



Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club

February 2017

Newsletter

Trading Cards

The topic for show and tell at the January meeting was automobile trading cards. For most people, Topps is the first brand to come to mind. Internet research indicates that in 1953 Topps released a 160-card set based on famous and historical vehicles called "Wheels", now commonly referred to as "World on Wheels". Not long after, Topps re-released Wheels as a 180-card set. In 1961, Topps released a "Sports Cars" set. Of course, Topps is only one of many brands of automobile trading cards. There is an online database to look up more information, The Trading Card Database can be found at www.tradingcarddb.com.

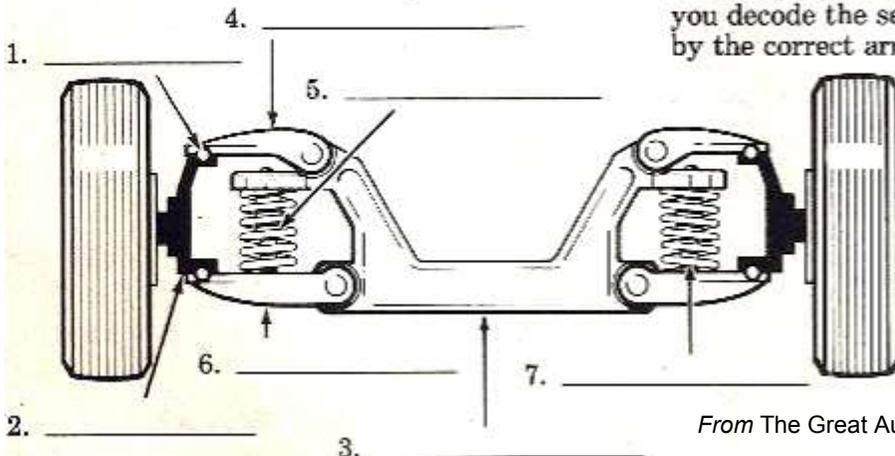


Top two photos on the left show John Miller's automobile trading card collection, bottom left is Lynn Miller and Sandy Bigelow viewing John's collection, center bottom is Bill Denio's collection binder, bottom right we see Casey Barr looking at Bill's collection and Bill looking at John's collection.



Scrambled Suspension

The illustration below is a fine sketch of a coil-spring front suspension. The problem is that the component names have been scrambled. Can you decode the seven labels below and place them by the correct arrows?



PART NAMES

- LALB IOJTN
- GENTSIRE CLEKKUN
- MAFRE
- PEPUR TONCLOR MAR
- ICLO NIRGSP
- WELOR TONCLOR MAR
- KOCHS REBBOARS

From The Great Auto Trivia Book

Answers on page 6

Submission Deadline

Feb. 24, 2017 for March

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From the President

John Miller III

Do you have any old headlights?

The Cruisers February 19th meeting will be at 6 PM at the Ogdensburg Moose Lodge.

We had a good turn out for the January meeting. Bill Denio and I showed our collections of trading cards.

I had a long list of business to discuss but we got through it all, see Brandon's secretary notes in this newsletter.

We had election of officers and all the current officers have agreed to run for another term and were elected.

I don't think we've ever had a show and tell about headlights. My Sunbeams were made in England and came with Lucas sealed beam High/Low headlights. I have a headlight bucket from a 1930 American Austin, 1940 Ford, 1964 Sunbeam, what do you have?

Do you have an old sealed beam still in its box? (I think I do.) Look around your garage and bring some headlights to the February 19th meeting at the Ogdensburg Moose Lodge at 6 p.m. Sometimes when I was leaving to go home burned out I would just buy one and replace it, sometimes I would buy two and replace both and keep the "good" one that still worked.

One night many years ago, when I left a meeting, one headlight blew out as I was leaving to go home. I got pulled over three times. The first cop let me go without a ticket, the second gave me a ticket and the third just smiled when I told him I just got one ten minutes ago.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

John Miller III

From September 2014 Newsletter



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.



Are You Ready to Join the Fun?

4th Annual Valve Cover Races

Thursday, March 23, 2017



Rules

- No propulsion weights
- No moving weights
- Valve cover must have four wheels contacting the ground
- Wheels can be attached in any manner but cannot extend past front of cover
- Covers must be actual valve cover from an automobile engine
- Appearance alterations encouraged

SPECIFICATIONS:

30 inch max length

15 inch max width

11 inch max height

10 pounds max weight

3/4 inch ground clearance

Wondering How to Build A Valve Cover Racer?

See the March 2015 newsletter found at

<http://seawaycruisers.com/rear-view/newsletter-archives>

And Get Ready for our

Mini Car Show

Thursday, April 20, 2017

From the Secretary

Brandon Baldwin

Here are the minutes of the January 22nd meeting:

Many membership dues have been paid tonight. 11 members present, mostly officers.

Election tonight: All the officers remain the same as 2016. Congratulations all! Board of Directors remains the same too. Congratulations to them as well!

Car show this year. Featured car will be the 1937 Studebaker. Car show classes will remain the same as 2016. We need a new tarp for the registration tent. We need the gift baskets done by someone else this year: Brandon's Mother-in-law is in poor health and will probably not be able to do it again this year. She donated 10 baskets.

Cruise-ins 2017: Seavey's Point (new), Advanced Auto, Green Performance, Watertown, Twin Leaf at Reservation, Cruise to the VIC.

Wooden bench for Madrid Gas & Steam Engine Museum needs to be refinished. It's at Brandon house now. Feel free to pick it up to refinish it.

Frank Howie needs more visitors at River Ledge Nursing Home.

February 19th meeting 6pm at Moose Lodge in Ogdensburg. March 23rd at 6pm is the next Valve Cover Races at SUNY Canton, then our March meeting. April 20th at 6pm the first Hotwheels Car Show with SUNY Canton, then our April meeting.

Looking to do a Cruise-in to the Northern Highway Legends at some time.

Next topic for Ask-a-Tech request is headlights: Why are some yellow and others hurt your eyes? If you have a request, just call me or email me.

Bringing the '50s back

Ron Day shares this article from *Daily Commercial* about a diner in Tavares, Florida, and says, "Sheila and I have eaten here a few times. A few years ago it was called 'Soup to Nuts'. It was featured on the program (the name escapes me) that went into restaurants and helped them get going again. It didn't make it and closed! It was bought and reopened as the Hwy 441 Diner and is doing fine now. We have not been down to a cruise in yet.



The Hwy 441 Diner features a 50s-style dining area complete with checkerboard floors, a milkshake bar and a chalkboard wall highlighting the daily specials. PHOTOS BY CINDY DIAN / CORRESPONDENT

Hwy 441 Diner offers throwback feel, classic car shows

By Cindy Dian
Correspondent

Highway 441 Diner has become a hot spot for locals to hang out, grab a milkshake and enjoy a classic car show.

Three years ago, owner Billy Digino did a full remodel to the once run-down café, bringing back the bright colors and food of the 1950s.

"I feel like we brought the café back to life," Digino said. "We changed everything when we took over and it's been a hit. Three years later and this place is still packed."

The diner features checkerboard floors, a milkshake bar and a chalkboard wall highlighting the daily specials. It also hosts a classic car show the first Wednesday of each month.

"My first time here was yesterday, and it was so good we came back today," customer Brenda Limardo said. "The Reuben was so delicious I had it both times. But the biggest secret here is the



Hwy 441 Diner, 381 E. Burleigh Blvd. in Tavares, is open from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

friendly staff and atmosphere. We highly recommend it."

Breakfast offers classic diner favorites such as bacon and eggs, pancakes, omelettes, country fried steak, French toast, Belgian waffles and biscuits and gravy. Specials include two eggs, potatoes, choice of meat and coffee for \$5.95.

Appetizers of mozzarella sticks, fried mushrooms, stuffed jalapeños, chicken tenders, popcorn shrimp, fried clam strips and beer-battered onion rings round out lunch basket offerings. They are available from \$4.95 to \$5.75. The diner also offers a



Owner Billy Digino, center, runs the Hwy 441 Diner in Tavares with the help of his servers.

variety of salads, cold subs and wraps.

Burgers start at \$5.75 with a classic 6-ounce hamburger and range to the hunger-buster — a half-pound patty for \$7.95. Both options are served with fries.

Dinner entrees include meatloaf, beef liver and onions, Indiana pork tenderloin, shrimp parmigiana, BBQ baby back ribs,

all-you-can-eat fried catfish and a 10-ounce New York strip steak.

For dessert, the diner features a variety of homemade pies and cakes, ice cream and double-thick milkshakes.

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Ask a Tech: Headlights

By Brandon Baldwin

Someone asked me the other day "why do some headlights appear blue while others are yellow?" I would like to answer, "well, the new trend now is to tint your headlights. All the kids are doing it now-a-days." But, that would be lying. It has more to do with light intensity. Regular light is white, which is a combination of all the colors. Remember ROYGBIV, which is the rainbow of colors where RED is the first and the shortest wavelength. YELLOW is in the middle, which is what the old, dimmer headlights look like. And, the plastic lens headlights that get scratched and dull start to appear more yellow as they become more scratched and dull. This causes more light distortion, making the light appear even more yellow.



Ever been blinded by those pesky bright blue lights? Although they still contain all wavelengths, they contain more of the high end of the light spectrum, the blues. These are the shortest wavelength. Many of these are from cars that have HID or high-intensity-discharge headlights. Unfortunately, these blue wavelengths are more likely to bounce off water particles, making vision a little worse, not better.

There are replacement light-bulbs that are halogen bulbs that claim to be Xenon or HID light bulbs. HID require the use of an ignitor and a ballast to get them started. If you are just replacing a bulb in a vehicle that didn't have HID to begin with, it's not an HID bulb. The companies that claim the bulb is Xenon or HID have tinted the bulb with blue. This increases dangerous glare.

But, remember when hot rodders used to put the blue dot in the taillights? It was to make the light appear pinkish-purple because the eye can easily focus on the red, but not the blue. Cool, eh?

For older cars that switched from 6 volt to 12 volt, they see an increase in light intensity too. Even the sealed beam headlights have become halogen so that they are brighter. How did we ever see at night without the light levels we have now? And, if you like customization, now you can even buy sealed beam headlights for your old car that are not only halogen, but can have an amber ring around the outside, which you can wire to be the turn signal. Lighting for hot rodders has come a long way. 🚗

2017 Membership Form

Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club, Inc.

Seaway Cruisers Classic Car Club members share an interest in classic or antique automobiles. Annual membership is still only \$12.00 and includes a monthly newsletter, an email list, social and technical meetings, and more!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ Mobile # _____

Email _____

I prefer to receive my newsletter via Email Postal Mail

Vehicle(s) you own (Year, Make, Model) _____

Mail this form with a check for \$12.00 made payable to Seaway Cruiser Car Club to Glory Martel, Seaway Cruisers Treasurer, 404 Mansion Ave., Ogdensburg, NY 13669

My age group is:

- 18 - 25 46 - 55
 26 - 35 56 - 70
 36 - 45 71 +

Ideas for meeting topics or other activities:

Answer to puzzle on page 1

7. Shock Absorber
6. Lower Control Arm
5. Coil Spring
4. Upper Control Arm
3. Frame
2. Steering Knuckle
1. Ball Joint
**SCRAMBLED
SUSPENSION**

Are you a 2017 member yet?

Check Your Label

Membership Paid Thru

2016

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Next meeting:

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6 PM

Ogdensburg Moose Lodge

2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ENCLOSED

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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