

THE LIVERY

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Nice 1957 Cadillac displayed on the show room floor back in 1957

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Spring TSC meeting - April 22,2023 - Noon

Held at Wayne & Eileen Schoenecker's garage, so please dress warm for the cooler weather.

821 Bullcreek Road, Butler PA 16002 Cell # for day of meeting 724-822-6647

Please bring a covered dish to share with other members. Water & coffee/tea will be provided.

If you want another beverage please bring it with you.

Please let Eileen, 724-283-6830, Phil 724-725-5245 or Chris 724-498-5903 know if you are coming and what dish you will provide.

Hope you can attend our first event of the year!

PREZ'S CORNER.

Hello Tri-State,

Hey! It's that time of year again!! Throw open the garage doors, dust off the cars, and let's get ready for car show season – it will be here before you know it.



Our spring meeting has already been set at Wayne and Eileen's farm, the International Meet has been announced for August in Morgantown, Pa., and things are ramping up for Hearsemania again at the asylum in Weston, W.Va. at the end of September. Other activities are being considered so that 2023 will once again be a fun and active year for our chapter.

I was able to attend and represent Tri-State at the Mid-Winter Meet in Frederick, Maryland this past February. It was, as usual, a great time, with a good attendance and members of the PCS coming in from as far away as Michigan, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Canada, as well as some of the more regional states. At the Board meeting, our own Ron Devies, Vice-President of PCS, ran the meeting in the absence of the President. Reports from various committees were given, the necessary business to keep the Society running smoothly was taken care of, and the meeting was concluded in just over an hour.

I'm getting excited about the upcoming year, and certainly looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Schoenecker Farm on the 22nd of this month. If anyone has picked up a new pro-car over the winter, be sure to bring it out to the picnic – we'll want to see it !

Philip

Reminder!

Have you sent your TSC membership dues to Chester?

If not, please do so as soon as possible to:

Chester Zygowski – 3660 Allendale Street, Pittsburgh PA 15204

Thank you in advance for renewing.

We welcome suggestions on how we can improve our chapter – remember our members make our chapter what it is – good or bad.

Story about a Truck whose life was partly spent working at a Cemetery

I was talking with **Ron Wotkowski** and he mentioned a story he read in the Hemmings 'Classic Car' Magazine March 2023 #222. Original story written by Jim Donnelly

Ron thought it was an interesting life story about a 1952 Dodge B-3-B and our members might also find it interesting, so he mailed me the magazine

The life of the truck originated in Hatboro Pennsylvania when it was delivered to Jarrett Dodge and the owner was a relative to its now current owner, Hank Hallowell. Hank gave Ron permission for me to include this story about the truck in The Livery. I condensed the life of this Dodge truck to its job at the cemetery. So if you want to read the full story, read it in the 'Classic Car' Magazine.

When the B-3-B was about to be appointed to its third caretaker, the individual objected to being assigned such an old truck. The meeting elders called Jarrett Dodge, which was then still in business, and the dealership took the old Dodge back. They then sold it to the friend of the dealer. The new owner disassembled the truck, repainted the cab in Ecuador Blue, and redid most of the other steel in black. "I would say they did a pretty respectable job," Hank recalls. Keep in mind, it didn't need much work because it was never really used, and never really sat, and only has about 35,000 miles on it. The point is that it was used consistently, so it didn't have to be revived. A better word for what happened here would be refurbished, not restored."

From there, the B-3-B went to a farm in upstate New York, near Syracuse, where to drive to the end of the lane so the owner could grab his morning newspaper. The next owner took the Dodge to State College, Pennsylvania, where he kept it until age led him to move in with his son, and where B-3-B was used only for the same sort of very light, very occasional service. Hank rediscovered the truck after that owner passed away, learned it was for sale, and gave it a look.

"I agreed to buy it almost immediately," he remembers. A big part of the reason the truck is so clean and solid today, he says, is that all three owners since Abington Friends Meeting have been committed Chrysler people who instantly recognized its pristine, rust-free, and little-changed condition. As it turned out Hank had a hand, you could say, in the truck's condition from its late working life.

"I used this truck back when I was 18 or 19 years old," he says. "One of the things you came to dread there at the meeting was digging the graves, which was all done by hand. It's about a week's worth of work to get the grave ready and then backfill it, and we used the truck for that. We'd back the truck up over the open grave. Well, to do that, you'd drive down the row of graves and then set up a wooden box where you'd put all the dirt. After the burial, you'd backfill everything and then shovel the remaining dirt back up into the truck. They watched you very carefully, because they were very particular about how this process was done.

"So, after we did all that, I started up the truck and we went to move it, so we could shovel the back of the truck out. It seemed like I only moved the truck two feet forward, but instead it went much further. I heard a big 'bam', and all of a sudden, the nose of the truck was on the ground. The front

bumper was a couple of inches off the ground and the front passenger tire had disappeared. I thought I had broken an axle or something, so I called my dad, who had a Power Wagon and a chain. When he got there, he started laughing. He told me the truck collapsed one of the old, old graves that were put in before the burials used concrete vaults. There was a wooden coffin that had rotted and collapsed under the truck. Remember, this is a Quaker cemetery where burials went back hundreds of years.”

Hank now uses his truck considerably more gently, some occurring at his summer home in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. Eventually, as he recalled, a souvenir of the graveyard misadventure was corrected, decades later.

“After I purchased this truck, I took it to the shop, when one of the mechanics called me and said, “You have to look at this tie rod.” When I got there, they told me they didn’t know how anyone had been able to drive the truck, because the tie rod was bent,” he says. “And I said, “Yeah, that’s from me in 1974, and nobody ever repaired it because the truck never went out of first gear.” So, after 50 years, more or less, the truck’s finally gotten its tie rod fixed.

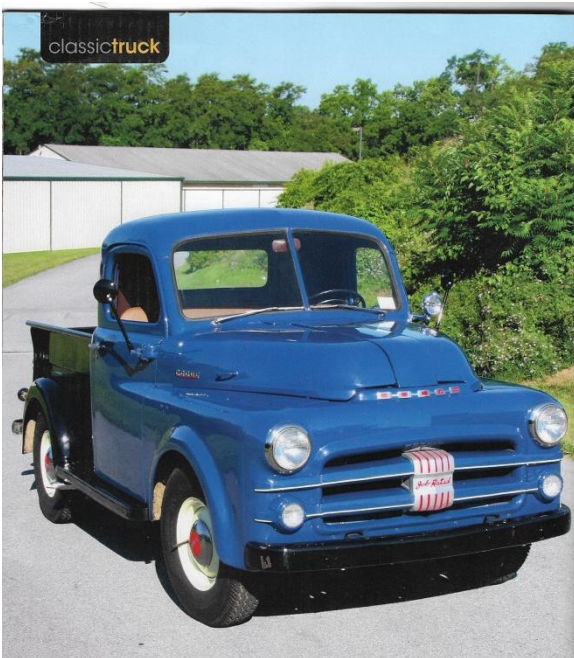


Photo by David Conwill

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Have you noticed that some people are prisoners to their phones?

It gives a completely new meaning to the word, “Cell.”

## NEVER TO OLD FOR TOYS

I know it has been over a year since I wrote a story for The Livery, because I was just informed of this by the editor and boss.

She has more control over me, than you - other TSC members, who don't send any stories, articles or pictures, or family update news to publish in the newsletter.

Well here goes. I accomplished nothing at all. Ha Ha. I had a lot of down time due to my knee replacement and lack of desire to do anything. Eileen & I continue to go to local flea markets and toy shows, I am still finding things to buy or enjoy seeing what vendors have to sell. Over the last 8 months, I have found Johnny Lighting made in limited amounts of Demo Derby 1966 hearses in different colors. I bought a fluorescent pink and a pale green. They also make a black with flames ambulance, but it has bubble on top. To me it looks like a hearse. They also brought out an array of 1959 Cadillac hearses in different colors, including a 1959 Cadillac dark green coroner car. Also, a series of 1957 Chevy ambulances in different colors. Of course, these are all small replicas 1/64 scale. I did find M-3 machine, it was a dual pack of 1957 souped up limo's that are really cool. In larger scale 1/43 G-L-M., has a 1960 Chrysler Imperial Crown Ghia limo, also a Lincoln Ranchero that could be a flower car. Stamp Model has a 1960 Cadillac Fleetwood Limousine also a 1968 Cadillac Fleetwood 75 Limousine.

ESVAL has 3 Edsel ambulances, a 1958 that is in yellow-red-black, a 1958 Corsair white, red, blue and a 1959 Villager Amble Wagon. I found these items in York PA at a toy show, held at the fair grounds on Thanksgiving weekend I also found and bought a cast iron hearse – or –ambulance your decision (see photo) It needs repainted. It is approximately



9 inches long, 4 inches wide & 5

inches high. I never came across a cast iron hearse this big, other than the horse-drawn hearse. For a really reasonable price, I now have it in my collection. I also saw a Rat Fink hearse in 1/18 scale. I can't think of the manufacturer. It might have been Ertyl.

That is it for

now. Hope you had a happy and merry Christmas and wishing for you a happy healthy & peaceful New Year.  
Wayne Schoenecker



# 18TH PCS MICRO-MEET MT. AIRY, MARYLAND

by: **Mary Hookway**

In February I attended my first PCS Micro-Meet and had a great time! Members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter were marvelous hosts; their hard work and meticulous planning really paid off.

Each item on the agenda for the weekend was appealing, from Friday's early-bird visit to Mount Olivet Cemetery to the wrap-up breakfast gathering on Sunday morning.

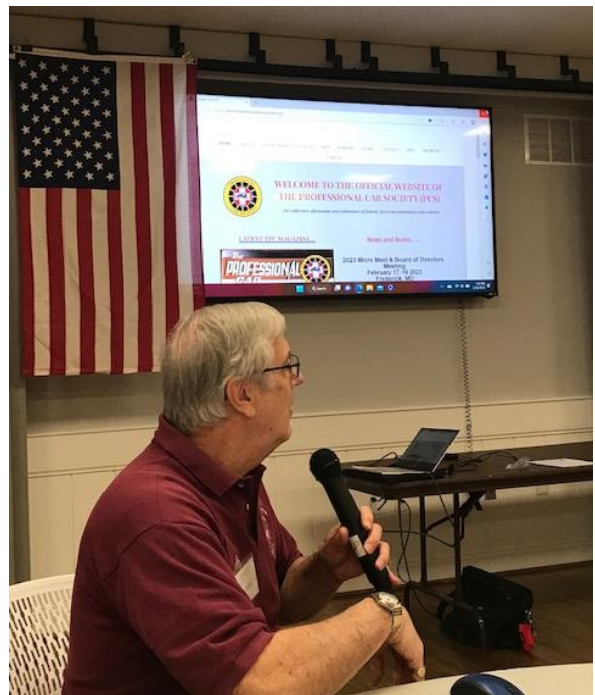
Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company's reception hall was a lovely and very appropriate venue for the event.

Of course the model displays were the stars of the weekend. Such variety, and such attention to detail!

It was a pleasure to get together with PCS members from near and far, to make new friends and refresh old acquaintances. Many thanks and congratulations to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter on a job well done!



**Brady Smith** shows off the blue ribbon presented to him by MAC member and Micro-Meet emcee **Steve Lichtman**.



**Jeff Hookway** presents a Saturday afternoon seminar on the PCS website [www.TheProfessionalCarSociety.org](http://www.TheProfessionalCarSociety.org).



**Charles Snyder II and Charles Snyder the Elder** confer at the Francis Scott Key Monument at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland.

## From Good housekeeping

A research study done way back in the day indicated that participants who could seamlessly see both the rabbit and the duck could also come up with an



average of five clever uses for an everyday item, whereas those who only saw one animal, could barely dream up two novel uses. Not the most revelatory findings, but it's always interesting to see how the ol' noggin works.

So which are you? One animal or two?

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At least once a day, allow yourself the freedom to think and dream for yourself. ---  
Albert Einstein

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Men - Something you probably already know but. . . . females may not know

This information is for newer vehicles with fuel pumps in the fuel tank.

Your car's fuel indicator light comes on to warn you when it is time to fill up, but how far can you push your luck before your car is really out of fuel? The amount of leeway you have depends on a car's make and model, but according to Jaliopnik, tempting fate this way could wear down your vehicle.

Gasoline makes its way from the tank to the engine via your car's fuel pump. When you fill up your tank, gas enters the fuel pump through a part called the strainer and moves through another round pump before finally entering the electric pump motor to cool its copper windings.

When your car's out of fuel, air cools the windings, instead of gas. Unfortunately, air does not work as well as flowing gas does. This means that your fuel pump electric motor might overheat, causing its windings to melt, eventually damaging the device. In addition to cooling the pump electric motor, fuel also keeps its rotating parts lubricated, which prevents premature wear. So do not let your fuel level get to low.



Good news for 2<sup>nd</sup> time Great Grandparents for **Wayne & Eileen Schoenecker**. We have another great granddaughter named Cloe Smith.

The parents Christopher & Cait are doing well & so very proud.



Cloe Smith



Our grandson Christopher Smith with his new daughter, Cloe

### **Chester & Phylis Zygowski** also proud grandparents

With Memorial Day coming around the corner, I wanted to include Chester & Phylis Zygowski's grandsons in their patriotic photos. A while back, I e-mailed a video of a 'Boy on the Beach' to Chester. If you haven't viewed it - is a very touching patriotic video of a young boy standing all day with a flag and saluting. And as a veteran himself Chester, proud to be an American sent along photos of his two grandsons who are also proud to be American, and who support our flag and military.



Nathan Clydesdale  
at 6 years old



and brother



Connor in Chester's driveway Veterans day November of 1971-when he was 2 years old

and

Connor Clydesdale

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12 years old in 2021

Funeral, Emergency Crossword Answers

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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*



Not a good day for this limousine owner submitted by member **Francis Marasco**.

I have no idea where he comes up with these pictures. He must have a fantastic collection.