

# THE ALLEGHENY APEX

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and the chapter won't let you miss the news.*



BMW Car Club of America • Allegheny Chapter Newsletter • SUMMER 2018



**Marque of Year**  
2018 Pittsburgh  
Vintage Grand Prix

**Celebrate  
the 2002!**



**EVENT  
SCHEDULE**



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# It's Here!

Please submit your photos  
and videos of this incredible  
summer to The Apex!



## Don't Miss The Apex!

*Have you moved  
or changed email?*

The National Office maintains one database of membership information. It is used for USPS mailings, such as the Roundel and chapter newsletter, and for email blasts of the weekly electronic Roundel and chapter blasts of updated information. It is important that your addresses are current.

Update your information at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org).

Follow instructions to create a username and password and log in to your account.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

# Pit Crew Performs

### Editor Thanks Team for Performance

BY JOHNA SNYDER

The Allegheny Apex Editor

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## EVENT APPAREL

### *Dress for the Club*

The Allegheny Chapter has partnered with **Log Cabin Embroidery** to provide you with a wide selection of club logo apparel. The Log Cabin Embroidery offers a wide selection of shirts, hats and garments that can be customized with our logo.

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Summer Events Heat Up

Club Gets in Gear for a Season that Will be Like No Other in History

BY GEORGE SNYDER  
Allegheny Chapter President

Is it wrong to be glad that the sunnier warmer weather has finally arrived? I think not. I do not know about you all, but once the temps get up and the sun is shining, I want to get outside – clean off the cars and get them out on the road.

Since the last issue – a lot has happened.

- We tried something new for March – the Escape room.

Sadly no one wanted to Escape with us ... Swing and a miss!

- Pancakes and Cider as the Dust off event

A swing and a hit.

Thank you to all those that came out for the event - I wish I could have been there but alas work came a callin'

- The annual Spring Drive will have been driven

Thank you to Emilio for being the drive master and to our Social Director Johna for planning the site and the lunch. Got a love picnics on a lawn.

- The Summer Spectacular presented by Bobby Rahal BMW of South Hills

A BIG thank you to Bobby Rahal BMW for sponsoring this event in conjuncture with the Chapter. Rick Speicher was instrumental in getting this done –

so sir thank you very much.

Another big thank you goes out to Ed and Tracy the owners of Vilka Bistro - thank you both for wanting to host the Chapter at your Bistro and having such a great spread.

As we know by the time this is printed and mailed that OFest/PVGP will be close at hand

If you haven't signed up to attend – please do so. Also – please also consider volunteering your time. You the members of the Chapter are why The Allegheny Chapter was given the honor of being named The International Car Club of the Year in 2015.

With so many eyes on the Chapter, from BMWCCA National to fellow chapters to international guests - let's make sure we show them why we deserved that honor and why the Allegheny Chapter is special!

After OFest/PVGP the Chapter will have more exciting events planned, a few drives and hopefully if plans come together a very nice overnighter.

Before I end these remarks I wanted to say thank you to a few people:

Those people are the members of the chapter – long standing and brand new. You are the backbone of this chapter and you are the reason why the Allegheny Chapter is held in high regard.

I am often asked about the chapter and I am always proud to say that I am a member of it. That's because of all of you. So thank you!

Thank you to all of you that are volunteering for OFest/PVGP - it is greatly appreciated by myself and the rest of the board.

Speaking of OFest/PVGP - a HUGE thank you goes out to all those that are working tirelessly on the project. Without them this festive fun time would not be possible.

Happy late spring and early summer to you all. May the skies be sunny, the roads be grippy and the cops be looking the other way.

Now get out there and drive!

## CHAPTER EVENTS

O'FEST  
JULY 9-15

PITTSBURGH  
VINTAGE  
GRAND PRIX  
JULY 6-18

AUGUST PARTY  
SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 11

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THE SUMMER THAT WILL BE LIKE NO OTHER

BMW Car Club  
of America  
Allegheny Chapter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Celebrate Like it's 1968!

Summer 2018 Sizzles with BMW Marque of the Year and Oktoberfest

BY AL APEX

The PVGP is excited to have BMW as our Marque of the Year and to host the BMW Car Club of America's Oktoberfest from July 9 through 15. BMW CCA is bringing their largest annual gathering - with 1,000 enthusiasts and 500 BMWs expected.

Many thanks to the Allegheny Chapter of the BMW CCA for their commitment - they are one of our most active car clubs that have supported our event for decades and we look forward to celebrating with them this summer.

Each year, the BMW CCA holds its preeminent national celebration of all things BMW in a different location around the country.

It is the ultimate motor-sport family reunion, including parties, banquets, vendors, track days, autocrosses, rallies, a concours and more!

2018 is also the 50th Anniversary of the BMW 2002 in North America - we will have dozens of them on the track both weekends, at our Race Week events and on the fairways of Schenley Park.

Help us celebrate O'Fest and raise money for our charities by designing a custom vehicle wrap for the BMW X2.

Hofbräuhaus Keg Tapping - June 6

On the first Wednesday of every month the Hofbräuhaus in Pittsburgh holds a special



event to tap a new keg of bier. On Wednesday, June 6 the keg for the upcoming PVGP will be tapped.

Please join us for a ceremonial keg tapping parade and free beer sample starting at 7:00 pm.

There will be tables reserved for the PVGP at the front of the room starting at 6:00 in case you want to come early and have dinner.

This will be the fourth year in a row for the ceremony where a PVGP volunteer taps the wooden keg. In 2015 long-time volunteer John Kerr was selected, in 2016 it was Car Show Chairman Bob Speer and last year Paul MacIntyre, a volunteer since 1984.

This year, Don Privett will do the honors.

### CAR DISPLAY

It wouldn't be a Grand Prix event without cars -they'll be on display in front of the Hofbräuhaus. With BMW as our Marque of the Year we are expecting a large contingent of Bavarian fans and hoping for some special bimmers!

### OFFICIAL BEER

Hofbräuhaus is the Official Bier of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Where: Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh, 2705 S Water Street, Pittsburgh PA 15203

When: Wednesday June 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Cost: No charge to attend, but you are responsible for your food and drink.

Tune-Up Moving to Heinz Field

### TUNE-UP TIME

Our Tune-Up event is moving to Heinz Field! There will be more than double the space we had on the bridge to handle this growing event.

The always popular race car corral will be on the plaza in front of the stadium and the Riverwalk and will be expanded to include more specialty and exotic cars.

The Car Showcase will be on the plazas, Art Rooney Avenue and General Robinson Street.

Welcome to our new Tune-Up lead sponsor: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

The best part is that more people can participate in the evening's Car Showcase. When you register online you can also purchase a

## UPCOMING EVENTS



reserved space within the Car Showcase to display your special vehicle.

We are expecting a large contingent of BMWs in town for their O'Fest and the Ace Spade Rally is coming through Pittsburgh and bringing 75 exotic cars that will be displayed on the Riverwalk and around Heinz Field.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our 1,200 volunteers that make our event possible. For 2018 there are a few areas that could use more volunteers. If you are able to help or know of someone looking to get more involved please let Cathy Dernorsek know.

We are looking for volunteers at Schenley Park to staff the gates/entrances to the golf course.

We are looking for volunteers to help direct vehicles to the proper gates and to keep large trucks from entering without authorization.

Last year we embarked on an ambitious program to identify all of our current volunteers and to remove volunteers that have not been here for three or more years.

We want to make sure that all current volunteers are recognized. Please take a look at the PVGP webpage and let us know if everything is correct.

### SUBARU SPOTLIGHT CAR

Subaru of America was founded 50 years ago with a single car, the Subaru 360. Now, to commemorate this anniversary, Subaru has created a special edition package for each model in the lineup.

There will be a parade of Subaru's into Schenley Park as part of our International Car Show on Saturday, July 14 and they will settle in for a trackside lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

### PVGP RACES

With two weekends of racing there is plenty to see. Here are just a few highlights of what is to come:

Kastner Cup Race - A special Triumph Race on Saturday, July 7 at Pitt Race Complex.

BMW Enduro - The final race of the day on Saturday at Pitt Race pits BMWs of all makes and years in a one-hour enduro.

BMW 2002 Race - The BMW 2002 is the featured car on our poster and will be the featured race on Saturday, July 14 at Schenley Park.

Allies vs. Axis Race - A Challenge race pitting German, Italian and Japanese cars against American, British and French cars. This is a single session 8-lap race on Saturday afternoon at Schenley Park.

### COMBO TICKET OFFER

1 Ticket to the Blacktie & Tailpipes Gala & 1 Ticket to the Passport to Elegance Jet Center Party - Get both tickets for only \$550

These are two of the

"Best Parties of the Summer" and a must for any auto enthusiast. Don't miss out on either party - attend both and save \$100.

### BLACKTIE & TAILPIPES GALA

Friday, July 6 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm at the Fox Chapel Golf Club (Tickets are regularly priced at \$275)

Celebrate the start of Race Week in style. The manicured grounds of Fox Chapel Golf Club are transformed into an exquisite car show as our guests bring out their finest automobiles.

Dance the night away in the beautifully remodeled clubhouse to one of Pittsburgh's hottest bands - No Bad JuJu. This formal event is a must for any auto enthusiast who enjoys fine cars, dining and dancing.

### PASSPORT TO ELEGANCE JET CENTER PARTY

Thursday, July 12 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the Voyager Jet Center - Allegheny County Airport

(Tickets are regularly priced at \$375)

This first-class soiree is held in the 18,000 square foot hangar of the Voyager Jet Center at the Allegheny County Airport and combines everything the discerning partygoer is looking for in a charity event. Mingle with the best amongst rare and exotic vintage automobiles and airplanes while you experience palette-pleasing internationally-inspired culinary delights and wine pairings

and enjoy live music and entertainment with a Brazilian Jazz beat by vocalist extraordinaire Kenia. Open bar and wine tastings.

### INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

Each July, Schenley Park is the scene of one of the area's largest car shows. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix stages an International Car Show - a combined show of 20 separate displays featuring more than 3,000 cars. It's a weekend show open to everyone - no invitation is needed.

All makes, all years, all countries, are welcome, whether or not you're with a car club.

You'll be a part of the show with the best parking spot all weekend to watch the vintage races on the streets surrounding the golf course. Shine up your ride and be a part of the show!

### KICK-OFF RALLYE TO FINISH IN SOUTH PARK

You don't have to be a racer or have experience in a Rallye competition to help us kick off the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Any car enthusiast can register to participate in a fun, but competitive, mystery course that will test your driving, navigational and trivia skills through the Pittsburgh countryside.

Following the Rallye, enjoy an after party at the South Park Museum consisting of a privately catered meal, cold beer, soft drinks and awards.

All for fun and the support of our charities!



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# Gear Up to Share Our City

### President Invites All to Join Celebration of Epic 2018 Summer Event

BY GEORGE SNYDER  
Allegheny Chapter President

We, in the Allegheny Chapter, are proud of our city, what we have to offer and of our hospitality.

We want to personally invite you to join us this year for the 49th Annual **Oktoberfest** presented by Michelin.

For those that are not aware this year's Ofest will run in conjunction with our biggest event of the year and that is the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP). In the

36 years since this event began, there has been over \$5 million dollars donated to the PVGP charities. It is a passion that is close to our hearts and in great part what won us the 2015 International Car Club of the Year award. German Hill (as we call it) sits atop turn 13 in a road course that winds through city streets and a city park.

The Marque of the Year for the 2018 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix this year will be BMW and we have selected the 2002 as our Marque Car of the Year to celebrate

its 50th anniversary.

Whether you come for Ofest and stay for the Grand Prix or you come for the Grand Prix and stay for Ofest – there will be something for everyone. BMW CCA has done an amazing job of putting together an event that will not soon be forgotten and with a little help from this chapter and all of its volunteers, we hope to make this a stop you will want to make each year.

If you have never been to the PVGP – then this is truly the year to come out and see what it is all about.

Please go to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org) – login to your account and then click on the banner to start the registration process.

Keep in mind there are two tracks to follow and those two tracks are clearly identified with large logo's.

From the first timer/

## OKTOBERFEST

**JULY 9 - 15**  
REGISTER  
ONLINE AT  
[BMWCCA.ORG](http://BMWCCA.ORG)

brand new member to the seasoned PVGP veteran – this year is truly not the year to miss out.

So please come out – support the charities, meet some new friends, get acquainted with old friends, check out some very cool cars and watch the race cars race around the track.

The Allegheny Chapter thanks you in advance for coming out and supporting Ofest and PVGP and more importantly the charities. We look forward to seeing you all this summer.

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

# Oktoberfest

## July 9-15

### Friday, July 6

#### **BMWCCA Oktoberfest Club Race at Pitt Race Sponsored by Tire Rack**

(Sunday, July 8, 2018) Friday, July 6 - Sunday, July 8  
*Pittsburgh International Race Complex*

### Monday, July 9

- 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM **Registration and Vendor Hall**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 1:30 PM **Fun Rally Begins**  
*Self guided*
- 1:30 PM **Photo Contest Dropoff**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **2002 Parking Lot Meet Up**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM **Griot's Garage Car Care Clinic**  
*Interior seminar*  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM **First Timers' Meeting**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Dinan Vendor Hall Reception**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **TSD Rally Meeting**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Welcome Dinner**  
*Sheraton Station Square*

### Tuesday, July 10

- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Shell V-Power® Nitro+ TSD Rally**
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **2002 Covered Bridges Tour with lunch stop**  
*2002 only tour*
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM **Michelin Tire Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Griot's Garage Car Care Clinic**  
*Exterior seminar*  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM **Yokohama Tire Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*

## Celebrate with Us!

Each year the BMW Car Club of America throws a party—a world famous party known as Oktoberfest and sometimes simply O'Fest. This movable celebration of everything BMW occurs at exciting locations throughout the country and is the ultimate motorsport family reunion. This year we are fortunate enough to have our family reunion presented by Michelin once again!

- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM **Shell V-Power Nitro+ Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Gymkhana**
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Registration and Shell V-Power Nitro+ Vendor Hall Reception**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Concours Judges' Meeting**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM **Gilligan's Island Themed Shell River Boat Cruise**  
*Dress as your favorite castaway!*  
*Gateway Clipper*  
*350 W Station Square Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15219*  
*Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner*

### Wednesday, July 11

- 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Vendor Breakfast**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 9:00 AM **Pirelli Concours - Judged**  
*BMW only*  
*Location: TBA*
- 10:00 AM **Pirelli Concours - Display**  
*BMW or MINI only.*  
*Location: TBA*
- 11:30 AM **Concours People's Choice Deadline**
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Pirelli Concours Awards**  
*TBA*
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Free Format 2002 Tech Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*  
*Meetup Led By Terry Sayther with Special Guests Including Rob Siegel*
- 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM **Rob Siegel: Air Conditioning Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Registration**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Tune-Up Party @ Heinz Field**  
*PVGP Event*  
*Separate registration.*

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## Thursday, July 12

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **Registration**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Tire Rack Autocross**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Yokohama HPDE**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157  
There will be an optional vintage run group on Friday.
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Michelin Driving Experience**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157  
Separate registration required.  
Will announce when registration is open.
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Car Control Clinic**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **BMW CCA Foundation Charity Rides**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Lockton HPDE Insurance Trackside Lunch**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157  
Sponsor Lunch
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Free Format 2002 Tech Talk**  
*Sheraton Station Square*  
Meetup Led By Terry Sayther with Special  
Guests Including Rob Siegel
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **Registration**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Transportation to Carnegie Science Center**  
Dock
- 6:30 PM **Photo Contest Deadline**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Pirelli Dinner at Carnegie Science Center**  
Carnegie Science Center  
One Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Appetizer, Dinner, Dessert, Cash Bar
- 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Transportation to Sheraton Station Square**  
Dock

## Friday, July 13

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **Registration**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Yokohama HPDE**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157  
There will be an optional vintage run group on Friday.
- 8:30 AM **8:30 AM Bus Transportation and admission to Fallingwater**  
Transportation and admission for one.  
*Leaves from Sheraton Station Square*  
You will spend approximately 2-3 hours on the grounds with the house tour taking 1 hour of this time.  
There is a ¼ mile walk from the drop off site to the house.
- 9:00 AM **9:00 AM Driving Tour and admission to Fallingwater (2002s only)**  
Admission for one. 2002s only  
*Leaves from Sheraton Station Square*
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Michelin Hot Lap Rides**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157  
Separate registration required.  
Will announce when registration is open.
- 9:00 AM **9:00 AM Driving Tour and admission to Fallingwater**  
Admission for one.  
*Leaves from Sheraton Station Square*
- 10:00 AM **Door Prize Deadline**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 10:00 AM **Photo Contest People's Choice Deadline**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **BMW CCA Foundation Charity Rides**  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex  
201 Penndale Exd, Wampum, PA 16157
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM **Vendor Hall Reception**  
*Sheraton Station Square*
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **Robber Baron Themed Yokohama Dinner**  
Grand Concourse  
100 W Station Square Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Food selection



## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 14

- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **PVGP Corral**  
*German Hill, Schenley Park*  
Proceeds support Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Charities.
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Saturday Lunch**  
*German Hill, Schenley Park*  
Food selection
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM **BMW NA Dinner**  
with guest speaker  
*Sheraton Station Square*

### Sunday, July 15

- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **PVGP Corral**  
*German Hill, Schenley Park*  
Proceeds support Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Charities.
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Parade Laps**  
*German Hill, Schenley Park*  
No refunds.  
Proceeds support Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Charities.
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Sunday Lunch**  
*German Hill, Schenley Park*  
Trackside Lunch



The 2002 celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In honor, The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has chosen BMW to be the marque for this year's event.

# Historics at Pitt Race Nears

## BMW Being PVGP's 2018 Marque of the Year Shows Advantages

BY BRETT SUTTON  
Club Race Coordinator

Attention RACE fans! The Historics at Pitt Race is right around the corner. I am happy to announce that as of this moment we have a record breaking 76 Club Racers with an additional 14 "02" racers signed up for an incredible three days of racing.

Because BMW is the designated marque this year, we were able to schedule an additional run group. With two run groups, this means that most of the weekend there will be a BMW racing on the track.

Once again, the Allegheny Chapter will host a BMW car corral on Saturday and Sunday sponsored by BOBBY RAHAL BMW.

There is no cost for the corral. Simply come to the track, pay the gate admission, and enjoy a full day of great racing and catch up with some old friends.

Buffet lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be provided by BOB'S DINER CATERING. The cost for lunch is \$12 per person. To keep costs down, preregistration for lunch is not required. If you are planning on attending, please email or call me

a week or so in advance with how many lunches you would like on what day so that I can get an approximate count to the caterer.

As always, I am looking for a few volunteers to help out. Parking 90 race rigs will start on July 4 at 5:00 pm.

If you have ever been to a race it is like herding cats. The car corral setup will begin Thursday afternoon and tear down for the event will be on Sunday after the awards presentation. Call or email me if you can help out.

That's all for now. I can't think of a better way to kick off O'FEST in "DA BURG"

then to spend the day at a great race facility watching some awesome cars and drivers burn some high octane race fuel!

I hope to see you this summer. Please contact me at bsutton135i@gmail.com or 724-986-3000 for more info.

### BMW CAR CORRAL

**JULY 6-8**  
BUFFET LUNCH \$12  
FROM BOB'S  
DINER CATERING



# Club Tours Nemaquin

## Castles, Cars and Covered Wagons Excite at Annual Spring Drive

BY AL APEX

Our Spring Drive began with no rain – or SNOW! As we gathered in Cranberry to begin our journey, there was an excitement in the air for the drive. Our first drive of the year!

Emilio Veneziano was our Drive Master and discussed the course as it had been laid out. A spirited ride through the back roads of Cranberry before jumping on 79 and exiting Bridgeville to take route roads and more back roads to our final destination.



What could go wrong?

It started with our first point of separation and now

we are two groups. There were two tricky turns and at some point our two groups were go-

ing in different directions but somehow we all ended back on the on ramp to 79 within minutes of each other. Phew!

Once on 79, it began to rain...anyone who had flipped a coin the night before to wash their car in preparation for the drive just lost. After exiting 79 at Bridgeville for a bio break – in clear skies by the way, we continued on Route 50 to PA18 S and eventually to Route 40.

Route 40 was where our story gets interesting. The date of our Spring Drive was the same weekend as National Pike



## ROAD TRIP

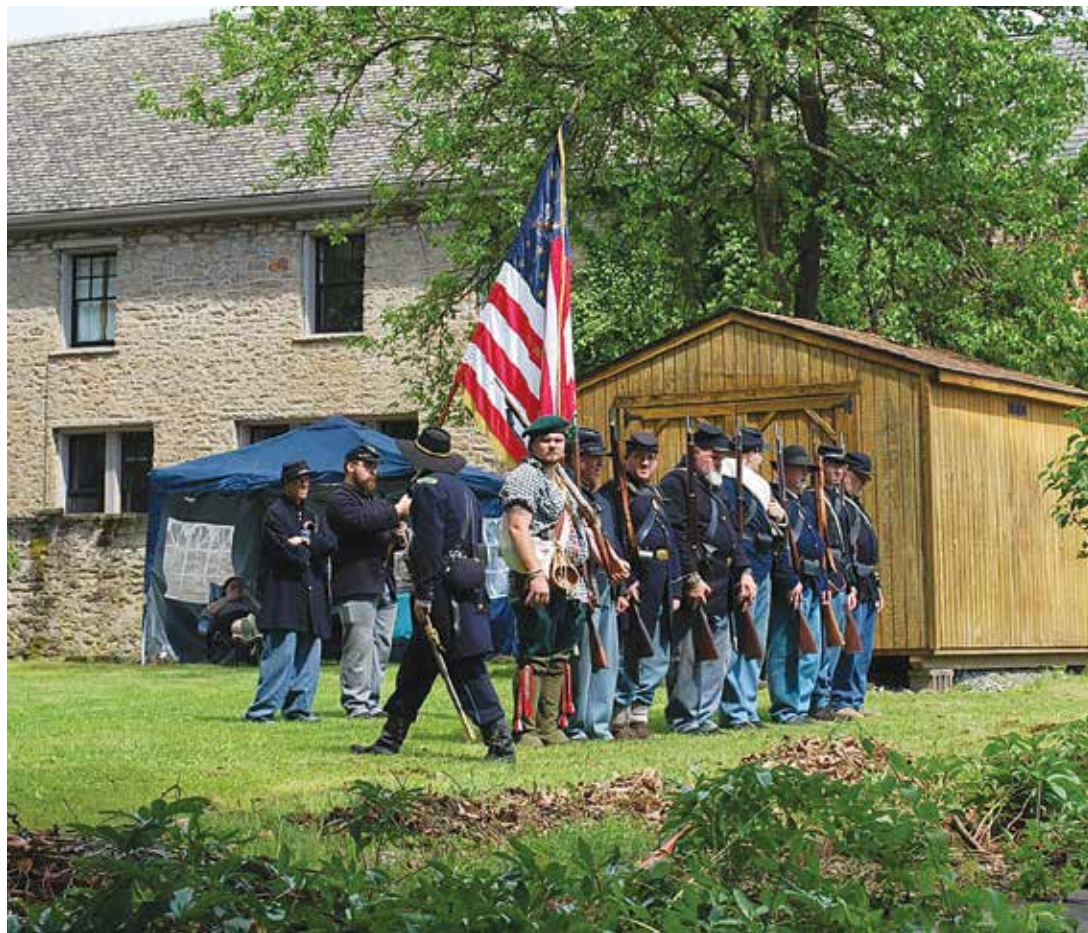
Days which celebrates Route 40 and would not be complete without a caravan of horse-drawn carriages along the original route. As our car caravan caught up to the horse caravan, we were forced to dodge the...ummm...how do I word this?...the “gifts” that the horses left behind.

Also, along the route were a number of vendors, yard sales and haphazard parking that added to the joy of the drive. I do not believe that we went any faster than the horses.

Upon our arrival at the castle, we found additional vendors on the grounds to visit while we waited for our tours to begin. We split into two groups – this time on purpose – to take a choice of tours. Historical tour or ghost tour?

The folks at the Bowman's Castle were able to accommodate each group at the same time, starting at different sections of the house.

Somewhere during the tour, there was an announcement made that it was raining and so the dash to the cars to put up windows and tops ensued. Resume tour and finish by running between the rain drops to the tent on the lawn for lunch.



Sharing stories over hamburgers, kielbasa, veggie wraps...and those amazing burger beans!

The day now complete... and everyone still all smiles!

Thank you to all who attended and especially to the first timers!

Always an adventure!





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**PLEASURE**  
IN EVERY  
**DRIVE**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Chapter Plans Party with Sand Dancefloor, Waterfalls

Annual August Get-Together Will Bounce from the Pool to the Beach



BY AL APEX

This year's August party will be at Rumfish Grille in Bridgeville. Their outdoor patio/beach area is the perfect setting for our get together on Saturday, August 11th.

The private party will be held from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We will have a food buffet, drinks and plenty of surprises.

The dance floor made of sand is ideal for a limbo contest. Bring your sunscreen and get ready! Keep an eye out on the website and vial email blast for further details as they become available.

Rumfish Beach is an outdoor bar, patio, and stage area providing the South Hills of Pittsburgh with the most unique entertainment experience around!

We have fifteen thousand square feet of outdoor space

with waterfalls, a sand filled beach dance floor, two bars, seven firepits, lounge seating, a main stage, beach games and an outdoor grille!

Rumfish Grille is located in the Great Southern Shopping Center.



### AUGUST PARTY

**SATURDAY,  
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1 - 5PM

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# Members Meet for Fourth Annual Dust-Off Event

Group Enjoys Short, Sweet Visit to Finleyville for Pancakes and Cider

BY AL APEX

A beautiful sunny Saturday morning was ordered for the Dust Off Event this year and it was delivered in spades!

As we all gathered at the Beach House Restaurant in Finleyville, everyone was smiles.

The Beach House is a cute little place off the beaten path that has amazing pancakes. Familiar faces and new filled their bellies and after a brief recap of upcoming events, etc., we all headed over to Trax Farms down the road.

Once at Trax Farms, we gathered at the bar inside the Arsenal Cider House Tasting room. Our hostess for the afternoon spoke about Aresenal, what and how they do what they do and poured samples



of their top sellers. After the tastings of her choice and of our own, a few purchased a

glass of their favorite tasting. After the raffle of a daily ration and the last sips from our

glasses, we departed to spend the rest of the day in the sun. Short and sweet.







## NEW MEMBERS

The Allegheny Chapter extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

### FEBRUARY 2018

**Brent Moon** – Wexford  
**Vince Burens** – Pittsburgh  
**Joseph Muraco** – Carnegie  
**Anthony Kovacs** – Pittsburgh  
**Brian Ludwig** – Pittsburgh  
**Norman Roy** – Boucherville QC  
**Greg Gounaris** – Cranberry  
**Matthew Anastasi** – Pittsburgh  
**Samuel Leaper** – Bridgeville  
**Gerald Brooks** – Daniel Island SC  
**Helen Goodman** – Pittsburgh  
**Mitchell Dugan** – Pittsburgh

### MARCH 2018

**Jeffrey Humes** – Gibsonia  
**Marcin Krieger** – Allison Park

### MARCH 2018

**David Smith** – Indiana  
**Mario Scaramouche** – Pittsburgh  
**Michael McCloskey** – Finleyville  
**Tom Corcoran** – Pittsburgh  
**Bill Korenich** – Pittsburgh

### APRIL 2018

**Todd Lathrop** – Oakdale  
**Jeremy Burnich** – Pittsburgh  
**Fabio Ruberto** – Evans City  
**Andy Fletcher** – Pittsburgh  
**John Saracena** – Johnstown  
**James Melnick** – South Park  
**Vijai Jaitley** – Pittsburgh  
**Bob Klasen** – Cochranston  
**Beth Forrai** – Latrobe  
**Bob Andrews** – Pittsburgh

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