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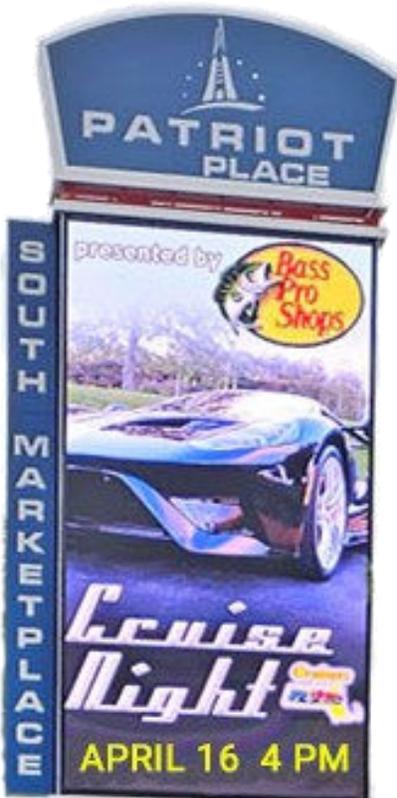
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Board Musings

By Rich Armando— President



Linnell G. who is one of the co-owners of Rhode Island Motor Sports was our February guest speaker. He spoke about the kind of services that his company provides. He then talked about the different types of ceramic coatings and the benefits of each. After some questions from the membership and answers from Linnell we started our meeting. Thanks to Fred for lining up our guest speakers to this point.

There is a lot to cover at our March meeting, which will only be two days before the World on Wheels Show. We will be going over the different task and times needed which will make the Mass Cruisers contribution to the overall show a huge success. It will also be our last meeting before the start of our 2026 cruise night season, starting on April 16. I don't see a lot of changes required for the cruise nights but it's still important to go over everything as a refresher to members who regularly work the cruise nights and to let any new members who plan on helping know prior to their first cruise night what to expect. If you are a new member and plan to help at these cruise nights please try to attend this meeting. Attending a night as a participant is a lot different than working alongside your fellow members.

On Saturday February 21st a good representation from the Mass Cruisers attended the annual Gathering of The Clubs. This is held every year and allows any club attending, time to get up on the stage and promote their club and what they have planned for the coming year. I heard that there were approximately 400 people in attendance. Clubs from Canada along with several all-female clubs were present. Even a club from Ireland was in the house as this has become an annual trek for them. Hearing the various clubs talk was quite entertaining after which there were socializing as a live band performed. I'm sure John will elaborate more on this later in the newsletter. Since we are a well-known club in the area and hold one of the largest cruise nights the Mass Cruisers should plan on attending each year.

The blizzard of 2026 certainly has put a damper on any chances of getting our cars out of winter storage early. The mild winters that we have experienced for the past several years spoiled us. It also could possibly affect anyone who would be willing to display their car at the March World on Wheels show. I am still waiting to hear from the promotor to see if they need any cars to fill in spaces and if so how many they will need. As we get closer to the show we will have to see how the street looks. I doubt the salt and snow will be gone by then but who knows maybe some 40 degree days and hopefully rain instead of snow will clean the streets just in time. Do stay tune. Speaking of the WOW show we will need crews to set up on Thursday March 19th, along with members to sit at our booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 20th, 21st and 22nd. The main feature will be showcasing the small engine build off which takes place on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. A signup sheet was passed around during our February meeting. I will have Diane R send out a reminder with a time line as to what we need for coverage. If you were not at the meeting or missed signing up please email me and let me know what days you can be available.

Finally, Fred has lined up a guest speaker for our March meeting. Jeff Goldstein who owns the Piston Palace will talk about cars and auto memorabilia. This should be a very informative and enjoyable presentation. See you all then.

World On Wheels Showcase Invitation

By Diane Thornton—Vice President



The World On Wheels Showcase at the Gillette stadium bubble on March 20-22 is an exciting take after all this winter snow. The Mass Cruisers participated in this event for two previous years by introducing our chosen Tech/Voke High School automotive and engine repair students to Engine Build Off competitions. There will be two competitions, **one held on Sat. March 21 and one on Sun. March 22**. The past teams have been shining examples of capable students enjoying the competitive nature of tearing down a small internal combustion engine to its basic parts and reassembling it back to its previous running condition in the fastest time. A heart-warming benefit, in my book, is noticing the teamwork and the offering of help by giving a hand to one another where needed. This event site host New England Home Shows and World On Wheels Showcase host are providing the Mass Cruisers with free entry VIP passes. You can download and copy the March Newsletter and bring the Events page with your **complimentary VIP free entry pass** and save \$11 to attend the Showcase. Also consider bringing a kid along with you to enjoy watching these High School student teams competing. This link shows one of the first Engine Build Offs that the Mass Cruisers Club initiated back in 2018. It took place out in the Patriot Place parking lot 16 during one of our cruise nights.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Pvc0Gt77zw&feature=youtu.be>



March Guest Speaker—RI Motorsports

by John Buchanan



Ri Motorsports on Rte. 140 in Franklin, MA is one of our Bass Pro Shops Cruise Major Sponsors and they kicked off our winter monthly meeting Guest Speaker series at the Tuesday February 17 meeting. These winter meetings start off at 6 PM with pizza being provided and I must say this was the best pizza I've had at these meetings. Fred Tierney introduced Linell G. who with his partner John have over 30 years combined experience in auto detailing and the auto racing and off-roading industries. Their detailing studio is located in Franklin, MA on Route 140 where they have been providing high-end detailing, ceramic coatings, paint protection film, window tint and full custom restyling since 2016. There was plenty of interest by club members particularly with the different types of ceramic coatings and protective film wraps available today. Also club member Dave Reavill noted that RI Motorsports had detailed his Buick. Thanks Fred for setting up the 2026 winter meeting speaker series.



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10TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE CLUBS

by John Buchanan



With the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center, home for the previous nine years of the Gathering of Clubs was sold last December, the Milford Doubletree by Hilton was substituted and the location suited not only our own Mass Cruisers club members but also members from a number of the local area clubs. In past years we had no problem finding a table to park our butts at the 6 PM start of the Saturday February 21 6 PM Gatherings but our own Steve Huntington arrived an hour early to hang the Mass Cruisers Club banner on the wall and discovered there was only one open table in the back corner of the hotel's Grand Ballroom ahead of the 6 PM evening program start. There were tables set up to seat over 400 with plenty of room available for dancing and the tables were filled to capacity with some tables squeezing in members from two or three clubs. No pandemic era social distancing being practiced here. And as you walk down the hallway to the Grand Ballroom you are greeted with different club display tables, some selling event merchandise and club tee shirts.

A sampling below of the different club event flyers buttons and decals collected at this



One of the features at the Gathering is for clubs too hang their club banners on the wall and place their annual event fliers, club decals, buttons and mementos for attendees to grab. BELOW: Steve Huntington is setting up the Mass Cruisers reserved table ahead of the 6 PM meeting start.



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The Gathering starts off with clubs that have signed up to announce their planned or scheduled 2026 Car Shows, Cruise Nights and any other announcements or Tom Foolery they have in mind. One notable announcement by the GOONZ Car Club from Dublin, Ireland was the introduction of their first female club member who was presented with a GOONZ Club Jacket. Another was the announcement by a new all girls car club, the ROLLING DIMES, hosting a monthly 9–11 AM Sunday morning Cars & Coffee at Kitty's Restaurant in North Reading, MA beginning June 14 and ending October 25.

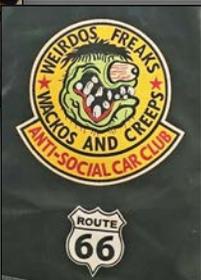
Following the announcements, drawings for artfully crafted give-away table items takes place. Marie Armando held a winning ticket and selected an artfully crafted welded piston head bloke wielding two halves of an open and box end wrench. Following the announcements and drawings, the annual photo op featuring the jacket backs, and TATOO too, of attendee club members happens before the energetic punk rock band called Dirty Walter and the SMELL TONES has everyone up and not ballroom dancing. Have a great car show and CRUIZN 2026. Remember, "Life is too short to drive boring cars!"



Marie Armando enjoys showing off her "Piston Pete" weld-art pick to club members



Interesting Club Jackets & logos are part of the fun at Gatherings



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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.

- *MAR 1,,NORFOLK,,MARCOM MODEL A CLUB FLEA MARKET,,HOLMES TRANS. BUS BARN,,7:30-11 AM,,22 MYRTLE ST.,,508-285-3211 DEAN
- MAR 7-8,,NEW BEFORD,,PONY CLUB CAR SHOW AT THE NORTHEAST HOME & GARDEN SHOW,,REGIONAL VOC-TECH H.S.,,1121 ASHLEY BLVD
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- *MAR 20-22,,FOXBOROUGH,,WORLD ON WHEELS SHOWCASE AT GILLETTE STADIUM FIELD HOUSE,,*World on Wheels Showcase - New England Home Shows - MA & RI*
- *MAR 22,,BROCKTON,,CAR CRAFT @ ABE'S GARAGE - SPRING FREE w FOREIGN BOYS,,300 N. MONTELLO ST. ,,1-4 PM,,www.abesgarage.com
- *MAR 22,,MAYNARD,,WINTER BLAHS AUTO PARTS SWAP N' SELL,,MAYNARD ELKS ON RTE. 62,,7:30-11:30,,508-515-8602 CRAIG
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- *APR 12,,STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT,,38TH ANNUAL TY-RODS SPRING AUTO SWAP MEET,,55 WEST ST. RAIN OR SHINE@ 7 AM
- *APR 16,,FOXBORO,,BI-WEEKLY THURSDAY BASS PRO SHOPS CRUISE SEASON BEGINS @ 4 PM,,CRUISE ON OVER TO JOIN THE FUN
- APR 19,,WEYMOUTH,,SPINDLES SPRING DUST OFF,,110 EAST ST. @ 10 AM—3 PM (NO ADMISSION FEES)
- ~~CANCELLED~~ APR 26,,FITCHBURG,,FORD V8 CLUB 53RD ANN WINGS & WHEELS FLEA MKT,,,,FITCHBURGH AIRPORT,,8AM—1 PM,,
- APR 26,,BRIDGEWATER,,BLACK HAT BREW WORKS ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW,,25 SCOTLAND BLVD,,10AM
- APR 27 MON,,SOUTH SUTTON,,CRUZZIN AT BRICKSTONE KITCHEN RT146,,4PM,,DOM,,508 410-9631

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- MAY 16-17,,NEWPORT, RI,,AUDRIAN 14TH ANN. NEWPORT-BRISTOL-NEWPORT VETERAN CAR TOUR,, kmcsherry-audrainmotorsport.com@shared1.ccsend.com
- *JUN 21,,FRMINGHAM,,2ND ANNUAL BAY STATE MOTOR FESTIVAL,,CUSHING PARK,,9AM—2PM [Bay State Motor Festival](#) KEN LEMOINE
- *MAY 9,,WILBRAHAM,,WILBRAHAM HILLCLIMB, CAR SHOW @ MONSON ACADEMY & CRAFT FAIR,,432 MAIN ST.,,9 AM—2 PM,,413-531-3991
- JUL 16-18,,SYRACUSE, NY,,SYRACUSE NATIONALS CAR SHOW AT STATE FAIRGROUNDS: 581 STATE FAIR BLVD. [Syracuse Nationals](#)
- *AUG 7-9,,MT. WASHINGTON, NH,,SCCNH "CLIMB TO THE CLOUDS"
- *SEP 3-6,,LAKE GEORGE, NY,,ADIRONDACK NATIONALS CAR SHOW AT FORT WILLIAM HENRY, 48 CANADA ST
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- *SEP 18-20,,OLD ORCHARD BEACH, ME,,ANNUAL OLD ORCHARD BEACH CRUISE & CAR SHOW WEEKEND [Events](#)
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