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1931 Dodge Brothers sedan  
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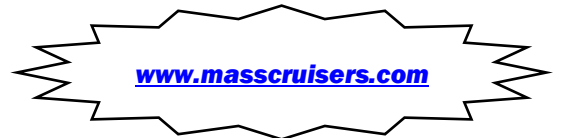
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## Board Musings

By Rich Armando



The Mass Cruisers have lost another member. John Bloom passed away on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. John will be remembered as a member who would do whatever task needed to be done whatever it was for our annual car shows we used to run or at our bi-weekly cruise night. As for all of the clubs members who have passed, they will be missed. Maybe you can take a few minutes to reflect on what they have meant to you and remember the good times that were spent with them all.

At this writing we have two more cruise nights in front of us. The next one on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> is the clubs annual trunk or treat cruise. As in the past we expect a lot of children in attendance along with adults and some cars dressed up in costume competing for the coveted prizes that Lorna Rabbitt and Diane Thornton have prepared. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

As fall closes in on us, the days become shorter and darkness comes quicker. At this time of year there are less car shows and cruise nights as everyone is winding down their season. It's time to move activities indoors. If you can think of a place the club might like to visit on a Saturday or Sunday let me know so we can schedule a visit. We are also looking for guest speakers to attend our monthly meetings. If you know of an interesting speaker willing to speak at one of our meetings let's book them for any of the upcoming months.

Another approaching function is the clubs anniversary party. Once again Fred Tierney has volunteered to organize this event. At this time we most likely will go with the tested and proven night out at the Norwood Theater unless someone comes up with a different idea that will work for the club. If you have some different ideas that the club might enjoy contact Fred with them, so you both can do some research to see if it's what the club would enjoy. The party is usually held in late March or April when there are less chances of snow storms which would affect attendance.

See everyone on October 5<sup>th</sup>.



## John Bloom Remembrance

By John Buchanan



It is a great loss when car clubs lose its long time members that help it to become recognized within the collector car community as a contributor to furthering the enjoyment of our hobby. John Bloom fits that description and despite John and his wife Nancy making their permanent retirement home in North Truro on the outer Cape Cod following their retirements, John from Verizon and Nancy from teaching at King Phillip Regional H.S., John would still plan his former Medway home maintenance runs to coincide with our Thursday cruise nights so he could pitch in and help where needed. Also, most older club members may not remember that it was John who came up with the idea of including sponsored 4" x 6" postcards that listed the current year's Bass Pro Shops cruise dates to be included along with our multi-page cruise flyers so participants could have a small handy reminder tucked in their car's visor or on their tool box or refrigerator. The first cover art used for the post cards was created by his Nancy's King Phillip Regional H. S. students in her computer graphics class using supplied file photos from our previous year's cruises. During John's retirement years on the Cape, he and Nancy would also be the cruise destination hosts for the annual multi-club U.S. Route 6 Provincetown weekend in October and, using his network connections as Assistant Harbor Master in neighboring Truro, he cleared the path to get permission for cruise participants to park our collector cars on Provincetown's MacMillan Pier during that weekend. John's presence will be sorely missed as his last earthly cruise has taken him to a new and glorious heavenly destination.



# September 7 Bass Pro Shops Cruise

By Diane Thornton



The night was HOT, HOT, HOT. We used a lot of ICE, ICE, ICE in the coolers and distributed drinks to Mass Cruiser volunteers all night! We didn't lose anyone from the heat... The 10' x 20' tent was set up next to the trailer and Steve Huntington brought a box fan and used D.J. Bruce Palmer's generator to power the fan under the awning for a wonderful "breeze" and was always populated with shade seekers! The high heat did keep a lot of car owners away. So, to minimize walking the cruise for us members, the far lot 14 was "shortened" to keep the show cars parked towards our trailer site. As a result, we had a "full-looking" lot with more than 424 show cars (by clicker-counter count at the Food Pantry entrance) with an estimated 500 to 600 cruise cars showing up for the night. Despite the heat, the featured Buick Club had a good showing, but not the 30 or more they were expecting. We even have a new member application in hand! Mass Cruiser Club members were also treated to our new "Mass Cruiser member" window cling ovals which were distributed to those in attendance. More of the "member" clings will be available at subsequent club meetings and cruises for those who couldn't make this cruise.



**Variety of the vehicles attending the Bass Pro Shops cruises at Patriot Place has been the main attraction for many car owners and auto enthusiasts alike.**





## September 7 Cruise Winner 1956 Chevrolet L30

By Steve Vining



On a hot night like our September 7 cruise was, who would have expected to see a highly customized Chevrolet 1 TON L30 Silverado come crab-crawling along the entrance road using its hydraulic articulated steering system, similar to what is used in construction haulers, Well Don Dupras, owner of J & D Auto Repair and Dr. D. Towing from Fall River, wheeled his awesome looking creation into the cruise to everyone's delight:

[https://youtu.be/NObGYP\\_nDRs](https://youtu.be/NObGYP_nDRs) Don started building his dream ride back in 2018. In addition to unique features like a drop down ladder needed to climb into the cab, chrome plated water fired fire extinguishers and barrel ice cooler in the truck bed and twin nitrous bottles on the back of the cab used for 15 psi boost to get an additional 150 HP from the LS6 454 "King of the Road" big block V8, the amount of chromed parts, from the radiator cap which started it all to the two 18 gallon gas tanks is just a feast for the eyes. He also hauled this monster truck to our cruise on an original 20,000 mile 1986 GMC Platform truck that he transformed from a fire truck used at Mount Wachuset. Don's creative talent was well rewarded with the Vintage Motor-sports sponsored cruiser of the night plaque. Look for another of Don's creation at our October 19 cruise.





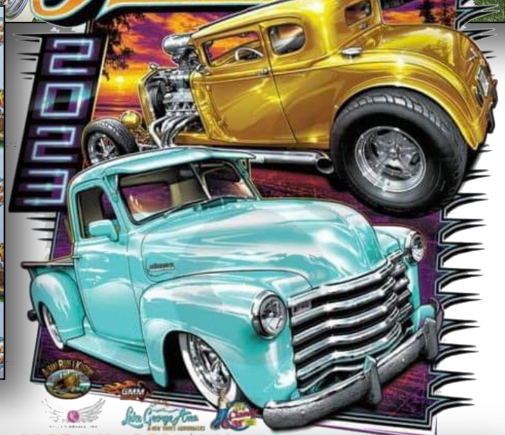
# September Weekend Cruise Events

By John Buchanan

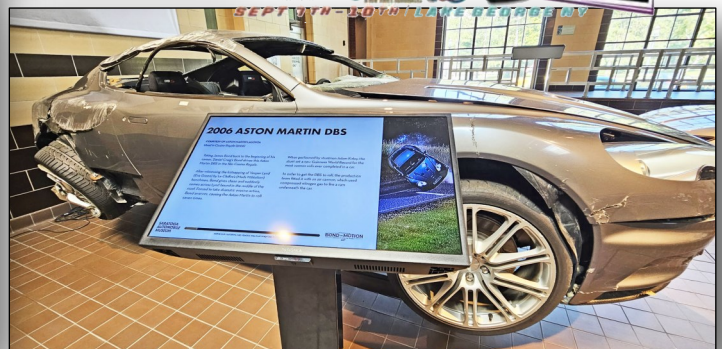


The **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondack Nationals**, Thursday Sept. 7 thru Sunday Sept. 9, car show held at the Fort William Henry Resort in the village of Lake George, NY attract a number of our Bass Pro Shops cruise regulars and club members which conflicts with our Thursday Sept. 7 Bass Pro Shops Cruise. Thankfully, members not going to the Adirondack Nationals step up each year to lend a hand to run the cruise which went off without a hitch despite the extreme hot weather, without a hitch. But there is no denying that the Adirondack Nationals weekend show attracts many regular attendees, year after year, because the overall experience both inside the show grounds and along the two-mile cruise along Canada and Beach Street circle on Friday and Saturday nights. And, we can't forget the burn-outs up the hill fronting the Fort Henry Resort that attracts the Warren County Sheriff and New York State Police enforcement ticketing of the scofflaws. We typically cruise over the back roads to Lake George on Wednesday leaving Thursday before all the fun gets serious a free day to explore the area after picking up our registration packets.

This year I went to the Saratoga Springs Auto Museum to see the "Bond in Action" display which was one of the best presentations I've ever experienced. They had the movie scenes playing on individual video platforms from the films each of the displayed vehicles appeared. *Continued on Page 7*



**Former Mass Cruiser Hugh Lahey's 1925 "T" Bucket took the BEST HOT ROD award**





# September Weekend Cruise Events

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The annual September 15-16 weekend **Old Orchard Beach Cruise & Car Show** threatened by Hurricane Lee with forecasted heavy winds and rain resulted in the Saturday Car Show being cancelled resulting in some club members canceling their planned weekend reservations at the Edgewater Hotel while others shortened their stay for the Friday cruise. We also left their show cars home in favor of bringing our daily drivers. As a result, the normally packed Friday cruise on Old Orchard Street was lighter than normal but still worth the long drive with a beautiful calm before the storm which turned out to be a lot less than forecast, thankfully. We also enjoyed a Friday evening meal together at the Saco Biddeford Country Club where Lou Valentine's son-in-law is the chef. Saturday and Sunday became a do-what-you-want weekend. I opted to chase down a lead to test drive a '91 Mustang LS posted for sale on a jeep at the Friday cruise that's now parked in my garage formerly occupied by my '31 Dodge (cover pic) which found a new home back in Texas. Although I lost track of what other club members were doing for the weekend, we rebooked our rooms for 2024.



Hey gang, where are the cruise cars lining up?



Old Orchard Street in Old Orchard Beach is where it's at on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September

It was great to once again see cars from our Canadian neighbors at Old Orchard Beach like this gorgeous custom 1940 Cadillac Opera Coupe from Quebec.





## September 21 Cruise Winner 1959 Edsel Ranger

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Our September 21 Bass pro Shops cruise enjoyed the best weather yet for getting out and CRUIZN over to Patriot Place in Foxborough. All parking lots filled early including overflow lots 12 and 20. And, out of all the great rides that showed up, one that was on everyone's camera phone was Dennis Murphy's custom 1959 Edsel Ranger. I found two photos in my 2019 Boston World of Wheels photo archives taken of his Edsel when it was displayed there in it's beautiful RED & BLACK paint finish. What prompted the change after five years of ownership? Dennis had this vision of wanting an old school 1960's mild custom in Wimbledon White so, taking advantage of the pandemic, he dismantled the car in his one car 10' x 20' garage and on went the new Wimbledon White & metal flake black along with a huge dose of '60's era scallop detail treatment. The door handles were shaved but the 292 "Y" block engine was retained but dressed up in keeping with it's new image.



2019 World of Wheels



Several J.C. Whitney catalog era parts like the chromed pipe sets on the rear shelf, curb feelers and steering wheel love knob adorn the car. Then there's that original Shure 55S Unidyne Microphone, also mounted on the rear shelf, that was transformed into a third taillight. Super cool!







## September 21 Cruise Winner Air 1969 Chevelle SS 396

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With a couple of extra Vintage Motorsports of Holliston sponsored cruiser awards available due to previous cruise rain cancellations and, where there was a large turnout of cars and owners from the featured Tri-Five Chevy's and Northeast Chevelle Owners car clubs, our cruise director Bob Hines came up with the great idea to invite the members from each of these two clubs to select their favorite car from the other club's show vehicles. Showcased here first is the Tri-Five Chevy owners selection of Bill Trask's 1969 Chevelle SS 396 which had undergone a frame off restoration in flawless black finish with factory SS striping six years ago. Bill, who hails from Newton, MA, has been it's current caretaker for the past three years.

The 1969 Chevelle SS 396 coupes are much sought after because it was a one year post model believed to have been created by the General to compete with the popular Plymouth Road Runners but, with only an estimated 1400 built, these rare models have become much sought after by Chevelle collectors.

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## September 21 Cruise Winner 1957 Chevrolet Bel

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So, the Chevelle owners, in turn, selected a fully optioned Coral & White 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air owned by Rick Souza who drove down from Tewksbury, MA. In the sea of 1957 Chevy Bel Airs parked in amongst the two rows of Tri-Five Chevy's, how do you pick out one outstanding model from another? I think there is nothing that speaks of 1950's cool more than a 1957 Bel Air sporting a Continental spare combined with a 50's era color combination like this two-tone Canyon Coral and India White winning example. With over 700,000 Bel Airs built in 1957 and being favored by car collectors it isn't any wonder we see so many well preserved 1957 examples at our cruise nights.



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OCT 7,,GREENWICH RI,,FALL STEAM UP SHOW,,1300 FRENCHTOWN RD,,,,,,,,,,,,,[cruisinbruce.com](http://cruisinbruce.com),,BRUCE,,401 862-2719  
OCT 7,,N. EASTON,,BORDERLAND PARK CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT MANSION 259 MASSAPOAG AVE 10-2,,[friendsofborderland.org](http://friendsofborderland.org)  
OCT 7-8,,STOW,,WW2 RE-ENACTMENT (TANKS, MILITARY ETC),,,COLLINGS FOUNDATION/ BARTON RD,,8-4:30,,978 562-9182  
OCT 8,,ASSONET,,FREETOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL CAR SHOW,,ONE SLAB BRIDGE RD.,,RTE. 53,,9-2,,JOHN 774-353-6625  
OCT 8,,BRIDGEWATER,,MOPARS OF MASS ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW,,BLACK HAT BREW WORKS,, 25 SCOTLAND BLVD,, 10-2  
OCT 8,,BRIDGEWATER,,CRUISE TO BERLIN CT FALL CLASSIC CAR SHOW ,,7:45AM BRIDGEWATER START @ RTE 24 SOUTH REST AREA ,,8:25 BELLINGHAM WALMART, 250 HARTFORD AVE,,8:50 WESTBOROUGH SERVICE PLAZA MASS PIKE I-90,,9:40 STURBRIDGE PILOT SERVICE STATION 400 HAYNES ST,,10AM TOLLAND CT TOLLAND PARK/RIDE TOLLAND STAGE RD,,10:30 FINAL STOP THE SHOWDOWN 151 WEBSTER SQ BERLIN CT,,SHOW STARTS AT 10 AM - 2 PM  
OCT 8,,BROOKLINE,,TRANSPORTERFEST DAY,,AT THE MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION,,,,,,,,,[larzanderson.org](http://larzanderson.org),617 816-6138  
OCT 8,,HANOVER,,PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEP. SHERIFF'S CAR SHOW,,EMILSON YMCA,,RTE. 53,,9-1 <https://fb.me/e/1mziEchpl>  
OCT 8,,IPSWICH,,IMPORTS ONLY & IPA'S CAR SHOW,,TRUE NORTH ALE COMPANY,,118 COUNTY RD.,,11 AM-1PM  
OCT 8,,ORANGE,,BOB HARRIS JR MEMORIAL CAR SHOW AT THE AIRPORT,,8-2PM,,NO CLASSES,,JUST ENJOY,,978 544-3426  
OCT 8,,SWAMPSCOTT,,CLASSIC CARS BY THE SEA,,TOWN HALL,,22 MONUMENT AVE,,10-2PM,,,,,,,,,DANIELLE,,781 596-8854  
OCT 8,,WHITMAN,,GREAT PUMPKIN CLASSIC CAR SHOW,,HIGH SCHOOL 600 FRANKLIN ST 10-2,,LISA,508-954-6759  
OCT 8,,JOHNSTON RI,,46TH ANN RISRA TOYS/TOTS RUN-JOHNSTON WAR MEM PK 1583 HARTFORD AVE,,DAVE,,401 826-3809  
OCT 9-13,,NEWPORT RI to BAR HARBOR ME,,LEAVES TO LOBSTER RALLY,,<http://www.ramblerrallies.com/leavesandlobstersrally>  
OCT 14,,WORCESTER,,FOOD TRUCK AND CRAFT BEER FESTIVALS,,POLAR PARK,,11-2PM,,4-7PM,,[polarpark.com/foodtrucks](http://polarpark.com/foodtrucks)  
OCT 14,,MIDDLEBORO,,GATHERING FAITHFUL,,22ND NEW ENG. SPEED MTG PIERCE PLAYGND 26 JACKSON ST,,508-888-3103  
OCT 14,,MIDDLEBORO,,B.C.PONY CLUB CRUISE-IN TO EDVILLE,,MEET AT FRIENDLY'S,,40 BEDFORD ST.,,LEAVE@ 12:15 -12:30  
OCT 14-15,,IPSWICH,,VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB/AMERICA,,CASTLE HILL PRE WAR CLIMB,,,,,,,,[vscca.org](http://vscca.org),,ED,,860-355-1804  
OCT 14-15,,SUTTON,,ANN. FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND SUN. CAR SHOW-WATERS FARM 53 WATERS ST 10-4PM,,BRUCE,,401 862-2719  
OCT 15,,ATTLEBORO,,ANNUAL FALL MASS CAR CLUBS SHOW,,LASALETTE SHRINE 947 PARK ST,,8-3:30,MIKE,,978 509-8564  
OCT 15,,AUBURN,,HIGH OCTANE CLASSICS CARS AND COFFEE 9-1,,141 WASHINGTON ST,,508 859-4515  
OCT 15,,AUBURN,,NEW ENGLAND DODGE VIPER OWNERS 143 WASHINGTON ST 9AM TO 2PM,,GREGG,,508 320-8876  
OCT 15,,BROOKLINE,,JAPANESE CAR/MOTORCYCLE DAY MUSEUM/TRANSPORTATN,,15 NEWTON ST,,617 522-6547  
OCT 15,,SALISBURY MA,,KINGPINS FALL SHO,,AT THE BEACH,,72/OLDER RODS/CUSTOMS 10-5,,RICH,,978 852-1264  
OCT 15,,WIEYMOUTH,,SPINDLES AUTO CLUB OPEN HOUSE,,110 EAST ST.,,10 AM -4 PM  
OCT 15,,WILLMINGTON,,DOMINATORS SONS OF ITALY CAR SHOW 142 MIDDLESEX AVE/TOWN LOT,,9-2,,,,,,,,,JIM,,781 929-0035  
OCT 17-22,,P-TOWN,,YANKEE LAMBDA CHAPTER CAR SHOW & CONVEN.,,<http://www.yankeelcc.com>,,MARK,,978 546-3680  
OCT 21,,BROOKLINE,,EXTINCT VEHICLE DAY,,THE MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION,,15 NEWTON ST,,617 522-6547  
OCT 22,,BROOKLINE,,STUDEBAKER DAY,,THE MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION,,15 NEWTON ST,,617 522-6547  
OCT 21,,DUNSTABLE,,AACA,,BEAN POT FALL MEET & TOUR, RED SCHOOL 64 MAIN,,1998 OLDER,, 10:30,,DAN,,781 248-7410  
OCT 22,,*rain date* WALTHAM,,MOTORHEADS CLASSIC CAR SHOW,,GORE PLACE 52 GORE ST,7-2:30PM,,DAVID,,508 633-2525  
OCT 22,,*rain date* WALTHAM,,PRE - WORLD WAR 2 and METZ CAR SHOW/METZ REUNION,,508 320-8876  
OCT 22,,*rain date* WALTHAM,,WOODY WAGONS AT GORE PLACE,,52 GORE ST,,IF U NEED INFO,,CALL 508 320-8876  
OCT 22,,*rain date* WALTHAM,,CARS & COSPLAY 2023 AT GORE PLACE,,52 GORE ST,,7 AM - 2:30 PM  
OCT 22,,WALTHAM,,THE BENTLY CAR CLUB'S CARS ON BENTLY,,BENTLY UNIV.,,175 FOREST ST.,,10 AM - 1 PM  
OCT 28,,AUBURN,,HIGH OCTANE CLASSICS N EN GENERAL MOTORS G BODY MEET,,141 WASHINGTON ST,,9-3,,508 859-4515  
OCT 28,,MIDDLEBORO TRUNK OR TREAT @ MIDDLEBORO VFW,,12 STATION ST.,,3 PM  
OCT 29,,WOBBURN,,LIONS CLB 66TH ANN HALLOWEEN PARADE 1PM,,[woburnlionsclub.org/AnnualHalloweenParade.cfm](http://woburnlionsclub.org/AnnualHalloweenParade.cfm)  
NOV 5,,EVERYWHERE,,DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2AM,,TURN THE CLOCKS BACK,,,,,,,,,,,,,978 555-1212  
**\*NOV 5,,HARRISVILLE, RI,,ANNUAL GATHERING OF CLUBS,,WRIGHT'S FARM RESTAURANT,,11 AM,,RESERVE YOUR SEATING TIME**