

THE LIVERY

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Photos of some quality cars on display at Hearsemania, Trans-Atlantic Lunatic Asylum, Weston WV



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Enclosure: Membership form

For Sale: Tri-State Chapter 2023 Calendar

2023 Professional Car Calendar

12 unique professional car photos

\$12 each to all Tri-State Chapter members. \$15 for non-members



Shipping within the lower 48, which includes a slightly rigid USPA envelope, is \$5 for one.

PayPal is preferred. Please remember this is a transition year. Members who don't have computers or who doesn't use PayPal – these issues will be worked out to benefit you. You will get your calendar. Just be patient.

Proceeds benefit the Tri-State Chapter of the Professional Car Society and help pay for picnic, and other chapter expenses.

Please contact Brian to purchase and with any questions concerning postage rate on 2 or more calendars and how to make payment. Contact Brian at:

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PREZ'S CORNER.

Seasons Greetings to our Tri-State Members,

As the new 2023 Tri-State Chapter Calendar is hung on the wall, it gives us pause to reflect back on the year past, as well as look forward to the new year to come. 2022 was certainly a great year at Tri-State, with lots of really enjoyable activities taking place. Thanks to all those who participated and especially to those who help to plan and organize the various events.



2023 is now upon us, and we're not just treading water, as we already have the first event of the year scheduled. If you'll flip the page of your beautiful new Tri-State calendar to February, and (after you have finished admiring the handsome looking limousine pictured there) mark down the 17th and 18th as reminders of the Annual PCS Micro-Meet and Board Meeting. Once again, the meet will be at Frederick, Maryland, convenient for the majority of our members to travel to and attend. Last year's event was very well attended, and already a number of members and friends in PCS throughout the country have made plans to attend this year.

The International Meet will be held in Pennsylvania once again, this time on the other side of the state, at Morgantown, Pa. So, while your marking important dates in your new calendar, flip on over to August and mark off the days of 8 – 12 to remind you save that week.

We'll be working on chapter activities as well as we get further into the new year, so if there is something we should participate in as a chapter, please let me or Eileen know so that we can get it scheduled in.

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season, and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Phil

P.S. If you haven't already received your new Tri-State Calendar, contact Brian Martin to get your copy – he has plenty of them, and they're offered to Tri-State members at a reduced price!

Note from The Livery editor,

Hope all of our members had a Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. Hope to see our members at a PCS or TSC event this year. Like Phil said – mark your calendars.

Please let me know what you like about the newsletter or what you dislike. I am open to all suggestions. In addition, if you have a story or item to share – please send it to me.

-----Eileen Schoenecker

Wishing all a Blessed & Peaceful 2023

Jefferson Memorial Cemetery Car Cruise

This was the 10th year the cemetery held this car cruise. It was a beautiful day for a car cruise and it was confirmed by how well attended with many cars on display and people coming in to check out the displayed vehicles.

The cemetery people gave our chapter a prominent visibility spot for our chapter to display our cars. As soon as you drove into the cemetery, our professional cars caught the eye of people coming into the cemetery.

I have to admit there was some controversy concerning this show. It made the local news that it was disrespectful and people could not get to their loved ones grave. The cemetery stated that this cruise is held every year and that this is the 10th year and never has there been any issue. Parking of the cars were not anywhere near graves and the roads around the cemetery were always clear and opened.



The Jefferson Cemetery owns this beauty



Kevin Maloney, Phil Rishel, Mark Kennedy

The Jefferson Cemetery had a special class for ‘Professional Cars’, and we had a very surprised and very pleased member to win 1st place. That member is the one and only **(Sean) Mike Hennessey**.



Mike accepting his trophy

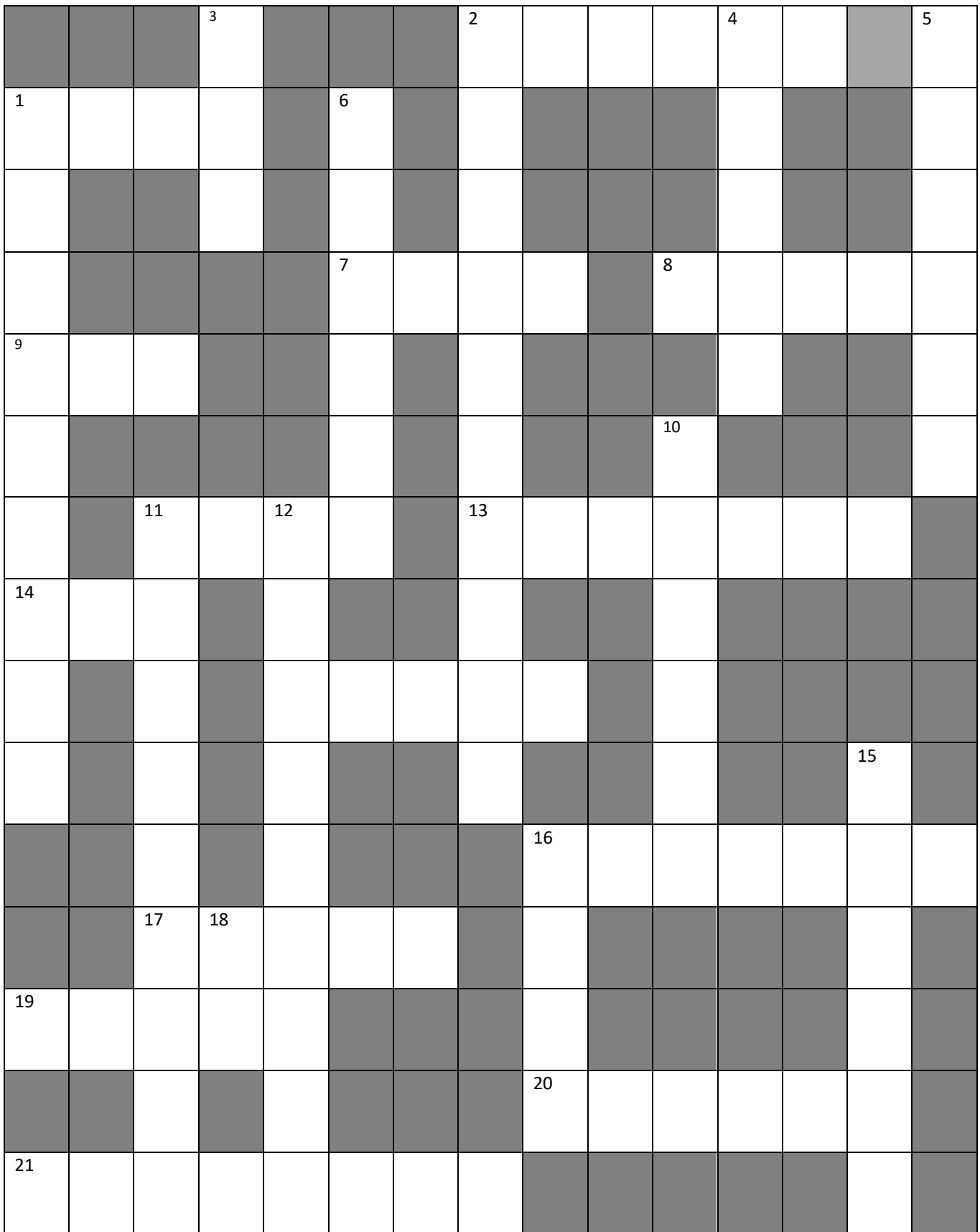


“Best Professional Vehicle”



Mike Hennessey standing proudly by his 1st place vehicle

Funeral, Emergency Crossword



Hope this puzzle is correct. If you find an error – please let me know

Something for you to do over the winter months

Funeral, Emergency Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Colorless fluid part of the blood
- 2 What degree is the emergency 2 words
(2 across + 3 down)
- 7 Bell shaped flower
- 8 Warning signal alert
- 9 Vessel to carry a person's ashes
- 11 At once
- 13 Examination of a dead body
- 14 Shortened version of medical person
- 15 Something an injured person might do
- 17 Ceremony for the dead
- 18 Diagram giving information
- 20 Pale
- 21 Slender pointed instrument
- 22 Option in a hearse for casket removal

Down

- 1 Paid drivers of a private vehicle
- 2 Person used to help carry casket
- 3 Color used in code degree
- 4 Military field doctor
- 5 Item to wheel a patient
- 6 Appliance to protect or stabilize an injured part
- 10 Item used to place dead body
- 11 Frame used to carry sick or injured
- 12 Vehicle used to transport p
- 16 Another word for coffin
- 17 A leafy plant
- 19 Male pronoun

Answers will be in the next issue of the newsletter

Have Fun!

A Summary of Hearsemania by: Eileen Schoenecker

September 23-24, 2022 was a real treat in Weston WV at the Trans-Atlantic Lunatic Asylum host to the Hearsemania event. Our Tri-State Chapter members aka Spirit Haulers were welcomed with open arms to host Hearsemania at the TALA facility. In previous years, Hearsemania was held at the Moundsville WV Penitentiary.

TALA people especially, Rebecca Jordan were so accommodating and truly pleased to host our event this year that it just made the event more exhilarating. It was exciting to see so many hearses pull in from so many different states. 13 from U.S. states and one from Canada. Each vehicle whether decorated for Halloween or not was a delight for spectators to view. It was great to see these fine vehicles being used and preserved by younger generations to see them. Many were quality show professional vehicles.



Rebecca Jordan

It was also pleasing to know how many young people from the other groups involved in Hearsemania owned and maintained these fine vehicles. Knowing that younger generations are preserving and enjoying these rare vehicles is a good personal feeling.

Besides the great selection of professional cars to look at; there also was a haunted house, a tour of the TALA facility, ax throwing, paint ball, numerous vendors, 50/50, casket basket raffle, food and later in the evening the Lucky Stiff Halloween Ball with some attendees in costumes. The bonus to all of this activity was **Darin Bedford** doing his juggling acts and balloon creations.

(editor note – I received a balloon bracelet & ring)



Mark & Debbie Teague



Sue Hufnagel & John Ehmer



Debbie Teague made this 6 foot cross stitch skeleton

Members' Vehicles on display at Hearsemania



Phil Rishel's 2007 Eagle Premier Cadillac Hearse ←



Lance Giberson's 1990 S&S Victoria Cadillac Hearse →



Wayne & Eileen Schoeneckers' mid-1800s horse-drawn hearse ←

John Ehmer's 1964 National Buick Minuteman Ambulance →



Mark & Debbie Teagues' 1959 Superior Hearse ←



Mike Hennessey's 1988 Chevrolet Hearse →



Rick Duffy's 1964 Miller-meteor Cadillac Classic Limousine ambulance





Darin Bedford met some new friends



Darin doing flame tossing



Mike Hennessey



Lance Giberson & his dad Randy



Joann Hovis checking out sale items at a booth



One of the other vehicles at Hearsemania



This one was 'People's Choice'



1982 Flower car from NH



Sue Hufnagel & Debbie Teague staffing registration booth



Rick Duffy - our great salesman selling 50/50 & raffle tickets

Wayne Schoenecker trying his axe throwing talent. Result below - not too bad for his 1st time



Rick Duffy, Wayne Schoenecker, & Darin Bedford relaxing at registration booth



Mark Teague & Mark Kennedy



Phil Rishel showing me his Canadian flags on his car





Nice hair on **Chuck Snyder II**

← **Chuck Snyder II** talking with a customer at his booth

John Ehmer presenting \$100 cash to **Lance Giberson** for the long distance award. He traveled from New Brunswick Canada to Weston WV 1,150 miles →



Mark Teague very pleased with the \$50 cash he won at the 4:00 drawing, and his *talented* wife **Debbie** made the People's Choice Award and the 1st & 2nd place Costume Awards. Nice job, Deb! →



Costume Awards

Answers to the brain, mental exercise that was in the fall issue of the newsletter.

winter, winner, wanner, wander, warder, harder, harper, hamper, damper, damped, dammed, dimmed, dimmer, simmer, to summer

Hope you were able to figure out the route to summer. I was unable. I am also not so sure about the third word wanner – no wonder I could not figure it out. How about you?

oo

"Lexophile" describes a person who loves sentences such as, "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," and, "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

An annual competition is held by the 'New York Times' to see who can create the best original lexophile.

This year's submissions: You can groan at some of these - I did

-I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

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

-Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

-This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

-I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

-A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

-When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

-I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

-A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

-A will is a dead giveaway.

-With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

-Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

-A bicycle can't stand-alone; it's just two tired.

-The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

-He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

-When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she would dye.

-Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

-I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me

-Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

-When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble

-When chemists die, they barium.

-I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

-I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down



Wayne's friend sent this 1986 Rolls Royce hearse side photo to him.

His friend said he found it on barn finds.

Gregg Merksamer sent this invite to include in the newsletter. Thank you Gregg.

PCS Publicity Chair Gregg D. Merksamer wants all readers of *THE LIVERY* to know that Tri-State Chapter members who have cause to return to Loudonville, Ohio have been extended a standing invite to tour the old Flxible coach plant by its current tenant & its long time security officer Carmen Purdy, who's worked on-site since the days Motor Coach Industries used it to refurbish busses and graciously offered a golf cart tour of the factory's interior when Gregg was shooting Steve Lichtman's 1960 Flxible Buick Premier ambulance in front of the building during the 2021 PCS International Meet.

While this facility - situated at 509-537 North Market Street in Loudonville for the reference of future PCS visitors - is currently used by the Shrock Family of Companies to manufacture lawn structures, steel wall panels and other prefab building components, its glory days building mostly Buick-based funeral cars and ambulances are vividly recalled by the "Crow's Nest" corner tower and oversized garage doors featured in many 1940s through 1960s factory photos. If you plan to be in or near Loudonville and would like a tour, let Carmen know a day in advance by calling 419-651-8063 or e-mailing carmipurd59@gmail.com. Before leaving town also make time to check out the surviving portions of a nearby, earlier Flxible facility found at 326 North Water Street that currently serves as the headquarters of a golf ball refurbishing firm.

Also, Shrock Prefab's on-site General Manager at Flxible's former Loudonville plant (at least at the



time of my 2021 visit) was John Kauffman, reachable directly at 419-688-5553 or



jkauffman@shrockprefab.com. - **GREGG D. MERKSAMER, PCS Publicity & Media Relations**

Gregg also provided these photographs

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*Dear Newsletter, go upon your way
over mountains, plane or sea.
God Bless all who speed your flight
to where I wish you to be.
And bless all those
who rest, beneath the roof
where I would bid you
but bless even more the one to
whom
this newsletter is addressed*



A section of the Hearsemania show field at Trans-Atlantic Lunatic Asylum