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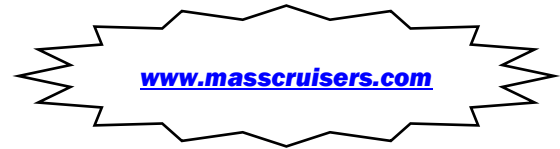
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2022 Monthly Business meetings are usually held in the Bass Pro Shops Conservation Room on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. There are no COVID restrictions and visitors, guests and those interested in joining the Mass Cruisers Auto Club are welcome to attend one of these monthly meetings.

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Board Musings

By Rich Armando



As we head into the fall season it's time to get those last shows and cruise nights in before the winter settles in. Check out the event section of this newsletter for upcoming events you may want to attend. There is still enough time to plan a destination cruise if anyone has an idea that you think your fellow members would enjoy. Contact me with your idea so it can be sent out to the rest of the club and if you need help in planning it let me know as I would be willing to help you with it.

Two things happened this past month which showed how great this club is and its members are. When the club was notified about the passing of Nancy Morrison, the wife of Fred, a lot of members attended her wake. Since then Fred has told me that this gesture was appreciated by Fred and his family. As a nonmember, but a great supporter of the club this was a great way that the club could be there to support him in his time of need. Secondly while both Bob Hines and I along with several other members who regularly work the cruise nights were enjoying ourselves at the Lake George car show, the September 8th cruise night went off without a hitch. Since the 8th was a well-attended cruise night with a large turnout along with the strain of less help did not stop the Mass Cruisers from putting on another great cruise night. I don't believe many other clubs could have pulled this off. Thanks to everyone for their dedication and hard work.

Keep an eye on your email as Fred Tierney is working on a great and very informative guest speaker for the Tuesday November 15 meeting. Once it is finalized everyone will be notified with all of the details. An RSVP will be required for a head count as the club will be providing food before the meeting.

At the November meeting we have to submit a slate of people who would like to fill a position on the board which runs your club. As I always say for the most part change is good. The club needs new ideas and personality's to be successful. If you decide to take an open position you will not be left on your own as you will be surrounded by experienced board members that will work and guide you as you gain experience. We especially are in need of a secretary as Diane was supposed to be a temporary secretary that turned into a two year term. Who of you are ready to join the board and help make a difference?

Editor's Musing

By John Buchanan



Bob Walton and I attended the September 2022 International Motor Press Association Test Day at Bear Mountain State Park in New York. We had the opportunity to test drive a diverse sampling of 2023 cars and trucks over the park's mountain roads. Noticeably missing were offerings from General Motors. None of the vehicles Manufacturers brought to this annual event were their lowest cost economy models but were typically their newest model offerings that were heavily optioned. Examples were Ford's 2023 Mustang GT 500 Cobra and F-150 Lightning all-electric \$80,000 pickup truck and Hyundai's G90 twin-turbo V6 AWD luxury sedan that optioned out for a whopping \$97,000. While Bob attended these IMPA events over the past few years, I haven't done one in more than twelve years when they were previously held at the Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania. Except for the occasional experience driving a new vehicle as a rental, this was the first time I've been able to drive a full range of EV's and advanced turbo-powered gas cars and trucks. Although these were all amazingly comfortable and fun to drive, nothing I drove had a Monroney window sticker price under, GULP, \$70,000. Also, mindful of the recent shortage of microchips used in today's cars and trucks delaying deliveries of optioned models, it was also mind-blowing to learn that Ford's Lightning F-150 has between 1500 and 1700 of them, not the hundreds or so computer microchips we've been hearing about used in today's cars. That, along with the lithium battery supply being able to keep up with growing EV demand and the fast evolutionary pace of EV technology, this has to be concerning about hanging on to one of these EV's longer than a 3 year lease term.



Bob Walton snapping pictures of the Ford F-150 Lightning before road testing it at IMPA Test Day.

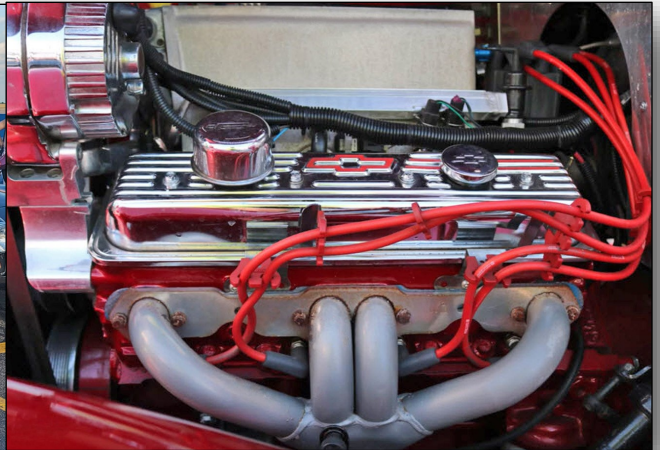


August 24 Cruise Winner 1931 Chevrolet Sedan

By John Buchanan



Peter Kamician from Ashland, MA runs the annual Kidde-Fenwal Car Show there each September where all proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. The reason his annual show has any bearing on the selection of his gorgeous red 1931 Chevrolet two-door sedan street rod is the real back story. Peter bought it in May from its previous Pennsylvania owner who had only recently purchased it and had driven it just once before learning he was diagnosed with cancer which would limit his driving ability. Peter, who really hadn't gotten any details on its build or history, shared that it is powered with a 350 ci. V8 and TH-400 tranny and along with its comfortable ride, a/c and power windows. during this hot August weather it has been a pleasure to drive. He did promise the former owner to send him pictures if the Chevy street rod was to win any trophies, so we were happy to oblige with the Vintage Motorsports cruise night award plaque being presented by our Mass Cruisers Treasurer Kevin Rushlow.





August 24 Cruise Winner Factory Five MK3

By John Buchanan



If you want to build a show winning Factory Five kit car for less than \$10,000, consider what Chris Brennan from Tiverton, RI accomplished with his first project build. He found someone else's unfinished project and, thanks to the COVID shutdown, spent three months full time in 2021 completing the build himself, right down to painting the grey paint finish using a Harbor Freight spray gun. The donor 302 engine, factory 5 speed tranny and 8.8 rear end with 3.55 came from a '90's era Fox bodied Mustang. He kept its unusual Japanese Togue Motor racing wheels that came with the original unfinished project. Now that Chris has finished his first project build, he is already thinking about what his next Factory Five build is going to be. And we're sure that Dave Smith, F5R President and Owner, shown here presenting Chris with the Vintage Motorsports sponsored cruise night award plaque, has a few potential suggestions from their extensive lineup of industry leading assembly kits.

Factory Five's Dave Smith presents Chris Brennan with the Vintage Motorsports Cruise Award plaque





August 24 Cruise

By John Buchanan



With the August 24 cruise we were finally back on track with our regular bi-weekly Thursday cruise schedule and it didn't disappoint. There were lots of show cars on hand to make this a great restart toward the final two months of our cruise schedule. Dave Smith's Factory Five Racing and his crew along with their local Forum kit car build owners made their annual visit this Thursday. We also had the opportunity to select two cruise winners due to losing cruise dates in August. The Southeast District American Legion members were also on hand to participate in their annual 50-50 benefit for their Brockton VA Hospital patient social activity programs and the Foxboro Food Pantry was at the cruise entrance collecting non perishable food donations with our front entrance team collecting your \$\$\$ to benefit all the participating five food pantries equally. D.J. Bruce Palmer is proving once again he is Mr. Gran Torino bringing his freshly striped blue 1970 Ford Torino GT to the cruise. We also had the traditional 6PM National Anthem break performed live for the first time by Mark & Holly Lite's daughter, 6th grader Kayden, who will be performing again at the October 2 Young Marines Car Show in Rumford, R.I.



Factory Five Forum owners were the featured club at the October 24 cruise



D.J. Bruce Palmer proves he is "Mr. Grand Torino"



6th grader Kayden Lite sang the National Anthem

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CREEPS Hot Rods on the Hill Car Show

by John Buchanan



What can I say, The CREEPS car club had perfect weather for their Saturday September 3 "Hot Rods on the Hill" Car show at Diamond Hill Park in Cumberland, R.I. This show attracts some of the area's most interesting pre 1970's hot rods, rat rods, customs & classics. As with many non-traditional club shows like the CREEPS hot rod show, they also fun events like the ladies 1940's era modeling contest, kids valve cover racing, a pinstriping contest and for the car owners, vying for some interesting hand-made recycled automotive trophy art awards in addition to live bands. About a dozen present and former club member cars parked together in our usual spot along the tree line where Steve Huntington set up the tent shelter and club signage. A few of my favorite cars at this year's show was a unique 1937 Buick Byzantine Funeral Car, a Model A Bodied Camping Trailer and the "One Way Salvage" pair, Pickup and Sedan street rods.



Mass Cruisers Club members tree-line location



1937 Buick Byzantine Funeral Car



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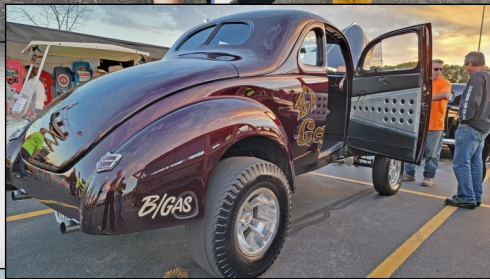


Sept. 8 Cruise Winner 1940 Ford Coupe Gasser

By Sean Sullivan Photos Steve Vining & John Buchanan



Al Santos, who hails from Berkley, MA, 1960's era 1940 Ford B/Gasser a.k.a "El Grasso" has gone through many owners and transformations over the years. You may have remembered it as one of last year's October cruiser award selections when Scott Morell brought it to our cruise with a FOR SALE sign on it where Al saw it, and tracked it down becoming its latest owner. An internet search of "El Grasso" uncovered a 2015 Hot Rod Magazine feature story done by Chuck Vranas that identified then owner Phil Cercone having Steve Wilson at the Wilson & Steeley Kustom Coachworks in Athol, MA resurrect the street shaker to its current showroom finished state. Lorna Rabbit, who manages the apparel sales at our club trailer, was given the task of selecting the cruise night winner and was simply dazzled by the Gasser's highly flaked deep black cherry paint finish in addition to the quality of the build, rather than its small block 350 Chevy engine with dual quad carbs sitting atop hi-rise tunnel ram intake manifold that grab our attention.



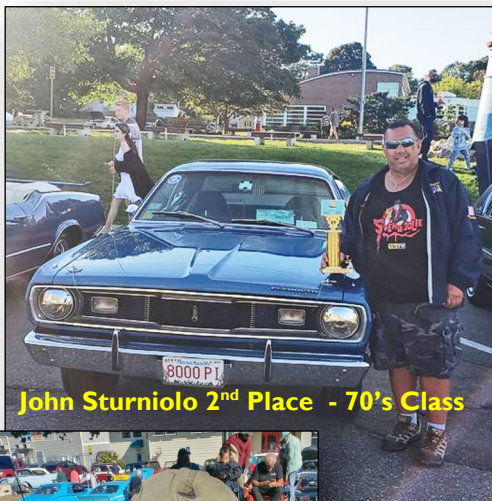


Annual Old Orchard Beach Cruise Weekend

By John Buchanan



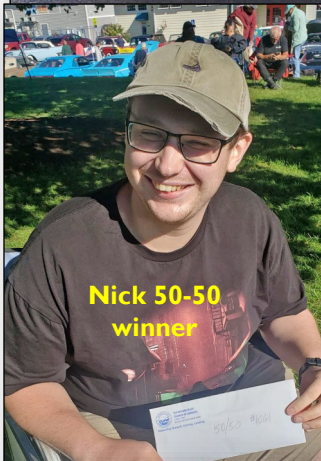
For our newer club members, the Mass Cruisers have been attending the Annual Old Orchard Beach, Maine (OOB) cruise weekend since 2005. The Friday afternoon/night cruise - Saturday Car Show and Sunday leisurely cruise back home down U.S. Route 1 has become a tradition for many club members. Orchard Park summer resident and former OOB event member Lou Valentine has been able to react over the years to changes that inevitably evolve over time. Examples include the Friday cruise which fills Old Orchard Street with 6 lanes of collector cars which is free to registered show attendees, but non-registered vehicles pay \$10 to park in the cruise. Gone also for several years was the police escorted evening cruise parade around town. However, the Friday afternoon lunch at the Brunswick, boasting the largest oceanfront patio bar in Old Orchard Beach with a live band, and the annual car show at the Railroad Station and Town Park are the same; as is the Steve Huntington lead Friday cruise up to OOB from the Route 128 Lexington rest area and the return-home Sunday morning cruise down U.S. Route 1 after breakfast with stops at the Maine Antique Auto Museum, Arundel Antique Flea Market, Big Daddy's for ice cream in Wells and finally the When Pig's Fly Pizzeria in Kittery to watch the Patriots game. Our Saturday evening meal returned to the beautifully restored "Joseph's by the Sea" restaurant next door to our Edgewater Motor Inn home base, making it an easy walk from our hotel rooms and back for what everyone described as excellent meals. On the trophy side of the show, Frank Bryant won a 1st place with his Camaro and John Sturniolo a 2nd place with his 1970 Plymouth Duster, and even better, John's son Nick had the winning 50-50 ticket for a whopping \$1,000+ so you know who bought dad a dinner at Joseph's. This is always a great weekend away for our club members and 2022 proved to be a winner.



John Sturniolo 2nd Place - 70's Class



Club members relaxing at the Town Park



Nick 50-50 winner



Frank Bryant 1st Place Modern Era



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Friday afternoon lunch at The Brunswick





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2022 SEEKONK Saturday Night Showdown

By Steve Huntington with Photos By Sean Sullivan & Mark Lite



Every year when club members volunteer to help our Bass Pro Shops Cruise sponsor Seekonk Speedway with their season opening April weekend race season's Saturday Show & Go Car Show, we are treated to a VIP evening of Saturday night racing in July. But with 2022's crazy weather impacting Seekonk's sold out 4th of July weekend show and fireworks having to be postponed to the following Saturday when we were originally invited, the next available date for us was the September 10 Saturday Night Showdown races. This date also coincided with the Adirondack Nationals weekend in Lake George, NY. which other club members also attend. We still had 13 club member cars that were able to enjoy being part of Seekonk's regular Saturday Night Showdown racing that included bringing our classic cars out onto the race track and become part of the evening's opening ceremonies. My grandson Brandon rode in the pace truck leading our laps around the track and Mark and Holley Lite's grandson Callum & granddaughter Kayden were allowed to wave the GREEN and CHECKERED flags for one of the preliminary races. We were treated to the VIP section at turns 1 & 2 to enjoy dining on Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Fingers, Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cookies and Beverages and to also watch the races. At our September monthly meeting, Rick White noted that those who left before the final feature race ended missed a most exciting finish where the two leading cars throughout race wound up getting tangled in the final turn and the winner, who none expected to place, came flying through the finish line for the win. This is why Seekonk's earned reputation as the "Action Track of the East" is well deserved. This is always a fun time our club members look forward to each year. Our thanks go out to Seekonk Speedway and Manager Ed StGermain, as a great time was had by all the Mass Cruisers in attendance.



Club members & cars on the track waiting for the opening ceremony parade



Kevin Rushlow & son Jared in front of Mark Magno's 1951 Cadillac



Callum Flags the START



Kayden Flags the FINISH



Diane Thorton & daughter Kelsey being photo-bombed by Sean Sullivan



Photo from Seekonkspeedway.com website

OCTOBER 2022 and beyond Area Auto Shows & Events Page

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

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- OCT 8,PALMER; LAPS WITH LARZ,PALMER MOTORSPRTS PARK,58 W. WARE RD,,https://larzanderson.org/drivingevents/
- OCT 8,,,COVENTRY RI,,BROOKDALE CENTRE/NEW ENGLAND CAR SHO 600 CENTRE OF NEW ENGLAND BLVD 9-3,,RICH,,401-575-6993
- OCT 8-9,,,STOW,,,WW2 RE-ENACTMENT (TANKS, MILITARY ETC),,,COLLINGS FOUNDATION/ BARTON RD,,8-4:30,,978 562-9182
- OCT 9,,,BROOKLINE,,,TRANSPORTERFEST DAY,,,AT THE MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION,,,,,,,,,larzanderson.org,,,617 816-6138
- OCT 9,,,HANSON,,GREAT PUMPKIN CLASSIC CAR SHOW,,at the HIGH SCHOOL,,10-2PM,,,,,,,,,10-3,,LGREEN@HANSON-MA.GOV
- OCT 9 JOHNSTON RI,,45TH ANN RISRA TOYS/TOTS RUN @ 9AM JOHNSTON WAR MEM PK 1583 HARTFORD AVE,DAVE,,401 826-3809
- OCT 9,,,WALTHAM,,BENTLEY UNIVERSITY CAR SHOW,,175 FOREST ST,,10-3PM,,sm_car_club@bentley.edu EMAIL FOR PRE REG
- OCT 10,,JOHNSTON RI,,46TH ANN RISRA,,,TOYS/TOTS RUN-JOHNSTON WAR MEM PK 1583 HARTFORD AVE,,,DAVE,,401 826-3809
- OCT 15,,DUNSTABLE,,BEAN POT FALL TOUR LITTLE RED SCHOOL 64 MAIN 10:30,,,,,,,,,beanpotaaca.org,,DAN ,,781 248-7410
- *OCT 15,,MIDDLEBORO,GATHERING THE FAITHFUL,,21ST N ENG. SPEED MTG PIERCE PLAYBGRND 26 JACKSON ST,,508-888-3103
- OCT 15,,UXBRIDGE,,LIONS CAR SHOW,,,VALLEY CHAPEL,,14 HUNTER RD,,10-2PM,,,ALL R WELCOME,,,,,,,,,MIKE,,508 473-1161
- OCT 15,,WAKEFIELD,,WMB ANNUAL CAR SHOW,,WAKEFIELD MASONIC LODGE,,370 SALEM STREET,,10-2PM,, FREE FOR PRE-REG. CARS
- OCT 15,,EPPING,NH,,KINGPINS CRUISE TO THE LAKE,,PRE 70'S,,MEET 10AM @ EPPING WALMART,,RTE 125,,RICHIE,,978-852-1264
- *OCT 16,,ATTLEBORO,,,FALL CLASSIC CAR SHOW,,LASALETTE SHRINE 947 PARK ST,,,,,,,,,,,,,8:30-5PM,,978 509-8564
- OCT 16,BRAINTREE,,CLASSICS ONLY CARS & COFFEE @ SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING,,618 GRANITE ST.,,10—2 <https://fb.me/e/2gF8110EL>
- OCT 16,BROOKLINE,JAPANESE CAR/MOTORCYCLE DAY MUSEUM/TRANSPORTATN,,15 NEWTON ST,,larzanderson.org,,,617 522-6547
- OCT 16,,SALSBURY,,KINGPINS FALL SHOW—PRE 70'S,,SALSBURY BEACH CTR.,,25 BROADWAY.,,9AM-3PM,,RICHIE,,978-852-1264
- *OCT 16,,SUTTON,,BRUCE NICHOLS MEM. CAR SHOW,,WATERS FARM DAYS,,53 WATER'S RD.,,10-4PM,,JUDI,,774-276-5095
- OCT 16,,,WILLMINGTON,,DOMINATORS SONS OF ITALY CAR SHOW 142 MIDDLESEX AVE/TOWN LOT,,9-2,,,,,,,,,JIM,,781 929-0035
- OCT 22,,,BROOKLINE,,EXTINCT VEHICLE DAY,,THE MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION,,15 NEWTON ST,,larzanderson.org,,,617 522-6547
- OCT 22,,,KINGSTON,,26TH ANN. HALLOWEEN BENEFIT,,MARTY'S BUICK GMC,,5 KINGSTON WAY,,7 PM—1 AM,,JEFF 508-317-9844
- OCT 22,,,LEXINGTON,,BREAST CANCE AWARENESS CAR/TRUCK/BIKE SHOW,,LEXINGTON ELKS 959 WALTHAM ST,,2PM
- OCT 29,,,FOXBOROUGH,,TRUNK OR TREAT,,LOWRIDER DEPOT,,10 ANNETTE RD,,12—3 PM,,508 698-3115
- OCT 30,,WOBBURN,,LIONS CLB 66TH ANN HALLOWEEN PARADE 1PM, LAST SUND,,woburnlionsclub.org/AnnualHalloweenParade.cfm

LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD AT REMAINING SHOWS & EVENTS OF INTEREST IN 2022

- NOV 5,,,AUBURN,,NEW ENGLAND GENERAL MOTORS G-BODY MEET,,HIGH OCTAINE CLASSICS 143 WASHINGTON ST,,508 859-4515
- *NOV 5-6,,,THOMPSON CT SPEEDWAY,,GIANT AUTO/FLEA MKT,,,http://www.thompsonsspeedway.com,,860 923-2280
- NOV 6,,,,,EVERYWHERE,,DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2AM,,,TURN THE CLOCKS BACK AT BEDTIME
- *NOV 6,,HARRISVILLE, RI,, WRIGHT'S FARM RESTAURANT,,64 INMAN RD..ANNUAL GATHERING OFTHE CLUBS,,SEATINGS START AT NOON



TOP 10 BEST AMAZON ONLINE RECOMMENDED MOUSE REPELLANTS FOR WINTER CAR STORAGE:
ULTRASONIC: Loraffe (battery & 12V); Angveirt & Glaobule for under hood installation
NON-TOXIC REPELLANTS: Exterminators Choice Spray, Fresh Cab scent pouches & Mouse-Mix Zip Loc bags
FORUM RECOMMENDED HOME REMEDIES: Peppermint oil, (pew) moth balls & scented fabric drier sheets
 Apparently using Irish Spring soap as a deterrent doesn't work, Mouse Mythbusters posted a video showing mice chewing on an Irish Spring soap bar and others claimed Irish Spring shavings they used disappeared, presumably eaten by mice.