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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 6:30 PM. Visitors, guests and those interested in joining the Mass Cruisers Auto Club are welcome to attend one of these monthly meetings at 6:30 PM before club business is conducted.

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Cruisin' at the speed of fun **Board Musings**

By Rich Armando





If you were not able to attend the November 19th meeting you missed a good one. It was our first pizza night of the winter season. Special thanks go out to Fred Tierney who ordered, picked up and delivered the pizzas for us. The best part was we didn't have to tip the delivery guy. What a deal.

Chris Donovan did a fantastic job with his talk on tires. His informative presentation went very smoothly and lasted what I believed was around 30 to 45 minutes. All of this was done without looking at any notes and was presented off the cuff. He debunked the statement that tires have a "born on date", that tire shine should not be used to enhance the look of the sidewalls, and that you should not use anti seize on the hubs or lug nuts which will encourage slippage as you do not want the studs to slip into a shear condition with the slight movement of the wheel itself. All of the questions asked by club members were answered knowledgably by Chris with in-depth explanations.

Thanks to John B for arranging Chris and our upcoming Decembers guest speaker. Glenn Kurkjian of Tool & Equipment Connection in North Attleboro who will talk about garage lifts, storage and work area solutions. Even if you're not in the market for any of these items it will still be informative to see what is out there and what you might be missing, dreaming of or asking Santa for because you've been nice.

At the **December meeting** all **2025 budgets** must be set so, if you are in charge of a committee, please present your budget for what you need to do your job efficiently, so it can be voted on and approved.

Once again I am asking if there is anyone who would like to be an officer of the club. If there is any slight interest that you may have please contact me to discuss your concerns before the meeting. It's not as hard as one might think.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season as I hope you can spend time with family and friends.

Editor's Musing By John Buchanan EDITORIAL



As 2024 winds down we are left with lots of local Santa parades we can drive our collector cars in. My cousin Uncle Sam Rounseville, who can no longer walk his hometown Quincy, MA 2.7 mile long Christmas Parade, called and asked me to drive him in it now that I have a convertible, and it's Emerald Green so it

fits with the season. The Quincy parade has sixteen bands along with sixteen floats and numerous specialty units including the Shriners Clowns and Fire Brigade, Wally and Tessie from the Boston Red Sox, the Cycling Murray family, the Duxbury Hobby Knoll Stables six horse hitch of Clydesdales, antique cars, a fire dancer and numerous costume characters who will also be in the line of march, so this parade should be fun.

Because most towns and cities in the area also have Santa parades, some with Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies following Thanksgiving, I don't try to list them on our Page 12 Events page. So, Google search the surrounding towns to find a Santa Parade near you and join in the pa-

rade if you haven't put you antique in winter storage or bring some kids to watch Santa come into town to celebrate this holiday season spirit of giving.











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Cruisin' at the speed of fun Wright's Farm Restaurant Gathering of Clubs



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by John Buchanan

One benefit of the drought we've been experiencing these past two months is the great weather for late season CRUIZN and that included the annual "Gathering of Clubs" at Wright's Farm Restaurant on Sunday November 3. A dozen club member cars and trucks gathered at the Wrentham American Legion parking lot that Sunday after turning our clocks back one hour to get that extra hour of sleep we lost back in April and we got to enjoy a leisurely cruise over the back roads to Wright's in Burrilville. R.I. where 29 club members were seated at two tables in the expansive "Carriage Room" function hall. This is also where the back parking lot fills up with cars from area car clubs. Because we get a first seating time at 11:30 AM for Wright's famous family style all-you-can-eat chicken dinner, a non-stop precision service

that would be the envy of any military mess hall, we are able to spend time following the meal to look over all the different clubs' cars that arrivemfor their afternoon reserved seating times.

Typically, at these gatherings Henry's Model A's far out number all other margues. Continued on Page 5



Club members look forward to the positive reward each November of enjoying the final cruise to Wright's Farm Restaurant in Burrilville. R.I. and their famous family style chicken dinner.

Henry Ford built 4,858,644 Model A's which could explain why they outnumber all other margues at this annual gathering.



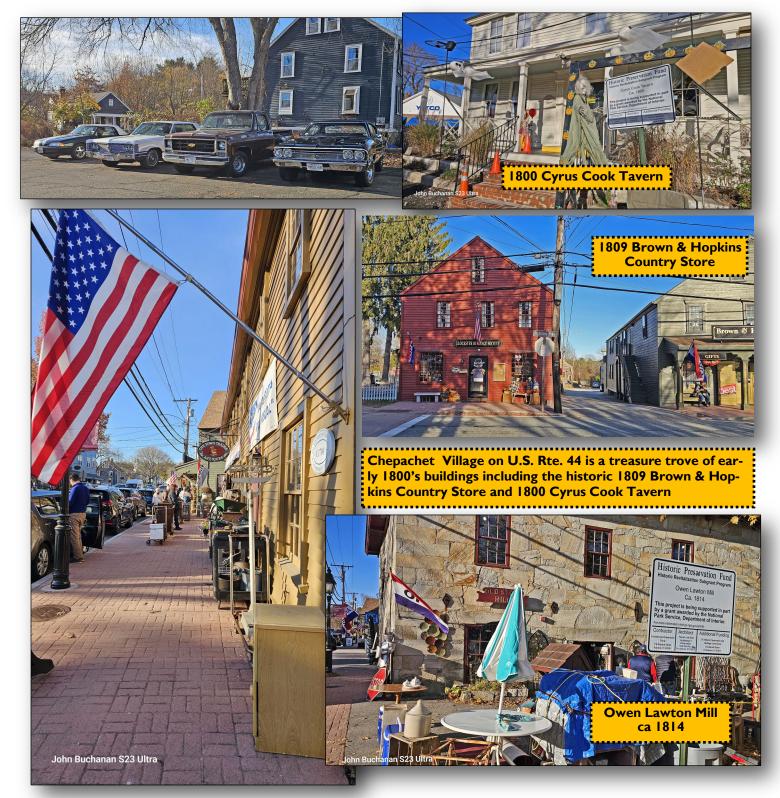
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Wright's Farm Restaurant Gathering of Clubs

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Following the Wright's Farm Restaurant all-you-can-eat chicken dinner and perusing all the cruise cars in the Carriage Room parking lot, we then ambled on down the Bronco Highway to Chepachet Village to browse one of the oldest Country Stores in America, Brown & Hopkins (1809), along with the several antique shops lining this historic center on U.S. Route 44. And, while our club member shoppers shopped, club member Patriot Fans settled in at the historic Cyrus Cook Tavern (ca1800) to watch another heart-breaking Patriot loss to the Titans. Oh well, the weather was perfect for CRUIZN and the beer was cold with the right amount of frothy head. It just doesn't get any better than that in November.



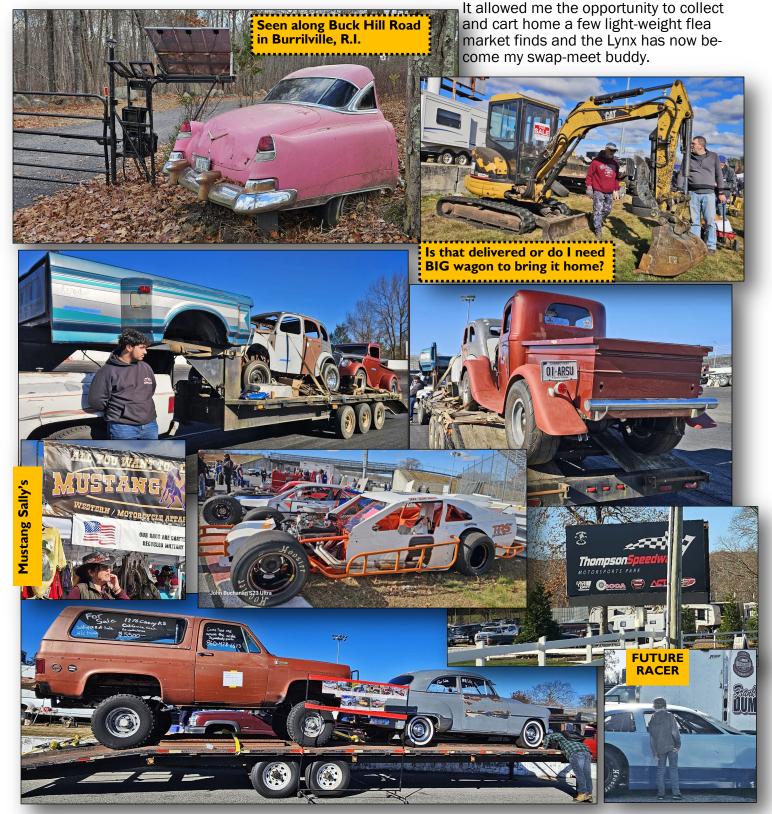
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by John Buchanan

When the weather is perfect for my annual November Saturday morning cruise to the Thompson Speedway Flea Market & Swap Meet, it's also the perfect reason to drive the back roads through Rhode Island into Thompson, CT. This year's swap was packed with tire kickers like me this year. Vehicles for sale typically range from the usual race cars and project cars & trucks to a CAT 303 Excavator and ambulance this year. I brought my 3-wheel Lynx mobility scooter sporting a fresh new replacement battery that I used at Lake George this year to give it a flea market workout my body can no longer take walking all the rows.





Cruisin' at the speed of fun Two Veterans Day Weekend Events

by John Buchanan



November 11 is the annual holiday of remembrance that celebrates those veterans in our military that served in all U.S. Wars, past and present, and it also brings about a number of additional late season events that we can look forward to participate with our cars. Two Veterans Day events that some club members attended were the Saturday, November 9th Norfolk Aggie Car Show in Walpole and the Sunday November 10th Berkley Amvets Veterans Day 54.6 mile scenic cruise through the Lakeville (Rte. 105) / Rochester-Carver-Plympton (Rte. 58) cranberry farm back roads that well over 60 cars took part in. Steve Huntington's 1964 Chevy pickup truck and Glen Coulter's 1955 Chevy were picked by the Veterans Car Show host, Norfolk Aggie Agricultural Mechanics Club, to receive custom made trophies.





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Guest Speaker Chris Donovan—Sullivan Tire



by John Buchanan

Our Fall and Winter monthly meeting guest speaker series kicked off on Tuesday November 19 with pizza and Chris Donovan, Tire Quality Administrator for Sullivan Tire. We've all seen the cute Sullivan Tire ads that use children spokespeople on the Boston T.V. stations, but were perhaps unaware there is a hard core technical support side to Sullivan Tire that only area service stations, car and truck dealers know about, and Chris Donovan provides that support service. Meeting Chris at one of Boch Exotics monthly cars & coffee events held on their lot next to the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, MA. resulted in asking him to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings If you missed this meeting, you missed an opportunity to become tire smart, not only for your antique or performance collectible car, but also for that daily driver or work truck that you rely on every day. Chris provided a couple of pass outs, "Be Tire Smart" and "Puncture Tire Repair



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CAR SHOWS, SWAP MEETS & EVENTS

By John Buchanan

DECEMBER 2024 and Beyond 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.

*NOV 30,,NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI,,THE FALL SEASON FINAL CAR CRUISE AT THE BEEF BARN,,200 INDUSTRIAL DR.,,10 AM DEC 7,,BROOKLINE,,,LARZ ANDERSON MUSEU,,SEAL COVE AUTO MUSEUM'S 1904 KNOX IN ACTION!,,15 NEWTON ST,..12 NOON,,\$20 DONATION DEC 8,,,DEDHAM,,,ANTIQUE/COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW-HOLIDAY INN 9-3,,,,,<u>http://www.bostontoyshow.com</u>,,WES,,978 465-3140 DEC 8,,MAYNARD,,HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARADE,,2PM SUDBURY ST,,1PM LINE UP,,WE CAN ALWAYS USE CARS DEC 8,,OWLS HEAD MAINE,,HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM,,FREE EVENT,,OWLS HEAD MUSEUM,,<u>http://www.ohtm.org</u>,,207 594-4418

DEC 9-10,,N. BILLERICA,,GARDNER,,AGAWAM,,WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ESCORT TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY,, 12/9 AFTERNOON: WL FRENCH EXCAVATING—14 STERLING RD.,,EVENING MT. WACHUSETT COMM. COLLEGE—444 GREEN ST.,,

12/10 MORNING: TBD IN AGAWAM, https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.or/Newsroom/EscortToArlington

DEC 24/25 WORLDWIDE,,SANTA DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE, CRUISING ALL OVER THE WORLD IN A SLEIGH, DELIVERING TOYS TO ALL WHO ARE GOOD! 2025 EVENTS

*JAN 18-19, SPRINGFIELD, ANNUAL AUTO PARTS SWAP/SELL, INDOORS/BETTER LIVNG CENTR, apswapnsell.com, 860 871-6376 *MAR 2, NORFOLK, MODEL A CLUB MARCOM FLEA MKT, 7:30-11, HOLMES TRANSP CO, 22 MYRTLE ST, DEAN, 508 285-3211 *MAR 8, WESTFORD, THE CARBS HOST THIS YEAR'S GATHERING OF CLUBS, WESTFORD REGENCY 219 LITTLETON RD, SPM, ON FACEBOOK

*MAR 21-23,,,FOXBORO,,WORLD ON WHEELS SHOWCASE/HOME & OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW AT THE GILLETTE FIELD HOUSE,,BOB,,617 346-3997 APR 21,,,LEXINGTON,,COLON CANCER AWARENESS BENEFIT CAR SHOW,,LEXINGTON ELKS,,959 WALTHAM ST 12-5PM \$40 DONATION MAR 23,,MAYNARD,,,,WINTER BLAHS AUTO PARTS SWAP'N SELL,,MAYNARD ELKS ON RT 62,,7:30-11:30,,CRAIG,,508 561-3977 *MAY 3,,SEEKONK,,ANNUAL SHOW & GO CAR SHOW & BURNOUT DRAGS @ SPEEDWAY,,8AM ENTRY,,,seekonkspeedway.com,,508 336-9959 *MAY 11,,IN THE USA,,,IT'S MOTHER'S DAY,,,AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS,,THE NEW ALL WHEELS ASSOC. FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET BEGINS WHERE THE OLD GREAT WOODS/ COMCAST-XFINITY CENTER AT THE BERKLEY AMVETS ON RTE. 79 OFF RTE 140—STAY TUNED...

A COUPLE OF 2025 MASS CRUISERS CLUB MEMBER EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

2025 MASS CRUISERS ENGINE TECH/VOKE H.S. BUILD-OFF COMPETITION MARCH 22-23 at the GILLETTE STADIUM FIELD HOUSE



2025 SHOW & GO CAR SHOW & BURNOUT DRAGS at SEEKONK SPEEDWAY SATURDAY MAY 3 from 8 AM-1 PM

