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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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Board Musings

By Rich Armando



I guess my plan to take one of the cars out just before Christmas was stopped in its tracks with the December 20 snow. We really can't complain as after all this is New England and we should expect snow this time of year. The past years with very little snow allowed us to extend the driving season well into December for many of us. Unless they have sanded and salted the streets why not drive your car up to that point. Most of us have heaters in the car so that shouldn't deter you from taking them out in December, but snow, yes.

Thanks to Rick White for taking on the task of picking up the pizzas and water for our November meeting. Glenn Kurkjian of Tool & Equipment Connection was our guest speaker as he informed us of what some of the products he carries. He talked a little about a new style trailer that lowers to the ground for easy loading of a vehicle without needing ramps. It sounds like a good idea but I don't know how well they really work.

John B. and Fred T. have been diligently working on signing up our cruise night booklet sponsors for the 2025 Bass Pro Shops cruise season. Early report is that very few past sponsors will not be taking out an ad this year but the good news is that they have been replaced with new sponsors with some now becoming Major Sponsors. What an incredible job they both do along with the help of Diane in setting up the layout of the booklet. It appears that the program booklet which was 20 pages the past few years and was recently increased by 4 more pages due to sponsor response could be increased to 28 pages.

In January our annual business meeting will be held. We will keep the business portion to a bare minimum as we would like it to be a relaxed meeting where you can mingle and socialize with your fellow members. John has gotten the same caterer as in the past years to supply the food. Choice Catering has done a fine job in the past and I expect the same come January. Another event you won't want to miss is the clubs anniversary party in March. Fred has put together what sounds like another great night. Dinner at the Old Colonial followed by a Jimmy Buffet tribute band performing later that evening at the Norwood Theater across the street. Even though it's winter, dig out your flowered shirts and shorts for a fun time in Margarita Ville. Remember, members who work the cruise nights are given first refusal for the limited seating.

By the time you read this Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years have passed. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and that 2025 will be better for you than 2024 was.

Editor's Musing

By John Buchanan EDITORIAL



No sooner than we wrapped up our final cruise of 2024 with the Saturday November 30 Beef Barn cruise, we then get hit with the first snow of the season resulting in a white Christmas, the first one in 15 years according to the local news. It was the day after Christmas that I took my two great grandkids for a new tradition, breakfast at Don's Diner in Plainville followed by letting them pick out a book of their choosing next door at Jeff Kinney's "A Likely Story Bookstore". We were then off to the indoor Altitude Trampoline Park in nearby Franklin for the kids to burn off some of those calories with a couple of hours bouncing fun. On the drive over on King Street I saw this sign at Sierra's Brick Oven Pizza & Pub with a *Cruise* NIGHT reminder for their MAY to OCTOBER Monday Night Cruises. Of the nine Monday cruise night venues I had been posting in my 2024 monthly CRUIZN calendar, Sierra's was not on my radar.

I like brick oven pizza so, in addition to waiting for our own Bass Pro Shops APRIL to OCTOBER 2025 cruise dates to be approved by Patriot Place, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) at Sierra's will be on my 2025 cruise night calendar to-do list. Have you started your own 2025 CRUIZN calendar yet?





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Cruisers

End of 2024 Season Cruise to the Beef Barn

by John Buchanan



The Beef Barn Restaurant in North Smithfield, R.I. hosts one of the area's most popular weekly cruise nights on Tuesday's but their final cruise of the year takes place on the last Saturday afternoon in November. Steve Huntington sent out a notice to club members that want to cruise to the Beef Barn to meet at our usual R.I. gathering spot at the American Legion parking lot in Wrentham, MA. All was going until Brad Lucas pulled in with his steaming '67 Mustang and his two kids, Maggie & Alex. A quick look under the

hood determined it was more than a low anti freeze problem, AAA was brought in to bring her home ending Brad's afternoon outing with Maggie & Alex. Meanwhile Steve and the other members went on to the Beef Barn, and I had arrived there separately. It was brrr cold but sunny; ice had formed on the stream out in the back field where we were parked. There had been no snow or salted roads so any day we can get a final cruise in before packing our cars away for that long winter nap is GREAT!



Neringa Bryant captured the moment Brad Lucas had to give up cruising in his 1967 Mustang for 2024.





Steve Huntington leading club members into the cruise with his big Caddy Sedan DeVille.



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51st Annual Daytona Turkey Run 2024



by Fred Tierney

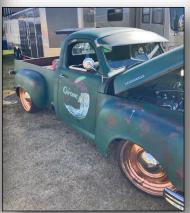


The 51st Annual Turkey Run at Daytona International Speedway. My brother in law, Richard Paglierani who provide the pictures, and I again attended this amazing event. It was held on Thanksgiving Day through Sunday, Dec. 1st. The Turkey Run is the largest car show/flea market in the U.S.A. The show draws 5,000 cars for the car show, 2,000 cars for the car coral and 2,000 vendors as well as 150,000 spectators, all fitting inside the 180 acre infield area. We walked over 4 miles and only saw the flea markets and part of the car coral. It is a GREAT take every year we go and I hope to do it again in 2025.





A few shots of the variety of cars and trucks from the thousands we get to look over every Turkey Run.





Guest Speaker Glenn Kurkjian—TEC



by John Buchanan



Tool & Equipment Connection of North Attleborough, owner Glenn Kurkjian and his General Manager Jesse Lanci were our guest speakers for the Tuesday December 17, 6:30 PM monthly meeting held in in the Bass Pro Shops Conservation Room. Pizza and water was provided ahead of the meeting.

Glenn is an avid automotive enthusiast who regularly races his Corvette and has a lot in common with his customer base. Glenn grew his 1984 vehicle lift business to become a total garage service and supplier in the Eastern Mass/Rhode Island area with products that include air compressors, exhaust extraction and fluids management systems, workbench systems, wheel balancing, alignment & service equipment. They are an exclusive service center for Mohawk lifts and authorized service center for Challenger & Quality Lifts and his trained technicians can provide service, parts and installation for most brand lifts. It's not a buy, install and "sayanora baby", you are on your own type of business. They have what you need to keep your shop installation going for years to come.

Glenn also reminisced about the '90's when he would host a Wednesday BBQ for a few customers and friends that grew into a regular cruise night that included burn outs along the long entrance driveway at his 63 George Levin Drive off Rte. 152 in North Attleborough near the Plainville town line. He would post the burnout-of-the-night on social media. The cruise grew rapidly when he would pass out raffle tickets to cruise attendees for a chance to win a free lift at the final cruise of the year. That's when good things come to an end, when the surrounding streets and adjacent businesses became overrun with cruise junkies like Steve Huntington and myself that would regularly attend to get our tickets to win a free lift, made Tool & Equipment Connection a problem neighbor on Wednesday nights. Fast forward into the 2000's and you'll likely see Glenn & Jesse at area trade shows with an awesome display as they did at the 2024 World On Wheels show that we participated in last year hosting the Technical/Vocational H.S. Engine Build competition. Thanks Glenn and Jesse for being a sponsor of our Bass Pro Shops Cruises at Patriot Place.



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2024 FOOD PANTRY RESULTS

by John Griffin



As we conclude the 2024 holiday season, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our cruise night participants. Even though we only had 9 cruises this year for food pantry collections due to weather and Gillette Stadium event conflicts, we still managed to collect a little over \$24,300 and tons of food for our five local food pantries.

I was able to deliver final half cruise season checks for \$2,663 each to the Foxborough, Wrentham, Walpole, Attleboro-Hebron and Stoughton - St, Anthony Free Market food pantries. This was in addition to the

mid-season cruise collection checks of \$2,200 delivered back in

August for a total of \$4,863 cash donations to each pantry.



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Cruisin' at the speed of fun 2024 Workforce Grant Program

by Rick White

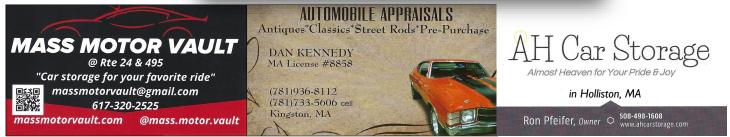


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Funding for the WORKFORCE GRANTS comes from the 50-50 proceeds at our Bass Pro Shops cruises and voluntary direct donations made at our club trailer or club events where we have an information table In 2024 MASS CRUISERS AUTOMOBILE CLUB WORKFORCE GRANTS FOR \$750 each were presented to the following graduating seniors:

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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.

JAN 11,,BROOKLINE,,LARZ ANDERSON MUSEUM,,CAR MAINTINANCE\. BASICS WITH SALLY DAWSON 15 NEWTON ST.,,11:30 DOORS OPEN JAN 17,,,BOSTON,,5 PM DEADLINE TO FILE BILLS FOR THE 194TH GENERAL COURT 2-YEAR 2025—2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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- *MAR 2,NORFOLK,,,MODEL A CLUB MARCOM FLEA MKT,,7:30-11,,HOLMES TRANSP CO,,22 MYRTLE ST,,,,,DEAN,,508 285-3211
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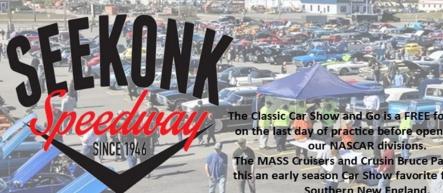
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