



Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

September 2014

Newsletter

Final Cruise-In at Advance Auto Parts

Even with the unpredictable weather several Cruisers dug out their winter coats and hats and came out for the final Advance Auto Parts cruise-in this season on August 15th in Ogdensburg.

The Gift

While there, a woman approached the group and asked if anyone would like an old headlight. She said she saw the group with old cars and thought someone could use it and explained that she just wanted to get it out of her garage. After inspection, it was decided the headlight came from something probably from 1910's - 1920's.



When the weather finally won out, Cruisers moved on over to Pizza Hut to finish out the evening.



My Favorite Vehicle

Seaway Cruisers were asked, "Of all vehicles you or your family has owned, which is your favorite and why?"

Kerry Oakes Answered

"1972 Chevy Nova, green, 307, my father had. I would like to get another car, it meant a lot to me."

Submission Deadline

September 30 for October

October 28 for November

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From the President

John Miller III

Cruise to Clayton

Does anyone want to cruise to the Clayton, NY, *Vintage & Classic Street Meet* on Saturday, September 20th? We'll meet at the Ogdensburg Burger King at 9 a.m. and head west on Routes 37 and 12 and pick up some members on the way. Registration is at the American Legion Post #821 at 518 Riverside Drive.

You must register to park at a meter, \$5.00 for non-judged or \$10.00 fee to have car judged. For more information or to pre-register online at <http://1000islands-clayton.com/carshow> or call the Chamber of Commerce at 315-686-3771, they do have a rain date on September 27th.

My Tiger is running again! I finally had some time to put the new parts on. We had a light turn out on Friday, August 22nd for the cruise-in at the Lisbon Depot, but I had the Tiger there. They had 4 gallons of ice cream for us, Frank Howie and I tried to eat most of it.

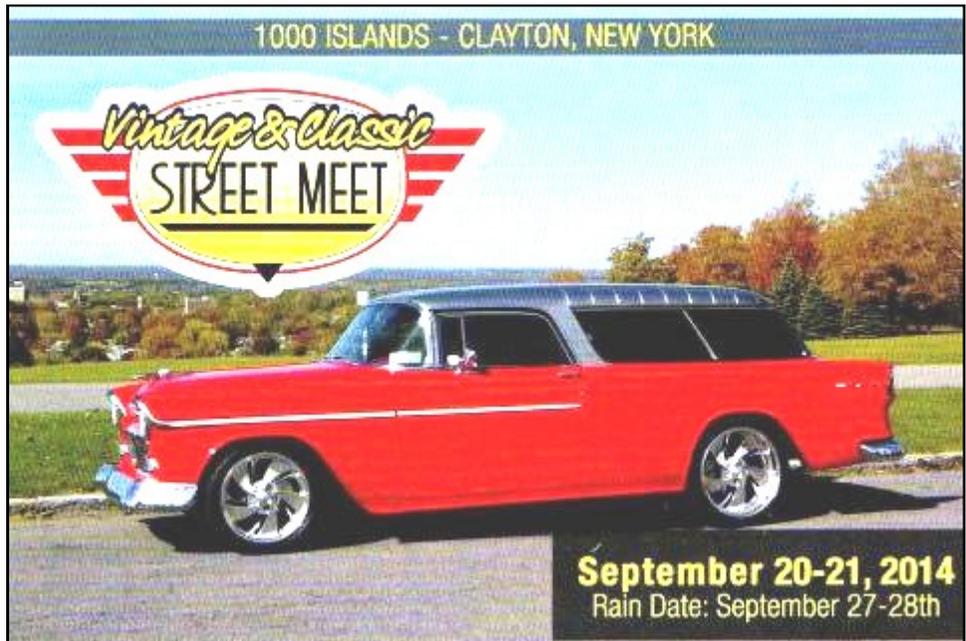
Club member Bob O'marah and his 1929 Model A Ford pick-up will be featured in a 4-page article in "Army Motor's" magazine for the fall issue.

On Wednesday, September 10th "Fireball" is having the Amish build a new building to replace the one lost to a fire this past May. The Hartman's have invited the club members to stop by Rensselaer Falls to check out the "Amish Frolic" building-raising.

I hope to see most of the Cruisers on Saturday, the 20th for the cruise to Clayton for the street meet.

'Til we cruise again,

John Miller III



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A production line of glitter and promise – creating the early Matchbox cars

By Kurt Ernst

Submitted by member Paul Radar

From <http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2014/07/14/a-production-line-of-glitter-and-promise-creating-the-early-matchbox-cars/>

Computer-aided design and manufacturing has decreased time to market with the modern automobile, and the same can be said of today's Matchbox cars. In 1965, however, the process was far more time consuming, as [the film within the above link] from the British Pathé archives illustrates.



Matchbox cars exploded in popularity during the 1960s, and by 1965 Lesney, parent to the Matchbox brand, was producing 80 million scale cars per year, leading to £1 million in annual foreign investment. Like their full-size counterparts, each early Matchbox car began life on a drawing board,

where a designer would strive to capture as much detail as possible in the original artwork. From these renderings, large scale models were built from hand-carved wooden components, again with an emphasis on accurately preserving the features of the original automobile.

Next, molds were cast from these wooden bucks, but the end result was still five times larger than the finished product. To scale the molds down, technicians would operate a pantograph milling machine “with the skill of a surgeon,” gently carving a metal mold in the appropriate shape and size to accept the molten metal used for casting. Once the test casts were approved, the new design was given a green light for production.

Like real automobiles, each Matchbox car received multiple coats of paint and repeated trips through an oven to dry and harden the finish. Details such as wheels and interiors were pressed in place by line workers, and the final product was placed on a conveyor belt for final inspection and packaging in individual cardboard boxes. Today, such a labor-intensive design and manufacturing process is unimaginable, but in the mid-1960s, it was simply business as usual.

Despite consistent demand for Matchbox products, Lesney declared bankruptcy in 1982, a victim of the poor economic climate in Britain. American toymaker Universal acquired the rights to the brand, which it sold to Tyco in 1992; Tyco was later bought out by Mattel (manufacturer of the rival Hot Wheels line), which has continued to enjoy success with the Matchbox name.

My Classic Vehicle with a Tale From The Road

By Kyle Brooks

I own a 1967 Mustang Coupe 289. I have owned it since 2008. How I got it was by Ebay Motors from California, shipped big rig express trailer. What is noteworthy about it is I was so excited to drive it when I got it that I drove it straight off of the trailer until I ran it out of gas — only time it's left me stranded.

While driving my '67 Mustang for first time out of winter storage, the oil pump froze up and I spun a bearing. Still made it home on remaining power only doing 20 mph — after which I had it rebuilt.

Planning Ahead

Many members have commented that they really enjoy reading the bits submitted by other Seaway Cruisers.

With that in mind, do you have ideas for questions to include in our 2015 Member Survey that may generate more member content for future newsletters?



School Daze #2

At the top of the class sat four school buses. Identify the brand of truck that powers these kiddy transporters.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

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My Classic Vehicle

By Don Morley

I own a '72 El Camino and '69 Chevy truck. I have owned the El Camino since 2008 and the truck since 2011. How I got it was I saw the El Camino on the side of the road and I bought the truck from Terry Robinson. What is noteworthy about them is both have big block engines — the El Camino 489 c.i. and the truck (an original big block) has a 454 c.i. engine..



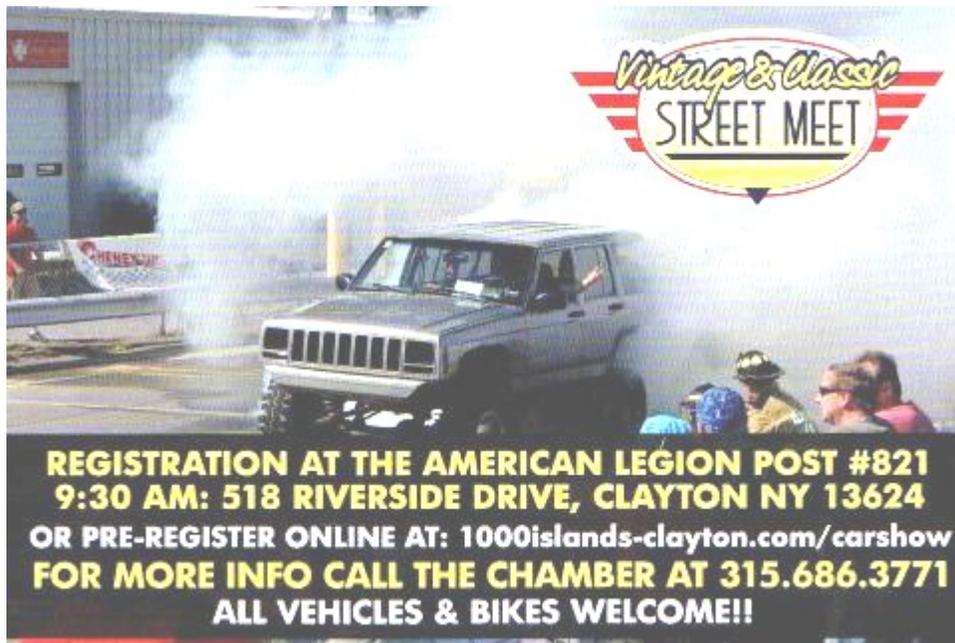
By James Robinson

I own a 1968 Chevy Nova. I have owned it for twenty five years. How I got it was by auction. What is noteworthy about it is only 20,000 miles on it.



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or call the Chamber at (315) 686-3771



17th Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet/Audio Contest Registration

Name: _____ Entry #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Year, Make, Model, Color & HP of Entry: _____

Car _____ Truck _____ Bike _____ Street Rod _____ Other _____

Please Check Which Event You Are Entering:

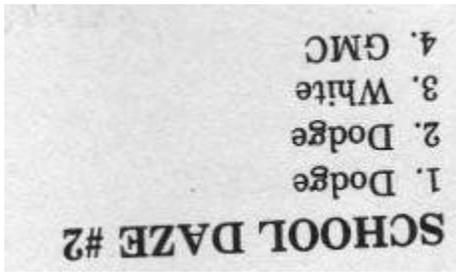
Judging & Contest Fee \$10 _____ Military \$8 _____ / Non Judged Parking \$5 _____ Military \$3 _____

May Pop Tire Contest _____ Exhaust Wars _____ Burn Out Contest _____ 60' Time Trials _____

Please display entry form on dash. Any vehicles at a designated meter "MUST" have a Registration Form.

I, the undersigned, am driving this vehicle at my own risk.

Signed: _____



SUNY Canton Parents Weekend Car Show

October 4, 2014

10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Car show is in front of the library; dyno day is in the auto lab So veer to the right at the “Y when you get on campus. The 1st driveway on the left is for the dyno day , the 3rd driveway is for the car show. Remember that if you get a group of 5, then the price is reduced to \$50 for the dyno—Seaway Cruisers get it for free.

Do you have a
classified ad
to put here?

Send it to:
news.seawaycruisers@gmail.com

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.

Request For Ideas

Brandon is requesting ideas of things that members may want to see at the SUNY Canton shop. Such as:

- Demonstration on how to buff the blurry headlight plastic?
- Demo on how an alignment is done?
- Something in electronics?
- What’s your idea?

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