

# The Buckeye Coach

## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Pro Car Fans:

Well, we are deep in the bowels of winter -- you can feel free to read between the lines to determine my true feelings on winter. I just came in from walking the dog and falling on my a\$\$ and am definitely ready for spring.

I was in the garage the other day with the two combos wishing I could take them for a spin. However, that will have to wait until all the salt is off the roads.

But, while we freeze and wish for warmer, sunnier days, we in the Ohio Chapter are not hibernating. Sarah, Snook Jerry Jacobson, Dan Skivolocke and I are working on a plan to make a pitch in Flint to host the 2011 International Meet. This is big! We have viewed two sites and we have decided on a location in Hudson. I don't want to give it all away, but here is what I will tease you with: the location is great as the host hotel has a car collector-themed bar and grill! We already have some great activities planned and -- the best part -- you are gonna love the room rates!

For now, let us focus on the coming year -- no doubt we will have activities as we do every year. While some dates are not firm yet, I can guess there will be a drive-in night, maybe a Swenson's night, a haunted house visit, a BYOC picnic, a Carnation Meet and more.

Who is going to Albany? We are, and we're wondering if we should drive and, if so, which car we should take? Or, should we fly? Whatever we decide, we hope to see you there.

At our events this year, please make an effort to introduce yourself to our new members. There are a few new people who will be joining us!

See you soon, and stay warm!

Your president,

Ron Devies



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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another edition of the Buckeye Coach! Apologies for being late with the fall/winter issue of the newsletter. Many new and great things are happening in the chapter, which have been keeping us busy.

The Ohio Chapter of the PCS has a new address! Sarah has moved down the street from one old house to another. The new address is 2910 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio 44224. For those of you who have joined us in the past at the procar picnic and night at the drive-in, don't worry – we'll still be able to host the procar picnic at the old place.

Also, the OhioPCS YouTube channel is up and running!

Already we have gotten a couple new chapter members because they found us through YouTube. Please subscribe to our channel if you haven't already; that way, you won't miss any of our new videos. So far, we have 13 videos uploaded. We have videos of sound and light shows, slideshows and video from international and chapter meets from 2001 onward, and more fun stuff. You can see it here: [www.youtube.com/ohiopcs](http://www.youtube.com/ohiopcs)

Saving the biggest and best news for last, the Ohio Chapter is putting in a bid to host the PCS' international meet in July 2011! Jerry, Ron and I are putting together a proposal to submit to the board of directors at their mid-winter meeting in late February. Details about our meet bid can be found on the next page.

We will let you know soon if our bid is accepted. Wish us luck!

Finally, we love hearing from you! So, if you ever have any news or pictures you would like to share with the group, write to us at our new address or better yet, email us at [royracer@aol.com](mailto:royracer@aol.com)



Happy reading!  
Sarah Snook  
Buckeye Coach Editor

## OHIO BIDS FOR THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL PCS MEET

After years of talking about it, the Ohio Chapter is finally putting in a bid to host the Professional Car Society's International meet. We are proposing to host the 2011 meet in the Cleveland/Akron area.

Our bid has been unanimously approved by the PCS' International Meet Review Committee. The final step is getting approval from the PCS' Board of Directors. Jerry, Ron, Dan and Sarah will be presenting our proposal to the board at their mid-winter board meeting in Flint, Michigan on February 20. Once we get the board's approval, we will share all of the details with you.

Until then, here's a list of some of the great activities we will be offer: a tour of the MAPS

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### SWENSON'S MEET

Though we had to cancel last falls Swenson's/Hudson Haunted House meet because of the H1N1 epidemic, a few chapter members did meet up a couple of weeks before for a last minute Swenson's dinner because Ohio

Air Museum of military aircraft at the Akron/Canton Airport or the Akron Police Museum, a go kart tournament, dinner at drive-in restaurants, a bus trip to Cleveland to check out the Crawford

Auto Museum and all of the fun things the lakefront has to offer, Hale Farm and Village, a night at the drive-in movies, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, a procar Jeopardy tournament and, of course, a show day and banquet. Yes, we do have a lot of fun activities planned, but don't worry - you will have plenty of time to relax in the parking lot too.

Once we get our final approval, our chapter members will be the first to know the good news. So until then, keep your fingers crossed!



2009 INTERNATIONAL MEET IN FLINT, MICHIGAN



**Left:** Patrick Martin's '77 Sharpe Mercury Landau Hearse

**Right:** Phil Risbel's '69 Superior Cadillac Crown-Royale Landaulet.



**Left:** Wayne & Olga Hogreges' '48 Briggs Packard 8-passenger sedan.

**Right:** Bob Collier's '63 Siebert Ford Aristocrat Hightop Ambulance



2009 INTERNATIONAL MEET IN FLINT MICHIGAN (CONTINUED)

**Right:** Pray Funeral Home's '30  
Meteor Ambulance



**Left:** Tom Hoczyk's '53 Eureka  
Cadillac Flower Car

**Right:** Paul Steinberg's '63  
Pinner Chrysler LWB  
Ambulance



**Left:** Kelly Martin's '57 Cadillac  
Fleetwood 75 Nine-Passenger  
Limousine



## SIXTH ANNUAL PRO-CAR DRIVE-IN WEEKEND

Calling all cars! Just when you thought you could hunker down and stay inside for another cold Ohio winter, Matchbox and Hot Wheels have given us a reason to get out and start shopping again. You can find some great miniature procar models to add to your collection.

First, Hot Wheels has a 1953 custom Cadillac pickup. Add a mini stainless steel deck in the back and you'll have a neat flower car. This car comes in a few different colors. The gold and baby blue seem to be the easiest to find, but there's also purple, green and red.



The Hot Wheels Classics line now has a '59 Cadillac funny car that's based on a 1959 hearse. It's available in pink, green, gold, light blue and magenta. This seems harder to find in stores.



Matchbox is now selling a 1963 hi-top ambulance to go along with the 1963 hearse that they were selling a few years back. These ambulances seem to be available only in white with red striping. People tend to be

having better luck finding these in comparison to the funny car, but I still have yet to find any of them.



Also brand new, Hot Wheels also has just released their version of the famous Ghostbusters Ecto-1. Just take off the roof rack and you'll have a new 1959 Miller-Meteor combo to play with until the snow melts and we can play with our full size cars again.



Having trouble finding these in stores or not wanting to search stores for these cars? You can find them on eBay, too. They're definitely more expensive there, but buying them online will save you some time.

## MEET THE MEMBERS - JON &amp; DENISE POWERS



In this issue, we meet two of our newer members - Denise and Jon Powers. They are from England and their first chapter event was the Carnation Meet this past summer. Jon is currently a letter carrier and Denise is a homemaker. Neither of them has ever worked in the funeral industry or emergency service, but that hasn't stopped them from loving professional cars. They have always

own a Ford Mk I Consul, a Ford Mk II Granada, an Austin Ambassador that works and an Austin that has a better body, but a not-so-great engine, a Ford Granada Woodall Nicholson and a Volvo 740. They have two other oddities which are not motorised. A German Westfalia flower trailer and a Victorian hand walking bier.

Their oddest procar memory happened last year when they used their Austin for the funeral service of Denise's dad. After picking him up at the funeral home, they noticed the squeak of a fan belt. Halfway to the crematory, the belt snapped and the noise stopped. Luckily, they made it to their destination, but they had to replace the belt to make it back home.

In their spare time, Denise enjoys visiting her tattoo artist, taking care of her animals (she has cats, chickens, and a horse), and helping with fundraising for a local charity. Jon likes listening to rock music, going to shows and soccer games. They both enjoy going to local procar meets with their cars and visiting cemeteries.

They want to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome at the Carnation Meet and the international meet this summer. Hopefully, we will see Jon and Denise at an Ohio Chapter meet next time they are in the area.

appreciated big cars and the designs of hearses - especially the older ones. They enjoy procars because they are large, usually reliable and fun to be around. Jon and Denise also enjoy the hobby because they find procar owners to be a lot of fun, too.

Their first professional car was a Zephyr 6 hearse. After that car, they were hooked big time. For a long time, it was their only car and though it did draw stares, they found it to be quite useful when they were stocking up on supplies at the grocery store. Though they don't own the Zephyr anymore, the Powers do



Ken Olson from Buffalo, New York, is one of our newest chapter members. He is currently restoring a 1964 Miller-Meteor ambulance. Here are some pictures of the car when he got it and some progress pictures of it in the restoration shop. We can't wait to see Ken and his restored ambulance at a chapter meet!

**Before**



**In progress**



- Officers**
- RON DEVIES  
President
- JERRY JACOBSON  
Vice-President
- SARAH SNOOK  
Secretary/  
Treasurer/Membership  
director

**Calendar**

**February 19-20**

Mid-Michigan Chapter & Plumb-Smith Funeral Home Micro-Meet  
Location: Flint/Swartz Creek, MI  
Contact Brady Smith, +1 (810) 691-6352 or [plumbsmith@ameritech.net](mailto:plumbsmith@ameritech.net)

**June 19-20**

Ohio Chapter Pro Car Picnic and Night at the Drive-in (4pm Saturday)  
Location: 3060 Kent Rd, Silver Lake OH  
Stan Hywet Father's Day Car Show (Sunday morning)  
Contact: Sarah Snook at [royracer@aol.com](mailto:royracer@aol.com)

**July 27-31**

PCS International Meet in Albany New York  
Contact Dan Herrick, +1 (518) 392-2807 or [dkherrick@juno.com](mailto:dkherrick@juno.com)

**October 10**

Spring Grove Cemetery Car Show in Cincinnati, OH  
<http://www.springgrove.org>

**October (date TBD)**

Swenson's & Hudson Haunted House meet in Stow, OH  
More details soon!

