



UP COMING EVENTS

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

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

April 16th, 2011 Wheels That Heal Car Club, location K-Mart shopping Center, Route 50 east, Salisbury, Md.

April 30th, 2011 VFW Post #2931 1st Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, 8AM.

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, time registration starts 8AM.

June 4th, 2011 14th Annual Eastern Shore Corvette Club Car Show, rain date June 5th, 2011, to Benefit the Wicomico Humane Society

Wheel's

“The Wheels That Heal Car Club”

Letter From The President:

When Steve first called to ask me if I would be interested in joining a new club that was designed to help those needy people that other groups didn't help, I thought, "Sure, why not?" When he asked me to be treasurer, I thought, "Say what!" But, I agreed, mainly because it was Steve that asked me. I mentioned it to Lynn who said, "Say what!?", but as usual, she humored me. So we go to the first organizational meeting. What a motley crew of diversity that was! There were people from every club and every walk of life. I didn't even know most of them. I did know Steve and Barbara and almost immediately realized this was going to be special. I wanted to be there for the ride.

I assumed I'd be Treasurer for a year and someone else would run and I'd move on to another office or be a member at large, which is reward enough. Well as we know now, nobody else wanted it so there I was!!

Being the great organizer I am, Lynn recognized immediately that I was going to

screw it up! So she became my assistant (in other words she took over and got it right). A few years later, she became co-treasurer (she did all the work, I read the report at the meeting), as we continued. Steve, whom we all assumed would be president for life,



Randy Wilson
*Assumes Presidency of
Wheel's That heal Car Club.*

and the rest of us as well, were in for a rude awakening as it happens. With Steve no longer able to handle all things in his life at that moment, our vice president, Will Warren took over as President and carried us with able hands through the season of 2010. Finding himself overwhelmed, he decided he would not be able to continue as President.

So, we come to this moment, me as president, How

did that happen!?! Oh yea, I was the only nominee! Oh well, to paraphrase Pig Pen, "In spite of my outward appearance, I'll try to run a neat club."

Seriously folks, we have many obstacles to overcome to complete our mission of helping those who need us. I look forward to being the guy that listens to your ideas and helps put them into practice. Always remember, the president, officers and board of directors mostly just look official and say stuff that sounds cool, it's the members that run the club. Please help me keep this train on the track and moving forward through 2011 and beyond, regardless of who is President.

Thank you all,

Randy

**THANK'S
TO WILL WARREN
FOR STEPPING IN
AS INTERIUM
PRESIDENT.**



We've come a long way but stop the Ethanol!



NEW WEBSITE SOON!

LEGISLATION: THAT AFFECTS YOU!

The EPA has threatened to raise Ethanol content in gasoline under pressure from ethanol producers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could render a decision later this month allowing the use of E15 in late model cars. The shift from E10 to E15 is opposed by The SEMA Action Network (SAN)

due to concerns that the additional content will harm automobiles of all ages, including special interest collector and historic vehicles. To date there is a lack of conclusive information regarding E15's effect on engines of different model years. Ethanol causes engines to burn hotter which could lead to pre-

mature engine component failure. Ethanol also increases water formation in the fuel system especially when the vehicle sits over a period of time. Contact www.whitehouse.gov/contact, and strongly urge the EPA to stop raising the amount of ethanol in gasoline from 10% E10 to 15% E15.

WTH

Web Site:

During last month's general membership meeting, I asked permission to research converting our web site to a modern

fun place for members and car enthusiasts to visit. I am currently looking for input from any and all members as to what you would like to have on our web site. If you have seen any other web site that you really like, please forward me the address so I can consider the feature for our site.

I also thought it might be nice to have a quick reference for local and national part suppliers that everyone uses, especially ones for those hard to find parts. Email any requests or information to glar-more68@comcast.net. Or call 410-896-3034. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

Member Profile: The Orem's

Families that cruise together, PLAY TOGETHER! When joining Wheels That Heal Car Club, you can expect to meet many wonderful people like Shirley and Denny Orem. The Orem's like horses, Mus-

tang's that is. Shirley drives a beautiful late model convertible and Denny has a 1966 fast-back, a little old and a little new. It won't take long to realize these are pony folks. Denny is also the President of the

Lower Delaware Mustang Club. You can find Shirley at our registration desk during every event making sure everyone is properly registered. The Orem's are what Wheels That Heal is all about; nice cars **GREAT** people.



“2011” Officers Elected

With 2010 coming to an end we all look back on a very tough but somehow wonderful year for the Wheels that Heal Car Club. We have had many great experiences and suffered difficult losses but through it all we will emerge looking forward to 2011 with hopes of our biggest year. I am sure that with Randy at our helm we will be in good hands and the club will move ahead supporting those in our community who need us most. Randy has an open mind and foresight to venture into the unknown and try new and exciting activities. Please be sure to sign up to work on one of the many committees as I



NEW Officers for 2011 from left to right : Sergeant at Arms—Moose Black, Sunshine—Denise Black, Secretary—Melinda Wilkins, Vice President—Steve Mixter, President—Randy Wilson, Membership Marie Villa and Treasurer Lynn Wilson.

have found this to be the best way to get the most out of your membership. The club offers so many opportunities for old and new members to be part and really enjoy the car hobby. Invite everyone you know to join especially the young. Your ideas and participation are needed to continue to make your club the best. Support your new officers with attendance and assistance, this will make their job easier and more enjoyable.

“A SPECIAL THANKS & MERRY CHRISTMAS!”

Thanks Rob Coffin and Carol Nesbit for a wonderful Christmas party. A good time was had by all attending. The food was exceptional by Little Jimmy’s. And don’t forget the gift swap!



Winter Time Projects

As I started my winter project of rewiring the GTO, I was quickly reminded how as teenagers we would do anything to our car. If you are in the car hobby you will remember; I can put in a tape player, set of gauges or whatever you wanted to add to your ride. Little did we think or care that someday that car would be owned by a car hobbyist who expected everything to work. At least the people who owned my GTO obviously never cared! As I removed main harness from the dash, I

counted 73 different cuts, splices and terminated wires. As I rolled out the new harness, I chuckled when I read the instructions “**Before you start compare to your old harness all wires should be the original color and length to make your project easy**” Obviously, they were kidding as they looked nothing like the mess I dug out. So I started referring to the restoration guide and found them to be 100% correct, just like the original must have looked at one time in its life. Each section I

replaced under the hood, engine and lamp harnesses or to the console, and dome all the way to the trunk and rear end harness has been an experience. Along the way of course, you find other little things that need to be repaired, fixed or properly reinstalled. I know I am slow, probably more meticulous, Lynn says anal. You never know what you have until you see how someone else put it back together. I wonder how it ran. Finally after 3-weeks of an hour here and an hour there **READY TO TEST**

Once Upon A Time



Vince Piggins



1968 L78 Nova



1968 Camaro



1968 COPO Chevelle

“WHO WAS VINCE PIGGINS?” Got ya! Well you might get an idea if I use the word Camaro Z/28. Yes, Vince Piggins was to Chevrolet's performance program who John DeLorean was to Pontiac. He was the man behind the supposedly taboo Chevrolet performance projects during the 1960's. COPO, short for **Central Office Production Order**, a special-request procedure typically used by fleet buyers to circumvent corporate red tape was Vince's tool to glide under the radar of the GM front office. In 1968 official Chevrolet paperwork didn't list an available automatic transmission option for the L78 Nova SS 396 when it first appeared in April but 50 such packages were put together for Chevy dealer Fred Gibb using the clandestine COPO pipeline. This little giant was a one way ticket to almost uncontrollable fun. COPO's came in especially handy to performance guru Piggins, who's job in the 1960's was to promote

Chevy performance any way he could despite various limitations imposed by corporate execs. Remember, Chevrolet wasn't supposed to be racing, per that infamous decree sent down from GM's ivory tower early in 1963. Yet there was the competition-conscious Camaro Z/28 dashing about SCCA tracks four years later. The Z/28 was Piggins' baby, and so too were the legendary COPO Camaro and Chevilles built in 1969 with Corvette-sourced 427-ci big-block V-8-combinations that supposedly were taboo to 1970 per GM's 400-cube limit for V8's going into it's divisions' pony cars and midsized models. Fast thinking dealers like Fred Gibbs became a frequent caller to Piggins' office. Gibb Chevrolet was home to various COPO creations, thanks to its owner's drag racing ventures, which began after his top salesman bought a Z/28 in 1967 and starting campaigning it as Little Hoss. In 1968, Little Hoss won an American Hot Rod Association (AHRA) stock class world championship. Early that summer, Gibb took note to the fact that

drag racing's automatic-trans Super Stock classes were strangely devoid of capable Chevys, thanks in part to the absence of an auto-box option for the hot new 375 horse SS Nova. He then contracted Piggins, who concocted COPO number 9738, which added Chevrolet's superior Turbo-Hydramatic 400 automatic into the L78 Nova mix. NHRA rules required a minimum run of 50 cars to allow said models to legally compete in its stock classes, thus the logic behind Gibb Chevrolet's order. All 50 COPO 9738 Nova's were built during the first two weeks in July 1968, all featured the same equipment: joining the L78 396 and TH400 trans were a heavy-duty radiator, 4:10:1 Posi-Traction differential, painted 14X6 steel wheels, power-assisted drum brakes, bucket seats, and a floor shift with console. The radio was deleted, and two interior colors were specified: black or blue. Exterior finishes were Fathom Blue, Grecian Green, Matador Red, and Tripoli Turquoise. The price on the lot was \$3,392.12. **Wish you had one?**

Swap Shop

Store is currently closed!!!

All of us have old parts lying around we would like to sell or something we need to work on our project. Therefore, if you'll send me a list, picture or description and what you'd like for it, I will post your listing.

This section is for Club Members ONLY!

***PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR LIST OF PARTS YOU WANT TO
SELL TO
glarmore68@comcast.net***

Birthdays January-February 2011

January

- Rob Coffin 1/04
- Sue Hensley 1/05
- Connie Widmann 1/05
- Mike Volmer 1/09
- Jonathan Wilkins 1/09
- Linda Wilson 1/12
- Jerry Wilkerson 1/16

Mike Malone 1-28

February

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

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

Emily Dickinson

Secretary's Report

Our November meeting was held on Tuesday, November 30 at the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce with 38 members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Will thanked Melinda for always having a very detailed secretary's report each month. Committee reports were given. Cruise in: Will announced the Oak Ridge Baptist Church has approved our cruise in schedule for next year. Rob reported on this year's swap meets held at the cruise in. He noted that there was a good response this year and that he would like to have one between winter and spring, preferably the first or second Saturday in March at the Dove Pointe parking lot. Joe Holloway will have an ad placed in Hemmings Motor News for our cruise ins and swap meets. Clothing: Nothing new. 50/50: Joe had nothing new to report. Will thanked Joe for his hard work at selling so many tickets. Special events: Our annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 9 at the Salisbury Moose Lodge. Rob noted that everything is ready to go and that some help may be needed to help set up on that afternoon. Registration: Shirley noted that she had plenty of help all year. Membership: There were no changes as of this month. Marie noted that she will be sending out the latest membership list shortly. Dues for 2011 should be turned in by January 30, 2011. Bake sale: \$90 was made at the Toys For Tots event. Newsletter: Will thanked Gary for a job well done this year. Denise announced that she, Moose, Garry, and Melinda spent a day cleaning out and repairing the club trailer. Eve-

rything is neat, clean, and in its place and everyone was encouraged to put things away when done with them after shows. Melinda spoke about the Adopt A Family project she is chairing in her department at work. She previously sent an e-mail asking club members to donate non-perishable food for her selected family. Members donated cash and food. The Barbara Mixter Memorial fund donated \$150 to get a gift card to Toys R Us for toys for the kids. Melinda thanked all members for their donations. Garry suggested that the club look into taking on a family of their own next year. This led to discussion by the membership, and it was decided that Melinda will be the chairperson for this project and perhaps do a special fundraiser to fund this project. She will update the club in January. Randy and a few club members took an appreciation plaque to Bruce Bennett of Ocean City Harley-Davidson to thank him for his years of service to our club, as their store has closed. Bruce and his wife were invited to our Christmas party to show our appreciation for his help with our fundraising over the years. Jack suggested that someone talk to the man who runs Cruise In Ocean City to see what his plans are since HD will be closed. Will thanked Dave Suiter for his help again this year organizing the Toys For Tots cruise. Cathy Thorsten asked if the club wanted to continue to meet at the Chamber again next year and all were in favor. The club has committed for 6 months and she will find out a price to rent the meeting room for the remaining 6 months. Election of officers was held for 2011. New officers are as follows: President—Randy Wilson, vice president—Steve Mixter, secretary—

Melinda Wilkins, treasurer—Lynn Wilson, sergeant at arms—Moose Black, sunshine—Denise Black, and membership—Marie Villa. Will noted that they bylaws will have to be looked at regarding length of term for Board of Directors members. We may go to 1 year and 2 years terms. The 50/50 was won by Joe Tilghman for \$45. Our next meeting date will announced. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Wilkins

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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

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.

July 8,9 & 10, 2011 Dover International Speedway First State Nationals, Meet Stacy David, cash prizes, give away, trophies, cruise night every night, on site Camping and shuttle buses to the casino registration \$50.00 includes 2 Passes.



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