



Wheel's

“The Wheels That Heal Car Club”

UP COMING EVENTS

February 12-13, 2011 Ocean City Hot Rod & Classic Car Show and Collection car Auction. WWW.specialeventpro.com

March 5, 2010 Kent Island, All Club Car Meeting. Contact Randy Wilson for details.

April 9th, 2011 Car Show Wicomico High School Band Boosters, registration: 9AM. Glen Ave. Salisbury, MD.

April 9th, 2011, Lower Delaware Mustang Club Cruise In @ Laurel Junction, 5pm to Dark.

April 16th, 2011 Wheels That Heal Car Club Cruise-In, location K-Mart Shopping Center, Route 50 East, Salisbury, MD.

April 30th, 2011 VFW Post #2931 1st Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, 8AM. Hertrich Ford and Toyota , RT 113 Milford DE.

May 14th, 2011 Lower Delaware Mustang Club, Cruise In @ Laurel Junction 5PM to Dark.

May 28th, 2011 29th Annual First State Meet, Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware Antique Car & Truck Show rain date May 29th, registration starts 8AM.

Issue 1

February 2011

Letter From The President:

Well folks, the car show season is nearly here! Time to get our club ready for the 2011 season. We talked about that as well as many other topics at the January meeting. We had a great meal at Uno's, thanks to Cathy for hooking us up! Many good ideas were discussed and now we have to act on them so we can have the kind of season we hope to have. Some committees were formed, added to, changed, etc... Others still need filling and leadership. Being new to the job, I will need the help all the members can provide, maybe more. So please go the extra mile this year to do a little more, contact a sponsor, look at new venues, etc...

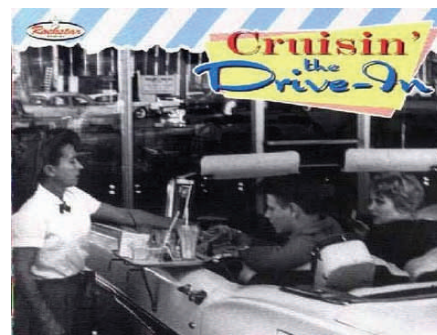
We really need the members this year with all the changes we have experienced in the past year. I know you will do all you can and for that, thanks!

By the time we meet again winter will be nearly behind us and spring in the headlights. I don't know about you, I'm a shorts and tee shirt guy and I've been cold long enough! I'm ready to get the old cars out and burn some gas, maybe a little rubber too, when nobody's looking. Looking forward to firing up the grill!

It looks as though the economy may be improving slowly and the future is bright for us if we make it so. We might

have lost a step or two as an organization over the last couple of years and now it's time to get back on top! No more resting on past accomplishments, let's get out there this year and show them what a real club, The Wheels That Heal Car Club, can do!

Randy Wilson
President



**Who remembers
“Cruisin the Drive
– In” with your girl?**

2011 Cruise For A Cause:

The Charity Committee is accepting nominations for our 2011 Cruise For A Cause candidates. We are looking for needy individuals that could use our assistance in covering medical, travel or other required expenses while they are going through a very difficult period in their

lives. The funds we distribute will come from donations, bake sales, sponsored car shows and other events we hold. Wheels That Heal Car Club is a Non-Profit Organization and all donations are tax deductible. All time is donated by our club members and staff to fulfill

our mission. If you know of any qualified candidates, please contact Randy Wilson @ 410-422-2805 or Gary Larmore @ 410-896-3034, we will arrange a meeting of the Charity Committee and review the application.



1955 Chrysler 300



2011 Chrysler 300



1955 Ford Thunderbird



2005 Ford Thunderbird



1964 Mercury Comet



1972 Mercury Cyclone

A Legend Lives On!

In 2004, Chrysler unveiled a new 300. And, just like the original, it packed a Hemi and a year later a 400bhp version was offered. In 1953, Chrysler started the horsepower war with the introduction of the Chrysler 300 using a 331 cu. In. 300bhp first edition Hemi engine. Mated to a C-300 PowerFlite transmission, the C-300 would run a 127.58mph flying mile. In

1958, the car was renamed the 300D and offered a 380bhp standard Hemi with a 390bhp option with electronic ignition that would run new speed record of 156.387mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Talk about a luxury muscle car. In 1957, you could mate this baby with a 4-speed manual transmission that would run a 17-second quarter mile stock. Many car enthu-

siasts claim this to be the original muscle car. No matter what your beliefs are, Chrysler had a hit then and has one now. The sleek styling of the new 2011 Chrysler 300 has a sticker price of just \$27,995, including \$825 in destination. The base 300 comes with a 292 horsepower 3.6L V6, cloth seats and 17-inch wheels.

50-Years “What a Time Line”

1955 Launch of Ford’s first two-seater sports car.
1956 First restyle and an optional 312 cu. In V-8 rated @ 215hp.
1957 Last but most muscular and stylish of the 2-seater Thunderbird’s built.
1962 Sports Roadster launched with fiberglass tonneau that converts four seater back into a two seater.

1971 Nieman-Marcus offer “His and Her” Thunderbirds equipped with telephones and tape players.
1975 Thunderbird weighs 5,000 pounds and sold as the epitome of luxury”
1983 Introduction of the “aero-style” Thunderbird.
1999 Thunderbird show car wows crowds at Detroit Auto Show.
2001 New two-seat Thun-

derbird is Motor Trend Magazine’s Car of the Year.
2005 Thunderbird celebrates 50-glorious years. It may not be quite the muscle car it once was, but the Thunderbird is as distinctive today as it was over 5-decades ago.

There Goes Another! “Mercury”

A sporty hot new Mercury Comet was introduced in 1964 with bucket seats, instrument console and a 210bhp 289 cu. In. V-8. and Comet grew to a Cyclone. In 1967 a new fastback body style was released and outsold the notchback by 20—1. In 1969, the HOT-

TEST Cyclone was introduced “**The Cyclone CJ**” (Cobra Jet) aimed directly at the Plymouth Road Runner in the low priced performance car market. The CJ’s standard engine was the 335bhp 428 cu. in. with a four-speed option and a competition handling

package and most unusual, a bench seat. The Spoiler II option improved aerodynamics as was proven on the NASCAR circuit. In 1970, the Cyclone was not restyled but got a handful of BOSS 429 power. The Cyclone was dropped in 1972 as the muscle car era came to an end.

2011 Cruise-In Report

R-U -red e? WOE, what a wonderful way to communicate. No wonder our kids can't spell or even fill out a Job application correctly. TEXTING seems to be here to stay but please remember Maryland, Delaware and Virginia State Laws tell us texting or operating a hand-held cell phone while operating a motor vehicle is illegal. You will get a ticket.

As Classic Car enthusiasts, we should all be mindful of obeying state laws new and old keeping our highways safe. After all, how would you feel if someone texting or talking ran into your classic?

The Season for cruise-in and having fun with your friends in your classic or antique

car is fast approaching with the first OC Show coming February 12-13, 2011. This year, they are combining the car show and auction on the same weekend which should make for larger crowds and more excitement.

After that, remember locally we have the Salisbury Festival, April 30, 2010. The first Wheels That Heal Cruise-in at K-Mart will be April 16, 2011. If you would like to display items for sale in the SWAP Market call Rob Coffin @ 443-669-4726. This year promises to be the largest we have ever had at our Cruise-in so come early and plan to stay late. As always, if you or a friend is looking for a club home see one of the

Wheels That Heal members or come to the Information Tent for a registration form. All Cruise-In's are FREE! to the public and no-charge to display your car. We will offer food vendors and music from the era along with a 50-50. All proceeds from 50-50 donations go directly to the Cruise-For – A-Cause and are donated to needy recipients. As the property we are on belongs to Oak Ridge Baptist Church, we ask for NO Alcoholic beverages or inappropriate signs or actions.



“Since there are always lots of people and small children, please drive responsibly”

NO BURN OUTS

OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!




URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT

SAN Opposes EPA Expansion of E15 Waiver to MY 2001 and Newer Cars

Several weeks ago, the SEMA Action Network (SAN) requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suspend its partial waiver to permit the sale of gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol (E15) for model year 2007 and newer vehicles. Instead, the EPA has taken another step in the wrong direction by expanding the waiver to include MY 2001-2006 vehicles. The decision conflicts with President Obama's Ex-

ecutive Order from earlier this week that requires government agencies to balance social and economic costs.

The EPA agrees with SAN that older cars (pre-MY 2001) should not be fueled with E15. The EPA reached its decision based over concern that ethanol's corrosive qualities could harm the vehicle's engine and other metal, plastic and rubber components. The EPA has proposed that a warning label be posted on the gas pump to prevent misfueling. SAN opposes this solution as incomplete given the significant threat of damage that could arise from misfueling. Even for

newer vehicles, the label will cause confusion since most owner's manuals instruct the motorist not to use ethanol blends higher than E10 and warranty coverage may be denied for damage caused by misfueling.

SAN will continue to oppose E15 until there are conclusive scientific findings that demonstrate that it will not harm automobiles of any age as a result of corrosion or other chemical incompatibilities.

Please forward this Alert to your fellow car enthusiasts. Urge them to join the [SAN](#) and help defend the hobby!

“Gentleman’s Hot Rod:

BUICK GRAN SPORT 1965—1974



1965 Buick
Gran Sport



1967 Buick
Gran Sport



1969 Buick
Gran Sport



1970 Buick
GS455
Stage 1

Like Chevrolet, Buick also entered the great American muscle car race mid-year in 1965, in this case with a rather regal Gran-Sport. The plan was simple, place a not-so small engine in a not so big car. Their choice was the Skylark an upscale Special named after the flashy convertible Buick had rolled off a Motorama stage into regular production in 1953. Neither the Skylark or special were well suited for high-performance applications in the beginning, but that all changed in 1963 when Buick’s classy compact graduated into GM’s newly formed intermediate ranks. They dropped the unit-body construction and replaced it with a full-frame foundation that would accommodate the horses.

The big engine that finally found its way into the mid-sized Skylark was Buick’s Wildcat 455 V-8 an antiquated “nail-head” power plant that traced its roots back to the division’s first modern overhead-valve V-8. The actual displacement for the 455 V-8 was 401 cubic inches, one more than GM supposedly allowed in its intermediate models prior to 1970. Buick promotional people helped make the situation easy enough to miss by identifying the first Gran-Sport’s standard power

source as a “400 cu. In.” in all printed references in 1965.

This fact was caught and disclosed by *Hot Rod’s Eric Dahlquist* and reported the correct 401 cu. In. count in their GS reviews in early 1965. Buick’s magazine ads called the Skylark GS a “**Superbird**” a reference that would take flight more dramatically 5-years later splashed across the rear quarter panels of the Plymouth Road Runner.

The meager beginning of this little bird in Flint where Buick’s better cars were built added a GS option for only \$200.53 to the bottom line. This package included a floor shifted three-speed, console with tachometer, and bucket seats. A small block Skylark GS rendition joined the original big block in 1967.

Finally in 1970 this 112 inch, 3,875 pound, 350-horse, fire breathing 455 cu. In. muscle car came to life as the 1970 GSX. A hot new suspension, 15x7 sport wheels with fat G60 Goodyear Polyglas GT rubber and power front disc brakes became one of muscle car era’s highest profile images. Spoilers appeared both front and rear, black body-side accent stripes, twin black hood strip trimmed in red pin striping, color-coordinated headlight bezels (standard GS units were chrome), a hood mounted tachometer, dual racing mirror, and a splashy

GTX identification. They were extra easy to spot as there were only two colors offered for the GSX hardtop: Apollo White or Saturn Yellow. Black was the only interior choice. Other GSX package options included bucket seats, console, a Rallye steering wheel, gauges, and a Rallye clock. Supported by Buick’s Rallye-Ride Control Package, consisting of heavy-duty front (1.0 inch) and rear (0.875-inch) sway bar, boxed lower control arms, and performance tuned springs and shocks. The GSX carried a standard 350-horse-power 455 big-block, backed by a four-speed and limited-slip 3.42:1 gears. The total cost of Buick’s A9 option added \$1,100 to the Gran Sport’s bottom line. The Stage 1 upgraded the standard 350 horse-power to 360 and carried no exterior identification. There was also a Turbo-Hydra-matic 400 available. 479 of the 1970 models were TH400 and 199 were four-speeds for the GSX with 400 total Stage 1 GSX’s breaking down 282 with automatic and 118 with four-speeds.

Base price for the 1970 GSX was **\$4,479**...Try to buy one for that now!

WINTER PROJECT UPDATE:

Its January 22, 2010 and I have just finished the winter project just in time to start polishing and getting ready for the upcoming cruise and show season. All wires are in, new switches, lights, everything electrical has been replaced. Yes, she fired up first try and after a few minor adjustments to those “just like the original” replacement parts everything works. M&H Electrical produced fantastic after market original harnesses and I would recommend them to anyone. The really neat thing is that all the modern changes that I kept like electronic ignition, and internally regulated alternator were built directly into the new harnesses and all the splices and additional wires are gone. I did find a few things along the way that needed to be changed like the transmission shift cable and the accelerator cable but they were minor. OK, I think I am done. No, wait a new Smoke Signals Magazine. WOW! Really cool, new, Jim Wangers signature wheels from EVOD Industries, made from



T6-6061 forged aluminum. These would look great! How can I explain to Lynn; “I NEED THESE”? Maybe next Christmas? I have a birthday in August? They are “Limited Edition”? Better start saving my pennies.

Happy Cruise-in

Birthdays February—March



FEBRUARY

Nancy Reese 2/13
 Robert Godwin 2/16
 Ruth Wilkerson 2/19
 Carol Nesbitt 2/21
 Denise Black 2/23
 Wayne Tyler 2/25

MARCH

Dave Mason 3/05
 Sylvia Pokorny 3/09
 Louis LaNeve 3/11
 Lori Holland 3/13
 Delena Coffin 3/14
 Lynn Wiltbank 3/19
 Karen Trafford 3/19
 Beverly Cossentino 3-30

“you don’t have to feel as old as you look, smile! But, don’t forget to put your false teeth in first”

“We turn not older with years, but newer every day”
Emily Dickinson

Secretary's Report

Our January meeting was held at Uno's on Tuesday, January 25 with 26 members present. Our new president, Randy Wilson, opened the meeting by thanking Cathie Thorsten for setting up our meeting here for the next couple of months. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Melinda updated the membership on information she found regarding adopting a needy family for next Christmas. Committee sign-up sheets were passed around. Randy thanked Rob, Carol, and Wayne for a job well done on the Christmas party. Everyone agreed that it was one of the best Christmas parties our club has had. Denise reported nothing new for the Sunshine department. Marie reported on membership, reminding everyone to turn in their dues and also that we have 24 paid families at this point. She also noted that she mailed applications to those members who do not have e-mail. The feasibility of mailing paper copies of the newsletter to those persons also was discussed and Marie and Gary Larmore will coordinate that effort. Melinda reported on bingo, noting that she has already purchased some retired baskets. She also asked Steve if he would take care of ticket printing this year. She encouraged members to go together on a basket or bag, or just feel free to make a donation and she

will use every dollar to its fullest potential. March 5 is the Kent Island All Club meeting. The club will once again pay for 3 members to go to it. The Salisbury Cruise-In was discussed. Randy spoke about sponsorship and noted that it would be ideal to have 8 sponsors for it at \$250 each. Steve will once again take care of making flyers for the cruise-in this year. Food vendors were discussed. Carol, Rob, and Claude all know someone who may be interested and they will all have more information to report at the next meeting. Lynn Wiltbank also knows someone who is a snow cone vendor who is interested in being at the cruise and she will report on that also. Joe Poteet will arrange for the bathroom facilities. Randy also noted that the t-shirts do not seem to be profitable and we may want to migrate to other items. If anyone has any ideas, Randy encouraged the members to bring information to the next meeting. Our first show of the year is the Salisbury Festival, which is Saturday, April 30. Steve has attended a meeting on it and it seems that the city is willing to help with sponsorship as usual. Other shows this year were discussed. Everyone agreed that we should do Wheels On the Waterfront again if it is available. Everyone agreed that the Maryland Food Bank show should be done separate from a regular Saturday night cruise-in. A date will be decided on next month. Cruise For

a Cause was discussed. Everyone agreed that it needs to be built back up, as donations are down. A change of date also may be in order for this event. Many ideas were heard from the membership and more information should be available at the next meeting. Rob noted that a swap meet will be held on March 5 at Dove Pointe from 7-2. He encouraged everyone to come out. All booth fees will go to Dove Pointe. The 50/50 was won by Lynn Larmore for \$28. Our next meeting will be held at Uno's on Tuesday, February 22. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Wilkins



Memories

What great Cruisin movie were these pictures from?

[FRIENDSHIP: "It doesn't make sense to leave home to look for home...to say goodbye to friends you love just to make new friends."](#)

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WHEELS THAT HEAL CAR CLUB

Wheels that Heal Car Club, a tax exempt non-profit organization was founded in the fall of 2003 with the purpose of putting on car shows and car events for the benefit of local charities and families in need. We are unique in that in order to join Wheels that Heal you must be willing to work for the benefit of the community, and join one of our committees.

The club sponsors a FREE! Cruise-In the 3rd Saturday of each month starting in April and going through October at the K-Mart Shopping Center, Rt-50 Salisbury, MD.

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Other Events: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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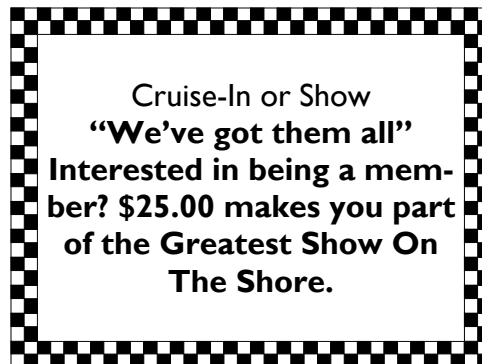
June 11th, 2011 Lower Delaware Mustang Cruise In, @ Laurel Junction Rt. 9 & 13 Laurel DE. Formally Bargain Bills 5 Pm to Dark.

June 18th, 2011 Wheels That Heal Car Club, Cruise In @ K-Mart shopping Ctn. Salisbury, Md.

June 18th, 2011 Classic International Car Show @ Cheer Community Center 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown, De.

July 9th, 2011 Lower Delaware Mustang Club, Cruise In @ Laurel Junction Rt.9 & 13 Laurel, De

July 16th, 2011 Wheels That Heal Car Club, Cruise In @ K-Mart Shopping Ctn. Rt.50 Salisbury, Md.



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CLASSICS



PICK UP'S