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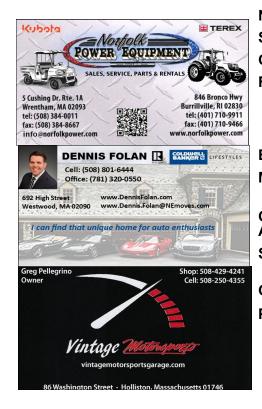
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2022 Monthly Business meetings are held in the Bass Pro Shops Conservation Room on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. There are no COVID restrictions and visitors, guests and those interested in joining the Mass Cruisers Auto Club are welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings.

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By Rich Armando

At the time of this writing Christmas and Hanukkah will be behind us. I hope you and your family enjoyed your holiday. As we move into the winter months it is important to attend our monthly meetings which will help the time pass until we are out and about attending cruise nights and car shows. In order to help pass the time we plan to have a guest speaker each month till the spring. Starting in January we have our annual business meeting. For newer members this is mostly a social meeting. We will quickly run through some club business that needs to be presented and then commence with the socializing. At this meeting we will hand out the thank you gifts to every member who worked our Autofest show, so hopefully you will be able to attend to pick up your gift. If you were not able to attend the show you are most welcome and should still attend this meeting and enjoy a catered buffet with your fellow members along with the social aspect of the club. In February member John Griffin will put on a talk about his other hobby, flying remote control helicopters. Depending on how much time each presenter needs we could possibly have two speakers per night. In the following months we have another member Greg Pope who owns the Pope Insurance Agency in Plainville and is one of our long time Major Sponsors for the Bass Pro Shops cruises at Patriot Place. Greg will talk about the types of insurance collector car owners need to know and will give you some important information about what you should look for when you purchase insurance as there are changes that are made by the insurance carriers every year. Keep in mind this is not intended as a sales pitch. Greg likes to inform everyone about the types of insurance choices available to you whether you go through his agency or whoever you are with now. There are other sponsors who support our club

that are interested in attending our monthly meetings to discuss other topics of interest with us also. Keep in mind that if you have a topic which would be of interest to the rest of the club and would like to give a short presentation please let me know so that we can pencil you in. With the New Year upon us this last weekend of 2021. I hope everyone has a great start to the New Year and that it continues throughout the year. Remember have fun and stay safe. Happy New Year!



By John Buchanan EDITORIAL

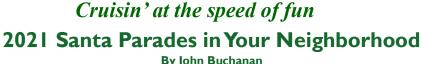
This is the time of year when we start marking our 2022 calendars for those weekend away scheduled car events and start making plans to attend. In some cases it also involves making sure hotel rooms are booked if reservations were not rolled over from 2021. A few events that our club members routinely put on their calendars are the Adirondack Nationals (Sept. 8 – 11, 2022) at Lake George, NY; the Old Orchard Beach Cruise & Car Show (look for Steve Huntington's email for the announced dates & host hotel); the Burlington VT NSRA Northeast Nationals (Sept. 23–25, 2022). In the case of Lake George, event registrations are typically sold out every year and hotel reservations are scarce so planning this event has to be taken care of in advance usually by April.

Then there are those bucket list events we tend to keep in the back of our minds. A couple of repeat long distance ones are being looked into by Bruce Berry and me to do again in 2022; The MSRA "Back to the 50's 2022 (https://msrabacktothe50s.com) in St. Paul, MN, June 17-19; billed as the largest car show in America with over 10,000 show car registrants, this is a 3 day cruise to and 3 days return from New England. And "Cruisin' the Coast" (https://cruisinthecoast.com) October 2-9 to Biloxi, MS, billed as America's Largest Block Party. This will be a 4 day cruise to and 4 days to return. Both of these cruise events may not be for everyone, but were definitely past bucket list journeys worth repeating. So, if you are up for it, let us know. Does anyone else have one of these bucket list cruise events in the works that they'd like to have company?





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By John Buchanan

Just when we think it's about time to park the car for the winter after Thanksgiving, the Facebook feeds start asking for antique vehicles to come out and join the different community Christmas and Santa Parades that are promoted by local small business associations. Back before the malls and major retail stores dotting the New England landscape came up with their own Santa's, our small city would erect a small Santa's House on the common and hold a big parade to bring Santa to his house on the common where all the kids would then line up to go inside with their memorized list of toys wanted for Christmas. The little Santa house on the common is long gone but the local parades are still around to generate the excitement of the season. And thanks to global warming this year the roads have remained clear of snow and the dreaded salt that forces early winter collector car hibernations. Our clubmembers that hadn't yet parked their cars away for the winter were eager to get back out on the road for one last cruise to their local parades in Walpole, Mansfield, North Attleboro, Attleboro and Taunton which we have some pictures to share.



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2021 Santa Parades in Your Neighborhood

By John Buchanan





The weather cooperated for all the Santa parades in the local area towns that members participated in. And it the case of the, largest parade being held in Taunton, the day enjoyed perfect weather and, when Bob Walton showed up in his parade ready top-down 1968 Caddy, organizers seated the Grand Marshall, retired Taunton Police Detective Warren Offley, in the front passenger seat to lead the 2021 parade.

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John Buchanan's 1961 Impala caught on cable TN

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Memory Lane INFLATION

By John Buchanan

WALL STREET JOURNAL: "U.S. inflation hit a three-decade high in October 2021, delivering widespread and sizable price increases to households for everything from groceries to cars due to persistent supply shortages and strong consumer demand. The Labor Department said the consumer-price index—which measures what consumers pay for goods and services—increased in October by 6.2% from a year ago. That was the fastest 12-month pace since 1990 and the fifth straight month of inflation above 5%."

Recently many have experienced new car dealers offering buy-back trade in prices equal to what was paid for the vehicle when new and in some cases even higher than original purchase price. This is unprecedented but with the computer chip shortage for many new vehicle models brought on by the industry misjudging demand for new vehicles along with the COVID shutdowns and quarantines affecting the supply chain we were heading for a major disruption. Computers started to be widely used in automobiles in the early 1970's, the first being Volkswagen in 1968 for their fuel injection control system, and today vehicles will have as many as 35 to 50 microcomputer chips. And, of course, microchips are found today in everything from our appliances to smart phones. Throw in the multi trillion dollar U.S. Government relief which is fueling demand by consumers and we have a formula for inflation. How bad can it get?

I'm no economist by any stretch of the imagination, but all it takes for me is to look at the past to get an idea what we may be in for. In my look back examples from 50 years ago, I collected some picture ads that say more about how much our country and life styles have changed.





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A little over 50 years ago the fixed gold standard price of \$35 per ounce ended on August 25, 1971 and the dollar was no longer backed by silver or gold. Gold today has been consistently trading between \$1,700—\$2,000 per ounce for the past year.

The average price of imported oil was around a regulated price of \$3.20 per barrel in the early 70's before the OPEC oil embargo's began. Since then oil has spiked to over \$100 in 2011/12 and is currently around \$66 per barrel.

The average price of a new car in 1972 was \$3,500 while a new car in 2022, well you know what they cost. On the low end, that \$1895 1971 Pinto shown below would probably be equivalent today to a 2022 Chevrolet Spark at \$14,595. That same used 1971 Pinto can still be had for around \$2,500..INFLATION.



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by John Buchanan

We started 2021 hopeful that the COVID phased restrictions implemented throughout the country would be eased by the time our April Bass Pro Shops cruises at Patriot Place started. But we were faced instead with phased vaccine rollouts in February & March followed by the painfully slow easing of social distancing restrictions. Smaller cruises were able to start in April and May using strict contact tracing protocol protocols for participants but it wasn't until June 3 that were finally given the go ahead for our own cruises at Patriot Place to start and were able to hold 9 of the 15 planned cruises losing two dates to rainouts. Weather also played havoc with all the car clubs' events and the Seekonk Show & Go Car Show in April was canceled again this year and our planned reinstituted August 22 AutoFest Car Show in collaboration with the Newport Car Museum in Portsmouth, RI. had to be rescheduled for October 3. Another planned event that had to be cancelled due to the weather was the July 18 cruise to the Boston Polo Club Match in Georgetown. To jump start the season for members, we held a club cruise-in on Sunday May 2nd at the Wrentham Development Center Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds and members were also able to participate in some of the local 4th of July parades and area Santa Claus parades in November. Our cars are now tucked away until spring so here are some memory lane pictures from 2021 to jog your memory. continued on Page 9

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March 22	COVID REOPENING PLANS TO PHASE 4 STAGE STEP 1: large capacity sports and entertainment venues will be permitted to operate at a strict 12% capacity limit
May I (Sat.)	Wrentham, MA: Move in Day to the new club storage container at Lorusso Corp.
May 2	Wrentham, MA: Wrentham Development Center Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds Cruise-In Meeting
May 22	COVID REOPENING PLANS TO PHASE 4 STAGE STEP 2: large indoor venues and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks can increase crowds to 25%.
May 29	COVID REOPENING PLANS TO PHASE 4 STAGE STEP 3: Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals can operate at 50% of their previous capacity.
June 3 (Thurs.)	Opening Bass Pro Shops Cruise at Patriot Place: COVID cancelled 4/8, 4/22, 5/6 & 5/20 Cruises: 6/3, 6/17, 7/15 7/29/ 8/19 8/26, 9/23/, 10/7, 10/21—7/1 & 9/3 were rainouts
June 20 (Sun.)	K.C.'s Burger Bar (Seekonk) Father's Day Cruise-In
AUGUST I,	COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED & CAPACITY INCREASED TO 100% FOR ALL BUSINESSES
August 13-15	Mt. Washington "Climb to the Clouds" weekend
Sept. 4	Cumberland, RI; Hot Rods on the Hill Car Show
Sept. 6	Attleboro, MA; BCSRA Labor Day Layback
Sept. 9-12	Lake George, NY Adirondack Nationals
Sept.17-18	Old Orchard Beach, ME Cruise & Car Show weekend

Sept.17-18Essex Jct., VT; NSRA 27th Burlington Northeast NationalsSept. 26Bristol, RI: 2021 Veterans Tribute Cruise In Car Show

Oct. 3 Portsmouth, RI: Postponed Aug. 22 AutoFest at the Newport Car Museum Oct. 13 (Wed.) Norwood, MA; Keegan Jeweler's 70th Anniversary "POP UP" Cruise

 Oct. 17
 Sutton, MA: 40th Annual Waters Farm Days Car Show

 Nov. 7
 Harrisville, RI; Annual Gathering of the Clubs Wright's Farm Restaurant Cruise

 Ongoing Monthly Activities:



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2021 Memory Lane continued from Page 8 by John Buchanan



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CAR SHOWS, SWAP MEETS & EVENTS

By John Buchanan



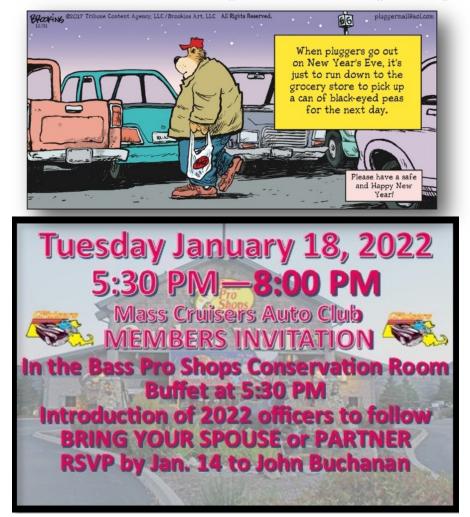
JANUARY 2022 and beyond Area Auto Shows & Events Page

Events of interest that MASS CRUISERS Club members regularly support and attend are asterisked * SEE M.A.A.C. WEBSITE http://clubs.hemmings.com/maynardaac/events.html for additional up-to-date listings NOTE: Event cancellations and date changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has made It difficult to keep track of updates. This list for JANUARY & BEYOND is as good as it gets and is our best effort so, check with the event organizers to be sure they are still a GO.

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