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Letter to the Editor

Marine Finds God. Faith in Vietnam

Dear God, I have never spoken to you. But now I desperately want to know you too.

You see God, they told me you did not exist, and like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky, I figured right then they told me a lie.

Had I taken time to see things you had made, I would have known they were not calling a spade a spade.

I wonder God, if you would take my hand, somehow, I feel you will understand.

Strange that I have come to this hellish place, before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there is not much more to say, but I am sure glad, Lord that you opened the way.

I guess zero hour will soon be here, but I am not afraid because you are near.

The signal! Well, God, I guess I will have to go. I love you, Lord, this I want you to know.

Look now, this will be a horrible fight Who knows, I might come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friends with you before, I wonder, Christ, if you'll wait at the door.

Look, I'm crying- me shedding tears! How I wish I'd known you this many years.

Well, I've got to go now, God, Good-bye. Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

L/Cpl. Dennis R. Langevin, USMC, stationed near Da Nang, Vietnam, August, 1969

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Locked On!

When we decide to make positive changes in our lives, it can seem like progress is slow and we give up. Most of the time it is because we keep the old condition tethered to us by keeping it in focus. Complaining about how hard it is to change, or how awful life has been and all the disappointments we have seen keeps our vibration in the spot it was when we decided we needed to improve things. Our point of focus

can be financial, health, weight, relationship, career or social conditions that remain stalled even if we are diligently taking steps to improve.

It is our attitude, perspective, attention and EXPECTATIONS that determine our life situations even more than our actions.

Upon the realization that an aspect of life is not aligned with our desire we immediately undertake that endeavor to improve things since we are habitually hard-wired to seek peace and comfort first and foremost. Then the natural tendency to wallow in the mire of our situation overtakes us. Attempting to create positive change with a mind focused on uncomfortable conditions spewing negative rhetoric is like trying paddle upstream in a river, the current of the words and thought are flowing against the direction of our desire. The mind keeps us locked on to our problematic condition despite the right actions we take.

The subconscious mind is the creative faculty of life. It attracts conditions,

opportunities, and experiences synchronous with the messages and feelings the conscious mind feeds it. The subconscious mind is subjective and does not analyze, weigh or review, it only acts on whatever the conscious mind is fixed on, has emotion behind and stays with. The creative engine of life relies on input that has already determined the value of a condition. This makes it critical that our minds ONLY entertain thoughts, ideas, and perspectives that align with our desire.

We can think of our attention as currency. When we pay for a tuna sandwich, someone gives us a tuna sandwich. If we pay attention to the unwanted components of life, life gives us more of those situations. What we think about, expands. We become what we think about all day long. Our attention is our creative currency. We can unlock our chains to the struggles of life by eliminating these conditions from our thoughts and focus. Only pay for what we want! It is important to be good steward of our currency.

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Know what really GRINDS MY GEARS??

Every other TV commercial is about a medical condition!!!

Why is it that every time a tv show breaks for a commercial it's about some new medical condition that there is now a pill for!! If you listen to all these, it ends up even if you blow your nose, you may have a disease!! "Tell your doctor today to prescribe this medicine" Feel tired, have a headache, fart too much? We have a pill for you!! You just

need to ask your doctor so they can make a profit too!!

Why don't we just let the doctors do their job instead of putting "ideas" of "you might have a sickness"

In everyone's head! Since when should the patient be self-diagnosing themselves? This is the game pharmaceutical companies play now! Think of the old west snake oil sellers! While I do know people have some underlying medical problems, why do we need the media making everyone "think" they have a new condition? And why do we need to tell our doctors that YOU need to take this because the commercial said if I sneeze, I may have this condition?

Talking about manipulating someone's mind and putting money into someone else's pocket! Sounds more like what politicians do!! GRRRRR-Tom
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Types of Roads
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It Is What It Is With Cindy Sevell

Lipstick, chrome, and a whole lot of attitude....read on to find out why this blonde chose a Harley...rather, two Harleys!!

I have learned two important things in life. First, cancer changes everything. Second, nothing clears your mind quite like a Harley Davidson and an open road. People are often surprised when they find out I ride motorcycles. I suppose I don't fit the stereotype. I have long blonde hair. I love being feminine. I enjoy wearing dresses, lipstick and heels. I'm a girly girl through and through. But, lo and behold, many of you have watched me climb onto my Harleys, wearing a dress over my leggings and Harley boots. My long hair can be seen flowing down the back of my helmet (yes, I always wear a helmet – I respect those who choose not to but I have too much to live for – I beat cancer...NOTHING is worth risking it in my opinion.) The reactions are priceless when people realize that's a woman on that big loud sexy Harley! Now, lots of women happen to ride these days and I think that's fabulous!

"A Harley? You ride a Harley?" Why yes, I do. And I love every second of it. The truth is, I enjoy the shock factor almost as much as I enjoy the ride. I mean, I really LOVE shock factor in general. I always have! Life is too short to be predictable. Trust me, I know. Breast cancer was my wake up call. Before breast cancer, I was like a lot of people. I had dreams. I had plans. I had things I wanted to do "someday." Then someday suddenly felt very uncertain. When I received my diagnosis, I realized something important. Nobody knows how much time they have. We act like tomorrow is guaranteed, but it isn't. I decided, soon after my double mastectomy, that I wasn't going to spend the rest of my life wondering "what if." If there was something I wanted to do, I was going to do it. No excuses. No waiting. No fear. One of those many things was learning how to ride a motorcycle.

Now, here's the funny part. I couldn't and still can't ride a bicycle. Seriously. Most people start with a bicycle and eventually graduate to a motorcycle. Apparently, I skipped a few steps. But, I've never been known for doing things the conventional way. The first time I rode a motorcycle, I felt something I hadn't felt in a very long time. Freedom. Pure, unfiltered freedom. Not cancer. Not doctor's appointments. Not hospitals. Not surgery after surgery. Not feelings of loss. Not fear. Just me, my bike and the open road. The engine growled beneath me and boy do I love that sound! Such a sexy sound! The wind rushed around me. The sunshine warmed my face and skin. For those moments, I felt free. I wasn't worried about the future. I wasn't

carrying the weight of the world. I was simply alive and what a beautiful feeling that is.

Motorcycles don't just take you places. They take you away from things...away from stress, away from worry, away from every thought that tries to steal your joy. For me, riding became therapy with a throttle. Who needs a bottle?! I never turned to the bottle thank goodness, but that throttle became my healthy addiction, my escape from my reality. I can honestly say I was and still am so damn proud of myself for learning how to ride a motorcycle. This girly girl always wanted to ride but never thought she could. Guess what folks! I can f'ing ride!!! Now, am I the absolute strongest rider out there? Heck no. I know my limitations. I hate taking right turns so if I can take three lefts for every right, I will do it. Crazy I know, but it works for me. Have I dropped my bikes a time or two? Maybe three? Absolutely! But, I'm proud to say it was never when I was moving or at least not moving too fast. I once got stuck on a speed bump since I went over it too slow so down I went. I learned! Did I burn my leg on my Vance and Hines pipes two times on the same day? Yup, I sure did and boy did that hurt! Have I gotten stuck on the side of the highway a time or two? Of course I have but you know what? I met the absolute best people in the world! So many kind souls always came to my rescue. I became a part of a new family and learned that us bikers look out for each other. What a wonderful family to be a part of!

People who don't ride motorcycles often imagine glamorous scenes. A graceful feminine woman. A gorgeous motorcycle. A scenic roadway. The wind flowing dramatically through her hair. And yes, sometimes it really is that magical. Other times? You get hit in the face by a bug the size of a golf ball. Nobody talks enough about bugs. Motorcyclists know what I'm talking about. Sooner or later, you're going to eat them or have them plastered all over your bike along with your face. You're out there feeling like the star of your own movie, feeling all sexy and badass, when suddenly a flying insect decides your face is the perfect landing strip or bird poop lands on your arm. Nothing humbles you faster. It's all part of the experience. Then there was the infamous bee incident. I was cruising down the highway at about 60 miles per hour, enjoying a beautiful day and minding



my own business. I never had a need for speed on a bike – a car, that's another story but on my bike, I love the ride. I love the smells. I love the sights. Well, one day, out of nowhere, a bee slammed into my arm and stung me. It literally got stuck

in my arm. Holy moly that hurt. I couldn't yank it out while I was riding 60 miles an hour. I would like to officially report that getting stung by a bee while riding a motorcycle is not enjoyable.

Like many Harley riders, my love affair started with a Sportster. I purchased my first bike even before I took the class. I had only been on the back of a Harley a handful of times throughout the course of my life but I knew I always wanted to learn how to ride. I found a pearl white 2008 Harley Sportster 1200 with super low miles and bought it even before I learned how to ride. Of course, this girly girl failed the class the first time and boy did I fail miserably! The worst score you could get was a 15 and the best was a zero. I got a 31. LOL!!! I recall the instructor, who was very tall – around 6'8" or so, leaned down to my female tall of 5'8" and said, "Cindy, in your heart of hearts, you know you're not ready for the road." I just teared up, felt totally disheartened, absolutely exhausted since I used muscles I never knew I had AND I was so so sore from a recent surgery I had. I had just had another major breast surgery a couple of weeks prior and knew I shouldn't have taken that class but given they booked up fast and I had already paid, I figured I'd just try and do my best. I was full of stitches and of course, my upper body was a bit weak, but I'm unstoppable. I went home feeling defeated but still very proud of myself for getting through the entire class. I ended up getting my permit and practicing the heck out of my Sportster, went back a couple of months later, took the class again and passed with a whopping 13. Not bad! I went from a failing score of 31 to a passing score of 13 and have never ridden any sort of motorized 2 wheel anything prior to this. The instructors were very proud of me. They told me that most who fail are never to be seen at the school again. I told them and I showed them, "I'm no quitter!"

I loved my first Harley and thought I'd have it forever. It taught me confidence. It taught me balance. It taught me courage. Most importantly, it taught me that even me, a girly girl, belongs on two wheels. But the more I learned

about bikes, the more I decided I wanted something with a lower center of gravity. I had a very part time job at the Danbury Harley and would see all sorts of bikes come in. I test drove a Heritage and really liked it. Soon after, I found my dream bike, a gorgeous 1992 Heritage. This beauty had blue and cream original paint. I added tons of chrome and skulls, Vance and Hines pipes, upgraded all of the electrical, straight handlebars and whitewall tires. She has attitude, class, personality. People always admired her. She has character. She's strong. She's sexy. She's fearless. I felt one with my bike and what an exhilarating feeling that is! So, yes, I felt powerful on my bike. I felt sexy. I felt fearless. I felt like I could conquer the world. I felt freedom. I felt strong. After cancer, those feelings meant absolutely everything to me. Cancer can make you feel vulnerable. Motorcycles reminded me that I was stronger than I ever realized. Every mile became a celebration. Every ride became proof that I was still here. Still living. Still laughing. Still chasing adventure. Still refusing to let fear drive my life.

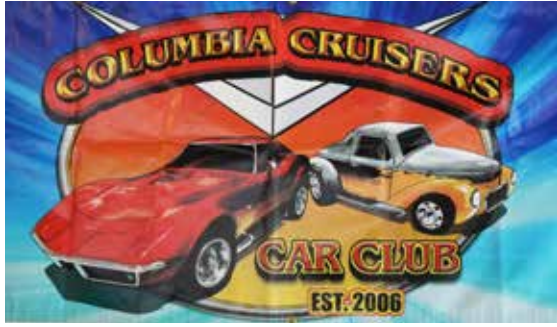
Summer is my favorite time to ride. The sun is shining. The skies are blue. The roads are calling. There is nothing better than taking off on a beautiful day with nowhere important to be. Sometimes I ride to a destination. Sometimes I ride just because the weather is perfect. Sometimes I ride because my soul needs it. The destination doesn't matter nearly as much as the journey. It's ironic because with regards to my cancer journey, I say, "The journey sucked but the destination is amazing." I love where I am in life, but I didn't love how I got here. But riding is an entirely different scenario. The ride is the best part. The destination never mattered to me.

Riding motorcycles, for me, is about freedom, courage and joy. It's about feeling every second of my life instead of watching it pass by. Cancer taught me life is precious. Motorcycles taught me how to celebrate it. So, if you happen to see a blonde woman rolling down the highway on a chrome-covered Harley with a giant smile on her face, don't be surprised. That's just me. Living loudly. Riding proudly. And proving that sometimes the most badass person in the room is the one wearing lipstick.

As always, I love reading your emails! Send me your comments, your thoughts, your stories. We ALL have stories and I love learning about all of them! Enjoy your summer, stay safe and remember, chrome side up my friends!! Thank you all for your love, your support and for reading my articles every month – your support means everything! Sending love out to all of you! Feel free to email me at Cindy@cindysevell.com.

Columbia Cruisers 20th Anniversary

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Veteran's Garage

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2026 IS THE 250th anniversary of our nation. All through this year we are celebrating the birth of our country. Parades, Veterans events, Auto shows, and the magical 4th of July firework festival displays will all honor this unique year.

On May 23, the SGU, or Secret Gorilla Unit of Laos had a special ceremony at the GREATER MIDDLETOWN MILITARY MUSEUM.

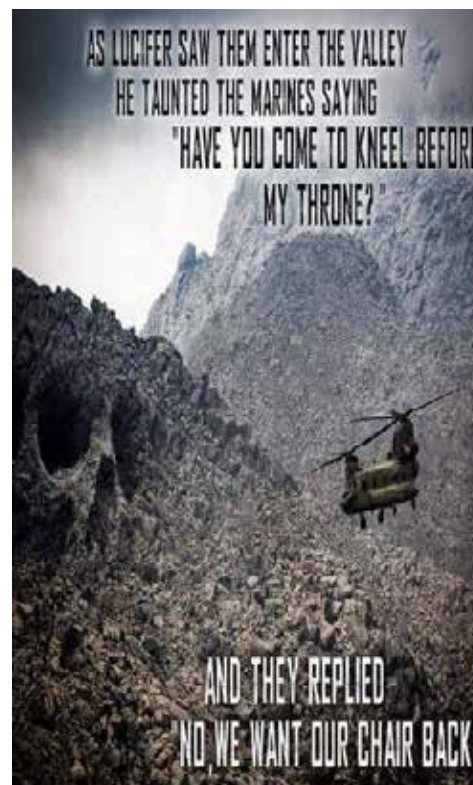
The SGU was instrumental in saving hundreds of our pilots and crew members when downed on and near the Ho-Chi-Minh trail during the Vietnam war. Their ceremony included the recognition of the new site of pavers under the flag display adjacent to the UH1 "Huey" helicopter.

The Memorial Day parades were all special this year highlighting the number 250.

On the 27th of June, the GREATER MIDDLETOWN MILITARY MUSEUM is hosting it's annual military car and truck show. You don't want to miss it!

On the 4th of July, Middletown will have a huge 250th anniversary parade. Please contact the Greater Middletown Military Museum if you wish to be part of it. And please honor our veterans, they are why we have the freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

So, folks enjoy this year, it only happens ONE TIME!



Powerhouse: Veteran Attorney Sam Radner Joins Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers



A well-known figure in the New England and New York motorcycling community is making a professional move that riders throughout the region will certainly notice. Attorney Sam Radner, a 32-year veteran of personal injury law and a fierce advocate for the riding community, has officially joined Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers.

For the readers of Connecticut Cruise News, Radner’s name is likely a familiar one. Whether at local rallies, charity rides, or community events, Radner has spent decades on the ground, connecting with riders not just as an attorney, but as a peer. He doesn’t just talk the talk; he’s been a motorcyclist for most of his adult life, bringing a firsthand understanding of

the road to every case he handles.

A Legacy of Results

The numbers behind Radner’s career speak for themselves. Licensed in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont, Radner has recovered over \$120 million in compensation for his clients. His experience ranges from navigating complex insurance hurdles to securing seven-figure results in catastrophic injury cases. As a tenacious trial attorney, he is known for his willingness to go the distance—taking cases to verdict when the opposition refuses to do what is right.

“Helping my clients tell their story—their journey of recovery and the lifelong impacts of these injuries—only happens by building a relationship and connecting with them as people,” Radner said. “When you’ve ridden, you understand what’s at stake. You understand the freedom, the focus it takes, and the devastating reality when something goes wrong.”

Three Decades of Winning

This partnership is a natural fit. Jeffrey Glassman founded his firm over 30 years ago on the principle that accident victims deserve to be heard and fully represented. Having ridden motorcycles himself, Glassman shares that same bond with the road and understands the unique challenges riders face. For three decades, the firm has been winning for its clients, building a reputation for excellence across the Northeast. “Sam brings something you can’t teach,” said Jeffrey Glassman. “He knows these roads, he knows this community, and he has spent decades

proving his dedication. At Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers, we’ve been winning for 30 years, and Sam’s expertise only strengthens our commitment to injury victims in Connecticut and beyond.”

Deep Roots in the Community

The firm’s dedication to the motorcycling world goes far beyond the courtroom. Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers is a staple at community events, prioritizing rider safety and support. The firm has a long history of giving back, having sponsored motorcycle safety classes and numerous charity rides throughout the region.

Most notably, the firm is honored to be a proud sponsor for the upcoming Wounded Vet Run this May where they give out free gas to all the motorcycle participants.. It’s more than just a sponsorship; it’s a way to give back to those who have served and to celebrate the bond shared by everyone on two wheels.

Contact the Team

As the firm continues to expand its reach across Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island, the team remains dedicated to ensuring riders receive the specialized representation they need. If you or a loved one has been involved in an accident, put 30 years of winning experience in your corner.

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Tick Season Is Here: Protecting Your Pets from Tiny but Dangerous Pests

As temperatures rise, so does the tick population, and this year, experts are reporting an increase in tick activity across many parts of the United States. While these tiny parasites may seem like a minor nuisance, they can carry serious diseases that affect both pets and humans.

Dogs are particularly vulnerable because they spend time exploring grassy fields, wooded trails, and even backyard landscapes where ticks thrive. Cats that venture outdoors are also at risk.

One of the most common illnesses transmitted by ticks is Lyme disease, but ticks can also spread ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Early symptoms may include lethargy, fever, swollen joints, loss of appetite, or lameness. Because these symptoms can be subtle at first, many pet owners may not realize their companion has been infected.

The good news is that prevention is highly effective. Veterinarians recommend using year-round tick prevention products, even during cooler months, as tick seasons have become longer due to changing weather patterns. These preventives come in chewable

tablets, topical treatments, and collars.

After spending time outdoors, make it a habit to perform a quick tick check. Pay special attention around the ears, neck, under the collar, between the toes, under the legs, and around the tail.

“When you get home from a walk, don’t just wipe your dog’s paws; take 60 seconds to check for ticks. It could make all the difference.”

Keeping your yard maintained can also reduce tick populations. Mow grass regularly, remove leaf litter, trim overgrown brush, and discourage wildlife such as deer and rodents from entering your yard.

If you discover a tick attached to your pet, remove it promptly with fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool, grasping it as close to the skin as possible and pulling straight out with steady pressure.

Finally, remember that tick prevention protects more than just your pets; it helps protect your family as well. Pets can carry unattached ticks into the home, where they may later attach to people.

With a few simple preventive steps and regular checks after outdoor ad-

ventures, you can greatly reduce your pet’s risk and enjoy the season with greater peace of mind. A few minutes of prevention today could spare your beloved companion from a serious illness tomorrow.

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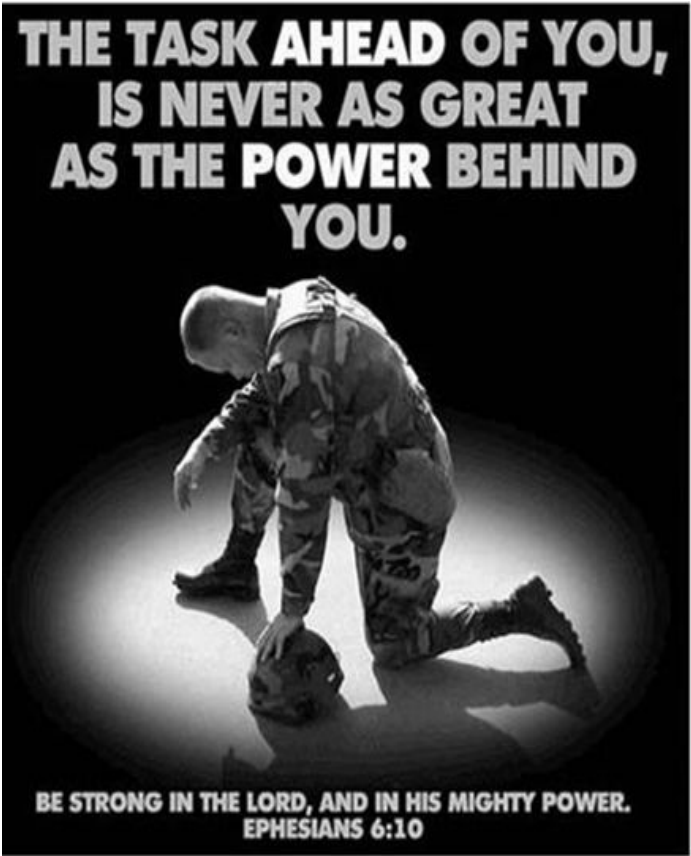
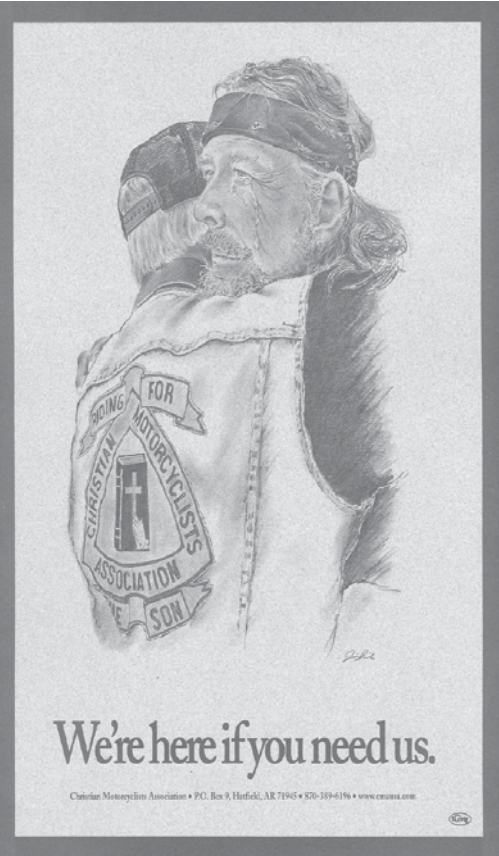


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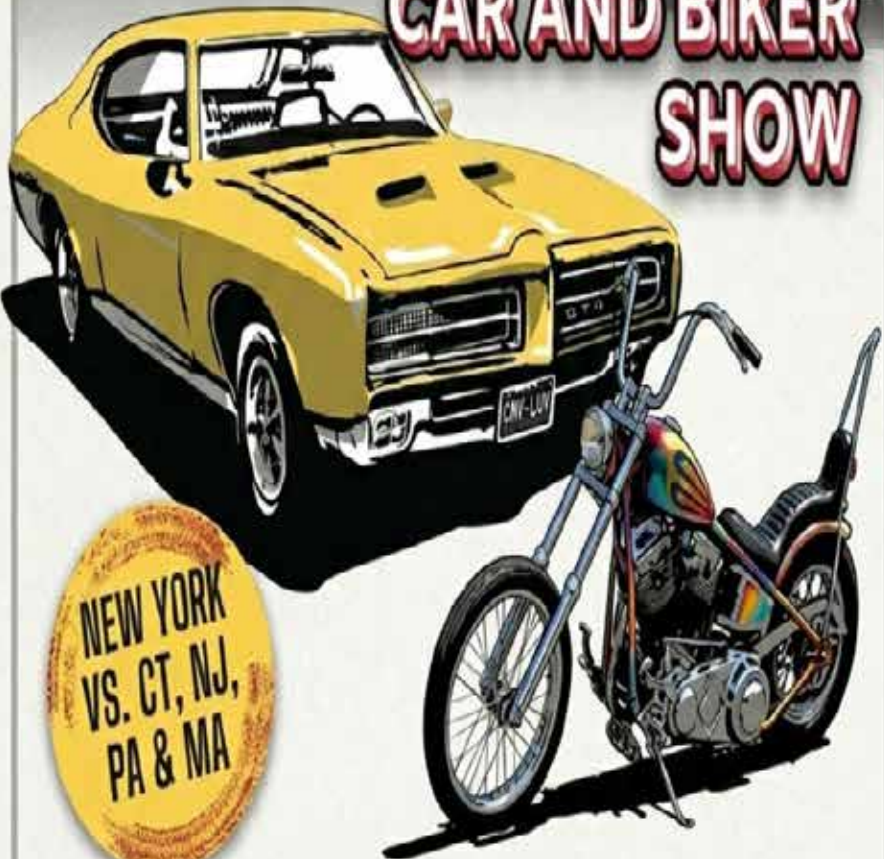
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*In Memory * It is with great sadness that Westchester Street Rod Association (WSRA) is announcing the passing of two long-time members and a supporting friend; John Russo, Marshal Lebow and John Segreto. These enthusiasts will be missed by not only their families, but also club members and countless others with whom they met, traveled and interacted with over their long professional and personal lives.*

In Memory of John Russo



John Russo; age 82

John was a long-time member of WSRA who owned many cars through the years and loved the Hot Rod/Muscle Car culture. The first car was a '32 Ford in 1961 that John turned into a Hot Rod. Like many car enthusiasts John moved from car to car as tastes changed. He had several Corvettes, an El Camino, a Mustang, a Cobra kit car, a Dune Buggy and his last, a '40 Ford. He thoroughly enjoyed each of his rides and the company of fellow enthusiasts.

In Memory of John Segreto



John Segreto; age 84

John was longtime friend of WSRA and avid builder of multiple cars through the years, his latest was a 48 Ford Pickup.

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In Memory of Marshall Stanley



Marshall Stanley Labow; age 83

Marshall was a long-time member of WSRA - Marshall devoted his life to his passion for automobiles. From hot rods and historical Italian factory race cars to the everyday cars that kept him moving, he found joy under the hood and pride in a job well done.

Cars were more than machines to Marshall, they were stories, craftsmanship, and connection to what drove his world. He worked tirelessly for anyone who needed help with their automobile, always ready with skilled hands, steady patience, and a generous heart. If something had wheels and needed care, Marshall was there - in jeans and a black t-shirt.



Doc Pomus (1925–1991): Singer, Songwriter and Rock & Roll Pioneer



Doc Pomus, born Jerome Solon Felder in Brooklyn, New York, overcame enormous physical hardships to become one of the most important songwriters in rock-and-roll history. Stricken with polio as a child, he spent much of his life using crutches and later a wheelchair. Despite these challenges, he developed a passion for blues music after hearing records by Big Joe Turner and began performing in New York clubs as a teenager. To keep his parents from knowing he was singing in nightclubs, he adopted the stage name “Doc Pomus.”

Pomus first gained attention as a blues singer in the 1940s and early 1950s, recording for labels such as Apollo, Savoy, Coral, Chess, and Dawn. Although his recordings achieved only modest success, they established him as one of the finest white blues singers of his era.

By the mid-1950s he realized that songwriting offered greater opportunities. His first major success as a writer was “Lonely Avenue,” recorded by Ray Charles. Soon afterward he partnered with young pianist and composer Mort Shuman. Working from New York’s famous Brill Building, Pomus wrote lyrics while Shuman generally supplied the music. Together they created some of the defining songs of the late 1950s and early 1960s.

One of Pomus’s most famous songs, “Save the Last Dance for Me,” came directly from his personal life. On his wedding day he watched his bride, Broadway dancer Willi Burke, dance with other guests while he was unable to dance because of his polio. The

experience inspired the lyrics, making the song one of the most touching and personal hits of the rock era. Pomus and Shuman wrote numerous hits for Elvis Presley, The Drifters, Dion and the Belmonts, and many others. Presley alone recorded more than twenty of their songs.

Major Songs Written by Doc Pomus

Among his best-known compositions are:

- “Lonely Avenue” – Ray Charles
- “Young Blood” – The Coasters
- “A Teenager in Love” – Dion and the Belmonts
- “Hushabye” – The Mystics
- “This Magic Moment” – The Drifters
- “Save the Last Dance for Me” – The Drifters
- “Sweets for My Sweet” – The Drifters
- “I Count the Tears” – The Drifters
- “Little Sister” – Elvis Presley
- “(Marie’s the Name) His Latest Flame” – Elvis Presley
- “Surrender” – Elvis Presley
- “Suspicion” – Elvis Presley
- “A Mess of Blues” – Elvis Presley
- “Viva Las Vegas” – Elvis Presley
- “Can’t Get Used to Losing You” – Andy Williams
- “Turn Me Loose” – Fabian
- “Go, Jimmy, Go” – Jimmy Clanton
- “Young Boy Blues”
- “She’s Not You” (co-written with others)
- “Devil in Disguise” (contributor to Presley’s catalog)

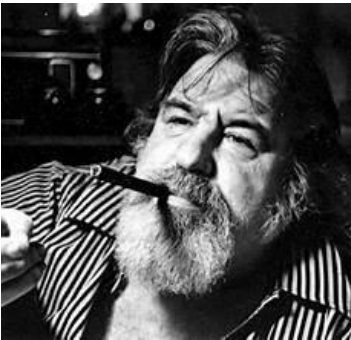
Overall, Pomus is credited with writing more than 1,000 songs, and some sources place the number closer to 1,500.

Selected Discography as a Recording Artist

Because Pomus became far more famous as a songwriter than as a singer, his recording discography is less extensive. Notable recordings include:

Year	Recording	Label
1946	"If I Had My Life to Live Over"	Apollo
1947	"Choo Choo Baby"	Apollo
1948	"Send for the Doctor"	Apollo
Early 1950s	Various blues singles	Savoy
1954–55	Blues recordings with Mickey Baker and King Curtis	Coral
1950s	Additional singles	Dawn
1950s	Various recordings	Chess

Many of these recordings are now collector’s items and can be found on retrospective blues compilations.



Legacy

Doc Pomus was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. His songs have been recorded by hundreds of artists and remain staples of oldies radio, rock-and-roll revival shows, and doo-wop concerts. His life story stands as one of determination and triumph over adversity. Despite the limitations imposed by polio, he transformed personal struggles into songs that captured love, longing, heartbreak, and hope for generations of listeners.

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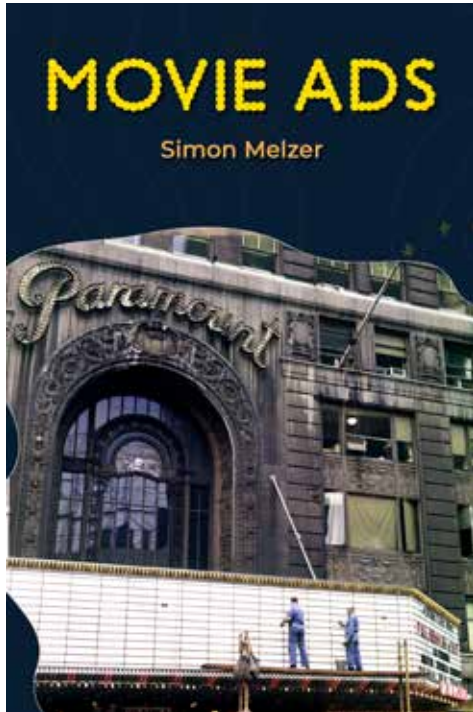
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Golden Age Of Hollywood



by Simon Melzer

The Golden Age of Hollywood, considered to have begun in the 1930's with the advent of the great movie studios. These studios were created by Eastern European immigrants. Carl Laemmle, created Universal, Adolph Zukor, Paramount, Samuel Goldwyn and Louis B Mayer created Metro, Goldwyn, Mayer, MGM, William Fox created Fox pictures later to merge with 20th Century Pictures to become 20th Century Fox and The Warner Brothers, (Harry, Albert, Sam and Jack) Warner Brothers.

These individuals were responsible for the creation of the greatest American art form and entertainment, The Motion Picture Industry.

The greatest revolution in the motion picture industry occurred in the late 1920's, the development of sound, they were called, "talking Pictures". It would be almost one hundred years later, that another revolutionary event took place, the introduction of digital Computerized movies that we see today.

My fascination with the movies began during my youth when I would

go to the movies regularly. This didn't stop with just watching movies but also making movies, and a desire to become a filmmaker. Professionally, this desire didn't materialize but I did manage to make quite a few films, first on film and later video. In the early 90's I decided to begin collecting vintage movie related Memorabilia.

Over thirty years ago I acquired a sixty drawer cabinet filled with thousands of magazine and newspaper photos of movie stars and movie advertisements.

This cabinet would become the basis of my book, Movie Ads, published in 2024.

I spent months organizing the collection into various categories and sold most of the vintage periodical photos but decided to keep the movie advertisements. As a youngster, I enjoyed browsing through the movie ads in magazines such as Life, Look, Time and others.

The ads were placed in two large loose leaf binders, preserving the originals for my future enjoyment.

The growing availability of new technology convinced me to professionally scan my favorite ads into digital files to make viewing much simpler and more enjoyable.

In 2023, I decided to turn this collection of ads into a book. I contacted an entertainment book publisher, Bear Manor Media, the publisher related to me that he used to collect newspaper movie ads, but got rid of them. He liked the idea of a book of movie ads and asked me to submit a proposal. I digitized the rest of the collection and dated every single ad.

Thus began the long two year's trek of creating a book, assisted by a person with computer expertise we designed each ad, reproduced from my original collection exactly as it appeared in the periodicals of that period.

I researched books that deal with movie advertising, and found that most included up to four black and white images per page with questionable quality. I decided that my book would

feature only one ad per page with the date of release for each.

The result is a unique, good looking book with clear images on each page. This is truly a one of a kind book with over five hundred pages of my personal collection of movie ads. It is a tribute to the publicity departments of the major studios of the time.

The book is divided into four chapters; The 30's, The Early Talkies; The 40's, World War Two; The 50's, Un-American Hollywood, and The 60's, The Spectacles and Hitchcock.

This period contains the largest number of Hollywood's golden age movies and movie stars.

To name just a few movies; Picnic (1955), The Story of G.I Joe (1945), The Birds (1963), Little Women (1933), Butterfield 8 (1960), Imitation of Life (1959), Gunfight at the OK Corral (1957), It's A Wonderful Life (1946), and over five hundred more. The stars include; Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Gary Cooper, William Holden, Humphrey Bogart, John Wayne, Loretta Young, Grace Kelly, Gregory Peck, Clark Gable, James Stewart, Natalie Wood, Elizabeth Taylor, Marlon Brando and hundreds more.

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DeMarey does not take that image lightly. To him, placing today's student engineers on the same road where the earliest automobile builders once tested their machines is not a programming addition. It is history doing what it rarely gets the chance to do... Repeat itself!

"It matters because the engineers, designers and prototypes of 1908 were on that same hill," he said. "Now we have talented young engineers from some of the best programs on the East Coast coming to test their vehicles on the very same road."

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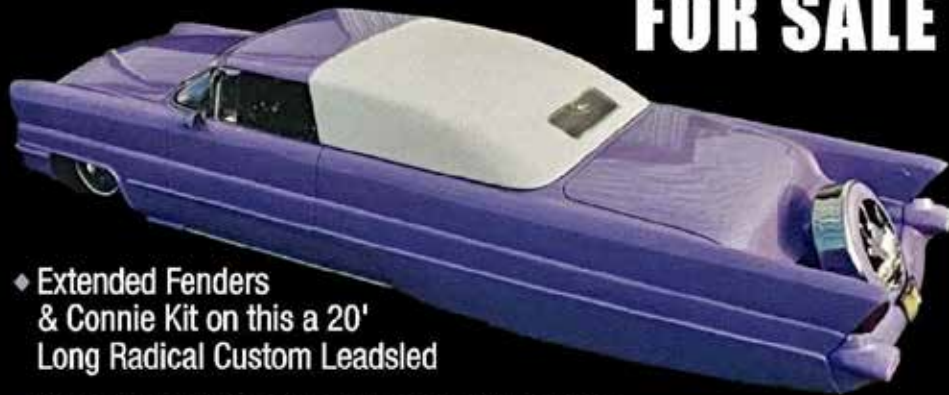
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By Judy Szablak

A Day at the Races

Queen released an album in 1976 called *A Day at the Races*. While the title was inspired by the classic Marx Brothers film “*A Night at the Opera*”, every time I find myself at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut, I can't help but think that Queen got the title exactly right.

I recently attended the Trans Am Memorial Day Classic race at Lime Rock, and even with rain falling for much of Saturday's race, it reminded me why I've been coming back year after year. A day at the races is never just about the race. It begins long before the first green flag waves. Long before engines roar to life. Long before spectators stake out their favorite viewing spots around the track. For me, it starts at sunrise.

Sunrise at Lime Rock is simply magical. The hills are quiet. The air is cool. The paddock slowly comes to life as trailers are opened, tools are unloaded, and drivers prepare for the day ahead. Cars that will soon be flying around the track at triple-digit speeds sit quietly under the soft morning light, almost as if they're still asleep.

One of my favorite traditions is strolling through the paddock before the crowds arrive. In many ways, it's a great car show, too.

You'll find everything from vintage sports cars and historic racers to modern performance machines. Owners and crew members wipe down fenders, check tire pressures, make lastminute adjustments, and talk shop with fellow enthusiasts. Some have been coming to Lime Rock for decades. Others are experiencing the track for the very first time. Yet everyone shares the same anticipation for what lies ahead.

The spectators are part of the experience too. Some arrive with cameras slung around their necks, determined to capture the perfect shot. Others come armed with lawn chairs, coolers, and years of racing knowledge. Families introduce a new generation to the sport while lifelong enthusiasts swap stories about races they've attended and cars they've owned. Spend a few minutes talking with people at Lime Rock and you'll quickly discover that everyone has a favorite car, favorite driver, and at least one favorite memory.



And then there are the cars themselves. One of the joys of Lime Rock is the incredible variety of machinery that finds its way onto the track. Depending on the event, you may see everything from historic race cars that helped shape motorsports history to modern purpose-built machines capable of astonishing performance. Corvettes, Porsches, Mustangs, BMWs, Lolas, and countless other marques have all taken their turn on Lime Rock's famous circuit. For car enthusiasts, simply walking through the paddock can feel like a trip through automotive history.

The paddock is where the stories live, and every car has a story. Some have spent years being restored. Others have raced all over the country. Some owners can tell you every nut, bolt, and modification. Others simply smile and say, “I just love driving it.”

After fifteen years as a volunteer at Lime Rock Park, I've learned that one of the greatest pleasures along with watching the cars is talking with the people. I typically work in the information area, helping visitors find their way around the facility and answering questions. Over the years I've met everyone from first-time spectators to lifelong racing fans, and one thing I've learned is that people often arrive expecting a race and leave having experienced something much bigger.

When the drivers get on track, the peaceful morning silence gives way to the unmistakable soundtrack of motorsports. Some cars growl. Some scream. Some crackle and pop on

deceleration. The sounds echo through the hills and instantly signal that the day is underway.

Then comes one of the toughest decisions of the day: where to watch. Most spectators have their favorite locations. Some head for the Sam Posey Straight. Others gather near Big Bend. Personally, I love the Esses because they showcase driver skill, and the chicane because every now and then you get to see a car catch a little air. It may only be for a moment, but it's enough to get everyone's attention.

Stand near a braking zone and you'll witness drivers pushing the limits of physics. Watch from a sweeping turn and you'll appreciate the precision required to carry speed through the corner. Position yourself near one of Lime Rock's seven turns and you'll see just how hard these drivers are working to extract every ounce of performance from their machines.

Television simply doesn't capture that sensation. The speed. The sound. The vibration. The rush of air as a car flashes by. You really have to experience it in person.

But racing is about more than speed. It's about competition. One of the most exciting aspects of any race is watching drivers battle for position. Two cars enter a corner side by side. One driver takes a defensive line. Another searches for an opening. The crowd collectively holds its breath as the battle unfolds. Sometimes the pass works perfectly, and sometimes it doesn't.

Occasionally a driver misses a braking point, drops a tire into the grass, gets a little too ambitious exiting a corner, or discovers that the limits of adhesion are not quite where he thought they were. That's racing.

Those moments remind us that motorsports are ultimately a human endeavor. Behind every helmet is a person making split-second decisions while managing speed, traffic, changing conditions, and pressure.

One comment from a friend has always stayed with me. He once told me he'd rather be in last place on the track than standing on the sidelines watching a race.

A day at the races is about speed, certainly. It's about competition and machinery and driving skill. But it's also about community, passion, stories, and shared experiences. It's about the people who gather because they love automobiles and everything that surrounds them.

After years of volunteering at Lime Rock Park, I can say with certainty that the race itself is only part of the attraction. The real magic is everything that happens around it.

And that's why, year after year, there is no place I'd rather spend a day than at the races.

A Note from Judy: As this article was being written, the racing world was mourning the loss of two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch at just 41 years old. His passing is a reminder that while we come for the cars and the competition, it is ultimately the people and the memories they create that make this sport special. Those memories endure long after the checkered flag falls. Rest in peace, Kyle, and thanks for the memories.



Submitted by Judy Szablak, Realtor® and Unapologetic Automotive Aficionado

Early Car Motoring, Comradery and Rescheduling



**By Gwen and Parker Ackley,
Photos by Mike Lauterborn
and others**

The Mission of the Fairfield County Region of the Horseless Carriage Club/Antique Automobile Club of America (HCCA/AACA) is to "Preserve the collector hobby and family fun of owning a Pre-World War II Automobile for generations to come." President Shenton King leads the club's focus on early car motoring, comradery and sharing the passion with others. While the unsettled springtime weather has delayed a major event, the club members still participated in several activities.

The season started with a Derby Day themed fundraiser for the Pequot Library in Southport, CT on May 2, 2026. Three Horseless Carriage club cars participated in a very festive tailgate party on the library's Great Lawn. The antique cars were a 1912 Pope-Hartford, a rare 1911 Maxwell GAR, and our 1911 Hupmobile Model 20 Roadster. It was an opportunity to promote the car club and its upcoming Hill Climb event while the guests posed with the Brass Era cars in their horse themed costumes and hats.

Another event to promote the Hill Climb was at the Congregational Church Hall in Easton, CT on May 16,

2026, co-sponsored with the Historical Society of Easton as part of the town's America 250 celebrations. Starting with a barbecue followed by a fascinating presentation by Mitch and Wendy Gross: Peking to Paris - A motoring Odyssey in a 1910 White Steam Car. Covering an astonishing 8,500 miles, their 109-year-old automobile proved its endurance by completing one of the world's most demanding vintage car rallies back in 2019!

The next day a large group of Brass Era automobiles jaunted to a museum lawn in Stratford, CT as a special antique display for that town's 250 celebration. This was a promotional preview of the cars that would be partaking in the following weekend's Hill Climb to be held in Easton on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Sadly, the forecast for Memorial Day weekend called for rain. While Shenton still wanted the Hill Climb event to go on, the Chief of police called and "encouraged" him to reschedule. We all felt Shenton's anguish at having to postpone the event after all of the buildup for it.

Soooo....rather than speed up a hill, friends and volunteers were invited to drive a modern vehicle to a private car barn for coffee, pastries, and watch restored car films from the club's early beginnings in the 1950s. We also heard

many of the stories of the cars in the barn.

The rain continued through Sunday and during the start of Memorial Day Monday. Many towns cancelled their parades, but Fairfield, did not. The Fairfield Museum had requested some antique cars with a military connection to help represent them in the parade as part of their 250 celebration. Since the Hupmobile Model 20 was evaluated by the 26th Infantry as a scout car in 1911 and has the distinction of being the first American car officially used in U. S. military service, it qualifies for a military theme. As the Fairfield Memorial Day Parade is one of the largest parades in CT, it was an opportunity for many to see a brass era car in motion with appropriate vintage costuming, even if a bit wet from the early morning rain.

As of the time of this writing, the Sport Hill Antique Car Show & Hill Climb has been postponed to Saturday, August 29, 2026. It will again be an opportunity for the public to see cars over one hundred years old be cranked up and running once again.

Updates concerning the Hill Climb will be posted on Facebook and on <https://fairfieldcountyyregion.org/calendar>.





Saturday June 20th, 2026

Pawling Fire House
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Memorial Ride

Registration starts at 9:00am
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Cruisin' in the Kitchen



By Dan and Kim Varano

Hello Car People! Car season got off to a rainy start but finally the weather has warmed and the sun has come out! We're out with our car, seeing familiar faces and catching up on what we've all been doing over the winter.

In this issue we've decided to go South. A big piece of "Southern Hospitality" is about the food. Southern Cuisine is a rich comforting culinary tradition built on Native American, West African and European influences. It highlights soulful slow cooking, bold spices and local ingredients. It has "sub cuisines such as Cajun and Creole in Louisiana, Low country in Georgia and the Carolinas, Appalachia, and Soul Food. Whether fried, baked or stewed it is full of flavor and packed with love.

So why don't you try a Southern Soul Food meal. The recipes that we have written are flavorful and easy. It's all about the flavor. Enjoy, have some friends to share the hospitality....be good, be kind and happy cooking!

Southern Baked Chicken (serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 bone in chicken thighs and 4 bone in drumsticks (or 1-4 lb chicken cut in 8 pieces)
3 tbsp prepared Soul Food Seasoning or you can make your own: 2 tbsp garlic powder, 2 tbsp onion powder, 2 tbsp paprika, 1 tbsp ground black pepper, 1 tbsp cayenne pepper, 1 tbsp

ground thyme, 1 tbsp celery seed, 1 tbsp dry parsley and 1 tbsp salt.
2 tbsp vegetable oil

Directions:

1. Pat dry chicken, brush with oil and season well with spice blend. Place skin side up on a baking sheet.
2. Bake in a 375-degree pre heated oven for 45-50 minutes until chicken is golden brown and crispy. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

Southern Fried Chicken (serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 bone in chicken thighs and 4 bone in drumsticks (or 1-4 lb chicken cut in 8 pieces)

For the Brine:

16 cups water
¾ cup kosher salt
½ cup granulated sugar
Lots of Ice

For the Seasoned Flour:

1 cup flour
1 cup corn starch
1 ½ tsp garlic powder, 1 ½ tsp onion powder, 1 ½ tsp ground black pepper, ½ tsp seasoned salt,
1 tsp smoked paprika

For the Egg Wash:

3 eggs
3 tbsp water

Directions:

1. To brine the chicken-bring the water to a boil in a large pot. Add kosher salt and sugar, stirring until completely dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool for 30 minutes. Then add ice to the pot until the water mixture reaches room temperature. Add the chicken pieces to the pot, cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Before cooking remove the chicken from the pot, rinse thoroughly and pat dry before dredging.
2. Put flour, cornstarch and seasoning in a large bowl and mix to combine.
3. Crack eggs into a large bowl, add the 3 tbsp water and mix well.
4. Dip each piece of chicken into the egg wash making sure it is evenly coated, then coat each piece of chicken with the flour mixture, coating well.
5. Place all coated chicken on a baking tray lined with foil or parchment paper.
6. Fill a deep skillet or Dutch oven with enough vegetable oil to fully submerge chicken pieces (2-3 inches)

Now use your handy dandy pocket thermometer to heat the oil to 360 degrees.

7. Carefully place the coated chicken pieces into the hot oil and fry until golden brown. The internal temperature of the chicken should be 165 degrees and this should take 8-10 minutes for white meat and 12-14 minutes for dark meat. (Do not over crowd the chicken in the oil, you might have to fry in batches)

8. Carefully remove the cooked chicken from the oil with tongs or a slotted spoon and place on a baking pan lined with a cookie cooling rack. Rest for 5 minutes before serving.

Southern Baked Mac and Cheese (serves 8)

Ingredients:

2 cups of cavatappi, elbow macaroni, shells or your choice of pasta (uncooked)
3 large eggs
1 12 oz can evaporated milk
1 ½ cups half and half
1 8 oz. block of sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
1 8 oz block mild cheddar cheese, shredded
1 8 oz block Monterey jack cheese, shredded
1 8 oz block of mozzarella cheese, shredded
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Cook macaroni until al dente, 8-10 minutes, in boiling salted water. Drain and set aside.
2. In a large bowl beat the eggs well. Add evaporated milk and half and half and mix well. Add the shredded cheese to the mixture reserving 1 cup for topping.
3. Fold cooked pasta into the mild and cheese mixture and season with salt and pepper. Stir until well coated.
4. Transfer the macaroni mixture to a 9x13 greased baking dish. Sprinkle reserved cheese on top.
5. Bake in a 350 degree pre heated oven for 40-45 minutes until golden and bubbly. Let the casserole sit for 15 minutes so it will settle and thicken.

Collard Greens with Ham Hocks (serves 6)

Ingredients:

2 smoked ham hocks
½ yellow onion finely chopped

2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 tsp onion powder, 1 tsp garlic powder ½ tsp red pepper flakes, salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 ½ tsp cider vinegar
2 bunches collard greens, trimmed, chopped and washed well

Directions:

1. Place ham hocks in a medium stock pot and cover with water two inches above the hocks. Stir in onion, seasoned salt, chicken bouillon, black pepper, salt, onion powder, garlic powder and red pepper flakes, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar. Bring to a boil over medium high heat and cook for 45 minutes until ham hocks are tender. Remove the hocks, shred the meat and return it to the pan. Discard the bones.
2. Add the collard greens to the pot, cover, reduce heat to medium low and simmer for 1 hour until the greens are tender. Serve hot.

Southern Style Banana Pudding (serves 12)

Ingredients:

4 tbsp flour
1 ½ cups sugar
3 large egg yolks
3 cups milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 box vanilla wafers cookies
6 bananas
1/8 tsp cream of tartar

Directions:

1. Combine flour, sugar and salt in a large heavy sauce pan. In a separate bowl lightly beat egg yolks and combine with milk. Whisk the liquid mixture into the dry ingredients in the sauce pan making sure no lumps remain. Cook over medium low heat, stirring constantly, until the pudding is thickened and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.
2. In a 2 quart casserole, place 1/3 of the cookies in an even layer on the bottom of the dish. Slice bananas and place 1/3 on top of the wafers. Pour 1/3 of the pudding over the wafers and bananas. Repeat the layering process 2 more times.
3. Cover the casserole and refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. Top with whipped cream if desired.

Carlisle Ford Nationals Weekend Wows In 2026

Three Great Days of Sun and Fun Draw Great Guests and Amazing Cars to the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds

CARLISLE, PA – Since its inception in 1995, the Carlisle Ford Nationals has proven year after year that it and the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds are the ultimate destination for Ford enthusiasts from around the world. Whether attending as a spectator to enjoy the sights and sounds, a vendor selling Ford parts and products, or a participant on the National Parts Depot Showfield, the chance to see and be seen each June in Carlisle has become a rite of passage for thousands. In fact, this year's show car turnout was 3,538 during the June 5-7, 2026 event weekend. That makes this not only the second largest Ford Nationals of all time, but the second biggest specialty car show ever held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds, just behind the 2024 Ford Nationals total of 3,572.

There were countless reasons for people to come to Carlisle. Sure, there were track activities and special guests, but there was also an amazing collection of anniversary displays and showcases. From the east side of the grounds to the west, multiple display buildings, tents, and the Showfield itself brought together some of the best vehicles Ford has ever produced.

Highlights included a 60th Anniversary Bronco Showcase, celebrating the past, present, and future of the iconic SUV; a 50th Anniversary celebration

of the Starsky & Hutch Torino, featuring three screen-used vehicles, nearly two dozen additional examples on the Showfield, and one of the stars of the television series, Antonio Fargas, who portrayed Huggy Bear. There were also displays commemorating the legacies of Roush and the Ford Taurus.

Inside Building Y, the Carlisle Select display featured a Robert Yates Racing Ford Taurus once driven by NASCAR Hall of Famer Dale Jarrett. Nearby, attendees could also enjoy a collection of IMSA-series Ford Taurus race cars, as well as the famous Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles-themed Taurus.

Beyond the cars and displays, vendors offered something for everyone through both the automotive flea market and the Manufacturers Midway. Buyers and sellers traveled from near and far to take part. The Midway hosted industry leaders including Ford, RTR Vehicles, Shelby American, KTL Restorations, Fathouse Performance, Saleen and many more key players within the hobby. From engines and wheels to restoration parts and custom accessories, enthusiasts had no shortage of products to explore. Many of the Midway partners also participated in stage presentations and walk-arounds, showcasing specific details about their products, builds, and designs while

giving guests an opportunity to ask questions, learn more, and take photos.

The action didn't stop when the vehicles were parked. The grounds came alive with pop-up parades, a rolling exhaust contest, a rolling burnout and donut competition presented by RTR Vehicles plus drift exhibitions by Formula Drift Pro Ben Hobson as well as the Jacks and Jokers Drift Team. Speaking of parades, the annual Downtown Carlisle Ford Parade, Park, and Party went off without a hitch Saturday night, much to the delight of the Carlisle and Ford communities who came together to welcome the rides into town. By the time the final cars rolled off the grounds on Sunday afternoon, many attendees were already making plans to return. In fact, numerous guests secured their vendor spaces or Showfield registrations for the 2027 Carlisle Ford Nationals before even leaving town.

While the 2026 event is now in the books, planning is already underway for 2027. Mark your calendars for June 4-6, 2027, as the Carlisle Ford Nationals returns with even more of what enthusiasts love—Ford vehicles, track

activities, parades, special displays, and much more. Featured displays/anniversaries include the 70th anniversary of Edsel, 60th Anniversary of the Shelby GT500, 60th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar, Muscle Mustangs and Fast Fords reunion, and a Ford Heavy Truck reunion. To register for the 2027 Carlisle Ford Nationals, call 717-243-7855 or visit CarlisleEvents.com for event details, spectator admission information, and more.

Carlisle Events is a partner or producer of nearly a dozen annual collector car/truck events. Events are held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds (Carlisle, PA) and Allentown Fairgrounds (Allentown, PA). The season schedule includes automotive flea markets of varying sizes, multiple auctions, as well as individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, imports, tuners, and performance sport compacts. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, events hosted at Carlisle attract enthusiasts annually from all corners of the globe. More information is available at www.CarlisleEvents.com or www.CarlisleAuctions.com.

The Ultimate Corvette Road Tour Is Coming This Summer

Coker Group and Corvettes at Carlisle Join Forces for an Epic Road Trip



Chattanooga, TN – Coker Group, parent company of Coker Tire, Zip Products, Corvette Central, and The Great Race, announced a new week-long touring event geared toward Corvette enthusiasts. Participants will enjoy hundreds of miles of exciting roads and more than a dozen VIP experiences at private car collections, historic museums and more. This seven-day adventure kicks off on Saturday, August 22nd at Corvette Central's headquarters in Sawyer, Michigan and sends participants on a journey through Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, with a destination of Carlisle, Pennsylvania for the annual Corvettes at Carlisle, August 27-29 at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds.

Participants will enjoy the largest Corvette gathering in the world from Thursday through the end of the event on Saturday afternoon. Event organizers have teamed up with Corvettes at Carlisle to provide a special parking area, as well as other fun activities throughout the event.

This event marks the first touring event for Coker Group, but it certainly isn't the first automotive experience hosted by the Chattanooga, Tennessee-based company. One example of a wildly successful Coker Group event is called the Great Race, which is a time, speed, endurance rally for vintage vehicles. The Great Race is a widely known event that covers a different route each year, and it carries an intense level of competition, as participants must drive a route with precise instructions, with intentions of matching a pre-determined time. The Corvette Tour, on the other hand, is a more laid-back approach, as there is no competition element, but participants can count on lots of great roads and hosted VIP experiences along the way.

The Ultimate Corvette Tour has an entry fee of \$7,999, which covers one hotel room in each overnight city, organized meals for two, VIP access to private collections, behind the scenes

museum experiences, and other unique automotive adventures along our route! It also covers entry into the Corvettes at Carlisle event, your hotel only a half-mile from the Fun Field, and participation in other special access events.

"We're excited to welcome the Coker Group and their Ultimate Corvette Road Tour to Corvettes at Carlisle this summer," noted Carlisle Events co-owner Lance Miller. "Coker has been a friend and partner of Carlisle Events, showcasing their brand and products to our guests for decades," continued Miller.

"For our flagship car show, Corvettes at Carlisle, to be selected by them as the destination for this epic journey is a real honor and I'm looking forward to welcoming them to Carlisle in August. Safe travels!"

The registration process is simple, and the staff at Coker Group offer excellent hospitality to ensure a great experience for everyone involved. For more information on this event, visit www.cokertire.com/corvette-tour-2026 or email Coker Group's Director of Events, Brad Phillips at brad.phillips@coker.com. Further, for a complete rundown of what Corvettes at Carlisle is all about, including guests, special displays, activities, and more, visit CarlisleEvents.com.

About Coker Group

Coker Group is comprised of Coker Tire Company, Corvette Central, Zip Products, Inc., Wheel Vintiques, Specialty Wheel, Roadster Wire Wheel, Universal Vintage Tire and Great Race, as well as German tire distributor MOR (Munchner Oldtimer Reifen). The group of companies has hundreds of years of combined manufacturing experience and serves the auto enthusiast market with product offerings that allow enthusiasts to accelerate their automotive passion.

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CT Seaport Car Club Visits the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center

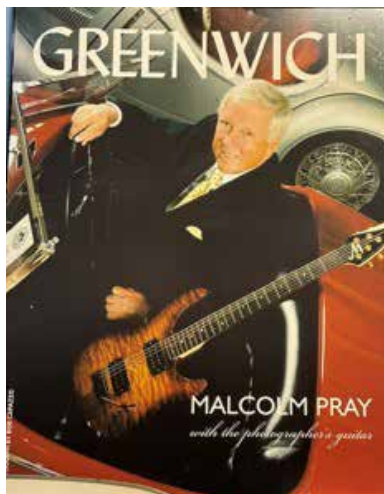
The CT Seaport Car Club's Car Show – June 7th



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Lauderborn, and Lissa Seeberger

One of the things the CT Seaport Car Club members like to do in the winter months when there are no car shows or cruises going on is to take a field trip to visit a car restoration facility or a private classic car collection.

After meeting Lilly Pray last summer at a car enthusiasts' luncheon and discussing the possibility of my car club visiting, I was very happy to be able to set up a private tour of the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center in Bedford, NY for our members. On Sunday, April 12, 2026 many from the CT Seaport Car Club viewed her father's, Malcolm Pray's, private car collection.



You may recognize the name Malcolm Pray, who for almost four decades managed car dealerships in Greenwich, CT: Pray Volkswagen, Pray Porsche

and Pray Audi. He achieved national and global sales and service recognition throughout his career. In particular, he became the number one ranked Audi dealer in the world!



Malcolm always loved cars, but as a 10-year-old, his father took him to the 1939 World's Fair in Queens, NY where he became mesmerized by a 1937 Delahaye, a sleek French Roadster, and declared that he was going to own that car one day. The car filled his mind, and he drew pictures of it. After years of hard work and dedication, Mr. Pray managed to buy that Delahaye in 1963. He put \$1 million into its restoration, drove it regularly to about 50 premier car shows, and after he died in 2013, he stipulated that it be sold at auction, where it sold for a whopping \$6.6 million. The proceeds went to support the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center.

Managed by Director, Marikay Satryano, the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center features Malcolm's world

class 30+ classic car collection, many of which are convertibles, and has an additional mission to inspire young adults to succeed using Malcolm's "12 Steps of Success." Malcolm figured that young people need advice, and if he could encapsulate what contributed to his success, he could educate young people to do the same.

His "12 Steps of Success" include: Consider a career, Educate yourself, Respect your body, Be organized, Value your reputation, conduct and appearance, Present your best self, Learn how to get along with people, Understand how employment works, Learn the value of money, Be a good citizen, Give 100%, and Don't be afraid to fail. Students who visit the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center leave with a license plate surround with these 12 Steps of Success listed on it.

About 40 of our club members showed up for this private tour of Malcolm's beloved collection of classic cars, along with two journalists also doing articles. The trip was well worth it to see these cars...all beautiful, some rare and all in excellent condition. In addition to the car collection itself, there is a tremendous amount of car memorabilia. Many prestigious awards and trophies are featured in the library and in a gallery, several decades of car newspapers and magazines are neatly stacked up, and photos, posters, and portraits of cars cover the walls.

The cars include a 1909 Ford Model T, a few VW Beetles from the late 60's and early 70's, a 1936 Ford, a 1952 MG, a 1954 Jaguar XK 120 Roadster, a 1957 Porsche Speedster, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird, a 1959 Chevy Corvette, a 1964 Lincoln Continental, a 1965 Ford Mustang, a 1974 VW Karmann Ghia, a

1974 Cadillac Convertible, and a Mercedes Benz 190 SL.

Some of the rarer stand out cars include: a Military Jeep with the Ford name clearly stamped on it (before the US Government banned any car manufacturer's brand name insignia on military vehicles), a VW SP2 sports car made in Brazil, a 1936 Ford Rumble Seat Roadster, a 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, a 1946 Chrysler Town & Country, a 1953 Sunbeam Alpine just like Grace Kelly drove Cary Grant in the movie "To Catch a Thief," a 1954 Kaiser Darrin, who's doors slide into the fender to open, a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, and a 1953 Studebaker Starlight Coupe among others.

Please consider donating to the Pray Family Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, which continues to inspire young entrepreneurs to realize their success, and shares Malcolm's beloved classic car collection with car clubs, car enthusiasts, youth organizations, school groups and Scout troops.

It was a terrific tour, and I encourage you to consider seeing it. Tours are by appointment only and are located at 16 Bedford-Banksville Road, Bedford, NY. Visit www.prayachievementcenter.org for more information or call Marikay at 914-234-2579 to schedule your tour. Visits are free, but donations are welcome.



CT Seaport Car Club Visits the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center

The CT Seaport Car Club's Car Show – June 7th



Newport Car Museum June Calendar Events

Corvette Day
Saturday, June 13 / 12 pm - 2 pm*



Check out the rides of the Corvette Club of Western Mass, Eastern Mass Corvette Club and Bay State Corvette Club during their visit. Then check out the Museum's Corvette Gallery, which showcases every generation (C1-C8) of the marque.

*Times are approximate.

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More About the Newport Car Museum

The Newport Car Museum, with a private collection of over 100 cars displayed in seven galleries tells the story of Ford/Shelby, Corvettes, World Cars, Fin Cars, Porsches, Mopars and American Muscle Cars. Within 18 months of its 2017 opening, it was included in USA Today's "Top 10 Best New Attractions," named Yankee Magazine's "Best Specialty Museum," and won an award from the National Association of Automobile Museums for its originally produced historic videos. In addition to winning several Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice awards, the Museum was further designated as among Tripadvisor's top 10% of attractions worldwide in 2021, 2024, and 2025.

The Newport Car Museum is handicap accessible and hours are daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the door or online at www.newportcarmuseum.org (401-848-2277). Regular admission: \$20/adults; \$17/Seniors, Military, Students; \$10/Ages 5-12 (with an adult); Free/Ages 4 and under (with an adult)

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Anthony Fuoco passed away in January at the age of 91. He lived his final years without family, and he died alone. He was destined for an unclaimed burial in a nameless grave in Potter's Field.

BUT AT THE FINAL HOUR, WE FOUND HIM.
Anthony Fuoco was one of us. He was a United States War Veteran and a Former NYPD Officer.

★ **WE WILL NOT LET HIS FINAL JOURNEY BE IN SILENCE.**

WE ARE FORMING A DIGNIFIED ESCORT.
I am asking you, brother and sister Riders, to join me TOMORROW MORNING at the departure point in the Bronx. We will escort Anthony Fuoco from the city streets he protected to his final resting place with honors at Calverton National Cemetery.

It's short notice, but we know what it means to "stand the watch." We ride for those who can't. This is our moment to be his family.

MISSION DETAILS FOR TOMORROW (SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025):

📍 **STAGING LOCATION:**
Mc. Jones Funeral Services
984 Prospect Avenue (Corner of 165th St) Bronx, NY

🕒 **STAGE TIME:**
8:15 AM

🚗 **DEPARTURE KSU (KICKSTANDS UP):**
9:00 AM SHARP

🗺️ **ROUTE:**
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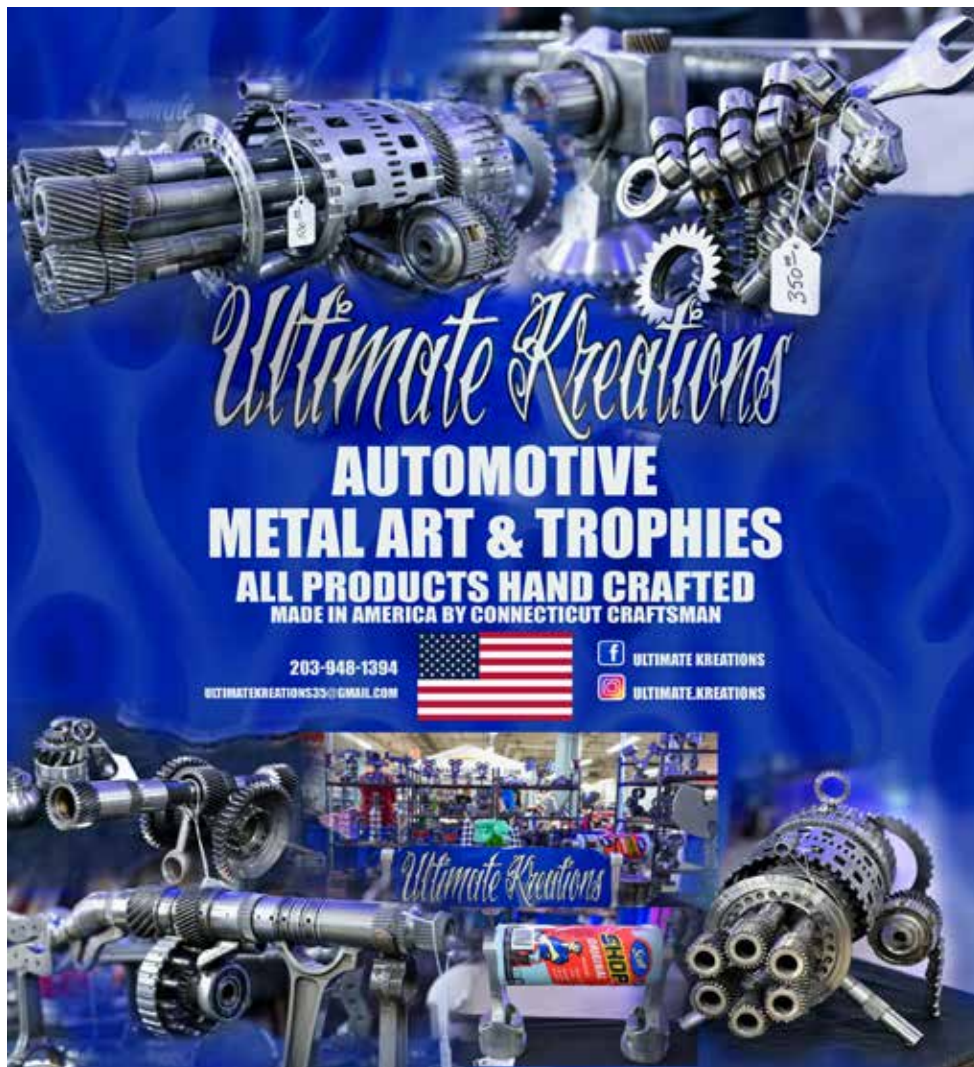
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ed. Rounding out the Month of June will be the Annual NIGHT OF FIRE on Friday June 26th. Jet Dragsters, Jet Funny Cars And the awesome Bone Shaker" Jet Truck, and the "Airborne Express wheel-stander, along with Nostalgia Funny Cars and , a full field of Drag Racing action with Pro, Super, Motorcycles, Jr. Dragsters Plus Top Dragster & Top Sportsman competition. Then, in the first week July for three days, Fri., Sat. & Sun., the Track will host the NHRA Northeast Divisional Event, with the best in the east in full quarter mile Action.

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Spotlight on the Hudson Valley from the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce

By Carole Voisey,
Executive Director

There's something I'm always reminded of after our events: the most meaningful connections in our business community rarely start the way we think they will.

They don't begin with a perfect pitch or a rehearsed introduction. More often, it's sitting beside someone at a networking breakfast or being paired with a stranger for a happy-hour conversation starter. An interaction that doesn't feel like a sales moment at all.

Networking can feel transactional. Like everyone in the room wants something from you. But when the environment is designed for genuine interaction instead, something shifts. The partnerships, the referrals, the introductions that actually go somewhere, they happen naturally. Built on trust, familiarity, and the simple act of showing up.

That's always been the role of a Chamber of Commerce at its best. Not just to host events, but to create spaces where people don't have to force it, and where community forms naturally.

And that's exactly what we celebrate

at our Annual Stars Along the Hudson Gala on May 17th at The Briarcliff Manor.

It's a night that honors a select few standout members, but honestly, it's about so much more than the awards. It's a chance to celebrate the diversity of industries and the resilience that defines this community. To tell the stories of the people shaping this region. To reflect on what we've built together.

The Gala is that intention at its fullest. When we slow down to celebrate each other, to recognize not just what people do but who they are, we strengthen the foundation on which everything else is built.

So if you've been looking for a reason to show up, this is it. Join us at The Briarcliff Manor. Attend, sponsor, or just be in the room. Your presence is part of what makes the evening what it is.

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The Morris Bluegrass Festival Returns to South Farms This July 4th

Morris, CT — Music lovers and festival-goers, get ready! The Morris Bluegrass Festival is back and bigger than ever, returning to the scenic South Farms in Morris, Connecticut on Friday, July 4th, 2025. This beloved Litchfield County tradition brings together great music, local culture, and community spirit in a family-friendly outdoor setting.

Organized annually by Wires & Wood, the Morris Bluegrass Festival has grown into a summer highlight for bluegrass fans across New England. This year's lineup features an impressive roster of nationally recognized and local talent, including:

- The Special Consensus – Two-time Grammy-nominated bluegrass powerhouse
- Rock Hearts – IBMA Showcase band known for their rich harmonies and roots-driven sound
- The New-Grown Ups – An exciting emerging band from Boston
- The Zolla Boys – Local favorites with a devoted following
- Sperry Creek, Guy Wolff, and host band Wires & Wood – Bringing the heart of Connecticut's bluegrass

scene to the stage
“This event is about more than just great music,” says Lauretano. “It’s about celebrating community and the shared joy of live performance. We’re proud to keep this tradition alive and growing right here in Morris.”

From seasoned bluegrass fans to first-time attendees, the Morris Bluegrass Festival offers something for everyone. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, enjoy local food trucks, and spend the day enjoying top-tier music in a breathtaking country setting.

Tickets are available now through Eventbrite: <https://MorrisBluegrassFestival25.eventbrite.com>

About the Morris Bluegrass Festival

Founded to honor the rich tradition of bluegrass in Connecticut, the Morris Bluegrass Festival celebrates music, community, and the beauty of rural Litchfield County. Hosted on the picturesque grounds of South Farms, the festival is quickly becoming a regional staple for summertime entertainment.



This June at the Warner!

June is the season of milestones. Graduation caps flying. Little dancers taking their first bow. For decades, the Warner has been the stage where this community's biggest moments come to life, and this June, we're keeping that tradition going in style.

Rock & Roll Hall of Famers. A gripping one-man true story. World champion Irish dancers. And a Yacht Rock party that Torrington has been waiting all year for. Whether you're celebrating a graduate, treating yourself, or just ready for a great night out, the Warner has something for you this June.

Requiem For An Electric Chair
June 20 at 3:30 pm
Nancy Marine Studio Theatre

Toto Kisaku's one-man play, Requiem for an Electric Chair, tells the harrowing true story of his persecution, imprisonment, and near execution in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where his musical comedies exposing child exploitation and government complicity put him on death row. Toto Kisaku is an award-winning Congolese playwright, actor, director, and producer.

A Taste of Ireland
June 26 at 7:30 pm
Oneglia Auditorium



Laugh, cry, and jig into the night with a production that is Celtic, for this generation. Performed by former World Irish dance champions, and featuring dancers from Lord of the Dance, Riverdance, and the recent West End cast of Eireann, A Taste of Ireland brings the spirit and energy of modern Ireland to life with a pint of Irish wit. Watch world – class performers blend melodic folk mash – ups, live jaw – dropping a cappella tap battles, and heartfelt storytelling in a live celebration of Irish music and dance.

YACHT ROCK SETS SAIL FOR FOURTH YEAR

The Warner Theatre's nautical-themed Benefit returns **Feat. Anchor Management**
Saturday, June 27, 2026 in the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre



Ahoy there, Torrington! Get ready to set sail for a night of smooth vibes and good times at the Warner Theatre's Fourth Annual Yacht Rock shindig on Saturday, June 27, 2026, in the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre! The party kicks off at 5:30 pm in the Studio Theatre Lobby with tastings from area restaurants, The Cork, Two Roads Brewing Company, and Litchfield Distillery. Anchor Management takes the stage at 7pm for non-stop tunes and dance floor magic.

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Dear Warner Community,

I'm writing to share some important news about the Warner Theatre, and I want you to hear it directly from us.

The Warner and The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford have entered into a long-term affiliation, approved by both Boards and effective July 1. The Warner remains the Warner - same name, same home in Torrington, same commitment to this community. What changes is the institutional foundation beneath it: stronger, better resourced, and built for the long term.

For you as a patron, nothing about your experience changes. Tickets and programming continue as planned. What this affiliation makes possible over time is more: more ambitious programming, investment in the building, and original work developed right here in Torrington.

We're proud of what this theater has been for nearly a century, and we're genuinely excited about what it becomes next. Click here for additional information, and I hope to see you at the Warner soon.

With appreciation,
Brian Mattiello
Warner Theatre Board Chair

Coming Soon to the Warner

K-Pop Icons - July 9
Summer Blood Drive - July 11
Blackberry Smoke - Sept 9
Girls Night: The Musical - Sept 19
John Crist Live - Sept 24
Hocus Pocus Live! - Sept 26-27
Graham Nash - Sept 30
TUSK - Fleetwood Mac Tribute - Oct 3
Whose Live Anyway? - Oct 10
The Phil Collins Story - Oct 29
Behind The Scream with David Arquette - Oct 31

TUSK: A Classic Fleetwood Mac Tribute **Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 pm** **Oneglia Auditorium**

Playing the hits and deep cuts spanning the career of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame group Fleetwood Mac, TUSK has been crisscrossing the country since 2008 as The Classic Fleetwood Mac Tribute. Five pro musicians turned into masters of their trade through decades of individual music study, live performance, creative risk, and devotion to the art.

TUSK features note-perfect renditions of both the solo and full band songs, with each member specializing in one of the core lineup of Fleetwood Mac (Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie, John McVie, and Mick Fleetwood). They possess an electric stage presence that can only come from well over a decade of touring together.

Truly the best at what they do, TUSK is unmatched in their tribute to one of the greatest bands of all time.

Classic Seger **Rock & Roll Never Forgets** **Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 pm** **Oneglia Auditorium**

Classic Seger brings their legendary tribute to Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band for one unforgettable night of rock & roll. This special performance celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Bob Seger's iconic multi-platinum albums Live Bullet and Night Moves, delivering the raw energy, heart, and authenticity of a true 1970s rock concert.

Relive the soundtrack of a generation with timeless hits like "Night Moves," "Turn the Page," "Mainstreet," "Katmandu," and Silver Bullet Band favorites "Old Time Rock & Roll," "Hollywood Nights," "Like a Rock," and "Roll Me Away."

The show also features deep cuts that will thrill even the most die-hard Seger fans. If you've never experienced a classic 1970s rock & roll show, you owe it to yourself to see Classic Seger: Rock & Roll Never Forgets 2026 Live — a night of music, memories, and rock & roll you won't soon forget.



Blackberry Smoke **25th Anniversary Tour** **Sept 09 at 7:30 pm** **Oneglia Auditorium**

BLACKBERRY SMOKE RETURNS TO THE WARNER! Throughout their career, Blackberry Smoke have embodied Georgia's rich musical legacy, honoring the people, places and sounds of their home state. Their latest album, *Be Right Here* draws inspiration from Southern rock, blues-leaning classic rock and rootsy vintage country and is full of vivid and relatable characters that ensure the songs often resemble rich short stories.

Over the past two decades, Blackberry Smoke has amassed the following of a loyal fanbase, leading their last six full-length albums to achieve great chart success, including 2021's *You Hear Georgia*, which reached #1 on Billboard's Americana/Folk Albums chart and 2024's *Be Right Here*, which reached the top 5 on the Top Current Album Sales chart.

Touring relentlessly, the band know a little something about hitting the road in order to find a place to belong, and supported by the strong fanbase of Brothers and Sisters, legions of whom travel across the globe to support the band, they in turn give fans a palace to belong.

Over the years the band has appeared across the globe on stages such as Austin City Limits, Bonnaroo, Summerfest, Glastonbury, Download UK, to name a few, and has no plans to stop anytime soon. For Blackberry Smoke, embracing the light and finding the silver lining are once again at the heart of what they do best.

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ALMOST QUEEN **A Tribute To Queen** **November 14 at 7:30 pm** **Oneglia Auditorium**

They don't just pay tribute to the legendary band, Almost Queen transports you back in time to experience the magic and essence of Queen themselves. This deliberate four piece band is "guaranteed to blow your mind" with iconic four part harmonies and expertly executed musical interludes.

Almost Queen's impressive tribute to Queen is nothing short of breathtaking.

The band's authenticity shines through in their impeccable attention to detail and genuine costumes, while their live energy and precision will leave music fans of all ages with an unforgettable concert experience.

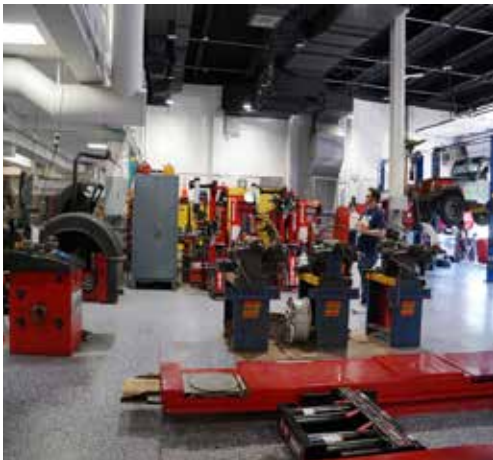
Almost Queen's concerts are a true testament to the band's love for Queen's music. Fans often travel long distances just to experience Almost Queen's carefully curated setlist featuring Queen's best-loved songs, like *Somebody to Love*, *Don't Stop Me Now*, *Fat Bottomed Girls*, and *Radio Ga Ga*. Almost Queen occasionally plays some lesser-known album tracks, such as *Flash*, *Spread Your Wings*, *Love of My Life*, as well as other hidden gems.

And of course, no Queen tribute concert would be complete without classics like *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *We Will Rock You*, and *We Are the Champions*! It's no wonder fans keep coming back for more, attending again and again to experience the music of Queen in a manner that only Almost Queen delivers.



Putnam Westchester BOCES Automotive Technical Car Show

Photos by Beth Dee



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Letter to the Editor

Good evening Don,

Rich Manzino here from Stamford CT. It was a pleasure to meet you on Sunday at the J.M. Wright Tech H.S. Car show. I briefly presented my idea for writing a column for your publication, and I will share a little bit about myself and my ideas.

I was born in the Bronx, NY, but lived most of my life in northeast Yonkers. I grew up in my Dad's automotive business, which included a Gulf and Texaco filling stations, repair shops, and a used car operation. After the passing of my beloved wife Nancy, I moved to Stamford where I currently reside. My education consists of both a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from IONA University, New York State teaching certifications from New York Institute of Technology, and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of New Rochelle. I did ROTC Air Force training at Fordham University. In addition to my academic degrees, I am also an A.S.E. Master Certified Automobile Technician and NYS Vehicle Inspector, with many years as a technician as well as running my family's automotive facility in Larchmont NY. After the sale of the business, I worked as a service consultant at several dealerships. Finally, I taught Automotive Technology at Saunders Trade & Technical High School in Yonkers NY, for twenty-eight years. After retiring, I

was recruited by J.M. Wright Tech to provide instruction in their Automotive Technology Department.

Additionally, I have restored, owned, and prepared numerous vehicles as show cars. My lifetime in the automotive field as a technician, business owner, service consultant, and automotive instructor has provided me with a plethora of experience and stories, some profound, some sad, but many very humorous, that I believe your readers will enjoy. Some topics for future columns include the gasoline shortages of the 1970s, my dealings with customers, some reasonable and some very unreasonable, how dealerships work and how they generate income, both honestly and dishonestly, the introduction of catalytic converters in 1975 models, the 'malaise' era of emission controls, the problems of independent repair shops, difficulties of teaching aspiring technicians at trade and technical high. Schools, and many, many more.

If any of this piques your interest, give me a shout, and we could talk further. In any case, it was a pleasure to make your acquaintance. Keep up the good work on your publication, and God Bless! Thank you for your time!

Richie Manzino
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People in the News



Besides your opportunity to the world famous Big Idaho Potato Truck, stop in for some delicious BBQ inspired baked potatoes, listen to some LIVE music, try your hand at the potato peeling contest, enjoy some amazing art at the pop-up art exhibition or just take a stroll on the Sue Grossman Still River Greenway.

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- Art Exhibition - Come meet the members of the Northwest Connecticut Veteran Artists group and enjoy an exhibit of their wonderful artwork.

- Kids Coloring Book Digital Exhibition - Four different "potato" inspired coloring book pages available for download to color and submit. A random drawing will be held from all entries to win a cool prize for kids!

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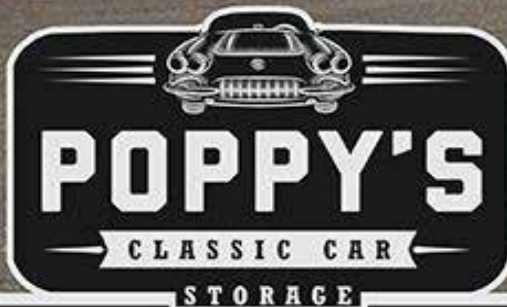
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Oxford Center Fire House 2026 Car Show Preview

This years show is going to be a little different, we will be changing our tee shirts this year, with a new front design, and no more ad books. We will be doing ad tee shirts on the back of the shirt, and our corporate sponsors will be on the top front, the back, and possibly on the sleeves. This years event we will be having food trucks come to our event. We will be only having a one day show from 11am to 4 pm on Saturday July 11th 2026. A.J. from WPLR 99.1 will be in attendance this year, and we will be having a D.J. for the event. Dash plaques will be given out to the first 175 cars, and will be a newly designed dash plaques. There will be trophies and this is a ring show event, door prizes, raffle prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Tee shirts will be available the day of the show for \$25, and it will be \$12 pre registration, and \$15 day

of the show. Every year our tee shirts into the future will be a different design, and will be offering tee shirt advertising on the back for anyone. 100% of the money that you support goes to Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company to buy equipment to keep up with the modern day technology to keep our volunteer fire fighters, and the community safe. We can't thank you enough for all the support that you have provided for this event in the past. It does mean a lot to every Fire Fighter in our company, and it certainly does not go unknown. Thank you all from the Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company, and it's hard working car show committee. Thanks again Don for all your help in promoting this show, sincerely Mark Krassner Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company chairman.



The Car Club New England Inc Hosts Its Spring Car Show



By Jamie DuPuis

The Car Club New England Inc hosted its Spring Car Show event not on its scheduled day.... No, we had rain in May again. Instead, CCNE hosted its show on the day which NEVER gets a show - Mother's Day!!! The club had to switch t its rain date at the Moose Family Center on 244 Fuller Rod, Chicopee, MA on the most frowned upon day to do a show and it was a success!

The club along with vendors from Metro Jeep, UMASS ROTC, Vest Up for the Fallen as well as some independent small business owners pulled together a show and host the Moose staff and 85 participants to raise money for the Veterans Home in Holyoke, MA (Known as the Soldiers Home).

The club has been fundraising for the home for years now and 100% of the participant

fee is donated to the home to support the Veterans who reside there. Between the monies brought in from the participants (\$850.00) and the club's donation for sponsorship funds, they were able to raise and donate then over \$2000.00. The monies will be split as the club will use \$1200.00 out of the donation to release directly to the home and the remainder will be used to purchase essential needs for everyday life to the "open store" within the home where those Veterans can go I and get things like toothpaste, deodorant, socks, etc at no cost to them.

THE Car Club New England Inc, its Board of Directors, Members, supporting organizations and most of all the participants of our shows make the Spring show every year an exciting event and love to support our Veterans any way we can.



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My Ride Events

If your car club or organization has dates for shows, email the details to myridehv845@gmail.com or by messaging on Facebook at My Ride of the Hudson Valley.

2026 Garden Tractor Pull: Orange County Farmers Museum, 850 Route 17K, Montgomery, enter on Berea Rd., Montgomery, pulls start at 9 a.m., family friendly event, concession on site, May 23, June 6, June 21 (double), July 11, Aug. 23 (double), Sept. 5 (Chambers), Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 24 & 25 (Trunk or Treat), Nov. 8 (awards dinner). ocfarmersmuseum.org. 845-208-0234.

JUNE

Any Make Any Model Car Club Outpost BBQ and Show: June 6, rain date June 7, Outpost BBQ, R\6611 Route 209, Kerhonkson, in large field behind building, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; judging at 12:30 p.m., trophies at 4 p.m., registration \$15, open to all makes and models of wheeled vehicles, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, several awards including top 5 to 2006 and newer, top 20 to 2005 and older. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

New Hackensack Fire House Car Show: June 7, rain date June 14, New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., registration until noon. Food, trophies, giveaways, 50/50. Hosted by the Dutchess Cruisers. Dutchesscruisers.com. 845-242-0951.

Motors for Memory 2nd annual Alzheimer's Awareness Car Show: June 13, rain date June 14, Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz. Motorsformemory.com.

Pawling Town Car Show: June 14, rain date June 28, Village of Pawling, Charles Coleman Blvd., Pawling, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m., registration \$20, custom plaques awarded, live music at noon. Hosted by New York Cruisers. On Facebook.

Biker Blast 2026: June 20, Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Route 300, New Windsor, time TBA, massive anniversary rally, live music, food, giveaways, demos and more. Looking for vendors. Email info@hudsonvalleyriders.org. On Facebook. Fasthog.com.

Mustang Club of Orange County Father's Day All Ford Car Show: June 21, rain date June 28, more details TBA.

Border Wars: June 27, rain date July 25, Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Union Ave, New Windsor, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., food, vendors, music, co-hosted by Don Clady of Connecticut Cruise News and Donna Kessler of My Ride. Fasthog.com, 845-564-5400.

Hope & Cars Fundraiser Car Show for 845 Hope Alive: June 27, Bonez Garage, 1424 Route 302, Circleville, noon, donations excepted, trophies, Carmels's Cucina food truck. Hosted by Bonez Garage and the Orange County Antique Automobile Club. 8345-565-2663.

Car & Bike Show to Benefit the O.C. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall: June 28, rain or shine, Orange County Fire Training Facility, 9 Training Center Ln., New Hampton, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., registration starts at 9 a.m., registration \$20, all makes, models and years welcome, club participation \$300 cash prize, top 30 awards, specialty trophies, K9 demo and display, 50/50, food trucks. All proceeds to support the Memorial Wall. FOPLodge957.org. fopcarshow@yahoo.com. 845-537-5009.

Bike Night: June 29, Buffalo Wild Wings, 567 Route 211, Middletown, 5-9 p.m., trophies, vendors, raffles, 50/50, wing eating contest, 20% of every food/beverage purchase will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Hosted by Wurtsboro HOG and O'Toole's Harley-Davidson.

JULY

Liberty Rising Street Fair Car Show: July 4, rain or shine, Liberty Elementary School front parking lot, North Main Street, Liberty, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; judging at 12:30 p.m.; trophies at 3 p.m.; parade at noon, registration \$15, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, open to all makes, models and years of wheeled vehicles, several awards including top 5 to 2006 and newer, top 20 to 2005 and older. Hosted by Any Make Any Model Car Club. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

Rolling Thunder Inc. NY 3 25th annual Salute to Veterans Ride & Expo: July 11, registration 8-11 a.m., Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Union Ave., New Windsor, \$20 donation per person, ride pins to first 250 registered, open to the public, coffee, tea, rolls and donuts provided, BBQ served at end of ride at Moroney's, live music, non stop ride through Hudson Valley including West Point. Support local veterans and troops. 845-705-3667, 914-213-7545. On Facebook.

Wurtsboro Founders Day Car Show: July 11, rain or shine, Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; judging at 1 p.m.; trophies at 4 p.m.; parade at noon, registration \$15, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, open to all makes, models and years of wheeled vehicles, several awards including top 3 to 2006 and newer, top 12 to 2005 and older. Hosted by Any Make Any Model Car Club. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

Wurtsboro HOG St. Jude Poker Run & Raffle: July 12, run begins at O'Toole's Harley-Davidson, 4 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, registration 9 a.m.-noon, registration \$20 per person; \$15 per passenger; children under age 12 admitted for free, non-riders also welcome, event party 12:30 - 4 p.m. at Mamakating Town Park, raffle grand prize of \$10,000, \$20 per chance. 845-888-2426.

12th annual "Operation Paws" Car Show to Benefit the Humane Society of Blooming Grove: July 19, rain date July 26, Lasser Park, 49 Station Rd., Salisbury Mills, registration \$15, registration 9:30 a.m.-noon, trophies awarded at 2 p.m., music by DJ Hot Rod, food, vendors. Hosted by the Hudson Valley Hot Rods. hudsonvalleyhotrods@gmail.com.

Rodtoberfest Vintage Hot Rod and Motorcycle Races: July 31-Aug. 1, Riedlbauer's Resort, Round Top, swap meet, bier garden, races, food. On Facebook.

AUGUST

The Emerson Resort & Spa Car Show: Aug. 2, rain date Aug. 8, The Emerson resort & Spa, 5340 Route 28, Mount Tremper, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., registration \$15, music, food, trophies. Proceeds benefit Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. 845-688-7913. buzzeony@gmail.com.

Cruise Nite: Aug. 8, Angelo Canna Town Park, Joseph D. Spencer Ln., Cairo, 4 p.m., free t-shirt for car cruise entrants, parking donations accepted, nostalgic awards, 50's and 60's tunes. 518-622-3430.

Mustang Club of Orange County Museum Village Car Show: Aug. 9, rain date Aug. 16, more details TBA.

Rats Nest Run In Hot Rod Festival and Flea Market 2026: Aug. 13-16, Blackthorne resort, 340 Sunside Rd., Cairo, more than 500 pre 1972 hot rods, vendors, burnout pit, mobile tattoo parlor, pin up contest, live charity auction, lodging and camping, Saturday fireworks. On Facebook.

Dubois Farms and Tavern and Dutchess Cruisers Car Show: Aug. 15, 2026, rain date Aug. 16, Dubois Farms, 209 Perkinsville Rd., Highland, 9 a.m.-03 p.m., registration until noon, \$20 per car, music, trophies, giveaways, 50/50, animals and more. On Facebook.

SEPTEMBER

Mustang Club of Orange County Tunnel to Towers Foundation Car Show: Sept. 6, rain date Sept. 13, more details TBA.

Elsewhere

MAY

Import and Performance Nationals: May 15-16, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Americade: May 27-30, Lake George, live demos, vendors, stunt shows, fireworks and more. Registration opens in February. On Facebook. americade.com.

JUNE

Ford Nationals: June 5-7, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

GM Nationals: June 19-20, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

19th annual Thousand Island River Run Bike Rally: June 26-28, Alexandria Bay, music, vendors, bike shows, bike rides. 315-771-1435. On Facebook.

JULY

Chrysler Nationals: July 10-12, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

AUGUST

Truck Nationals: Aug. 7-9, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Corvettes at Carlisle: Aug. 27-29, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

SEPTEMBER

Dead Man's Curve: Sept. 3-6, Delta Hotel, Somerset, N.J., pre-'72 hot rods, gassers customs, registration starts Jan. 1, 2026, music celebrities, TV cars, vendors, swap meet, Thunder Alley, and more. Deadmanscurveusa.com. On Facebook.

Rods & Roses 3rd annual Car Show: Sept. 19, rain date Sept. 20, Wedekind Motors, 1595 State St., Schenectady, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., registration \$15 per car, truck or bike, 50/50, Chinese auction, top 20, 5 specialty awards, Bubby's Memorial Pick, top 10 rings. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. 518-878-0104, 352-626-2406.

Fall Carlisle: Sept. 30-Oct. 4, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

OCTOBER

Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction: Oct. 1-2, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

My Ride Events

Cruise and Bike Nights

Thursday

Raging Knights NY Raffle and Brews Bike Night: Every third Thurs., starting April 16 through Oct., Clemson Brewery, 22 Cottage St., Middletown, 5 p.m. to close, enter for a chance to win a Yeti cooler stocked with top shelf liquor. Portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp. 845-775-4638.

Dutchess Cruisers annual Cruise Night: Every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs., starting May 7 through Oct., Giardino Italiano Pizza, 827 Route 32, Hopewell Junction, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday

Hudson Valley Hot Rods Friday Night Cruise: Every other Fri., starting May 1 through Sept. 18, 40 Brotherhood Plaza Dr., Washingtonville, 5:30-8:30 p.m., open to all makes and models. On Facebook.

Saturday

Mustang Club of Orange County Saturday Bi-Weekly Car Cruise: Every second and fourth Saturday, starting May 9 through Oct., Ruby Tuesdays, 41 Orange Plaza Ln., Middletown, 4-8 p.m., all cars welcome, free registration. 50/50, music, coffee, donuts, must be present to win trophy. On Facebook.

Get your events in now for 2026!

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Car Show

June 17th at

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In the Hudson Valley, Summer Means Business

As we inch closer to the start of summer, I can almost feel the anticipation in the air grow. The days are longer, kids are out of school, and the whole Hudson Valley seems to have exhaled at once. For our team at the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, this stretch of the year is a catalyst for community connection.

On May 17th, we held our Annual Stars Along the Hudson Gala at The Briarcliff Manor, one of my favorite events of the year. It's our chance to honor the individuals and organizations who make our Chamber community shine. This year's honorees were:

- Young Professional of the Year: Isabella Cotto, owner of Tu Sei Bella Salon
- Volunteer of the Year: John Iorio, owner of Funtime Amusements
- Quality of Life Award: Black Diamonds Academic Success Program
- Business of the Year: Fino Restaurant, a beloved Croton-on-Hudson staple
- Chairman's Award: Street Beatz Dance Studio

If you ever need a fresh cut, a bouncy castle, or a bowl of pasta, now you know!

After the Gala, things slow down just enough for us to actually breathe. We get out of the office, visit our members, and get a glimpse of their day-to-day. And in between those visits, there's no shortage of things to show up for.

Sportime Pickleball in Yorktown is kicking off combined Mahjong and Pickleball lessons on June 10th through July, which is exactly the kind of unexpected pairing that drives interest and subsequent returning customers. And then on June 20th, the Yorktown Fam Jam returns with live music, food trucks, lawn games, and scholarships on the line. Bring the whole family.

We're also proud to be part of the Juneteenth celebrations in the Town of Cortlandt and the City of Peekskill. The diversity of this region isn't just something we appreciate; it's something we want to actively support, especially for the business owners building something here.

Throughout the summer, Whispering Pines Nursery and Garden Center is hosting local markets and paint nights, the kind of low-key, good-for-the-soul events that remind you why small businesses matter.

And from July 15th through the 19th, head to Verplanck for the Italian Feast. Our member, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society, puts this on every year with a full carnival, incredible food, and live performances. We come together as chamber members and just enjoy the festivities together. It's one of those nights that doesn't need much explaining once you're there.

I can't convey enough that everything happening reflects the intention and hard work of self-starters throughout our community. We're thankful for every person who believes the Hudson Valley is worth investing in, and proud to be alongside them.

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The 10th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show by the CT Seaport Car Club



Story and Photos by Lissa Seeberger
Director CT Seaport Car Club
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Sunday, June 7th, 2026 marked the 10th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show and our third year in the back parking lot of Fairfield Ludlowe High School for our car show. The cars and people appreciated all the shade provided by this unique venue.

The weather had us sweating it out all week, as it looked to be awful weather and I had gotten to the point of writing on a piece of paper the 26 people and organizations that we were going to have to call if we had to postpone. Luckily, the weather finally settled in a good place for us as of Friday morning and was locked in. It continued to look good Friday night, and we breathed a sigh of relief and made the decision to move forward with having the show as planned. Phew!

Once again, the Town of Fairfield supported us tremendously by providing the band and several other necessary elements to make the show a success. We are so thankful for partnering with them. The Club would especially like to thank Anthony Calabrese, Director of Fairfield Community Services, and James Luchessi, Recreation Coordinator, for their partnership on this event and to Christine Vitale, 1st Selectperson of the Town of Fairfield for making a welcome/thank you address, as well as Father John Savard, Jesuit Priest at Fairfield University, for blessing the show cars and drivers.

There was an impressive array of 200 show cars covering all eras from 1911 through 2025. It was a spectacular display, including one car that was celebrating its 100th birthday, a 1926 Ford Model T Coupe.

As in recent years, this year's show benefited Operation Hope of Fairfield, which works to end homelessness and hunger, one person at a time. Despite our affluent area, there are still people facing hunger and homelessness in our area. Fernando Muniz, the newly appointed Executive Director of Operation Hope was on hand to give a welcome/thank you address and point out his thanks to the CT Seaport Car Show for selecting them as our charity again this year.

After the speeches and blessing, the Fairfield Police K9 Unit did a captivating demonstration by their talented dogs and trainers. Several Police Officers put the dogs through their paces and even demonstrated their ability to sniff out drugs on command! The audience was mesmerized and gave great cheers of thanks at the end of the demo.

In addition to the K9 demonstration, another delight of this action-packed car show was the live band, Jukebox 45 Show Band, known as Connecticut's Premier 50's & 60's band. From the first song they played, the show car owners and spectators loved the music, and some were motivated to dance. They truly were phenomenal.

While we were thankful for the many trophy sponsors, there were several key Show Sponsors who really helped with more sizable donations this year. In particular, Joe Pramer and Rick Krollman of Morgan Stanley in Fairfield were Silver Level Sponsors. Find them on the Brick Walk in Fairfield for your investment needs. Thank you Joe and Rick! Also, Auto Sales & Service of Stratford sponsored our 20 CT Cruise News Rings and Dr. Caroline Shenker of Perfect Smiles of Fairfield was a Bronze Level Sponsor. We thank you so much for your support.

There were 80 Field Trophies and the Best Of Trophies were awarded to:



1. Best in Show – Jesse James Brown – 1957 Chevy Belair
2. President's Choice – Rick Bovino – 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass
3. Best Modern – Rick Szanto – 2016 Chevy Camaro
4. Best Ford (non-Mustang) – Joe Sandella – 1956 Ford Sunliner
5. Best Mustang – Bill Rachinsky – 1965 Ford Mustang
6. Best GM (non-Corvette) – Armondo Esteris – 1967 Pontiac Firebird
7. Best Corvette – Jerry Verrilli – 1955 Chevy Corvette
8. Best Mopar – Rick Magon – 1970 Plymouth Road Runner
9. Best Import (Euro/Asian) – Rich Raskin – 1971 Mercedes 280 SE 3.5
10. Best Truck – Ted – 1977 Chevy C-10
11. Best Hot Rod – Bob Massafra – 1930 Model A Hot Rod
12. Best Muscle – Bill Distassio – 1967 Plymouth GTX
13. Best Stock – Jim Bogos – 1957 Chevy Convertible
14. Best Survivor – Chris Plantamura – 1958 Pontiac
15. Best Custom/Modified – Lou Bailey – 1972 Chevy Chevelle
16. Best Pre-War – Mark Milosky – 1931 Ford Model A Roadster
17. Best Story – Aris Mier – 1951 Pontiac Chieftan
18. Best Daily Driver – Morgan Mencerth – 1958 Chevy Delray
19. Longest Distance Traveled – Rick Kickery – 1971 Plymouth Duster
20. Best Orphan – Debi + Bill Miller – 1956 Alfa Romeo Giulietta
21. Best Family Heirloom – Lissa Seeberger – 1926 Ford Model T Coupe
22. Brayden Burwell Heery Memorial Trophy – Frank Stelzel – 2019 Dodge Hellcat Red Eye



This show brought in a large number of spectators. The spectator parking lot completely filled up and we had to open some overflow parking space as well.

Next Events:

It's not too late to catch an upcoming cruise with the CT Seaport Car Club on Thursday nights at 5:00-8:00pm on:

- June 18th @ Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)
- July 2nd @ Elicit Brewing Company (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield)
- July 16th @ Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)
- August 6th @ Elicit Brewing Company (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield)
- August 20th @ Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)
- September 3rd @ Elicit Brewing Company (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield)
- September 17th @ Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)
- October 1st @ Elicit Brewing Company (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield)
- October 24 (the one and only Saturday) at 12:00-3:00 for Oktoberfest @ Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)

For more information about the CT Seaport Car Club or how to join, go to www.ctseaportcarclub.com or call President, Sal Sinardi at 203-606-2423 or Director Lissa Seeberger at 203-247-2014. Photos from our recent events, including this June 7th Car Show can be found on our website under "Car Show Photos."



The 10th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show by the CT Seaport Car Club



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Vehicle Registration: \$15 Pre-1942 Stock Vehicles: Free
No Cut-Off Year Saugerties Club Member Cars Will Not Be Judged
Vehicles Up To 2001 Judged Together Vehicles 2002 To Present Judged Together
Vehicle Registration: 10 AM- Noon Vender Registration: \$15
Breakfast & Lunch Served

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Sunday, June 28th
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Admission Only \$5 / Carload

- ★ \$20 Car Registration Fee
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- ★ Parking for 300 Show Vehicles
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Haddam Neck Fair Grounds, Haddam Neck, CT

Sunday, August 2, 2026

- Gates open at 8 a.m.
- Show car registration closes at 11:30 a.m.
- Judging begins at noon
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Show cars: **\$10** (includes driver & passengers)
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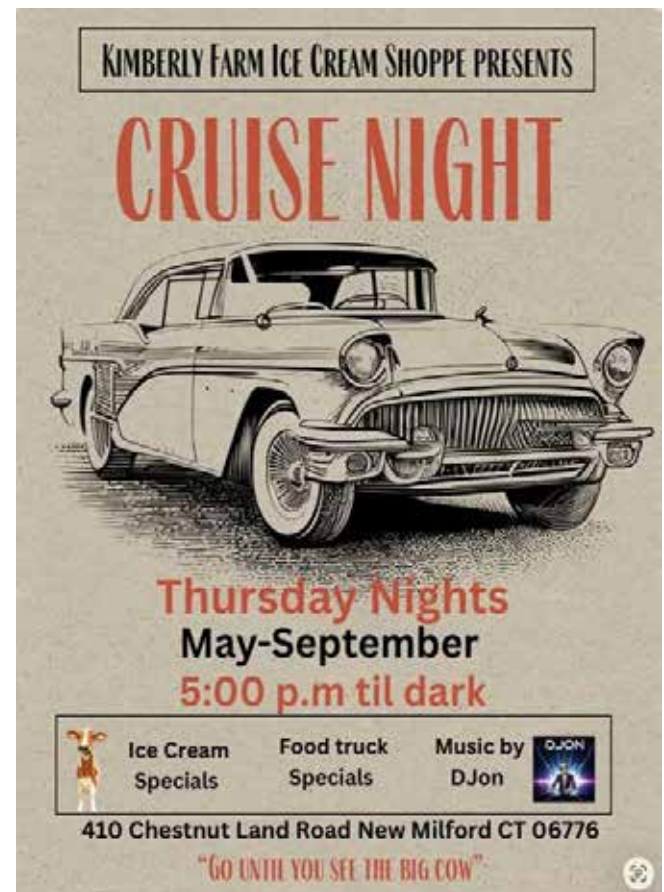
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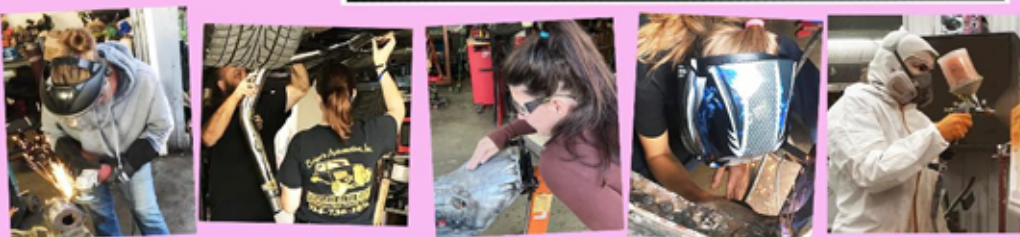


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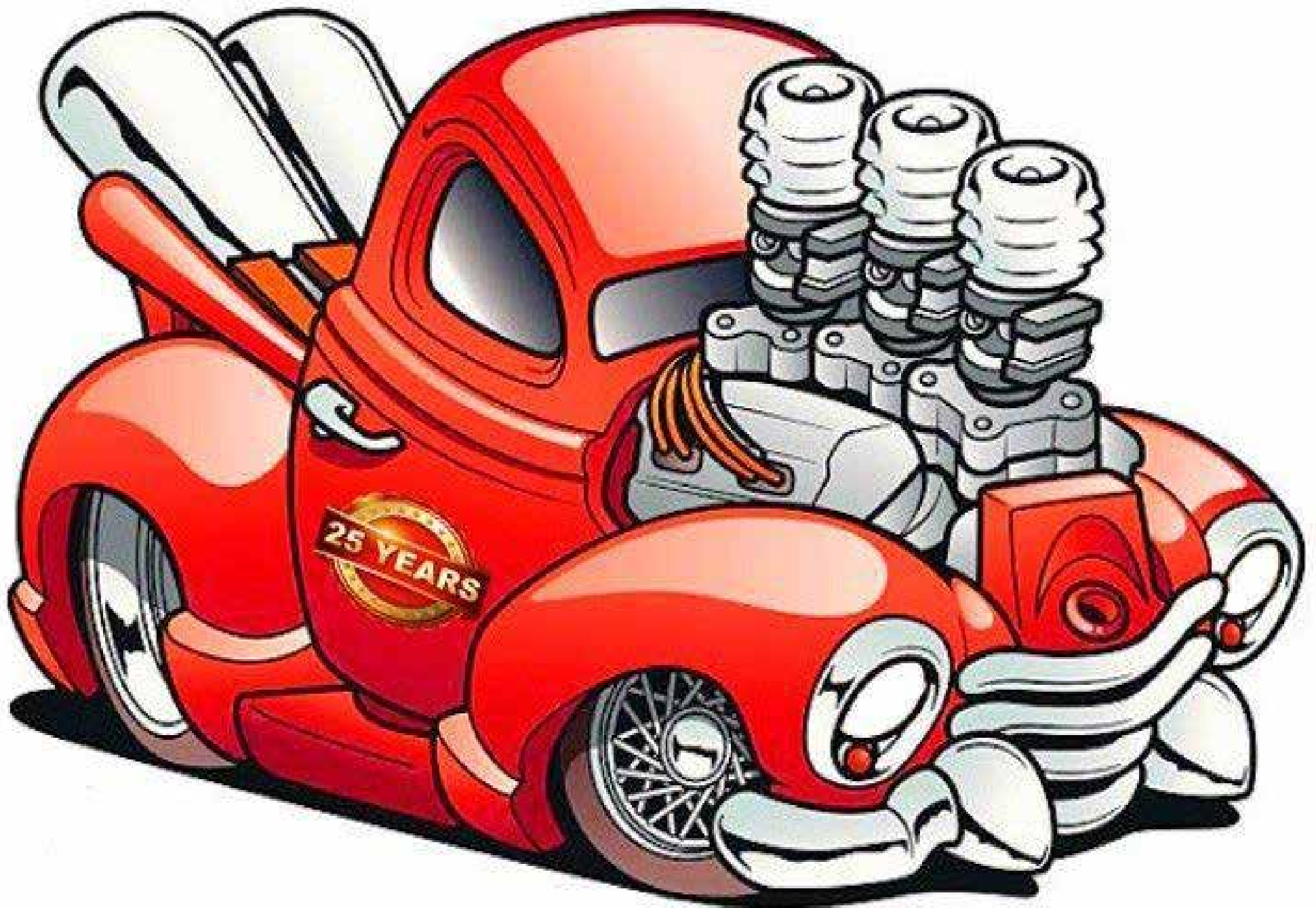
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