

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Little slice of happiness.

As things get more fast paced and hectic we are all looking for that place or thing that puts a smile on our face—a place where we can escape. I think of it as a little slice of happiness, a sort of retreat, where nothing else really matters. For some, it might be reading a book, dreaming, and becoming one of the characters that finds the lost city. For others it might be tinkering with the car, and finally, after a zillion years, finding where that squeak is coming from. Or it might be sitting next to a stream thinking about the one that got away and just letting the world pass us by.

It's a sort of comfort food for our mind. I'm not sure, but the kids of today might call it zoning out. Our generation calls it a nap. This is a place that doesn't cost us anything to visit except a couple of minutes, and we can get there any time of the day or night. It's a guilt free vacation of sorts. And let's face it, this time of the year, we all need to go to a warmer climate. So if life seems to be getting the best of you, why not try having a little slice of happiness? Remember spring is right around the corner... hang in there.....

We could use a few good ideas for programs this year. If anyone has a topic, contact Fred or me to schedule it.

COVER CAR –1950 PLYMOUTH BUSINESS COUPE

I spotted this car parked in a driveway while travelling south of Landenberg, PA back in 2005. It was painted *Plum Crazy Purple* and looked in good shape. Always being a fan of Mopars from the late forties to the early fifties, I asked a friend of mine who lived in the area to investigate whether the car was for sale; it was. We went over to look at the car and found that the body was taken off of the frame and put on a Monte Carlo chassis with a 350 Chevy engine and transmission. The firewall, floor and wheel wells were all cut to make it fit. The owner still had the original frame so we agreed on a price and I brought it home.

Eight years, later the project of bringing this car back to life as a cruiser was completed by *Kowalski Customs* of Reading, PA. The front of the original frame was cut off and a Fatman Mustang II front was welded in. That allowed me to add power steering and disc brakes. The engine is a Chrysler 383 built in Coal Center, PA and is matched with a 727 Mopar transmission. The car also has power brakes, power windows, air conditioning and is painted *Calypso Green*. The seats are new leather second row seats from a Honda Odyssey minivan conversion. Lou Mandich recommended Tom Key who did a great job on the upholstery work for me. I was even able to get Pennsylvania Special Tag “**50 MOPAR**” for the car!

The car has received a lot of compliments and is a pleasure to drive. Finally, my thanks go out to EJ of Kowalski Customs who did an outstanding job in building the car and working patiently with me as I collected all of the parts needed for the project.

Owner: Russ Swallow

REFRESHMENTS

Thanks to Bud & Lisa Tarr for our refreshments at our January meeting. Jim & patty Hay will be bringing the refreshments for February.

CAR SHOW FLYER

Our May 25th car show flyer is on our website, <http://ChescoACC.com>
You can print a copy for yourself and you can direct anyone asking for a flyer to our website.

SUNSHINE – BARB CARAMANICO

Health wise, CCACC members are doing better. Barb sent a Get Well Card to Boo Moore, and sympathy card and donation for Albert D’Ginto.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD PINS

The following pins for membership years were awarded for 2014.

45 Years Elsie Norton, 40 Years, Albert D’Ginto (now deceased) and Paul Norton, 35 Years, Edna Duke & Dan & Connie Mowery, 30 Years, Jerry & Pat Schneider & Charles & Audrey Storm, 25 Years, Paul & Marilyn GeBauer, Mike & Mary Jo Zengel & Charolotte O’Neill, 20 Years, Lou & Carol DiStefano, Mike & Maureen Pomante & Charles & Esther Popjoy, 15 Years, Ellen Kramer, Dave & Berry Mayo, Frank & Marg Perina, Kurt & Pat Rappold, Jack & Fran Rawson & Ted & Patti Waltz, 10 Years, Leonard & Sue Bartelmo, Bill & Gerri Campbell & Joe & Paat Gallagher, 5 Years, Wayne & Gay Lynn Davison, Cliff & Ruth Gardiner, Rick Jilek, Pete & Jeanne McManus, Al & Anna Millere, Bob & Linda Patton, Jim & Betty Pike and Bruce & Mary Swayze.

JANUARY 2014 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

The January regular monthly meeting of the Chester County Antique Car Club was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Thorndale Fire Co. President Kevin Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

We had 37 members present on a very cold evening. Fred Gaines led the pledge of allegiance. Officers present were Kevin Stevenson, Fred Gaines, & Jack Robinson.

Secretary’s Report: No Report

Treasurer’s Report: Jack Robinson reported income \$3,091.00, Expenses \$8,579.00, checkbook balance \$2,175.02 and CD \$10,248.22. Expenses were due to the Christmas Party, Yearly Rental for Fire Hall, yearly insurance, and \$1600.00 covered four \$400.00 donations

News & Views: Need cover cars with story.

Activites: VFW, Thorndale Cruise, 2nd Wed. of each month starting April

Top Dead Center Club Cruise, last Sat. of each month, Kohl’s parking lot, Exton

Brandywine Flea Market, Toughkenamon Exit, April 13th

West Chester Parade – December 5th

Programs: No Report

Web Page: Working on it

Membership: Closed 2013 with 165 members, to date 135 members . 2014 Rosters will be printed for distribution

Fun Day: Russ requested the check to secure the date May 4th

Refreshments: Thanks to Bud & Lisa Tarr for Jan. refreshments. Thanks to everyone that volunteered as refreshments are covered for 2014.

Sunshine: - Sympathy extended to the family of Al D-Ginto and Get Well Wishes to Pat Schnieder.

Scrapbook – No Report

Sell & Swap – 84 Lincoln Towncar, 69 Chrysler, 54 & a 56 Plymouth. Details, contact Lou Mandich. 24 Model T Roadster, Contact Ed Hilbush & a 76 Rolls Royce, & 81 Mercedes Cp. & a 216 Motor.

Car Show – David looking for volunteers – Flyer is available on website or to pick up at the meeting

Old Business – Thank You letter from Lord’s Pantry for our donation

New Business – Hugh Purnell presented plaques to Jack & Joyce Wright, Spark Plug Award, Bob & Natalie Gomez, Service Award & Kevin Stevenson, Person of the Year. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Gomez

WORD PLAY – THANKS TO HUGH

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

DOWNINGTOWN VFW CRUISE NIGHT

Downingtown Cruise Nights are coming. The second Wednesday of the month starting April 9th at the Downingtown VFW at 4601 W Lincoln Hwy · Downingtown 19335 there will be a cruise night from 5:00p.m. to dusk. It will be similar to the cruise nights at the VFW in the past few years. The name has changed and it is no longer a "club" run function. There will be a 50/50, a DJ, food and drink available from the VFW. It will give you a chance to get your ride out, catch up with friends see some great cars and trucks. No admission required, donations will be accepted to help pay the DJ.

Hope to see you April 9th. Come out get something to eat, listen to the music, and enjoy the evening. Look for more info in the Cruise News, Cruisin and our facebook page.

BTW - we are looking for anyone that would like to help on cruise nights.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David & Denine Summers, 428 Corner Ketch Road, Downingtown, Pa, 19335. Phone #610-269-3334. E-mail DSummers426@comcast.net David & Denine own a 1967 VW Beetle

Jon & Shana Keesey, 1180 Little Conestoga Rd., GlenMoore, Pa. 19343, Phone 610-310+1629. E-mail jon@ancientauto.com Jon & Shana own a 1930 Ford Model A RPV and a 1953 Oldsmobile 98

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidney, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed, then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along and when he is here he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and spends the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I am really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life

The Preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him that is what I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or in the basement, I say to myself, What am I here after?

Thanks to Barb Caramanico for sharing this one.

2013 Dupont Pics

