



# Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

June 2014

Newsletter



John showing a 1959 plate from Watertown which is known by the "WR"



Some of John's collection

## From the Secretary

Brandon Baldwin

Minutes from May 18, 2014

Tonight is the license plate display. John did the presentation and said that 1901 was the first year license plates were needed. John's earliest one was from 1918. He also said that many old plates were found as barn fasteners. John has a large collection, but Frank and Bill brought some too.

7 members present.

John will be ordering Mustang dash plaques for our car show .

This newsletter has some of the latest car shows.

The new Central New York Car Club events calendar is out.

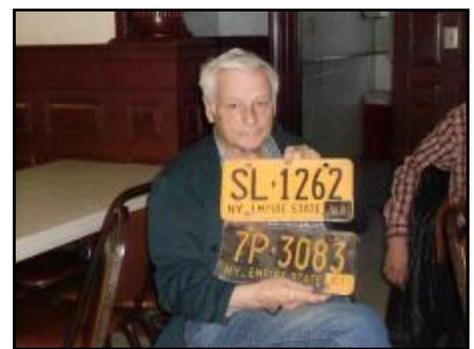
Next meeting will be at the Gas and Steam Engine show June 15 at 2:00. Cruise starts at Canton at 10:30 at Burger King. Frank says he will definitely.

Dyno Day at Canton went well: new torque king is Josh Ooms at 700 ftlbs with his Ford F250. He was a student of Brandon's in 2008 in Powersports.

Again, we need someone for the coordination of the flea market at our car show. Please contact John Miller to take advantage of this.

## Did You Know?

License Plate Toppers are another collectible with categories for political, car dealers, car brands, events, petroleum industry, individual gas stations, sports teams, soda and beer, trains, patriotic, safety messages, fraternal organizations, insurance companies, airplanes and flying, colleges and high schools, humorous, auto accessories, places, and professions.



Bill showing a couple of his plates



**"Since the 1920s, every official New York license plate has been made behind prison walls in Auburn."**

Quoted from *Doing Time on the License-Plate Line* by Sean Kirst found at [http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/doing\\_time\\_on\\_the\\_license\\_plat.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/doing_time_on_the_license_plat.html)

## Submission Deadline

**June 24 for July**

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## **From the President**

**John Miller III**

### *June Meeting In Madrid*

The Cruisers will meet on Sunday, June 15th at 2 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum in Madrid, NY.

We are going to cruise there —meet at the Ogdensburg Burger King at 10 a.m. cruise to the Canton Burger King. A little after 10:30 a.m. we will cruise to Madrid together. The show is free if you bring an old car, admission is \$5.00 otherwise, and it goes to a great organization! The Cruisers are a proud member of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum. (Please bring a chair.) Lots to see and do, a big flea market, hay rides, horse and tractor pulls, many old buildings and barns to explore, and of course, food — I'll be in line for the chicken BBQ at noon.

Friday the 20th starts the 3rd Friday Cruise-Ins at the Ogdensburg Advance Auto Parts from 6 to 8 p.m. Door prizes, 50/50, free food.

The club really, really needs a member to take over the Flea Market for the car show. Please think about helping the club and call Kyle "Fireball" Hartman at 344-8882.

Sandy Bigelow has made a new membership flyer that looks like a parking ticket. We will print them on yellow paper and have them at the June 15th meeting, hope you can cruise with us to Madrid.

## **Cruise-Ins and Car Shows**

Fridays	6-8 p.m.	The Gals Place, Rt. 12, Alex Bay
Friday	June 6th	Canton Cruise-In, Park St., 5:30-8 p.m.
Saturday	June 7th	11th Annual Ogd. Car-B-Que; \$7 reg. 10-11 a.m. Walmart parking lot, parade down Ford St. to Dobinsky Visitor's Center
Sunday	June 15th	Madrid - St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum Car Show. 2 p.m. Cruisers mtg.
3rd Friday	June-Aug.	Ogd. Advance Auto Parts, 6-8 p.m. (June 20, July 18, Aug. 15)
Saturday	June 28th	Hogansburg - Cruisin' for Kids Car Show at old IGA parking lot across from the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino. 11- 3.
Saturday	June 28	Cornwall, ON - 11th Annual Mopar Magic Car Show, Lamoureux Riverfront Park. Registration \$12
Saturday	July 12th	47th Annual Potsdam Car Show
Sat. & Sun.	July 19-20	Malone Car Show
Sunday	July 27th	54th Annual Seaway Festival Car Show

### *How Do We Get More Young People Interested in Old Cars?* (Continued from May)

**Offer Classes or Workshops.** Dan Ehrmann, author of the article “Building Strong Clubs” and president of Club Express says “People join to share their passion with others of like mind, but they are also looking to learn new and better ways of exercising this passion, or at least to share their knowledge and experience with others who may not be as far along.” Classes could be offered on basic maintenance or other beginner-level classes as well as more advanced workshops. And as Ehrmann points out, “Classes and workshops can also improve your visibility in the local community and help to attract a wider audience as members.”



**Media Exposure.** List club events in local newspapers. Invite a reporter or photographer to events. Write press releases and submit to local media.

**Build Relationships with Local Merchants.** Ask car related businesses to display club brochures. See if they will give club members a discount in exchange for advertising in the club newsletter.

**Have booths or boards setup at community exhibit shows, car shows and swap meets.** Hand out club brochures and newsletters. Provide an expert to answer questions on a specific topic. Draw people to your table by displaying a prize for a free raffle.



**Provide Speakers for other groups.** Speaking for Cub Scouts is a way to interest the youngest generation but their parents may also become interested in joining. Civic organizations usually hold monthly meetings and welcome speakers. Remember our many high school and college classes, too, that often welcome speakers if it is tied in to the class topic or an event such as April being National Car Care Month and October being Auto Battery Safety Month. The second week in June is National Automotive Service Professionals Week and the whole month of June is National Tire Safety Month.

**Host Valve Cover Races.** Many clubs are now holding Valve Cover Races regularly as a way to attract younger generations to car shows and the classic car hobby. This could be combined with ideas already mentioned like supplying speakers for other groups and would be especially suitable for Cub Scouts as a variation of their Pinewood Derby Races. Workshops on how to make a Valve Cover Racer could also be held.

**Be aware of and refer to automotive degree programs.** In the May/June 2014 issue of *Antique Automobile*, Steve Moskowitz, Executive Director of Antique Automobile Club of America writes about some positive moves made to get more young folks involved. He speaks specifically about Automotive Restoration degree programs at McPherson College (Kansas), Central Carolina Community College, and Pennsylvania College of Technology. Moskowitz then goes on about college students in automotive programs in various other schools who have either formed AACA clubs or joined existing clubs. Are there additional ways we can work together with Brandon and the automotive program at SUNY Canton than what we are already doing?



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## WHAT A LOSS

RENSSELAER FALLS — Kyle's garage and Sally's studio on Birch Street burned down early morning Sunday, May 11, 2014. They lost all kilns and equipment, Kyle's tools, a 1937 English Austin, 1957 Ford convertible, Fiat, and Dave's BMW he just fixed up to put on the road.

Kyle and Sally give many thanks to the Hewey Family, Shawn Roberts, Dan Lester, Dean Marshall and Bob O'Marah for helping with the clean up, which is ongoing.



## My Classic Vehicle

By Joe Rutherford

I own a 1971 Buick Riviera, boat tail, concept car, seven months to restore. I have owned it since 2010. How I got it was by auction. What is noteworthy about it is that it was owned by the late Dave Parcell who was a member of the San Francisco 49ers in 1971. I sent his daughter a photo, she loved it.

## Tale From The Road

By Harry Wells



I was driving down south through Pennsylvania one time when I came onto a well dressed, crippled man with a flat tire on a new Cadillac. I stopped to help him change the tire but he wouldn't let me. He just wanted to get to a phone which I did for him. When I dropped him off he handed me a \$50 bill. It was then that I realized why he wouldn't let me in his trunk. I didn't stop to help anyone after that.

## My First Vehicle

By Gary Cooper

What was your first vehicle? *1962 Ford T-bird 2 door hard top*

How did you get it? *From a friend I worked with 19 years ago*

What became of it? *I still drive it, is in original condition*

## Destination Recommendation

By Kyle Brooks

Drive on scenic byway to Maine coastline, great slow drive with trees and Maine lighthouses on coastline.

# Muscle Car Word Search

How to play: The muscle car names are in all directions—vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards. Circle each name found.

B I F I R A X M E F A I R L A N E F O B  
A U T I R Y W T G A X E A C M M F A O A  
R G J B R I T K N L B R M H U B X L V R  
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AMX	Dodge	Mustang
Barracuda	Fairlane	Oldsmobile
Camaro	Falcon	Plymouth
Challenger	Firebird	Rambler
Chevelle	Ford	Rebel
Chrysler	GTO	Road Runner
Cobra	GTX	Shelby
Comet	Hornet	Skylark
Corvette	Javelin	Superbird
Demon	Mercury	Trans Am

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- The handout John Miller had at our May meeting “1901-1991 New York State Registration Plates” and the one on “Vintage License Plates” are now available for members in the Clubhouse.
- Download a copy of the 2014 car show flyer and flea market flyer!
- Get the latest newsletter in color; get back issues in color too!



*Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club members share an interest in classic or antique automobiles. Annual membership includes this monthly newsletter plus invitations to social and technical meetings throughout the year.*

- Add a photo of your car to the Garage, view others' vehicles
- Check the calendar of events in the Clubhouse
- Answer the member survey or submit other contributions

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