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The North Hills Historic Auto Club was founded in August of 1971. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria of St. Alphonsus church located on Church Road (Rt. 19 & Rt. 910) in Wexford, unless otherwise noted in the monthly newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again,

For those of you who were not at our "after Christmas party", the annual "door prize" was awarded to Cindy and Ted Cook, for their many behind-the-scenes jobs that they do. Ted replied with a simple "thank you", but Cindy thanked the club and also mentioned the great friendships they have with so many club members. I think that is an important part of club membership. Whether we bring friends into the club, or make friends after we join, we enjoy the time we spend with them.



See you soon, Jan

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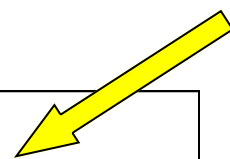
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ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THE FLEA MARKET KREBS DODGE ON ROUTE 8

Saturday, February 23, 3:00 pm: Set-up—bring push brooms
Sunday, Feb. 24, 6:00 am: Bring two-wheelers and push brooms
Optional: some members meet for breakfast at 5:00 am at McDonalds,
others at the Eat n' Park at the turnpike
 → → **Park in the WalMart lot**
Flea Market hours are 8:00 am—1:00 pm; we should be out by 2:00 pm

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NORTH HILLS HISTORIC AUTO CLUB MINUTES

February 10, 2013

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Jan Smith asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 2013 meeting. There were none. Jenny Barker made a motion to accept the Minutes, and Mike Quinn seconded. Jack Swaney read the Treasurer’s Report. The club has a balance of \$5,310.02 in the treasury. Ken Barker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, and Daryl Elliot seconded. Judy Pribanic hopes to be home from the hospital soon. She wants to thank everyone for the cards and visits. Jean Hackett is doing better.

Anthony Como and Jim Habovick were accepted as new members. Welcome Anthony and Jim.

Old Business

President Jan Smith thanked everyone who worked to make the After Christmas Party a great success. Daryl Elliott reported that all the indoor spaces are filled for the Flea Market on Feb. 24. Once again, he asked for help on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to sweep and set up. Help also needs help at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Please park in Walmart’s parking lot.

Pat O’Neill asked everyone who is interested in attending the March 9 seminar to sign up. It will begin at 10:00 at his garage. Please bring a chair.

Jackie Sheerer said that reservation can still be made for the Winter Get Away. You must call Black Water Falls to make reservations.

New Business

The Car Show is on June 2, 2013. Joe Somerville reported that the location will be at the Mars High School. Once again Jennie Baker will be in charge of registration. She is working on some new ideas to make the process easier, and work out any problems with judging.

A unanimous decision was made to put Patty Illsley’s favorite car on this year’s dash plaque. Rick Kelley will take care of the dash plaques.

Rick Kelley made a motion to make “Wounded Warrior’s” a permanent donation for the club. Joe Somerville seconded.

Joe Disalvo reported that we only have 3 more months to place ads in the program book.

Ann Cutuli thanked everyone for their support. Sadly, her son-in-law has passed away.

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Quinn motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Smith



Update on Ethanol-Blend Gasoline

Last month’s newsletter had an article on E-15 gasoline and its harmful effects on vehicles not designed to run on it. There is a website that lists ethanol-free gas stations in the United States and Canada. Listings are submitted and updated by users.. You can find it at <http://www.pure-gas.org/>

Email Information List

If you would like to be included on the email list that informs members of cancellations, member illnesses and similar events between newsletters, send a note to Martha McEvoy at marthamcevoy@comcast.net See Note on page 4.

Wellness and Condolences

Until John Kuss is able to resume his duties as the chairperson of our "Get Well and Condolences" committee for members and their immediate families, Jackie Sheerer will handle this important job. Send information to her at redbug17@verizon.net or 412-367-3138

NHHAC News is published monthly. All items for publication must be received no later than the 20th of each month. Send submissions to Jennie Barker, 2349 Highland Ave, Allison Park, PA 15101 or email to nhhacnews@yahoo.com. Any car or club-related news from the membership is greatly appreciated.

Application for membership and annual dues should be sent to Jack Swaney, P.O. Box 152 Mars, PA 16046-0152. An application for membership is located on the club website at <http://nhhaclub.com/membership-info/>.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year, payable by the first day of January. Late renewals are \$25.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NHHAC events receive priority listing. Other events will be listed, if space is available. Submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.

- Feb 22 Men's Breakfast; King's at Route 910 & I-79; 8:00 AM**
- Feb 24 Annual Winter Indoor Auto Parts Flea Market, see page 5**
- Mar 8-10 Winter Retreat**
- Mar 9 Restoration/Body Work Seminar—see page 5**
- Mar 10 Monthly meeting at St. Alphonse Church School, 7:00 PM**
- Mar 29 Men's Breakfast; King's at Route 910 & I-79; 8:00 AM**
- April 13 Lions Club spaghetti dinner at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**
- April 14 Monthly meeting at St. Alphonse Church School, 7:00 PM**
- April 21 Brunch Tour to Seton Hill—more details later**
- April 26 Men's Breakfast; King's at Route 910 & I-79; 8:00 AM**
- May 1 Wednesday lunch tours start, 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month
More details later**
- May 5 Monthly meeting at St. Alphonse Church School, 7:00 PM**
- June 2 Annual NHHAC Car Show—more details later**
- June 9 Monthly meeting at St. Alphonse Church School, 7:00 PM**
- June 22 Annual Car Cruise at Grace Manor—more details later**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To ensure that members are notified about illnesses and deaths in the family, please send information to: marthamcevoy@comcast.net and nhhacnews@yahoo.com. Your editor will be assisting Martha for a few weeks.

Fox Chapel Golf Club Holding a Fund Raiser for the Aspinwall Riverfront Park

This year's theme is the 1920s and will take place on May 24. Organizers would like to "rent" one or two 1920s era cars for display purposes only, parked on the grass. This event typically draws about 800 events. If you want your car in the display, contact Diane Walsh at 412-496-4821.

Restoration Seminar on Old Time Lead Repairs

Led by Rich Fowler

Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 am

At Pat O'Neill's garage

2885 Wildwopod Rd. Ext., Allison Park

RSVP to Pat O'Neill at 412-487-8512 or pjojlo@msn.com

NOTE: Do NOT park at the fire hall

Bring a chair



Attention all Judges

This year's car show will have some changes that we hope will make the job of judging easier on us and the participants. I will be putting on a judges school the week before the show, we will have an announcement as we get closer to the show date of June 2, 2013. Most of you have judged for years and we welcome new first time judges who I will train and assist. I would ask all judges to pick your class early and I would appreciate it if only one person signed up for each class so that we will be assured we have enough judges to cover the event. As always I look forward to working with you to make our show a success.

Bob Cirilli



Thanks to Joan and Bill Artzberger for this wonderful quote:

"America is like one of those old fashioned six cylinder truck engines that can be missing two spark plugs and have a broken flywheel and have a crankshaft that's five hundred millimeters off fitting properly, and two bad ball bearings, and still runs." - Thomas McGuane

Western Pennsylvania Drag Racing
By Vince Ciganik

In the spring of 2004 I had finished my 1954 Ford Custom "Gypsy" and I wanted to meet the racers and streeters at Columbus, plus make a few passes, so I went to the Y Block Nationals. Customs are generally thought as being either low and slow, or mean and fast, but one never knows until they take a trip down the quarter-mile asphalt and pick up their time slip. My wife and I met Bob Martin in the pits, who made us feel welcome and kept us informed of the scheduled gathering activities and track events.



After making a few 18 second practice runs, it was time for the Shootout eliminations. Bob suggested I hang back to pair up with one of the other first timers, but somehow I ended up next to Ernie Phillips from Texas in his white 1956 T Bird race car, one of the fastest cars there, running mid 11's over 115 mph. I left the line and shifted thru my 4-speed, chugging down the strip in the right lane waiting for Ernie to pass me. As I crossed the line, Ernie came flying by me. I didn't know

who had won. Could I have possibly beaten him! As it turned out, I broke out, running under my Dial by a few thousands of a second, and Ernie took that round win. At dinner that night, Ernie told me that I gave him quite a scare. Can you imagine going back to Texas and having to say he was nosed out by an 18 second 1954 Ford. Ernie was the top winner of the Y Block Shootout that year. I came away from National Trail Raceway with a big smile on my face. It doesn't get any better than that. I won the money for the best first timer Reaction Time with a .002. That was icing on the cake.



My best buddy, Jim Smith and I campaigned our homemade Y Block powered Roadster from 1960 thru 1964 till Uncle Sam called me. On the right is my 1958 high school ride. After I graduated, I installed my raced prepped Y Block in my '53. It didn't take long to figure out I wasn't going to go very fast in my heavy convertible. That's when the roadster came into the picture. We took the motor out of the 53 and put it in the roadster and now we were FAST.



The Roadster had a 1932 frame, a 1929 roadster cowl, made wider with a Jerry's Curb Service food tray, which held our tach and a 1930 sedan rear section. Smitty painted a big yellow bird on the rear section with a guy pulling Chevy Parts out of his mouth. It had a 1957 Olds rear with the spider gears welded up and a three-speed tranny. Our floor shifter was made from a column shift. We only used second and third gear. Our Englewood slicks were 6" or 7" recaps. Our headers were tuned. Our Roadster was so rigid that one time when we forgot to tighten the lug nuts on one of our rear tow tires, it came off and it stayed balanced on three wheels. We retrieved the tire, took one lug nut from each remaining wheel, put the tire back on, and motored home. We were so light, we were never beat off the line. Our class was B/Roadster and we ran 12:30's @ 108 mph.

Our motor was a balanced 292 Y Block, ported & polished heads, Isky cam, Jahns pistons, a Schiefer aluminum flywheel and clutch. We had a Mallory Mag-Spark distributor & coil and a custom-made Edelbrock log manifold using 4Stromberg 97's. We had aluminum air scoops on our 97's, which Smitty painted red on the inside and then painted a word in each scoop, "FEED ME A CHEVY ". I still have the complete manifold. We lived close to the Ohio line and we raced at Quaker City near Salem, Ohio. We flat towed our cars and raced on Friday nights and Sunday. I had to convince my mom and dad to let me go racing instead of going to church on Sunday. "THEY WERE GREAT PARENTS". If you went over 100 mph, you earned five dollars. Smitty and I were the only "Ford" guys in our "Rev-Masters" Club. The other club member's cars were powered by 283 ci small block scrubs punched out to 301 ci. They were Chevy coupes, 1933, 1938, 1940 and a 1952 Henry J. We were the fastest, and held that record for many years.



This picture was taken at the first Indy Nationals in 1961. We went to Detroit in 1959 & 60 and then it moved to Indianapolis. 1st from right standing is Jim Vukich who races 1962 Buick small block scrub. 2nd from right is my buddy Smitty. 3rd from right is me. 4th from right is Don Fezell from Dubois, PA. He is currently the NHRA national record holder in A/Stock with his 2008 Cobra Jet Mustang. He is the first stock Mustang into the 8's. He also has the finest collection of ex-drag racecars in the country. They are either well-preserved originals or have been restored. 5th from right is Ed Yourns who races a 1970 Monte Carlo big block scrub.

Our biggest thrill was when we beat a blown Chevy B/Gasser. If you won your class, then the Little, Middle and Top Eliminators would have a run off. Smitty and I both drove and it was now my turn. I left first and just as I crossed the finish line, all I could hear was this high whining sound as he blew by me. He was not a happy racer and to add insult to his injury, he lost to our Ford. Four of the original "Rev-Masters" and I still drag race. I'm still the only Ford guy at 72 years young.



These two pictures are from a car show we entered and won a trophy. I still have the trophy and a lifetime of memories of the early days of drag racing. And yes, that's me from way back when.



My current car is a 1988 Fox Body Mustang. It's powered by a 351W, 408 stroker, with a naturally aspirated 750 Holly, Air Flow Research heads, Vic Jr. intake and MSD 6AL ignition. C 4 tranny and an 8.8 spool 4:10 rear with 10.5 x 28 x15 Mickey Thompson slicks. It weighs 2,991 lbs. with me in it. Best time so far is 10:33 @ 130 mph. I'm putting 4:30's in the rear this winter. I would like to be in the low 10:00's in 2013. With my setup, I can't run under 10:00 flat or faster than 135 mph. That's fast enough for me.



Now that I have a dedicated racecar, I've made some changes on "Gypsy". The previous induction was vis 3x2's, and the tranny was a cast iron T-10 4-speed. I now have a Ford AOD and a John Mummert manifold with an Edelbrock 600 cfm carb. I miss the look of the 3x2's, but they didn't work well with the AOD. I'm now true to the custom motto "LOW & SLOW."



My goal is to attend an NMRA event with my Mustang. In a perfect world, I would come to Columbus, race my car and see all the Y Blockers again. I've been attending the Lead East 50's car show in New Jersey since the early 90's and that has my priority, with "Gypsy". Maybe one year they won't be on the same Labor Day weekend.

I would like to say in closing, "THANK GOD" that I was born in the greatest country ever known to mankind. The 50's and the early 60's were, in my opinion, the best era in which to grow up. I have a lifetime of memorable friendships, which exist to this day, and the early days of drag racing that brought us together. "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

PLEASE TAKE PART IN A SURVEY

The number of people attending the annual after-Christmas party has been down the last few years. Please take a moment to answer a few questions to help in planning next year's party. Send your responses to Debby Mueller at d.mueller2@verizon.net or 2257 Montgomery Rd., Sewickley PA 15143.

1. If you attended this year's party, what did you like best about the evening?

2. Was there anything you would have changed?

3. If you did not attend, what was the reason? (please check all that apply)

Cost

Location

Conflict with another event

Other (please specify) _____

4. If changing one thing would make you consider coming next year, what would that change be?

Annual After Christmas Party

The After Christmas Party was held at the Chadwick, where the food was plentiful and tasty and the company was excellent. Ted and Cindy Cook were given recognition for all of their contributions to the club. They won the door prize.



Mary Jo, shown above with Matt, provided S'Mores kits for all the party goers. How many were eaten before they got home?

Lou kept us entertained while we mingled and enjoyed the appetizers.



Jan and Bonnie were festive, and Bonnie, as shown below, got into the act.



Thanks to Jack Swaney for the centerpieces and door prizes, and thanks to the party committee for putting together another memorable evening.

Al-Mazing kept us guessing and laughing with his magic show.



For Sale - Cars and Car Parts

Advertising Policy

Free member classifieds:

- Must be received by the 20th of the month.
- Are limited to 50 words or less.
- Must state an asking price, except for miscellaneous parts.
- Must have a club member as the contact.
- Expire after three consecutive months unless the editor is notified otherwise.

Preference is given to ads for antique and classic vehicles and parts.

Other ads may be included on a space-available basis.
The NHHAC News does not accept business advertising.

WANTED

Ads for the 2013 NHHAC Car Show Booklet!
The deadline for ads is May 11, 2013

1/8 page = \$25

1/4 page = \$40

1/2 page = \$60

Full page = \$100

For Trophy Sponsorship, add \$25 to the ad price

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Contact Joe Disalvo at 724-776-7339

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Don't let your newsletter take a wrong turn!



Please send your new address (street and/or email) to Pat O'Neill, 4077 Branding Place, Allison Park, PA 15101 or pjojlo@msn.com.

Newsletter Submissions

Do you have a story or photo share? Send them to the newsletter editor.



The next deadline is: **March 20, 2013**

CORRECTIONS & OMISSIONS

Please send corrections & omissions to the editor.

**NORTH HILLS
HISTORIC AUTO CLUB**

c/o Pat O'Neill
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March 2013

TO:

**Next Meeting
Sunday, March 10
7:00 P.M.
St. Alphonsus Cafeteria**

Last month's wheel belongs to
Bob Cirilli's 1931 Oakland

The correct entries, in the order received, were:

Michael Breskovich
Jack Swaney
Pat O'Neill



NAME THAT CAR

**What car does this wheel belong to?
Send your guess to the editor.**