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2024 Monthly Business meetings are usually held in the Bass Pro Shops Conservation Room on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Visitors, guests and those interested in joining the Mass Cruisers Auto Club are welcome to attend one of these monthly meetings.

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Board Musings

By Rich Armando



By the time you are reading this 2024 will be here. I hope you have a great, successful and safe New Year. The coming months leading into our cruise season will be busy.

The January meeting on the **16th will be our annual business meeting. John Buchannan has the caterer all signed up to provide the food for the buffet. They have catered the food the past few years and have done a great job. Since it will be held in the Bass Pro Shops Conservation Room (lower floor). We need a head count because there will be limited seating so make sure you sign up early if you plan to attend. This will mostly be more of a social meeting since a lot of the actual club business will be tabled till February. If you have worked the cruise nights, hopefully you will be attending so you can pick up your thank you gift from the club that Bob Hines and myself will be passing out. Also the 2023 Cruiser of the Year selection will be made by 2022 recipient John Griffin and several of our major cruise sponsors will be attending to receive our club's thank you plaques.

For our February meeting Fred Tierney has arranged for Jeff Olivera, co-owner of Zoom Classic Cars. to be a guest speaker right after we have pizza. Several members have had very good experiences with using Jeff's services to sell their cars so this looks like it will be an informative and enjoyable presentation. February will most likely will be a cold winter night so this is a good way to spend an evening.

As most of you already know the club has agreed to set up a club display at a new trade show called the "World On Wheels" being held inside the field house at Patriots Place the weekend of March 22, 23, and 24th. We will need members to sit at our club table to promote the Mass Cruisers, our hobby and the charitable efforts we do for the local food pantries and area vocational technical high schools. Also, we will be hosting the small engine build-off on Saturday and possibly again on Sunday afternoon. See page 9 for our report on December guest speaker, World On Wheels Sales Manager Bob Slater's presentation. More detailed info will be forthcoming next month. Please think about what day and times you can commit to and let myself or any other board members know.

Moving on to April, it also will be a busy month. Our anniversary party as organized by Fred Tierney will be held on ***Saturday April 6th. Fred will be following up with the final details shortly. Several weeks later we will officially kick off the Mass Cruisers Thursday Bass Pro Shops cruise nights on April 18th.

Upcoming 2024 Car Show & Swap Meet Events



2024 Car Shows & Events Page

Events of interest that MASS CRUISERS Club members regularly support and attend are asterisked *

We use https://massautoclubs.org/maynard-area-event-listing to build a localized list; use it for more listings beyond this are

NOTE: This list of shows & events is our best effort to keep you informed; check with event organizers to be sure they are still ON.

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Piston Palace Tour PART II

By John Buchanan

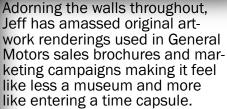


Because the private Piston Palace Museum host Jeffery Goldstein limits scheduled group tours to no more than 10 guests at a time and, there were club members like me who could not make Fred Tierney's November 4 museum tour, a second group of club members were able to attend a PART II tour on December 2. We followed the same format Fred worked out successfully for the November tour, starting at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at Chelo's Restaurant in Warwick on U.S. Route 1 across from T.F. Greene Airport.

Host Jeff Goldstein also had a few of his close hobby friends that help him restore and curate his growing collection of vehicles and unique General Motors Studio artwork and models join the tour of his collection which

is housed in three different buildings. The first one is the garage and office area where he works on his vehicles and projects—shown at the right where his low mileage 1972 Chevy C10 pickup and his wife's unique bumper car bodied custom golf cart is parked. The second recreated area is the 1960's era GM showroom floor where examples of classics ranging from a 1960 Cadillac Coupe DeVille to a 1966 Corvette Coupe, shown below, are showcased.





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Steve Huntington gave Jeff a 1960 "Words we Live By" booklet for his collection. It documents the history of Cadillac's famous wreath and crest logo









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By John Buchanan

One of Jeff's latest displays of interest to me was his new hot rod shop building containing examples of rare classic early hot rods and customs that includes the iconic George Barris built 1963 Buick Riviera a.k.a. "Villa Riviera" whose step-by-step creation was documented in Hot Rod Magazine's Custom Car Yearbook. Additionally, Jeff obtained the late Buddy George's extensive club dash plaque collection which he has curated and displayed by states and regions along the walls of the building to which we added our own Mass

Cruisers Car Club plaque. Also, being a Saturday morning, several of Jeff's classic car buddies and neighbors were on hand including and old time hot rodder named Walt who stopped by with his favorite ride, a very rare 1934 dual side mount Ford Roadster outfitted with every available option that Henry made available that year. What a treat for a former teenaged 1933 Roadster & 1934 The Hot Rod building collection of historic hot rods and customs Ford Coupe owner like me. A working 1947 Wurlitzer Juke box plays 78 records

George Barris documented build of the 1963 Buick "Villa Riviera" was featured in Hot Rod Magazine's Custom Car Yearbook Adding our
Mass Cruisers
Car Club
plaque to the
Piston Palace
collection.



50th Annual Daytona Turkey Run

By Fred Tierney



This year's milestone 50th Annual Daytona Turkey Run, a tradition each year over the Thanksgiving weekend, is held since 1989 in the Daytona Speedway 180 acre infield area. The expansive area includes a daily car show of some 4,000 to 5,000 show cars and trucks, a sold out car coral of 1,500 vehicles, some 2,000 vendors and flea market sellers and over 150,000 spectators that ran from Friday November 23 through Sunday November 26. My brother-in-law and I have attended each year for the past 6 or 7 years. It is a fantastic show that I cannot walk and fully appreciate in one day. This year, I made a point of meeting and talking with "Bad Chad & Jolene" custom builders from Nova Scotia as well as "Joe and Mandi Martin". We spent a cold and off-and-on rainy day on Friday and only saw about half the show, but it is worth the trip and we'll be back again for the 2024 show.



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Daytona Turkey Run History

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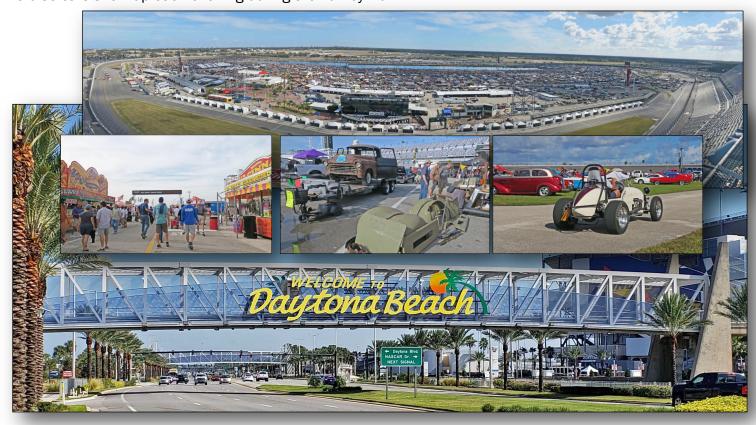
The Daytona Turkey Run was created in 1974 by the Daytona Beach Street Rods association. The club's president Stu Sarjeant had previously attempted to enter his 1923 Ford Hot Rod in the Ormond Beach 1973 Gaslight Parade but was denied as no modified cars were permitted. Sarjeant said, "My four-year-old son started to cry, and we decided right then and there we would have a show of our own. And that's exactly what we did the following year." The first Turkey Run hosted 45 cars and was held at the Howard Johnson hotel across from Bellair Plaza.

Continuing to grow, the show moved to Seabreeze High School in 1982 and added a swap meet. By 1987 The Turkey Run had grown to more than 900 cars and relocated to a property at the Daytona Beach airport.

In 1989 the Daytona Beach Street Rods association partnered with the Daytona Beach Racing and Recreational Facilities District and found a permanent home in the infield of the Daytona International Speedway. By this time, the show had grown to over 1,520 show-quality cars and 250 swap meet vendors. Building on the success of the Thanksgiving weekend Turkey Run, the Spring Daytona Turkey Run was created in 1990. The show welcomed more than 800 cars in its first year.

Currently, the Daytona Turkey Run hosts nearly 7,000 vintage, classic, muscle, racecars, and trucks for show and sale in the fall and over 2,000 in the spring. In addition, Turkey Run participants and show attendees and are treated to a massive swap meet in which vendors sell and trade hard-to-find auto parts and accessories, Artisan Alley, entertainment, and a full carnival midway atmosphere of food vendors. Admission starts at \$20 in the fall and \$15 in the spring and parking is free. Children under 11 are free when accompanied by an adult. The show hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Bellair Plaza continued to be filled with show cars each evening following the daytime Turkey Run as well as cruising back and forth along the Daytona Beach's A1A beach front hotels. But in recent years due to the massive traffic problems at the Plaza, the nightly cruise scene has moved across the street from the Daytona Speedway at the One Daytona shopping plaza where there is ample parking and hundreds of cruise cars show up each evening during the Turkey Run.





Saugus Fuddruckers "THE FINAL CRUISE"

by John Buchanan



I was never able to make the weekly Tuesday cruise on U.S. Rte. 1 in Saugus which would be a 48 mile white-knuckle drive from Attleboro through Boston via the Southeast Expressway and over the Mystic River Bridge, when the nearby Tuesday Slater Park Cruise is only a 6 mile leisurely drive over back roads. But when I got a post about "THE FINAL CRUISE" being held on Sunday December 17th from 10 AM to 12 PM, I couldn't pass it up. Both my CRUIZN cars were out of commission, the '61 Chevy for a transmission rebuild and '91 Mustang driver side door apart waiting for new door latch delivery, so it was my daily driver pickup. When the traffic volume is low like it is on Sunday mornings, there is no better urban scenic drive than taking I-93 North past Dorchester Bay, diving under Boston's skyline and Rose Kennedy Greenway inside the "Big Dig" tunnel system, crossing over the Charles River basin on the Zakim bridge then over the Mystic River on the 2 mile long Tobin bridge and onto U.S. Route 1 in Saugus. NOTE for the next time I drive this route: mount the phone camera on the dash and record the experience.

Back to Fuddruckers. I estimate there were at least 100—120 cars and trucks, mostly modern iron, that showed up in the back parking lots behind Fuddruckers. I've never seen so many Honda's in one place. There were exotics, Lamborghini, McLaren, Porsche & Mercedes AMG, a couple of interesting Mazda Rotary SUV's, a gull wing Mr2 with no skins and a lone1963 Chevy low rider, not my typical cruise-in car show.

It's always a downer when an area like this iconic stretch of U.S. Route 1 in Saugus, former home to the revered 1950's era Adventure Car Hop, loses a popular weekly cruise like the Fuddruckers cruise has been, off and on, for the past 30 years. Hopefully another will pop up in 2024.





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"WORLD ON WHEELS" Guest Speaker

by John Buchanan

Rich Armando noted at the November monthly meeting the Mass Cruisers are going to participate in the new event at Gillette Stadium, the World On Wheels Showcase, that will be held inside the Socios.com Field House, a.k.a. "the bubble", from Friday March 22 through Sunday March 24. Bob Slater who is the event's Sales Manager was our December 16 monthly meeting guest speaker for this event which bills itself as "The Show For Cars, Trucks, Cycles, ATV's, UTV's & RV's" PLUS: Everything Automotive Enthusiasts Need to Style, Restore & Preserve Vehicles! Bob came to tell us the different ways our club can plan partici-

pate as well as displaying our cars at the event to help them to contribute to its success. Unlike some events where weather can be a major factor when driving your car to display at an indoor venue and also removing it following the event, Bob believes they will have more leeway from a timing standpoint at the Patriot Place bubble. The Mass Cruisers will have an information table set up for those interested in joining the club and also have the 2024 Cruise T-Shirts available for sale as well as post cards with the 2024 Bass Pro Shops cruise schedule.

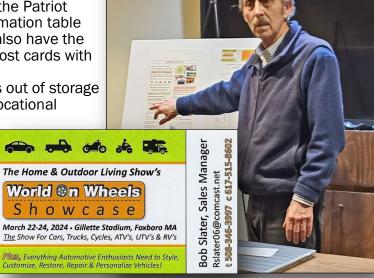
Bob Hines will be getting the club's 208 cc engines out of storage and refurbing them for a return of the Technical/Vocational

School small engine build-off competition to be held on Saturday afternoon. Blue Hills Regional, Norfolk County Agricultural and the Outer Cape Regional Schools have already expressed interest in fielding teams for this 2024 Challenge that will be sponsored by the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation and the Stonewall Insurance Group. Thank you Bob for inviting the Mass Cruisers to participate in your new Gillette Stadium event at Patriot Place if Foxborough.

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> Guest Speaker Bob Slater reviews plans for the World On Wheels Showcase in March 2024

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