

THE LIVRY

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Hearsemania coverage



Hearses parked at hotel –ready to go to Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum



Some Hearsemania vehicles on display at Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum,



Weston WV

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Enclosure: Membershipform

Hello TSC Members,

I hope your Thanksgiving & Christmas were filled with good food, family, friends, laughter, & most of all a lot of love.

Looking forward to a fun exciting 2024 show year and TSC events, hope to see you at TSC meeting(s) or at PCS or TSC events.

Unfortunately, for Wayne and me we caught the cough/congestion bug. We have been dealing with this since before Christmas. Talking with several other TSC members we are not alone they are dealing with the same thing. So, I am wishing for our members a much healthier and brighter 2024. Take Care!

Safe & Happy Trails,

Eileen Schoenecker

Editor & secretary

PREZ'S CORNER.

Winter, 2023

Hello to all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season, and wish each one all the best in the New Year.

As 2024 rolls around, already the calendar for this year is beginning to take shape for PCS and Tri-State Activities. First up, on February 8 – 11, is the annual Micro-Meet, which will again be held in Frederick, Maryland - just an easy drive (weather permitting!) from Western Pennsylvania. I'm planning to attend, and will represent our Chapter at the semi-annual Board Meeting which will take place in conjunction with the Micro-Meet. The winter gathering is always a wonderful time to see and visit with old friends in the PCS, and a great way to help chase away the cold, winter blues!



Our spring meeting has been discussed again to be held at the Schoenecker Farm, Hearsemania has a date and new location set for 2024, and the International Meet for the Professional Car Society will once again be held in Pennsylvania. This year's Meet will be in early June, and will be centered in York, Pa. with a full week of interesting activities planned.

I hope we'll all be able to participate in these activities, and more as the year progresses. Please let Eileen or me know if you hear of an activity that you think would be of interest to the membership.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again, and in the meantime, stay safe and stay warm!

Sincerely,

Phil Rishel

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## **NO 2024 TSC CALENDAR**

### **TSC CALENDAR INFORMATION**

At our September meeting, it was decided by attending members to put a hold on the 2024 calendar. So no TSC calendar this year, due to the point that it wouldn't be available in a timely manner.

Brian Martin said his goal is to have a 2025 calendar ready for the June International Meet. As far as information for that project, he is ***hopeful that someone will take over the sales and distribution of our calendar.*** He has the template saved with Office Depot to create a new calendar and can put out a call for photos on various social media platforms.

So if any member knows anything about sales and distribution for our annual calendar, our chapter would really appreciate your help in keeping the tradition of our chapter calendar available.

It is known that people today don't really use calendars much anymore, but they do purchase our calendar for the beautiful photos of professional vehicles.

Since taking on our project of TSC calendars, Brian has a lot on his plate with his responsibilities also as MAC President, He unfortunately does not have the time to devote to 2025 sales, so with any luck someone will be able to step up and keep the calendar project going

**NOTICE:** For some of you, your **Tri-State Chapter membership is due**

Please send a.s.a.p. your dues of **\$15 (USA) \$20 (outside USA)** to, **Chester Zygowski** – 3660 Allendale Street, Pittsburgh PA 15204 412-559-4635

Membership form enclosed

Odds & Ends photos at Hearsemania



Last year this actor from the Lunatic Asylum was there with this mechanical dummy. I thought it was so creepy then and I still do. SO VERY CREEPY!



**Jerry & Debbie Beck's** decorated display



**Darren Bedford's**

Check out the itinerary that John put together for the fun filled eventful Hearsemania days.

## **Hearsemania 2023 Meet Itinerary**

### **Thursday, September 21, 2023**

#### **Monuments, Mummies and More Tour**

1. Machpelah Cemetery Tour Weston WV
  - > **11 am Start** ( Please be prepared with water and comfortable shoes)
  - > Maps of local county Cemeteries will be distributed
  - > Tour on your own or follow the group
  - > A Historic Tour of Machpelah Cemetery will be offered for those in attendance / \$10 person  
90 Minute Tour (Proceeds benefit Cemetery maintenance and Hackers Creek Genealogy Library)
2. We will tour additional Cemeteries as time permits along our travel Route with end destination Philippi WV.
3. Barbour County Historical Museum Philippi WV. / 4pm
  - > Home to the Philippi Mummies
  - > The Museum is normally closed, but will open its doors just for our group from 3:30 — 5:30 pm
  - > \$5 fee to view the Mummies (They are privately owned) Entrance fee goes to local education fund
4. Historic Barbour County Courthouse / 5pm
  - > We have reserved the front lawn of the Courthouse to display our cars (Weather Permitting)
5. Lil' Moe's Bar and Grill (Located directly across from the Courthouse)
  - > Back room is reserved for Hearsemania Group (They will be expecting us)
  - > Order from the Menu

#### **Evening adventures own your own**

### **Friday, September 22, 2023**

#### **Early Registration / Asylum Tours**

- > 11am. Hearsemania Early Registration booth opens (NO REGISTRATION FEES)  
Coach Driver receives FREE Meet T-shirt
- > 12 noon.—5 pm Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum Tours / Reduced prices for Hearsemania registrants  
(Tours leave on the hour. You must register and reserve your tour with the Asylum prior to the tour)
- > Early setup for craft vendors and food trucks
- > Touring local attractions is highly recommended (Many are just a short drive away)  
Appalachian oddities / Mountaineer Military Museum / Museum of American Glass .....
- > 4pm. Hearsemania Registration booth will close

#### **Lucky Stiffs Post Mortem Ball 7—10 pm (FREE Admission)**

- > This years Ball will be held in the Luxurious gravel lot of our host Hotel, Quality Inn Weston WV.
- > South Texas Barbecue Co. will be setting up early to provide their award winning Barbecue.  
Order from the Menu, Something for everyone (Absolutely the BEST)
- > 7pm Welcome/ Introductions
- > Live Music / DJ
- > Spinning Fire / Jason Fink
- > Costume Contest (2 winners)
- > Free Hotel Room Nights (5 Drawn)  
(Must be registered at Quality Inn for September 22, 2023 under Hearsemania group to be eligible)
- > Free Haunted House tickets (10 pair Drawn) Must be registered for Hearsemania show to be eligible
- > **Courtesy of Our Sponsors:** Graveyard Mafia, Cemetery Knights, Spirit Haulers,  
Tri-State PCS, Quality Inn Weston and Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum

### **Saturday, September 23, 2023**

1. Registration Booth opens 8:00 a.m. (NO Registration or Admission Fees)
2. 10 am HEARSEMANIA Show opens "Remains to be Seen" Professional Cars, Creep Rods & Vendor Show  
> DJ, Food Trucks, Artist & Craft Vendors, Aces and Eights 50/50, our Famous "Casket Basket" raffle
3. Trans Allegheny Asylum tours—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Reduced prices for Hearsemania registrants  
(Tours leave on the hour. You must register with the Asylum prior to tour.)
4. **4 pm AWARDS and Thank You's:** CPR judging awards, \$100 long distance award, Casket Basket raffle  
**TAKE A DEEP BREATH BRAKE.....4-7pm..... BUT IT Aint Over YET!**  
**7-11 pm Return to the Asylum for HAUNTED HOUSE, Zombie Paintball, Vendors Night Market  
and what we believe will be the largest Light Show of Professional Cars ever displayed.  
If your Lit .....we want to see them lights !!!!!**

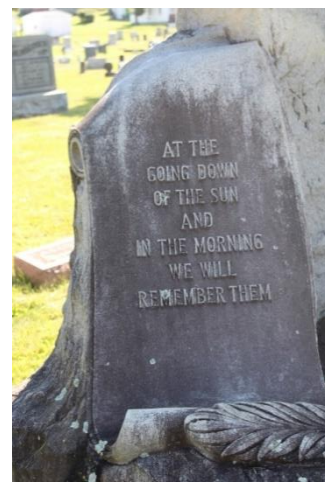
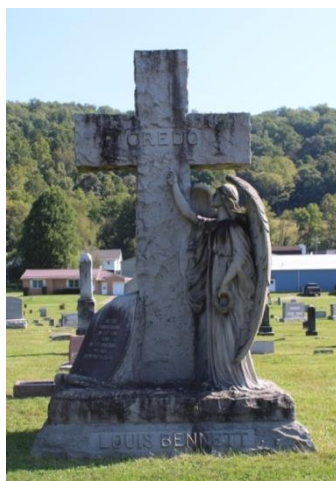
## Hearsemania Tours

John Ehmer for our first day - planned several cemetery tours. Our first stop was at the Machpelah



Cemetery

Our tour lady, a local historian, Andrea Lamb (photo below) was excellent. She pointed out several monuments of important/influential peoples' monuments from the area. She kept the tour interesting and moving.



Second cemetery on the tour was at Elk View masonic Cemetery/Holy Cross Cemetery, in Clarksburg WV

Photo shoot was going to take place near the front of the Art Deco mausoleum building



After taking photos, and before heading to the next cemetery, most of us went to the fast food restaurant adjacent to the cemetery. I imagine the passing motorists were wondering why so many hearses were parked at the fast food place – an odd sight for sure. Having our bellies full, John wrangled the group to start the caravan for the next cemetery and off we went.

IOOF Cemetery:

Still in Clarksburg WV for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cemetery we had another local historian give a 60 minute tour. Not nearly as large as the last two cemeteries but still another historical informative tour with noted important people pointed out.

Unfortunately, the temperature rose into the 90s and several people opted out from doing the tour because of the heat sat in their car with the air running



monument

Unfortunately, like several cemeteries these days they also have to deal with aging monuments and vandalism



Stonewall Jackson



One of the usual monuments

close-up of the structure on the side

Well believe it or not, the tour day was not over yet.

Hitting the road again to Barbour County Historical Museum

# BARBOUR COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

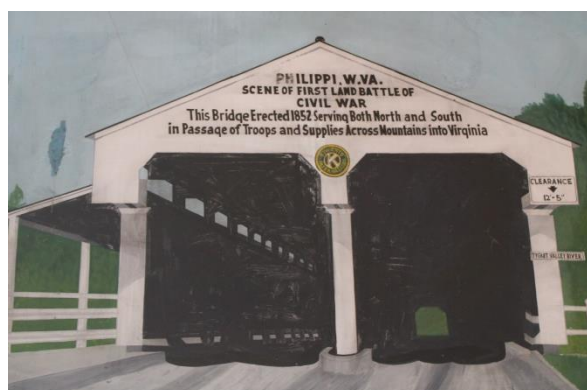
13 Museum Street, Philippi WV 26416

After the third cemetery tour, our group arrived at the Barbour County Historical Museum. There behind the counter sat **Wade Anderson**. I did not know his name until he said who he was. As PCS members throughout the years, I am sure like Wayne & me some of you were able to meet & know Wade's dad, Bill Anderson (a very nice man) before his death.

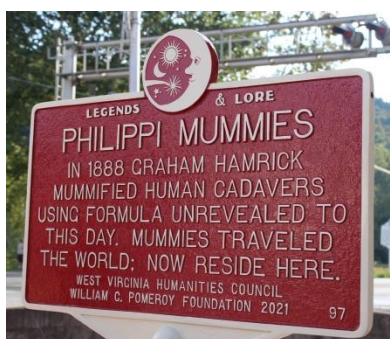
This museum is well known for the infamous Philippe Mummies. Even though this museum is small in comparison to



Left - Wade Anderson – sitting other museums, this museum has a lot to view besides the mummies. There are Civil War artifacts, even the prosthetic leg made for the first amputee of the civil war, vintage medical items, and tools for farming and mining



Before you arrive at the museum, you come to and have to go through the historical Philippi covered bridge



Barbour County Historical Museum

Wayne & I checked out all the items but were drawn, to the statues of Ted Cassidy aka, 'Lurch' & 'Cousin It' (from the TV show The Addams Family) Ted Cassidy we were told that he was born in Barbour County. We watched and enjoyed the TV show, so of course we had to have our pictures taken with Lurch.



Wayne & Lurch



Me (Eileen) & Lurch



Cousin It

And they even had "Thing" on display



Part of our group checking out display items

Afterwards Wayne & I went back to our hotel to rest - too tired to tour the Barbour County Courthouse. I heard they had a wonderful visit to the court house & able to park their professional cars on the grass right in front of courthouse.

Lucky Stiff's Post Mortem Ball held at host hotel, Quality Inn parking lot



**Debbie & Mark Teague**  
in costume for contest



Even **Zelda Jerry Beck's** dog  
showed up in her costume



Two lovely ladies and one scary  
gentleman. 'Star' **Schroth Sue  
Hufnagel and Rick Duffy**



Excellent food by – South Texas Barbecue  
Company



Live band – Spinning Fire & DJ – Jason Fink

Tickets were drawn & awarded in the evening –  
2 costume winners, 6 free hotel room and 10 pair  
haunted house tickets

Creative trophy made by **Debbie Teague** for best costume

A suggestion was made to John that everyone in costume should parade  
around so everyone can see them. So many missed seeing all of them.

Beautiful dry evening





## Trophies and Winners

We found out, that not only our own Debbie Teague is talented with crafty clever ideas but also is one or more from the group, Cemetery Knights who made these unusual & very heavy trophies for the awards



Alan Rishel said, "Boy I am glad to be able to accept this VERY HEAVY trophy for my brother Phil."



**Phil Rishel** standing beside his very shiny hearse holding his 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for Preservation

**John Ehmer** went off the grid with coming up with a new idea/event for Hearsemania the last night at Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum. It seemed like a very strange idea but for Hearsemania it seems to be appropriate. John's idea was to have an attempt at the 'World Record' for the Most Mourners at a Fictional Character's Funeral namely 'Lucky Stiff'. Everyone who participated really seemed to get into the viewing. It was all organized with the Weston Mayor, Kim Harrison saying promptly at 7:00 p.m. to start and promptly at 9:00 p.m. to stop. No one else was allowed to be counted even if they were in line. Everyone was given a number by either **Rick Duffy** or **Wayne Schoenecker** to display when having their photo taken. Mourners/Visitors had their photo taken with their number and had to sign the register book with their name and address. Everything was done to the rules and regulations requested by the World Record people. Our final number was 416 – not sure if we made the record



**Mark Teague** making sure the ladies, **Sue Hufnagel & Debbie Teague** have everything they need for mourners signing in



Here lies  
Lucky Stiff  
No longer  
Lucky  
But remains  
Stiff

Lucky Stiff →



Even though the evening had a light drizzle, it didn't seem to dampen the excitement people had about being involved with helping to make a world record.

As you can see, people started to line up early and they kept coming until the mayor said 9:00 p.m. and to stop.



**John** giving a speech before the start of the visitation. Visitation was complete with beautiful flower baskets



Below are some photos of documented mourners



**Jerry Beck and his lovely wife**



**Debbie**



**Michael Hennessey**



**Just a group having fun**



Dressed appropriately for the visitation are **John Ehmer & Sue Hufnagel**

I have other photos of our members who participated, but I have to say, looked like our photos were mug shots (myself included), So needless to say, I did not include them.



**Darren Bedford**



**Rick Duffy**



**John Wilson**

Odds & Ends photos at Hearsmania



**John Ehmer** made this vintage looking coffin that ended up over floating with a lot of vendor items and **Sue Hufnagel** made the beautiful interior of the coffin. An item everyone wants to win What a Prize!



**Darren Bedford & John Wilson**



**Mike Hennessey, John Ehmer, Mark Teague, Rick Duffy & Darren Bedford**



**Alan & Phil Rishel**

**Chris & Mark Kennedy**



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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 beneath the  
roof  
where I would bid you rest;  
but bless even more the one to  
whom  
this newsletter is addressed*



So as we leave 2023 behind, we look forward to new travels, new experiences and shows for 2024



Welcome 2024!

**Shout out! Get excited about Hearsemania for May 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**A joint event Hearsemania and Para Psy Con at Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield Ohio**

More info on the other September Hearsemania event (maybe at a different venue) will be in the next spring issue