

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Modern technology is the greatest... oh really???

We all think that modern gadgets have taken us into the future. A step in the right direction some would say. Really?? Been to your local WaWa lately? They have a machine that doles out the correct change. Most of the cashiers will be in a mess of trouble should it go on the fritz. Most couldn't figure out the correct change without the help of modern machines. If you ever want to see a look of confusion on someone's face, just add a couple of pennies to the mix. They will get a glazed look on their face sending them into a total state of panic.

Our cell phones have given people a way to not have to carry out real person to person conversations. We are sending a thing called texts. This is eliminating the need to socialize – you never need to face someone again. We have even come up with a special encryptopedia language, eliminating the need to learn how to spell.

Now what about a bank, doctor's office, or business? When was the last time you got to speak to someone directly without pressing 1 for English or 2 just to get transferred to the next available recording for more options? I also just learned that schools are going to stop teaching kids cursive just because they see no need for it anymore. Soon hand written anything will be a thing of the past.

What modern technology is really doing is moving us back into the stone age. Making people just stay in their caves not ever going outside to enjoy what the world has to offer.

I hope everyone had a great holiday and only ate half as many cookies as last year. Everyone should be well rested and ready to help out with new and exciting things for our car club...

COVER CAR – 1929 MODEL A FORD ROADSTER P/U

Recently acquired, *1929 Model A Ford Roadster Pickup*. Purchased this summer in Douglassville Township from an estate sale. Basically in original condition with the exception of hydraulic brakes and a 6 Volt alternator. We named her Elsie Evans after our mothers who are aged 99 & 91. This winter she will go up on jack stands and be gone over from front to back. Hopefully, she will be ready for club runs in the Spring of 2014.

Note* Our thanks to Chuck Storm who knew of the truck and mentioned it at a general meeting this summer.
JoAnn & Howard Arnold

NEWSLETTER ADS – 2014

If you advertised in our newsletter for 2013 and have not sent your renewal, please mail check today. If you would like to be a new advertiser for the year 2014, please send me your business card or ad with your check for \$35.00 and it will appear every month and be sent to 160 members. Need more info, call me at 610-363-7589 or e-mail natgomez@briangomez.com

REFRESHMENTS

Cookie night was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who contributed their favorite cookies and the few that also shared their recipes. We went from wonderful old favorites like chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin to coconut macaroons and saltine brittle oh and the pizzels, one of my favorites. Not sure of the name of some of the treats or sure of the name of the cookies our president brought in but they were a big hit and everyone wants the recipe Kevin!!! Again thank you to all for making cookie night the success it was. NO meeting in December, but I will remind whoever takes refreshments for the month of January. Have the Merriest Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

George Hitchens and Bud Tarr will supply the January refreshments.

HOLIDAY BANQUET

The Annual Holiday Banquet was held at the Sheraton Great Valley on Sunday, December 8, 2013 with eighty-seven reservations. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. We had a treacherous snowstorm and only 35 people were able to attend. With a nice fire in the fireplace at the Sheraton, we gathered to enjoy delicious coconut shrimp, Teriyaki meatballs, Raspberry and Brie in phyllo crust and assorted mini quiches along with a cash bar. Pat Gaines gave the invocation. The dinner menu was a fresh baby spinach salad with candied pecans and cranberries followed by your choice of Petite Filet Mignon of Beef with Cabernet Sauvignon and Chester County Mushrooms, Wellington Chicken with a Madeira Sauce or Fresh Salmon topped with Lump Crabmeat. A wonderful warm apple blossom dessert topped with cinnamon ice cream finished the delicious meal.

CCACC Awards were given out by Bob Proietto and Hugh Purnell. The Club recognized Jeanie Cassidy with the Service Award plaque for her dedication and hard work. Because of the weather many of the award winners were not present so these will be given out at the January meeting. Membership Chairpersons, Bud & Lisa Tarr, then presented our membership awards. Awards are given in increments of five years starting with the "Five year pin."

Then came the fun part, the picking of door prizes. We had a terrific variety of gifts contributed from a Tote bag, candles, to a gift certificate from the Sheraton Hotel for dinner for two, which was won by Anne Hilbush. The event ended with the taking of the exchange ornaments from our tree.

Also, the committee would like to sincerely thank each one of you who donated so many terrific door prizes and participated in the ornament exchange. Through the efforts of all who helped with the CCACC Car Show to make a wonderful profit, the club was able to subsidize the banquet once again and keep the price low.

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Nancy Crossman & Marilyn Gebauer

NOVEMBER 2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

The November regular monthly meeting of the Chester County Antique Car Club was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at the Thorndale Fire Company President Kevin Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:35. Fred Gaines led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Our program for the evening was a CPR demonstration and the defibrillator demonstration by two members of the Thorndale Fire Co. Very informative and enjoyed by all.

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Check book Balance \$7,663.83 and the CD \$10,235.31

News & Views: Natalie needs photo's and cover stories for 2014

Activities: December 6th – West Chester Parade – See Hugh Purnell

December 14th – Downingtown Christmas Parade

Programs: No program set for January at November meeting

Membership: Lisa Tarr collecting 2014 dues and reported 82 2014 renewals

Web Page: Lisa Tarr reported it is in progress

Refreshments: Cookie night, yum. Carol Hitchens will have a sign up sheet at the Christmas party for 2014.

Sunshine: Get well card to Chuck Storm, Sympathy cards to Jerry Duetscher & the Robert Miller family.

Sympathy cards & donations were sent for Ralph Kramer, Charle Keinerd & Catherine Moore Family. Lew Pyle in Barclay Friends, W.C.

Scrapbook: No report

Car Show: Plans underway, need volunteers.

Christmas Party: Nancy Crossman & Marilyn Gebauer were selling tickets

Ways & Means: Russ reported he would be ordering and would have items in time for Christmas

Old Business: Covered Bridge a success and Jack thanked Joyce for not getting everyone lost. Lou Mandich reported the DuPont run was a huge success

New Business: Russ Swallow announced our slate of Officers, Kevin Stevenson, President, Fred Gaines, Vice President, Secretary, Jean Cassidy, Treasurer, Jack Robinson, Board Members, Bill Campbell, Bob Patton, Dave Shingle, Bruce Swayze, Bob Allison & Russ Swallow. All approved and voted. The 50/50 was won by Walt Kramer, \$46.00. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted: Natalie Gomez, Acting Secretary

FOR SALE

1975 Pontiac Firebird Formula 900, Blue on Blue, All Original, Garage Kept, 75,000 miles, Drive Anywhere, \$13,500., Call Jack Robinson, 610-793-1563.

SUNSHINE – BARB CARAMANICO

Get Well Card was sent to Chuck Storm who had knee surgery. Sympathy card was sent to Robert Miller Family and Sympathy cards & donations were sent to Catherine Moore Family, Ellen Kramer & Carol Keinard.

THORNBURY FARM RUN

October 19th was the first of many to come, fall pot luck tailgate, on Thornbury Farm. Hosted by Randell and Kimberly Spackman. The day was beautiful and everyone who came was greeted by a fire in the Beehive oven next to the patio by their farm market. Good food and great friends relaxing under the pergola, overlooking the produce fields around the market. After a bit everyone found their way to the animals - MooLinda the baby calf and Daisy the Donkey to name a few, were glad to test any treats that they found. Afterwards all took a look at all the great cars that came that day, the oldest being 1918. The cars were such a treat to see. We then found our way down the drive to the 1730 bank barn that is housing Randell Spackman's 1926 Mudler Hunter Pipe Organ. The size of the organ could be seen all over the barn. We got to see the relay room and the blowers that power the pipes. One has to weigh as much as George's Lincoln. The time ended with some of the history of the farm and the Battle of Brandywine that covered the farm in 1777, with more the 30,000 troops. It was a great day to see so many good friends!

Randell & Kimberly Spackman, R/L

6 CYLINDER CHEVY TOUR

On Sept 6th 2013 four CCACC members met in Bally, PA at the Storm's home to begin a tour to Vermont and Nova Scotia. The participants included Chuck & Audrey Storm, Dave & Nancy Crossman, Jim & Judy Fleetwood and Larry & Marie Kline. The cars were all early 6 cylinder Chevys (pre 1954) including a 1941, (2) 1949, and a 1952. We traveled thru NE PA into NY at Port Jervis, across the Hudson at Newberg, NY, then north to Hyde Park, NY where we toured FDR's home. We spent the night at a motel in the Berkshire Hills in NY just west of the MA border.

On our second day we visited Bennington, VT where we toured a historical museum and the Hemming's Motor News facility and museum. Then it was on to Cavendish, VT which was the headquarters for our VCCA (Vintage Chevrolet Club of America) Vermont Tour. A group of 60 early 6 cylinder Chevys spent five days touring around southern Vermont and New Hampshire. We saw some beautiful scenery, many covered bridges, historic sites including Robert Todd Lincoln's estate, President Coolidge's homestead, the Billings Farm, and the American Precision Museum. We also enjoyed a boat tour and lunch on Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire.

On Friday September 13th, while Dave & Nancy headed home, the three remaining cars headed north thru VT to St. Johnsbury where we took U.S. Rt 2 east thru New Hampshire and across Maine to Bangor. We then followed ME RT 9 to the Canadian border at Calais, ME. At this point we were less than 30 miles from the easternmost point in the U.S. After crossing the border into Canada we spent the night in St Stephen, New Brunswick. Total distance driven Friday was 451 miles.

We spent Saturday driving along the Bay of Fundy which has the highest tides in the world. Tide variation can be 50 feet or more. This creates some amazingly rugged coastal scenery. After an overnight in Moncton, NB we continued our journey to Wolfville, NS. This was the location of our second VCCA weeklong tour. Total distance from Cavendish, VT to Wolfville, NS, was 891 miles.

Our host for the tour, the VCCA Atlantic Canada Region was newly formed last year. They did a great job of putting together a tour in a very short time period. Everyone we met was extremely friendly and helpful. They showed us a lot of local scenery and history on the Bay of Fundy and Atlantic coast. We visited Halifax and the Museum of the Atlantic which has an extensive display dedicated to the Titanic disaster. We saw Grand Pre National Historical Site, the home of the Acadians. This was the inspiration for Longfellow's poem "Evangeline". We explored Bay of Fundy coast and apple orchards and farms of the Annapolis Valley. We visited Port Royal Historic Site, the first European habitation in North America, 1605. In Lunenburg, NS we stopped at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

On Saturday September 21st we departed Wolfville. The Fleetwoods headed home and the Storms and Klines continued north toward Cape Breton Island. We followed the Cabot Trail around the coast of Cape Breton. The Cabot Trail is truly a "scenic highway". The road varies from sea level to forested mountains in a matter of miles. The coastline is quite rugged and the mountains rise directly from the sea to 1500 feet elevation. It is just beautiful. There are scattered harbors and fishing villages, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls. We stopped in Baddeck to visit the Alexander Graham Bell museum. It is quite well done and educational. We left Cape Breton Monday afternoon and struck out for our final destination, PEI (Prince Edward Island.)

Tuesday morning we boarded a ferry in Caribou, NS and had a pleasant 1 hour cruise to Wood Islands, PEI. Following the Points East Coastal Drive we saw many farm fields similar to what we see in Lancaster County with two exceptions. The houses and barns are much smaller on PEI, and beyond the fields on the right is the sea. At Cape Bear Light we learned that the lighthouse keeper here received the first SOS signal from the Titanic. Charlottetown was our overnight stop.

Wednesday morning, due to a forecast of rain for the next few days, we cut our trip short and started our 970 mile trek home. We took the Central Coastal Drive along the south side of the island to the Confederation Bridge, the longest continuous marine span bridge in the world. The 8 mile crossing put us back in New Brunswick on our way back to the USA. We spent the night on the Maine coast at Machias where we had a lobster dinner. Multiple hours on the road Thursday and Friday brought us back to Bally with a total distance traveled of 4,063 miles.

The cars all ran well with minor exceptions. We had to replace a brush in one generator. We had one tire with a separated belt and one that ran over a 2x4 with a nail in it while crossing the Hudson River. We're looking forward to the tour next year in the Utica, NY area.

Larry Kline

NOTE FROM JERRY SHELDON

I always enjoyed the West Chester Christmas Parade and was lucky to find a town near our ranch that also has one. Missed it this year (bad weather) so decided to put it out front. Thanks again for sending the News and Views. Enjoy catching up on all our friends in the club. All the best in 2014.



PHOTOS FROM 2013

