

The Washington Cruisers Car Club

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Looking for board members

The cruise season is starting and the board has been busy working on our regular as well as new events for our members. As we work on these events, the usual issue of how to put on these events comes up. The current board has only 8 active members, which is the bare minimum according to our club charter. This puts a strain on the board members to support these events. We again are asking for people to step up and join the board to help us put on these events. This will not be a major time commitment – the board meets 1 day a month, and we alternate on our events so no one is overburdened – when we have enough board members. So if you like to help us run the club, have ideas for new events or other fund raising events, or think we are going in the wrong direction, join the board so you can help us work on the club's direction for the future. Contact any of the board members for detail on how to join the board.

Bob

With Sympathy

We are saddened to learn of the passing of one of our friends and fellow club member. Lorraine Hickman, wife of Bill Hickman, passed away in March, at their home, after an extended illness. Bill and Lorraine were often seen at events in their blue "Class of 57" 1957 Bel Air 2dr Hardtop or their gray 39 Ford 2dr sedan. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and his family.

Welcome new members

Ken & Ellen Morris and their 1967 Pontiac GTO and 1972 Chevy Nova.
Marcus & Autumn Ralston and their 1961 Ford F-100 Unibody and 1966 Plymouth Fury 111.
Tracy & Karen Sphar and their 1969 Buick Skylark Custom and 2010 Dodge Challenger R/T.
Richard & Sherri Vlainich and their 1960 Ford Thunderbird and 2014 Dodge Challenger Shaker.

From the Cow to the Cone

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the 3rd Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day.

In the proclamation, President Reagan called for all people of the United States to observe these events with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." (From the International Dairy Foods Association.)

Plan now to join your fellow cruisers at the Springhouse Restaurant and Bakery located at 1531 Route 136, in Washington, PA 15301, for a Celebration of Ice Cream Cruise. We will enjoy each other's company from 4 to 8 p.m., on July 19, (which just happens to be the 3rd Sunday of the month of July). Naturally, the delicious ice cream from the Springhouse will be the main attraction, and our cars, of course, but don't forget all of the other good things that are on their menu.

We will have dash plaques for the first 50 cars, live music and a 50/50 drawing.

Plan now to join us for a lazy, sweet, relaxing day. Contact Rosalie for more information 724.746.3062. (Rain date is Sunday July 26.)

Get Well

Wishing a speedy recovery to Jack Fauth on his recent stroke. Hope to see you out and about soon.

Welcome back

Ralph & Paula Ferry and their 1966 Pontiac GTO.
Welcome back Max & Dianne Leppert and their 1948 Chevy Fleetmaster and 1948 Crosley Truck.

Cruisin the River

Some of our members have requested that we plan some other activities in addition to our every other Saturday cruises and our Super Cruise. With that in mind, I offer the following...

The village of Lowellville, Ohio just might be the best-kept secret car cruise in our area. The activity is called Cruisin the River, and it happens every Monday evening starting in mid May, this year. The hours are 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Lowellville is a picturesque historic town that really knows how to do a cruise 'right'. If you are going to put the address in your GPS to guide you, the address is East Water Street, and the zip code is 44436. (Lowellville is located right across PA/OH line on 224 west, 1st road to the right, Lowellville Road, takes you right in to the town.) All activities associated with the cruise are sponsored by the Lowellville Business Association. There is no cost to attend.

You are welcome to bring your favorite cruise vehicle or your daily driver. Some nights there are up to 300 classic cars! Many folks come just to see the cars, and enjoy the other things that may be going on and change from week to week...music, turtle races, and 50/50 to name a few. There is ample parking for your daily drivers too. And did I mention that there are a number of food vendors, so you won't go home hungry?

I recommend, if you are interested, and if the weather is good, that you put Monday, June 22 on your calendars, and reach out to other members who might like this activity. Because our members have different schedules, I'm not going to recommend a caravan of us travel together, but I know that some of you will want to do so....I'm just not able to plan for you. Be sure to wear your *Washington Cruisers* apparel. We will want folks to know who we are, and that we're there.

If the weather is poor on June 22, how about we go the following week, June 29? If you have questions, you know how to reach me. Hope to see many of our members participating in this activity.

Rosalie

Washington County Fairgrounds Recap

As you may remember, our club members were invited to show their cars as part of the 2015 Washington County Auto Show, which was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, April 17 and 18, hosted by the Observer Reporter Newspaper.

Your board of directors would like to publicly thank the following Washington Cruisers members who, in many cases, rearranged their work schedules, doctor appointments, used comp time, and/or found a caring person to bring their classic car to the show for them. Thanks to Johnny and Sherry Anderson, Bob and Bernie Bodvake, Jack and Sherri Cole, Don "Monk" Cunningham, Don and Rosalie Dibert, Bill Jones (and family), Mike and Jamie Leichty, Sam Maloy, Ken Morris, Jim Nichol, Bill Norcutt, Marcus Ralston, Denny Rodgers, Tom Shanor, Jim Suffern, and Ralph Ullum. Without your efforts, we would not have filled the building with our classic cars, and been able to take advantage of this opportunity. Thanks also to everyone who lent a hand to make it all work....and to Mother Nature who gave us a dry day to bring our cars in, and a dry evening to take our cars home at the end of the show. (You should have seen **that** parade!!)

We were able to raise a few dollars for our charity, the Ronald McDonald House, may have made a few new friends, renewed some old friendships and gained a few new and renewal members.

The People's Choice award was presented to Bill Jones, who did not let a little surgery on his shoulder keep him from making an appearance. His 1951 Chevy Custom 2 door Convertible was a real attraction, and got the most votes.

Congratulations, Bill !!!

The staff and photographers of our host, the Observer Reporter, let us know how happy they were with our display, and have already let us know that we have been invited back next year. In addition, some of your board members attended a Thursday evening VIP reception meet and greet put together by the Chamber of Commerce. It was good to make contacts with some of the vendors who may be supporting us in the coming months. Many of those contacts stopped at our display over the next two days to see us, arranged for some donations, and commented on the cars and took pictures. But maybe the best part were the attendees who were generally nice folks and seemed to appreciate our classics... what many of them called "**real cars**".

The management and staff of the fairgrounds made sure that our cars were safe over night, and the building was perfect. If you were able to get there to see us, you know what I'm talking about.

As we look forward to next year, we hope that more of our members will take advantage of this unique opportunity to show our cars, raise money for our charity, make new contacts and talk cars with interested community people.

Rosalie

Calendar of Events
2015 Cruises/Shows/Events

May

- May 1-3rdCanfield Swap Meet @ Fairgrounds, Canfield OH. 8 am
- May 2ndWashington Cruisers first cruise of the season @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- May 9th ..TCTC Car Show, Bowser Collision Center, Jeff. Hills, 1-5pm,\$5.00 , 412-254-3280
- May 16thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- May 16thCruisin' for a Cause @ Waynesburg Alpha Aquatic Park 12-4, 724-839-7080
- May 17th ..Cops and Rodders Run Cruise, Scott Twp. Park 9-5, 1972 & earlier. 724-518-1951
- May 30thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- May 30thGrace Bible Church Cruise, Avella,11-3, Free Food, info 304-737-1950
- May 31stFlashlight Drags, Greene County Airport, Waynesburg, gates open 12, race 2-6

June

- Jun. 5thCruisin' in the Woodlands, Clinton Park. 5-9, \$5.00 info 724-695-0500
- Jun. 13thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- Jun. 13thSummit Mountain Car Show (vehicles over 25 yrs. Old) 10-2.info 412-582-2926
- Jun. 14thSultan's Car Club, Tanger Outlet Cruise, 11-4, \$10.00 info 412-498-1761
- Jun. 20th .Bridgeville Day on the Avenue Cruise/Show 11-3, info John McCans 412-221-1660
- Jun 20th20th Annual AACA Museum Car Show & Flea Market, Hershey, Pa., \$15.00
- Jun. 27thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- Jun. 28thFlashlight Drags, Greene County Airport, Waynesburg, gates open 12, race 2-6

July

- Jul. 3rd .Cruizin T-Town Show/Cruise, Taylorstown, 6-9:30pm, \$5.00 info Cheryl 724-948-3059
- Jul. 11thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- Jul 12th11th annual Classics on Main, Washington, 11-4, \$5.00, info 724-222-4661
- Jul. 19thSpringhouse Restaurant cruise
- Jul. 25thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- Jul. 26th .Rev'em up for kids Car Cruise, S. Park Fairgrounds 11-6, info 412-831-6800 ext. 730
- Jul. 26thFlashlight Drags, Greene County Airport, Waynesburg, gates open 12, race 2-6
- Aug 2ndWashington Cruisers Super Cruise 23, Washington Crown Center Mall 11-4pm,
\$5.00 donation to Ronald McDonald House

- Aug. 8thWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm
- Aug. 22ndWashington Cruisers Car Cruise @ McDonald's, 6-9 pm

Weekly cruises

- Mon. Wendy's Rt.19 McMurray 6-9
- Tues. Sultans @ Shop n Save Canonsburg 6-9
- Thur. Peters Creek Church, South Park 6-9

- Fri. Mineral Beach, Finleyville 5-9
- Fri. Starlite Cruise, Wexford 5-9
- Sat. (Opposite our cruises)
Thomas Church, Eighty Four 5-9