



# Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

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Newsletter



## Scenes from the 56th Seaway Festival Car Show



**Basket  
Raffle**



**Trophies**



## **Submission Deadline**

**Aug. 31, 2016 for Sept.**

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## **From the President**

*John Miller III*

### *Thank You Cruisers*

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Seaway Festival Car Show & Flea Market was a success because you helped. The weather was good and we had a great turn-out of cars and pedestrians.

The Seaway Cruisers worked together to put on the biggest car show in St. Lawrence County.

We had a great turn-out for the Wednesday night cruise-in with J & the Two Tones. Setting up the car show field went very well with lots of cruisers helping. Only 3 cars were in the parade on Saturday, we could have more next year.



Thank you, to one and all for your help with the car show.

Now, on to August. We still have some car shows and cruise-ins coming up in August.

- ◆ Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Super Cruise-In, Brasher Falls – 4 to 8 PM – free food, door prizes and bands.
- ◆ Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Advance Auto Parts, Ogdensburg -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night Cruise-In, 6 to 8 PM, food, 50/50, door prizes.
- ◆ Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21 – Waddington Party in the Park – Race Boat Regatta and Fastenal Car Show – 9 to 5 both days.
- ◆ Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Old fashioned Harvest Days – Power & Equipment Museum – Madrid 10 AM to 4 PM.

Thank You Cruisers,

John Miller III





# Ask A Tech: About A/C

By Brandon Baldwin



It's summer and we humans have a narrow comfort level for temperature. Comfort in our cars is no different. Most of us are old enough to remember when not all cars came with AC, so to remove heat, we opened the windows. But, AC started in cars probably earlier than you'd think.



The 1939 Packard was the first car to have air conditioning, followed by Cadillac in 1941. Most early systems we are familiar with used R12 for refrigerant which is a CFC that works extremely well due to it's large mass and stability. You needed a mineral based oil in the system too. The refrigerant in every system carries the oil throughout the system. Therefore, you need a precise amount of the refrigerant and a precise amount of oil for it to work it's best. The good part about R12 is how well it worked and that if it leaked, it carried some of the oil with it to the exterior parts. This makes it easier to find the leaks than R12's replacement: R134a.



Conversions took place in the 1990's since R12 depletes the ozone quickly. R134a needs a little more area to perform as well as R12 and leaks a little easier due to the smaller molecule, and the PAG oil is water soluble. That makes the leak harder to find since rain and other splashes the car goes through will wash away the oil. This is actually normal for a pound of R134a to escape from the system every 7 years. Yes, you can recharge it, but it's best to have it done with a set of gauges to read the high and low side pressures with a refrigerant machine rather than the canisters. And, for those of us who do this, legally, we need to have a refrigerant handling license. We even have a refrigerant identifier since some fly-by-night suppliers will mix propane, butane, or CO2 with the refrigerant to lower their cost since these products cost less. But, these do harm to the system and if you didn't notice, some of them are flammable. If you rear-end another car, the first thing behind the bumper is NOT the radiator but the condenser for the AC. Do you feel comfortable having these gases out front?



Anyway, if you should decide to convert at some point from R12 to R134a, to the newest refrigerant HFO-1234yf which came out in 2011, you will need to consult the manufacturer to see what other parts need to be replaced. Most filter dryers or receivers hold the most oil, and therefore, are commonly replaced with any upgrade. Keep in mind also, that the R134a oil is even hydroscopic, which means it will pull moisture out of the air if exposed to it. The result is a corrosive compound. I know that I will need to replace all my AC parts in the car I'm working on now since the system has been open for years. Maybe I'll just run the belt a different route to skip the compressor, to save money; the windows still operate anyway.



# TRUCK STAMPS UNVEILED AT SYRACUSE NATIONALS

*Excerpted from article by Kenn Peters of the Right Coast Association published in the 2016 Syracuse Nationals Official Souvenir Program and Buyer's Guide.*

The United States Postal Service [chose] the 2016 PPG Syracuse Nationals to unveil and begin selling a new issue of stamps celebrating American-made pickup trucks. The unveiling ceremony [was] at 12:30 p.m., Friday, July 15, in the Horticulture Building.

The illustrations on the stamps include a 1938 International Harvester, a 1948 Ford F-1, a 1953 Chevrolet 3100, and a 1965 Ford F-100, four iconic pickups that were instrumental in helping trucks gain a major foothold in the auto industry and with consumers as modern-day workhorses.



The stamps [went] on sale immediately [after the unveiling]. They promise to be a hit with stamp collectors and truck enthusiasts.

The issuance of a new commemorative stamp is an important event for the Postal Service and a major honor for the PPG Syracuse Nationals, said Bob O'Connor, director of the Right Coast Association.

According to information from the Postal Service, pickup trucks were chosen for a stamp issue because their origin is traced to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when they slowly began to replace horse-drawn wagons as the main conveyance for hauling freight and cargo.

Once it became obvious pickups were here to stay several manufacturers began producing light-duty trucks.

In the early days International Harvester supplied a truck that saw military duty in the United States during World War I and in 1917 Ford introduced the TT, a one-ton capacity truck that became a favorite throughout the country. Chevrolet was quick to follow in 1918 with its Model 490. Those early trucks were not what we know today. Buyers often had to purchase the cab and chassis separately and it wasn't until the mid-1920's that fully assembled trucks became common among American manufacturers.

Ford introduced the Model T Runabout in 1925 with a base price of \$281, a far cry from today's popular Ford F-series trucks that can easily go past \$50,000.

Studebaker is credited with first using the term 'pickup' when describing its truck. 'Pickup' stuck and quickly became the common identifier for light-duty trucks.

AND CHALK ANOTHER ONE UP FOR NY -- The artist, Chris Lyons, is from Pittsford, NY! What made the job more pleasurable is the fact that Lyons loves classic cars. "Whenever there's a lull in my business I draw classic cars," he said. For more information about Mr. Lyons, visit <http://www.chrislyonsillustration.com>



**A shot from the 2016 Syracuse Nationals –  
does that car look familiar?**

The entry tag said "Bill" and "Ogd"

but I never did spot the owner

like I spotted his car!

# ROAD WORK



The type of interchange pictured below has been a part of the American highway system longer than most motorists realize.

1. What is this interchange design called?
2. What state first constructed this type of junction?
  - A. New Jersey
  - B. Illinois
  - C. California
3. What year was it first opened to traffic?
4. What is the name of the highway that first used this design?
  - A. Washington Highway
  - B. Will Rogers Highway
  - C. Lincoln Highway

## 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. (Take Route 11 South, left on Plaza Drive – turns into Starbuck Ave.)
Wednesday	August 17	4-8 PM	Super Cruise-In, Brasher Falls - free food, door prizes, bands.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Advance Auto Cruise-In, Ogdensburg - food, 50/50, door prizes.</b>
Sat-Sun	Aug 20-21	9 AM—5 PM	Waddington Party in the Park - Race Boat Regatta and Fastenal Car Show, Whittaker Park, Waddington. To support Wounded Warriors. For more information call (315) 323-4632
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Lisbon Depot Strawberry Shortcake Cruise-In and Seaway Cruisers meeting.</b>
Saturday	Sept. 3		Colton Amvets Car Show
Sunday	Sept. 4	10 AM – 4 PM	Old Fashioned Harvest Days - Power & Equipment Museum, Madrid.
Saturday	Sept. 17		Vintage & Classic Street Meet, 9:30 registration at the American Legion, 518 Riverside Drive, Clayton. For more info 1000islands-clayton.com/carshow or (315) 686-3771

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



Answer to puzzle on page 5

ROAD WORK  
1. Chevrolet  
2. A  
3. 1980  
4. C

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