & Bernie Bodvake, Bob Black, Karen Pellecchia, Greg Dillie and Robert Beatty.** (Apologies for any omissions.)

Many thanks to **Bill Norcutt** who served as our able photographer. You can see some of his work on our website, www.washingtoncruisers.com Look in the gallery for the breakfast pictures. Also thanks to **Karen Pellecchia** who took charge of creating our nametags...her work made it easier for us to greet each other by name. It was nice to see some new faces in the group, and of course we missed those of you who could not attend because of illness, travel plans or needing to work...maybe we will see you next time.

And speaking of next time, our last Meet, Eat and Greet breakfast gathering, until the fall, will be held on March 19th, same time and place. We do hope to see you there.

BRING ON SPRING!

Calendar of Events
2016 Cruises/Shows/Events

March

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

April

Apr. 3rd Swap Meet @ South Park Fairgrounds. 8-2 pm, for info call Ray 412-276-0384

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

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

May

May 7th *Washington Cruisers* first cruise of the season @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm, info 724-263-3335

May 15th Flashlights Drags @ Waynesburg Airport, 12-6 info 412-937-8608

May 15th Cops & Rodder Rod Run, Scott Twp. Park, '72 and older cars, 10-4 info 724-518-1951

May 21st *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Featuring Corvettes

June

Jun. 4th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Jun. 18th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Featuring Street Rods

Jun. 18th Bridgeville Day On The Avenue Annual Cruise/Show, 11-3, info 412-221-6052

Jun. 25th Cruise-A-Palozza, Butler Farm Show Grounds, 12-7, info 724-321-8521

July

Jul. 2nd *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Jul. 16th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Featuring Antiques & Classics

Jul. 22-24th Canfield, Ohio Swap Meet @ Fairgrounds, Canfield, OH 8 am

July 24th *Washington Cruisers* Celebration of Ice Cream Cruise @ The Springhouse, Eighty Four, PA
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. 724.736.3062

July 26th Reven' up for Kids Car Cruise, South Park Fairgrounds. 10-6, 412 831-6800 ext. 730

Jul. 30th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

July 31st **RAIN DATE** *Washington Cruisers* Celebration of Ice Cream Cruise @ The Springhouse

August

Aug. 7th Tentative Date for *Washington Cruisers* Super Cruise, Location to be announced.

Aug. 13th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Featuring Mustangs

Aug. 20th Thomas Church Car Show & Pig Roast, Eighty Four, PA 3-8, info 724-743-1987

Aug. 27th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

September

Sept. 10th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335

Sept. 16-18th Canfield, Ohio Swap Meet @ Fairgrounds, Canfield, OH 8 am

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Featuring Mopars

October

Oct. 8th *Washington Cruisers* Car Cruise @ McDonald's 6-9, info 724-263-3335