



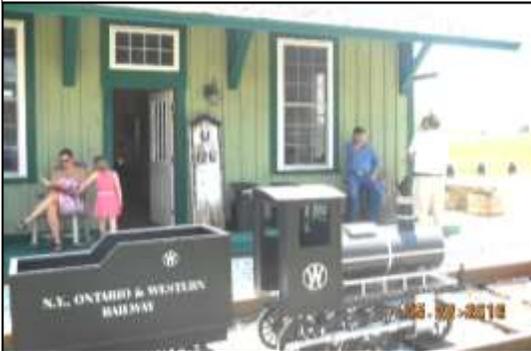
Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

June 2016

Newsletter



Cruisers visited Latham's railroad cars and museum in Morristown on May 22nd.



Glory Martel let George Brown hitch a ride back for the picnic — it was perfect weather!

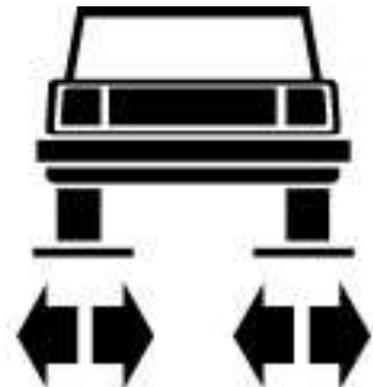


You Auto Know: **About Alignment**

By Brandon Baldwin

Alignment is about as important as Engine Performance. It's one of the legs of the triangle of racing performance. Keeping your suspension aligned not only saves the obvious part called "tires" but saves fuel as well. How? If you are scrubbing the tread off the tires, then you are using more power and therefore, more fuel to apply the effort to remove the tread. We can use the tires to help us determine some of the misalignment problems.

First, if the tires are worn on both the inside AND outside edges, your tire is underinflated, or your tires aren't rated for the weight you are putting on them. If the tire is worn in the center, the tire is overinflated. If your tires are worn just on the inside edges of BOTH front tires, this is typically that your toe adjustment is too negative. If the inside edge of a tire is worn on just one side of the car,



that is a camber correction that is needed. This usually accompanies the complaint of pulling to the other side of the car. If the outside edge of a tire is worn out, then the camber is too positive on that side. Usually the car will be pulling to that side.

If the car wants to wander down the road, especially upon bumps, which is called "bump steer", then the caster is too negative. Positive caster makes the front tires want to return to center naturally, as well as making the tire sit flatter upon the road when you proceed around a turn as the car leans.

All of this is assuming that you had already checked all suspension components and ride height to be good. Every time you change ride height, alignment changes. There is more to this, but this is a start. Want diagrams in another newsletter? Just say so.

Keep in mind that many alignment racks databases go back many years, and you don't necessarily have to align to stock conditions. For instance, I always make the camber more positive with wider tires if the customer isn't planning on track time. This makes the tires wear better. If your racecar is doing left turns all the time, you set it up for that. If you change the ride height of your truck, do an alignment. You'll be glad you did.

Submission Deadline

June 24, 2016 for July

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From the President

John Miller III

Car Shows and Cruise-ins Starting

How many miles have you driven your classic car this year? I got the Tiger ready to drive in mid April – if the sun was out, the top was down and I was cruising. I drove the Tiger a couple of hundred miles in May – I'm loving it!

There are a few things coming up in June you should enjoy:

- Saturday, June 4th – Canton, Park Street Car Show at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11th – Ogdensburg, Car-B-Q at Dobisky Visitor's Center; registration 10 AM
- Sunday, June 12th – Madrid, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show; Cruisers June Meeting at 2 PM
- Friday, June 17th – Ogdensburg, Advance Auto Parts, 3rd Friday Night Cruise-ins at 6 PM; food, door prizes and 50/50
- Thursday, June 30th – Ogdensburg, River Ledge Nursing Home Cruise-in & BBQ 5-7 PM

I know everyone can't make it to every event, but I hope to see you at some of them.

A sad note to pass along, long time club member Darlene Mason passed away on Thursday, May 12th at her home surrounded by her family. Darlene and husband George ran the flea market at our car show for ten years. She was loved by family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

Let's cruise,

John Miller III

My First Vehicle

By Harold Granger

What was your first vehicle? *1948 Cadillac 4 door sedan*

How did you get it? *Local person - 1987*

What became of it? *Gave it to my oldest son who lives in Phoenix, AZ. Shipped vehicle to him last year. He loves showing it in Scottsdale, AZ.*

My Current Project

By Kyle Hartman

I own a *1957 T-bird*. I have owned it since *2013*.

How did you get it? *Ad in the newspaper*

What is noteworthy about it? *It is my dream car; my Dad's dream car. Going to make a replica Battlebird out of it.*

Dealer's Choice (Imports)

Match the import manufacturer to their correct number of U.S. dealer franchises.

Number of Dealers	Import Manufacturer
1. 1101	A. Ferrari
2. 1081	B. Honda
3. 822	C. Jaguar
4. 416	D. Mercedes-Benz
5. 405	E. Nissan
6. 330	F. Peugeot
7. 316	G. Porsche
8. 189	H. Rolls Royce
9. 65	I. Toyota
10. 46	J. Volvo

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5/22/2016 Meeting Notes

(Secretary Brandon Baldwin was not present at the meeting; Sandy was asked to take notes.)

June brings us closer to the car show. We are going ahead with getting trophy sponsorships. Remember there has been a change in classes – we got rid of the T-bird class and put in Chevelle and Malibu. The original car show flyer has the Chevelle in blue so John will see if the dash plaque can be in blue.

John will check with Advance Auto about having the cruise-ins the third Friday of each month of the summer.

Car club t-shirts are available for \$10 each. John will bring the t-shirts to cruise-ins, meetings, etc.

There was a discussion about the trailer floor tiles that are coming up. Frank asked John to measure it up and Frank will watch out for some affordable sheet flooring.

It was decided that the goody-bag get together will be at John and Cathy Amell's home on Wednesday, July 13th. We should be getting the goody bag stuff soon.

The theme for the Seaway Festival this year is the Wizard of Oz.

Linda Brown asked everyone to be thinking about their baskets for the basket raffle.

Here is a reprint from November 2012 on this year's car show feature car.



History Lesson for the Month:

The **Chevrolet Chevelle** was a mid-sized automobile produced by the Chevrolet division of General Motors in three generations for the 1964 through 1977 model years. Part of the GM A-Body platform, the Chevelle was one of Chevrolet's most successful nameplates. Body styles include coupes, sedans, convertibles and station wagons. Super Sport versions were produced through the 1973 model year, and Lagunas from 1973 through 1976. After a three-year absence, the El Camino was reintroduced as part of the new Chevelle lineup. The Chevelle also provided the platform for the Monte Carlo introduced in 1970. The Malibu, the top of the line model through 1972, replaced the Chevelle nameplate for the redesigned, downsized 1978 models.

Chevelle

From the Editor

By Sandy Bigelow

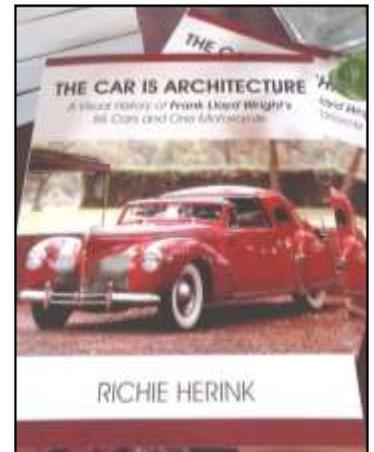
It's everywhere -- share your travel stories with us!

There are many things I like about the Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club — I especially like its inclusiveness. I like that there are no requirements of owning a particular make, age, or quality of vehicle. I like that owning a classic car of any kind is not a requirement to be a member. As much as I love them, and as much as I hope I can be, my life circumstances aren't such that allow me to be an owner-- right now at least. So thank you to all club members who own classics for letting me be one of you just because I love *your* cars. When I came on board as newsletter editor, I read some past newsletters as research and so enjoyed the stories Ron and Sheila Day sent in while they were out on the road. I may not have a classic car, but I have "places to go" and a daily driver and other means of travel. From my travels, I have concluded that anywhere one goes there are stories of interest to those of us who love antique and classic automobiles.

For instance, back in 2010, before I was even a member, I took my kids on a little "New England Adventure", as we called it. That included a stay at a drive-in motel in Vermont where you could watch the movie on the outside screen from inside your motel room. It was a classic drive-in theater still with the speakers you hang on your car window. It was behind the vintage motel and the rooms all had picture windows for viewing the movie and a built-in speaker system to hear the movie's audio in your room. The only thing that would have made that trip better would have been to do it with a classic car! I had read about it years prior in *Reader's Digest* and kept that page – it had said it was one of two still open in the country. Go there, do that – it's a great memory; add some covered bridges into the trip like we did. (Fairlee Motel & Drive-In Theater, <http://www.fairleedrivein.com>)

You may recall in one of my first issues was my story about my first trip west – the trip had nothing at all to do with cars, it was to visit my cousins in Loveland, CO. However, I found the parking lot of my motel full of classic cars. A little investigating and I was tickled pink to learn that the Colorado Nationals were in that very city that very weekend that I was there!

Last October I went to Scottsdale, Arizona for my job so on my off time one day I went to Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West. When I walked into the gift shop, the item featured in the first display case was the book, "*The Car is Architecture: A Visual History of Frank Lloyd Wright's 85 Cars and One Motorcycle*" by Richie Herink. "Really?" I thought, "huh, it's every where I go, this hobby touches everything! Cool."



Most recently, at the end of April my son and I took a little trip down to the south central region of New York State to see Howe Caverns. How in the world does that tie in as news for a car club? Well, it wasn't a car but....well it had wheels and can go fast so, yeah, it's of interest to a lot of us. There on display as we first entered the building to go on the cave tour was a glorious Orange County Choppers custom build which was featured in Season 6, Episode 8 of *American Choppers*!



It doesn't have to be a perfectly planned and executed cross-continent trip in a pristine antique automobile to be of interest to your fellow club members – if it interests you, chances are it will interest other members too.

Send in your travel stories!

Let us ride along with you in your shirt pocket — or at least give me another destination to add to my bucket list.

2016 Event Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event Description
Tues.	May –October	6-8 PM	Cruise-In at Bokie's Drive-In Diner on in Malone
Thurs.	May – Sept.	5-8 PM	Highway Legends Cruise Night, P&M Construction, 759 Starbuck Ave, Watertown, NY.
Saturday	June 4	6 PM	Boyden Brook Dairy Princess Car Show, Canton
Saturday	June 11	10 AM Registration	Car-B-Que, Dobisky Vistor's Center, Ogdensburg. Registration is \$8; for info contact Laura Pearson at (315) 393-3620 or chamber@gisco.net
Sat.-Sun.	June 11-12		34 th Annual Spring Antique Gas & Steam Engine Exhibition. For info http://www.slpowermuseum.com/
Sunday	June 12	2 PM	Seaway Cruisers meeting at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show
Friday	June 17	6 PM	Advance Auto Cruise-in, Ogdensburg; food, door prizes, 50/50
Saturday	June 18	10-4	2 nd Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show & Blues Music Fest. On the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail. Romulus, NY. For info www.shopsattradersvillage.com/car-show/ or (518) 524-5456
Thursday	June 30	5:30-7:30 PM	River Ledge Nursing Home Cruise-in & BBQ, Ogdensburg
	July 3		Potsdam Amvets Car Show; Route 11 Potsdam
Fri-Sun	July 15-17		Syracuse Nationals for info www.rightcoastcars.com
Sat.	July 16		Potsdam Chamber Car Show
Sat. & Sun.	July 16&17		37 th Annual International Auto Show & Flea Market, Malone, NY. For info maloneautoclub.x10host.com or (518) 651-7323
Saturday	July 30	12 – 6 PM	Lawrenceville Fire Department Car Show; Block Dance at 7 pm. For info call Don LaShomb at 315-389-4690.
Sun.	July 31	9-4	Seaway Cruisers Car Show
	August 6		Sackets Harbor Chamber Car Show
	August		Seaway Cruisers meeting will be a cruise to Lisbon Depot for strawberry shortcake.
	September 3		Colton Amvets

View more at <http://seawaycruisers.com/events> (“Destinations” tab)



Answer to puzzle on page 3

10. A
9. H
8. C
7. F
6. G
5. J
4. D
3. B
2. I
1. E
**DEALER'S CHOICE
(IMPORTS)**

Classified Ads



For Sale: 1960 AMC Rambler; \$6995 OBO. Text or call Matt at 315-663-6495 (Injured and out of work, must sell.)

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.

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