

# Memory Lane Cruisers



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Business Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery County Library...7:00PM

## President's Corner

Where did the year go? 2010 is here and we are back underway planning activities for the new year



We had some great times in 2009 and 2010 will be that much better. We are already being asked about new shows, swap meets, and cruise-ins.

If anyone has any other new ideas please keep them in mind for the first meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>. Memory Lane Cruisers is an active car club and with you input, we will remain an active club.

Hope all that winter work is coming along well and everyone will be back on the road for the few warm days we may have until Spring.

Looking forward to warm weather and getting back out on the road. Hope to see everyone the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is OUR club and it's up to ALL of us to make it the best we can.

God Bless!

Todd

**Happy New Year**.....2010 became a reality for over 30 of us who met at Shoney's on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Clarksville, New Year's Eve. Good food and good times were present. There were several who drove their classic car, but most drove their regular driver.

## Club Activities

For those who attended our Christmas Party at the Sportsman's Club, Clarksville / Ft. Campbell thoroughly enjoyed the evening with great food and good times. Many of the members exchanged gifts by way of "Dirty Santa", which is always a lot of fun. You must ask Ruth Helwig about her 'dirty Santa' she received as a gift.

There were 62 club members in attendance to celebrate the season and fellowship with friends. Next year, we hope more of the members come out for this festive event.

The club presented plaques of Appreciation to John (Doc) Klemin, Doug Howard, Ed Clapp, Marty Jones, Marvin Phibbs, Tony Tanner and Jim Hutchens for the time and effort they gave as 2009 Board of Directors.

With the new year here, we all look forward to another prosperous year as a Club and we look forward to the Cruise-in's and Car Shows.

## Upcoming Local Events at a glance.....

Jan 16-17<sup>th</sup>: Nashville Auto Fest. Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nashville Automotive Swap meet at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds

March 14<sup>th</sup>: KYANA Swap Meet. Louisville, KY

March 27<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual March Madness Car Show in Clarksville.

May 21-23: Goodguys Car Show. LP Field

June 4-6: Riverfront Rod Car Show, Paducah, KY

June 5-11: Mid-America 2010 Hot Rod Power Tour

June 11-13: Indianapolis 22<sup>nd</sup> Goodguys National

July 16-18: National Corvette Homecoming, BG, KY

July 26<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pleasant View Car Show. First

Methodist Church, Pleasant View

September 25<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Run Car

Show....Memory Lane Cruisers.

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruizin the Ridge Car Show,

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Oct. 15-17<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nostalgia Nationals, Bowling Green

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## Member Profile

Introducing **Ernie & Barbara Hambly**.....who currently live in the Clarksville area, but in the past they have lived in Enterprise, AL, Fruth, Germany, Hindsville, GA, Rouzcyville, PA, Killeen, TX and Newport News, VA.

Ernie grew up in Fall River, MA, while Barbara is from Blue Ridge Summit, PA. They met at the Big Dipper Restaurant on the Sunshine Trail, where Barbara was waiting tables and Ernie was stationed at Fort Richie, MD.

As you have already guessed, Ernie is retired from the US Army, Aircraft Maintenance, Test Pilot on the AH-IG-S, UH-1H, OH6 Helicopters.

Other hobbies include model aircraft and we all know Barbara is takes care of the ladies Avon needs.

Ernie and Barbara are very active in our club and proudly drive a 1956 Buick Special Production, 1956 Buick Roadmaster Production, and a 1959 Cadillac Series 62, 4 window flat top production.

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## BEARING CHECK

When your brake pedal seems low, the problem isn't always your brakes. Once you've checked for air in your brake lines, take a look at the tension on your front wheel bearings. Oftentimes a loose wheel bearing will generate the same symptoms as a problem in the braking system.

## ROCKER SAVER

Running higher than stock spring pressures with stamped steel rocker arms on a small block Chevy can cause the pushrod to punch through the end of the rocker arm. One way to help prevent this is to grind the casting flash off the rocker oil hole. This helps prevent stress cracks from starting. Use a Dremel tool with a fine tooth burr to clean the rocker arm oil hole and leave a smooth finish

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Introducing **Donald & Frances Mays**.....who currently live in the Clarksville area. In the past they have also lived in Elyria, OH area near Cleveland, where Donald grew up. Francis grew up in the Clarksville area.

Donald attended St. Thomas Moore TRI-C school and Francis attended Kirkwood, St. B, Clarksville High School and Austin Peay.

They met in Ft. Campbell by way of Francis's roommate in the Army.

Currently, Donald works for Pizza Hut and Francis works for a local Clarksville Marketing firm. Historically, Francis has been a major contributor of time to our club, collecting door prizes for our annual Autumn Run Car Show.

They both enjoy music and crafts as their other hobby.

Today, Donald & Francis own and drive a sharp 1955 Chevrolet, 2 door post modified, color two tone, blue and grey.

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## OVER-FILLED TRANSMISSION

Over-filling the transmission can be a mess to fix. For this and other over-fill problems, add about four feet of fish tank tubing and a spray bottle nozzle to your tool box. If you overfill, take the tubing and connect it to the bottom of the spray nozzle. Then feed the rest of the tubing down the transmission dip stick tube and start pumping. When finished, clean the nozzle and tubing and store them in a resealable plastic bag.

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## Vehicles For Sale

1941 Plymouth coupe street rod. Asking \$22,000. Call Elmer (931) 627-2446 for all the details.

1951 Chevrolet pickup, 3100 series, five (5) window. New wheels / tires. 1976 Camaro front clip, with power steering, and disc brakes. Has 1979 Firebird rear clip. Has 700R4 transmission with overdrive. GM Camaro 307 engine bored .30 over. Engine has about 15,000 miles since rebuild. New radiator, electric fan, head liner and carpet. Must see!!! Asking \$15,000. Contact Tink Leighton (615) 382-0839

1978 Chevy Caprice Classic Landau. 2 dr coupe, aero rear glass, 92k miles.....one owner Call Ed (931) 206-6502 or Marvin (931) 362-3042. Asking \$4,500.

1979 Chevy pickup full size with 350 engine, w/600 cfm or 650cfm carb. Engine will run.....truck will move at present. May need transmission fluid....\$800.00 Call (931) 387-3878

1963 Olds Cutlass convertible....215ci engine V8 auto, power top, great looking car. Asking \$15,000. Contact Tony (931) 648-1389.

For Sale: GM 12 bolt Posi traction 30 spline 4.10 gear.....NO MILES...Asking \$300 Call Bill (931) 362-2800

For Sale: 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe street rod.....asking \$34,500 obo....contact Jim (615) 517-1423

See pictures and more for sale on website  
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## Chaplains Corner

Contact Marvin Phibbs if you are aware of anyone that should be added to the list.

## In our thoughts and prayers

Tink & Regina Leighton  
Ray & Ruth Helwig  
Roger Peacher  
Mary Livingston  
Shirley Stokes

Rick Steiert  
Joe Emery

## Attention Memory Lane Cruisers

**If you have an item to sell or if you are in need of anything, this is the place along with the website to share with all the members of the Club.**

**Just let me know what it is you have and I will get it into the newsletter and website.**

**Jim Hutchens  
(615) 746-2147**

## Memory Lane's Newsletter

If you have anything you would like to include in the club's newsletter, just send it to:

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(615) 517-1423

## CLUB OFFICERS

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## Older Cars – New Fuels.....

### What is ethanol?

Ethanol is grain alcohol derived from corn, switch grass, sugarcane and other sources. When denatured for use as a motor-fuel, it's commonly mixed with regular gasoline in various quantities.

### What is E85?

Ethanol/gasoline blends are commonly referred to by the letter "E," meaning ethanol followed by a number denoting the percentage of fuel by volume that is ethanol. E85 is an ethanol/gasoline blend at 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gasoline. Other common blends are E10 and E5 (meaning they contain 10 percent ethanol/90 percent gasoline and 5 percent ethanol/95 percent gasoline respectively). Many vehicles built in the early part of the 20th century were designed to run on ethanol, gasoline or a combination of the two. As gasoline became less expensive and therefore, more popular, ethanol and ethanol-compatible vehicles became rare.

### What are the risks?

Ethanol's effects on older cars are many and varied. Depending on the exact make, model and year of your vehicle, as well as the percentage of ethanol in your fuel, you may experience any of the following:

#### Deterioration or swelling and hardening of rubber components

Rubber components like fuel hoses, carburetor seals and gaskets, and fuel pump seals may be hardened, dissolved or distorted by contact with ethanol. This may lead to fuel leaks.

#### Oxidization Caused by Water

Ethanol holds water very readily and can expose fuel system components and steel gas tanks to rust. This is especially prevalent in boats.

#### Fiberglass Fuel Tank Damage

Even low concentrations of ethanol have been shown to damage fiberglass fuel tanks. Ethanol dissolves the lining of fiberglass fuel tanks, often depositing a dark "sludge" inside marine engines causing costly damage. Eventually, fiberglass tanks dissolve until they fail, leaking fuel.

#### General Corrosion, Pitting and Rust on Metal parts

Metal parts, such as in-tank fuel pumps and carburetor floats, may be subject to pitting, rust or corrosion when in contact with ethanol blends.

### Is ethanol going to completely replace gasoline?

At this point, probably not. The fuel transportation infrastructure is not suitable for the transportation of ethanol due to its corrosive properties. We are, however, likely to see an increase in ethanol-blended fuels such as E10 at pumps nationwide.

### What can I do to protect my car against potential harm?

If you do run your older vehicle on ethanol-blended gas, you might want to run it completely out of gas before storing it for an extended period.

Source: Haggerty Insurance Study