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Board Musings

By Rich Armando



As March arrives it means several things. Daylight starts to last longer, daily temperatures are on the rise and the cruise season is not far behind. Are you ready to take your car out on the open road? If not, have you made a to-do list so your car will be in tip-top shape for the first time you take it out of winter storage.

We finally got the official O.K. from Patriot Place to go public with our 2025 cruise night dates. As of now there are no changes to the schedule dates we submitted but we all know that could change, particularly when the Patriots announce their pre-season schedule which usually includes one Thursday home game that conflicts with our planned bi-weekly Thursday cruises. The first cruise of the 2025 season is April 17. I do not anticipate any major changes with the way we set up and run the cruise night. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Cruise Director Bob Hines will have an in-depth report and a signup sheet circulating at the March monthly meeting. Also keep an eye out for a date that Sargent-at-Arms Johnny Sturniolo will set to do our annual clean up and organize the club's trailer day before the first cruise night in April.

The club is very fortunate to have received three donations to support our engine build-off which we will hold at the World On Wheels area within the New England Home show at the Patriot Place bubble on March 21st, 22nd and 23rd. I would like to thank Al Provost for obtaining a donation from Car Mate Custom Trailers. Al is a long-time Car-Mate dealer in Easton. Janis Wentzill, who is the owner of the Auto Craft repair shop in Randolph, celebrated their Auto Craft 60th anniversary with a cruise-in celebration last year which our club attended and what a nice relaxing day we had. Janis also sits on the school board of Blue Hills Regional Technical Voke that has supported our engine build-off since the start. We are also anticipating last year's participating sponsorship support from the "Springfield to Boston Foundation" and the Stonewall Insurance founder Jeff DeMarey's resurrected annual historic Wilbraham Hill Climb event. We've also received another anonymous donation from a well known friend of our club who wants to support these skilled future mechanics and the Seekonk Speedway which will treat the competing teams and family members with a VIP night at the races. With these donors' financial support and the Gillette Stadium WIN Waste Innovations Field House site hosts, World On Wheels and New England Home Shows, it makes our club's job a lot easier to make this this Build-Off competition between the area Vocational-Tech High School teams a reality. Thank you all for your support.

Now is the time to start planning destination points of interest that we can attend as a club during the 2025 cruise season. Do you have a favorite destination of yours that you think the club might like to visit? If so why not pick a date, plan out a route we could drive, and maybe end up at a restaurant to top off the day? Other than the usual shows and cruise nights the club supports and regularly attend, why not come up with something different to do with our vehicles? The season is too short to have our cars sit in the garage on a nice day. The streets will soon be clear of salt, sand and winter debris, spring will be in the air and your car will be calling out to you. Let's go for a drive. Let's stay an active club and keep those wheels rolling.



Editor's Musing

By John Buchanan EDITORIAL



Every two years there's a January ritual on Beacon Hill when the citizens in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can submit new or previously tabled bills through their legislators that will be assigned to the responsible joint legislative committees that will hold public hearings at the State House in Boston on the merits for their passage into law. Because the process of deliberations is slow and the number of bills being considered so large, in the multiple of thousands, the chances of a typical bill's passage is slim to none without some inside help. I have been submitting a bill to designate U.S. Routes 1, 6 & 20 as historic U.S. Routes for the past six General Courts. Passage would allow historic route signage to be erected on them as it is done in many of the states these routes pass through, The 100th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System which was created in 1926 happens next year, These three routes in Massachusetts, Rtes. 1,6 & 20 were part of the system. Both U.S. Routes 6 and 20 originate in Massachusetts, Provincetown and Boston, traversing coast to coast with U.S. Route 20 ending in Newport Oregon at the junction of the Pacific Coast Highway while passing through Yellowstone National Park and U.S. Route 6 originally ending in Long Beach, California but now in Bishop just over the line from Nevada at the edge of the Northern Mohave Desert. These are the two longest transcontinental highways in North America and are pretty much intact today. U.S. Route 1 is the longest North South highway in America that still passes through downtown Boston and Providence. I've attended all the public hearings held by the Joint Transportation Committee to present supporting documentation and, during one General Court the bill was passed by the House but died in the Senate Ways and Means Committee before the session ended, I have since given up trying. Although U.S. Route 66 gets all the attention from "Road Tourians", Internationally as well, Route 6 supporters still say, "Route 6 has half the digits but twice the kicks as Route 66".

[On the Road: Finally, respect for Route 6](#)



Abe's Garage February 16 Car Craft Cars & Coffee

by John Buchanan



The winter Sunday February 16 monthly Abe's Garage Car Craft afternoon coffee & donuts open house was preceded by with over two inches of snow followed by a transition to freezing rain in the morning to rain all afternoon long which meant there was plenty of left over Dunkin donuts and coffee. That didn't keep the Garage tenants from working on their projects inside and under cover. One of the projects being worked on that held my interest was a GM 6-speed 4WD transmission being converted to 2WD. One of the garage tenants, Aidan, who has a Phoenix-like restoration project of his own underway with his 1977 280Z has a friend Jonathan who was in need of a replacement engine and transmission for his 1988 Monte Carlo. Another Garage tenant was replacing the 5.3L V8 & 6L80 4WD in his project 2011 Silverado pickup truck and had it for sale. The deal was made and Aidan, who has the mechanic's skill and Jonathan had that 6L80 tranny all apart on the bench when me and my 12 year old Great-Grandson Brad showed up in the afternoon for some DD coffee & donuts. They were swapping out the 4WD output shaft and housing and relacing it with a 2WD output shaft kit. The beauty of personally doing a swap like this allows examining closely known 2011 Silverado 6-speed transmission problem areas and addressing them when reassembling it with the new 2WD kit.

This project highlights one of the key benefits that Abe's Garage owners Ted & Ben Resnikoff wanted for their workplace tenants; provide an environment where they can work collaboratively when the opportunity arises. The final Sunday afternoon winter off-season Car Craft is in **MARCH 23** from **1 -4 PM** because their traditional 3rd Sunday of the month falls on the St. Patrick's Day weekend. That date unfortunately conflicts with our own World On Wheels Engine Build-Off competition at Gillette.



John Buchanan S23 Ultra



John Buchanan S23 Ultra

Aidan, above, who has his own 1977 280Z restoration project was able to reach across the shop to help his friend Jonathan buy a replacement 5.3L V8 & 6L80 4WD for his 1988 Monte Carlo from another shop project 2011 Silverado, but first, they had to convert the 4WD output shaft with a 2WD conversion kit.

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Feb. Guest Speaker—Hector's Detailing & Ceramic Coating by John Buchanan

Our February 18 monthly meeting guest speaker was fellow club member Hector Bucio, owner of Hector's & Ceramic Coating in West Bridgewater. Although Hector's career has been a chef at Alberto's Ristorante in Hyannis, on his day's off, Mondays & Wednesdays, he was also running a successful auto vehicle detail & repair business at 55 Turnpike Street in West Bridgewater for the past five years. Hector has since evolved that detailing business into two specialties, ceramic coatings using the System X line of ceramic paint protection products for your car's paint and the Swiss Waxoyl hard wax underbody corrosion protection system against rust. If you're like me who hates to wash and wax my cars or is trying to get another 100,000 miles and 5-10 years out of my daily driven 2013 4x4 Tundra by preserving it's life, I was up for learning more about Hector's services. In fact, I couldn't wait for his talk, so I had Hector apply the Waxoyl treatment to my Tundra before this last Feb. 15-16 snow, ice and freezing rain storm, PHEW! It's going to outlast me, at least for another 10 years!

Hector brought a junk yard fender with him to the meeting that he treated with the System X Diamond SS super slick ceramic coating and a rusted leaf spring assembly he treated with the Waxoyl hard wax underbody coating to illustrate the results of both finishes which also come with Lifetime warranties. In addition to doing my Tundra's Waxoyl undercoating, Al Provost noted he had Hector apply the Diamond SS ceramic paint protection on his black 2003 Mercedes 500 SL two years ago and plans on having the Waxoyl undercoating done on his 1989 GMC 1500 pickup after getting some chassis work done. Hector is also one of our new 2025 Bass Pro Shops cruise sponsor's at Patriot Place. Thanks for your support and service to the hobby and our club.



Hector Bucio, our February 18 monthly meeting guest speaker (above left), explains the process steps he used to apply the System X ceramic coatings and Waxoyl hard wax underbody coatings at his 85 Turnpike Street shop in West Bridgewater to the junk yard examples he brought with him for club members to see, touch and compare.

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2025 Beacon Hill Watch Update

Reported by John Buchanan



Being our club's representative to Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs (M.A.A.C.), I am asked at each monthly meeting for a M.A.A.C. update. M.A.A.C. is our hobby's watchdog for anything new happening on Beacon Hill that could impact our hobby interests and the organization is made up of volunteers, mainly from several of the 300 Massachusetts Car Clubs and their 40,000 members. I am also one of the seven M.A.A.C. Board of Directors, and there is currently a Board vacancy that needs to be filled, Interested? Every two years new legislation is submitted to the General Court which was convened recently on January 1 as new and returning senators and representatives are sworn into the 2025–2026 194th General Court session. M.A.A.C. sorted through the several thousand bills that communities, organizations and constituents had submitted through State Representatives and Senators on January 22 to identify those "Bills of Interest" to us which will be reviewed and categorized based on their impact to the car hobby. This summary list of Bills will be categorized as follows: Bills that promote or improve the car hobby are denoted as "SUPPORTED". Bills that will have a detrimental impact on the hobby are denoted as "NOT SUPPORTED". Bills that do not directly affect the hobby but are important for the public to be aware of, are denoted as "WATCHING" and can be followed on the M.A.A.C. website: [Bills of Interest – Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs](#) Where February is a slow event activity month to report about, I've posted the bills that we will be reviewing so that you will also have the opportunity to do your own due-diligence and get in touch with your State Representative or Senator or club's M.A.A.C. representative. Although M.A.A.C. has yet to review these bills to determine their impact, this preliminary list of bills was provided to Board members in advance of the meeting that will determine their impact and also identify which bills will need to be addressed in person when public hearings are held on Beacon Hill.

| BILL NO. | TITLE |
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| SD.9 | Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Electric Vehicle Projection 2024 Report |
| H.14 | An Act relative to electric vehicles and charging infrastructure |
| SD.71 | An Act relative to custom-built heavy-duty vehicles sold in the Commonwealth |
| SD.76 | An Act reforming auto body labor rates |
| SD.80 | An Act promoting road safety |
| HD.84 | An Act prohibiting electronic tracking of motor vehicles |
| SD.106 | An Act relative to the use of unmanned aerial systems |
| SD.137 | An Act relative to responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector |
| HD.137 | An Act clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws |
| HD.156 | An Act establishing senior citizen toll discount on the Massachusetts Turnpike, the Ted Williams Tunnel and the Tobin Bridge |
| SD.167 | An Act establishing a commuter tax credit |
| SD.185 | An Act relative to the removal and disposal of waste oil |
| SD.187 | An Act relative to motorcycle safety |
| HD.193 | An Act relative to driver education |
| SD.208 | An Act promoting motor vehicle safety |
| SD.217 | An Act relative to a motorcycle safety fund |
| SD.219 | An Act relative to safety of officers by requiring interior lights in automobiles to be on during stops |
| SD.221 | An Act providing for motor vehicles transfer on death |
| SD.264 | An Act to ensure the responsible use of advanced robotic technologies |
| HD.366 | An Act relative to the sales tax |
| HD.508 | An Act relative to uniform partition of heirs property |
| SD.541 | An Act relative to peer to peer car sharing |
| HD.579 | An Act to establish a monthly payment plan and protect motorists from excessive EZ-Pass fees and fines |
| HD.745 | An Act relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles |
| HD.789 | An Act relative to the odometer reading of a vehicle that is 25 years or older |
| HD.792 | An Act relative to removing the driving restrictions on a car with antique tags |



2025 Beacon Hill Watch Update

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| BILL NO. | TITLE |
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| HD.811 | An Act relative to responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector |
| SD.813 | An Act relative to uniform partition of heirs property |
| HD.893 | An Act permitting persons to bring car damage arising from a pothole against the public entity into small claims court |
| HD.1000 | An Act relative to motor vehicle battery storage |
| HD.1030 | An Act relative to motor vehicle distributors |
| HD.1101 | An Act relative to license plate year of manufacture registration |
| HD.1104 | An Act relative to vehicle inspection exemptions for vintage automobiles 45 years or older |
| HD.1151 | An Act relative to spare tires |
| SD.1158 | An Act relative to vehicle recalls |
| HD.1193 | An Act relative to banning the use of tinted license plate covers |
| SD.1211 | An Act to establish a monthly payment plan and protect motorists from excessive EZ-Pass fees and fines |
| HD.1212 | An Act relative to out of state purchases at auto auctions |
| HD.1228 | An Act establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts |
| SD.1291 | An Act relative to third party delivery data reporting |
| SD.1400 | An Act regulating illegal exhaust systems for motor vehicles |
| SD.1614 | An Act relative to issuance of citations and warnings to vehicle owners without effectuating motor vehicle stops |
| SD.1648 | An Act modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions |
| HD.1774 | An Act relative to vehicle recalls |
| SD.1781 | An Act modernizing and expanding availability of motor vehicle titling and registration services |
| HD.1782 | An Act relative to loading and alighting vehicles from car carriers on public ways |
| SD.1804 | An Act authorizing electronic signatures with motor vehicle title and registration transactions |
| HD.1893 | An Act relative to responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector |
| HD.1967 | An Act relative to educational requirements for class 2 motor vehicle licenses |
| SD.2007 | An Act relative to improved headlight safety |
| SD.2133 | An Act relative to construction zone speed control systems |
| HD.2262 | An Act allowing for temporary license plates |
| SD.2335 | An Act closing a loophole in lobbying law |
| HD.2371 | An Act relative to third party delivery data reporting |
| HD.2443 | An Act relative to license plate year of manufacture registration |
| HD.2494 | An Act relative to duplicate license plates |
| SD.2556 | An Act relative to motor vehicle battery storage |
| SD.2587 | An Act to enhance the license plate system of the Commonwealth |
| HD.2653 | An Act establishing a vehicle collector license plate |
| HD.2656 | An Act ensuring the timely release of a vehicle title |
| HD.2854 | An Act relative to modernizing and expanding availability of motor vehicle titling and registration services |
| HD.2855 | An Act relative to the authorization for electronic signatures with motor vehicle title and registration transactions |
| HD.2938 | An Act modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions |
| HD.3028 | An Act establishing a lithium-ion battery stewardship program |
| HD.3248 | An Act to promote Yes in My Back Yard |
| HD.3291 | An Act to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from drunk drivers |
| HD.3389 | An Act relative to peer-to-peer car sharing |
| HD.3409 | An Act relative to government surplus supply |
| HD.3637 | An Act relative to the sale of zero-emission vehicles |
| HD.3717 | An Act relative to construction zone speed control systems |
| HD.3911 | An Act preserve license plate actionable toll enforcement and safety |
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| HD.3911 | An Act preserve license plate actionable toll enforcement and safety |
| HD.3944 | An Act relative to the sale of zero-emission vehicles |



TOOLS 4 KIDS

by Rick White



Despite this past year's Bass Pro Cruise rain-outs and Gillette event conflicts we had a very good year collecting gently used tools for our sponsored graduating automotive tech schools kids. I sincerely thank all the Bass Pro Shops cruisers that donated tools. There were two particularly massive anonymous donations of useful mechanic hand and air tools. Hats off to them. As usual we received a lot of sockets but very few ratchet wrenches to make complete sets. We try to give complete sets of rail assembled sockets along with a mating ratchet drive wrench. We like to **"RATCHET UP THE RATCHETS"**. Make no mistake anything we get is put to good use. They will be distributed to the schools in very early spring when the kids that are moving into the automotive workforce are identified by their school instructors. Again thanks to everyone that donated or promoted **TOOLS 4 KIDS**.



Look for the Mass Cruisers club trailer and the TOOLS 4 KIDS donation bucket or ask any of the club members at the trailer where to put your donated tools. If you have a significant donation at home that needs to be picked up, ask for Rick White who might be driving the 50-50 golf cart.



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CAR SHOWS, SWAP MEETS & EVENTS

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MARCH 2025 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.

- *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,,,,5PM,,ON FACEBOOK
- MAR 9,,EVERYWHERE,,DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2AM,,TURN THE CLOCKS FORWARD,,,,,,,,,,,,,978 555-1212
- *MAR 21-23,,FOXBORO,,WORLD ON WHEELS SHOWCASE/HOME & OUTDOOR LIVING SHOW AT THE GILLETTE FIELD HOUSE,,BOB,,508 346-3997
- *MAR 23,,BROCKTON,,ABE'S GARAGE MONTHLY CAR CRAFT COFFEE,DONUTS,CARS & MEET PEOPLE BUILDING 'EM,,300 N. MONTELLO ST.,1-4 PM
- *MAR 23,,MAYNARD,,WINTER BLAHS AUTO PARTS SWAP'N SELL,,MAYNARD ELKS ON RT 62,,7:30-11:30,,CRAIG,,508 561-3977
- *APR 6,,STAFFORD CT,,TY-RODS ANNUAL SPRING SWAP MEET @ SPEEDWAY,,RAIN/SHINE,,staffordspeedway.com,,860 684-2783
- APR 12-13,,BROOKLYN CT,,BROOKLYN FAIRGROUNDS SWAP MEET,RT 169,,BUY/SELL/GIVE AWAY,,DAVE 860 942-1129
- APR 21,,LEXINGTON,,COLON CANCER AWARENESS BENEFIT CAR SHOW,,LEXINGTON ELKS,,959 WALTHAM ST 12-5PM \$40 DONATION
- APR 26,,SALISBURY,,MUSCLE CARS,,CLUB PRE SEASON DUSTOFF,,CRUISIN TO THE BEACH,,<http://www.nhmusclicars.com/events>
- *APR 27,,FITCHBURG,,FORD V-8 CLUB-53RD ANN WINGS & WHEELS,,FITCHBURG AIRPORT,,8-1,,,,,BRIAN,,978 263-7256
- *MAY 3,,SEEKONK,,ANNUAL SHOW & GO CAR SHOW & BURNOUT DRAGS @ SPEEDWAY,,8AM ENTRY,,seekonkspeedway.com,,508 336-9959
- MAY 4,,SALISBURY,,KINGPINS SPRING SHOW,,AT THE BEACH,,72/OLDER RODS/CUSTOMS 10 AM -5 PM,,,,,RICH,,978 852-1264
- *MAY 10,,WILBRAHAM,,ANNUAL HILL CLIMB UP MONSON RD AND MINNECHAUG HS SHOW,,wilbrahamhillclimb.org,,413 531-3991
- MAY 10,,WESTERLY,RI,,SPRINGFEST ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT MISQUAMICUT STATE BEACH,, 11 AM-3 PM,,FREE ENTRY,,www.misquamicutfestival.org
- *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 PLANS TO BEGIN AT THE **BERKLEY AMVETS ON RTE. 79** OFF RTE 140—STAY TUNED...

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