



Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

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Newsletter

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Spring Tune-up for Your Car

By Casey Williams, Special to Tribune Newspapers

It was a long winter. Shorter days, cooler weather and pavement potholes may have taken their toll on you — and an even bigger toll on your car. As flowers bloom and trees grow, it's a good time to give your car a spring cleaning and thorough checkup before it endures the ravages of summer.

[Some] Areas of concern

Tires: This is most important. Low pressure can cause a blowout, diminishes handling and will cost you MPGs. Check the sticker in your door jam for the correct pressure and inflate your tires properly. It is a good idea to rotate tires about every 7,500 miles, so do that too. Uneven wear may indicate wheel alignment is needed.

Fluids: Low fluids can bring your vehicle to a halt. Drivers often find this out the hard way when the weather warms. Check your coolant level and dipsticks for oil and transmission fluid level. Make sure the radiator and gas caps seal properly. Confirm that the gaskets inside aren't brittle. If so, replace them.

Oil & filters: Many cars now use synthetic oil, so the advice of changing the oil every 3,000 miles is somewhat outdated. Consult your owner's manual to be sure. Use the recommended viscosity for warm weather. Change the filter each time you change the oil. This is also a good time to change the air filter to protect your engine.

Hoses, belts and blades: All of these deteriorate through use and age, but especially when temperatures vary. They're essential to reliable operation of the electrical, cooling and climate control systems. With the engine off, pull on the belts to make sure they are tight. When the engine is warm, squeeze the radiator hose. If soft, replace it. Wiper blades are relatively cheap, so toss them when they smear or leave streaks.

Battery: Batteries can work hard in the winter. Make sure connections are tight and free from corrosion. Have the charge checked at a qualified auto shop. Be especially cautious if it is more than 2 years old.

REACTIVATING THAT CLASSIC CAR

It is important to be especially diligent when reactivating classic cars for the first time in the spring. We are more aware of our everyday cars since we use them often. Stuff happens when cars sit.

Do not move your car before you inflate the tires properly and check for cracks. Check the tailpipe and under the hood for critters and nests. Inspect wiring to make sure it isn't damaged. Check lights and signals; change bulbs if necessary. After the car starts, back out gently.

Seals dry and leak, so look for fluids on the garage floor. Change the oil and check fluids. After making sure insurance is up to par, a good first drive is to the local car wash. If something happens, you can always walk home. However, you're more likely to have a nice drive and enjoy spring weather.



Frank Howie's Racer



George Brown's Racer



Brandon Baldwin's Racer

Gather your parts and get building your valve cover racer for next time! Refer to the instructions in last month's newsletter—or just ask these guys for help!



Submission Deadline

April 30, 2015 for May

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From the President

John Miller III

Classic Car Tune-Up

The April 19th Cruisers meeting will be Sunday at 6:00 PM at the Ogdensburg Moose Lodge.

If the weather is nice, (no April showers) let's bring the classic cars to the April meeting.

My Sunbeam Tiger is 50 years old and because it's British it needs to have its electric system checked each spring. Of course, I check all the different systems.

At the April meeting we'll have a round table discussion about getting our classic cars ready for another season of car shows and cruising. We will go over some ideas for safety and reliability.

When you wash your car, are you doing more harm than good? We can talk about the right way to clean, polish and wax our cars. What kind of soap do you use? Have you ever polished the paint? What kind of wax do you use? My Tiger has an older paint job so I use a wax with dark green pigment in it to help hide a few problems.

Let's gather a few of our favorite things to keep the classics looking good and bring them to the meeting.



Cruising soon,

John Miller III

Downloadable 6-page PDF with instructions and photos

Tip Toe Through the Tune Ups

<http://www.classiccargarage.tv/Resources/Tune%20Up%20Time.pdf>

My First Vehicle

By Ed Cloce

What was your first vehicle? *'50 Ford conv.*

How did you get it? *Under an apple tree/ trade for motorcycle*

What became of it? *?????*





From the Secretary

Brandon Baldwin

Minutes of the Meeting - March 19, 2015

We did the Valve Cover Races first. The placement order was this:

- 3rd Brandon Baldwin
- 2nd George Brown
- 1st Frank Howie

Top SUNY Canton Automotive Student and \$50 winner: Hustin Huttin

SUNY Canton Automotive Student Pat Robare became a new member as a result of the festivities seen here tonight.

Our Car Show

- Sally wrote the goodie bag letters
- Liability Insurance from Haggerty after many phone calls
- John working on the art work for the dash plaques
- Full bicycle class this year
- Need sponsorships

Next meeting is the 3rd Sunday in April at the Moose Lodge in Ogdensburg

Cruise-In first Wednesday in June at 7:00 River Ledge, corner of Route 68 and 37. Food included.

August" spaghetti dinner at Fire Hall in Morristown. They would like us to display our cars there.

SUNY Canton Alumni weekend car show Saturday, June 6th, French Hall 3pm to dusk.

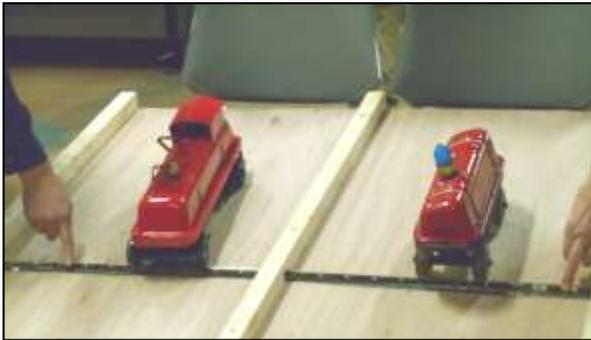
ANY CAR SHOWS OR CAR EVENTS: LET US KNOW.



Kyle restored a one horse open sleigh that had belonged to Herb Wainwright in Rensselaer Falls. He gave it to a local Amish Family as a thank you for helping us rebuild the garage that had burned down on May 11, 2014. One of the Amish men came to the Falls and Kyle took Sally and Lariah out for a ride. It was brisk and sunny on this late February day.



Did you see the article and photo in the *Watertown Daily Times* on Friday, March 20, 2015?



TV Auto Trivia #3

From *The Great Auto Trivia Book*

1. On the old *Perry Mason* show with Raymond Burr, what two cars did Paul Drake usually drive?
2. What kind of sports car originally was used in the opening scenes of *Get Smart*?
3. After a new sponsor took over the *Get Smart* show, what new sports car did Maxwell Smart drive?
4. What two cars star in *Simon and Simon*?
5. What brand of car did Samantha always drive in *Bewitched*?
6. What was the name of the cop show in which the heroes drove a Rolls Royce?
7. The Saint drove what make and model sports machine in the English-made detective show?
8. There was a very short-lived TV series called *B.A.D. Cats*. What make and model car did the heroes use?

2015 Event Calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
Sunday	April 19	6 p.m.	Meeting, <i>Classic Car Tune-Up</i>, Ogdensburg Moose Lodge
Fri.-Sun.	May 15-17		5th Annual Two Nations 1000 Islands Extravaganza, Clayton, NY. Hosted by the Highway Legends Car, Truck and Bike Club.
Saturday	June 6	3 - dusk	Car Show at SUNY Canton Alumni Weekend, French Hall parking lot. Set-up should be done by 2:30; Dairy Princess Parade at 1 PM downtown
Sat. & Sun.	Jun. 13-14		33rd Annual Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition, Madrid, NY
Fri-Sun	July 17-19		Syracuse Nationals; visit www.rightcoastcars.com for details
Sat. & Sun	July 18-19		Malone International Auto Show & Flea Market, Malone Recreation Park
Sunday	July 26	9-4	55th Annual Seaway Festival Car Show, Bridge & Port Authority grounds
Sunday	August 30	9-3:30	Golden Gears Car Club Fall Car Show, Seaway Locks, Iroquois, Ontario-- Eddy & The Stingrays perform. Contact Henry cudaworld@gmail.com
Thur. - Sun.	Sept. 10-13		Adirondack Nationals, Lake George, NY. www.adirondacknationals.com

Watch for full calendar of events in next month's newsletter!

My First Vehicle

By Don Morley

What was your first vehicle? *1960 Rambler Stationwagon*

How did you get it? *Bought it from a used car salesman*

What became of it? *Wrecked it—no brakes*

Tale From The Road

By William Arnold

Near Burlington, VT - Spring 1989 - there for calling hours (family death) late Sunday afternoon. Wife's car had a rear brake shoe start dragging. The wife of a local garage owner (he was at the races - driving) let us use tools and shop. I cobbled it back together in time to make it home for enough rest for work Monday morning. They refused any money!

My Classic Vehicle

By Rick Griffith

I own a 1936 Pontiac touring sedan street rod. I have owned it since 1973.

How I got it was I purchased it from my wife's cousin her in Ogdensburg for \$125.00 after having looked all over northern New York for a car I could afford in decent shape.

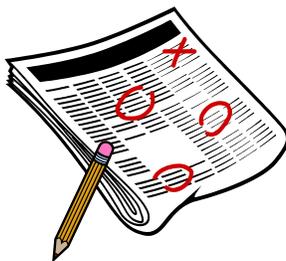
What is noteworthy about it is that it has a 1955 Chevy 6 cylinder motor and a 1956 Chevey transmission and rear end.

Answer to puzzle on page 4

8. Chevrolet Nova
 7. Volvo 1800
 6. Burke's Law
 5. Chevrolet
 4. 1957 Chevrolet and 1982 Camaro
 3. VW Karmann-Ghia
 2. Sunbeam Tiger
 1. Chevrolet Corvette and Ford Thunderbird
- TV AUTO TRIVIA #3

Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club, Inc. promotes interest in antique, classic and customized vehicles and aids in the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of these vehicles. The Club is organized exclusively for social and recreational purposes including the increase of communication and fellowship among persons interested in these objectives through social activities. Annual membership is open to anyone who supports the organization's mission and submits an application.

Classified Ads



For Sale: 1956 Lincoln Premier in great shape. Can be seen in the SUNY Canton Auto lab.

Give Away: I have about 200 issues of *Speed Sport News* 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 2004 to give away. (315) 386-3341 Bill

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