

THE VOICE

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (4C's)

Important Upcoming 4C's Dates:

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February Business Meeting	02/03/20
2020 State Legislative Session Begins	02/05/20
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Legislative Report

Dave Bajumpaa

The 2020 State Legislative Session will begin on February 5th and end on May 6th. In preparation for this upcoming session, we will be retaining the services of Hughes and Cronin Public Affairs Strategies to monitor legislation related to the antique auto hobby, as we have done in previous sessions. In this monitoring capacity, Hughes and Cronin will inform us of the pending legislation. We report to you on any legislation potentially impacting the hobby, and ask you to contact your legislators and help get favorable legislation passed, and unfavorable legislation defeated (i.e., a "grass roots" approach).

At the present time, we are not aware of any legislation planned to be introduced in the 2020 Legislative Session that will impact the antique auto hobby. So that is a good thing!

The major challenge for the legislature will continue to be dealing with the state's fiscal problems. In the 2019 Legislative Session, the fiscal year 2020 (which started July 1, 2019) and fiscal year 2021 budgets of \$21.44 billion and \$22.25 billion were approved.

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Connecticut General Assembly website address is:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov>

Connecticut Council of Car Clubs Website address:

<http://www.ctccc.net>

February Business Meeting Monday February 3, 2020

Agenda: See Tentative Agenda on Page 3

Time: Dinner at 6:30 p.m with meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Athenian Diner Restaurant

864 Washington Street (Route 66),
Middletown, CT 06457

Directions:

- Restaurant is located on Route 66 approximately two miles west of Route 9 or approximately 7 miles east of Route 91.
- Restaurant is on the street in front of the Middletown Plaza Shoppes directly across the street from the Home Depot.
- Restaurant Phone Number is (860) 346-2272
For more info, contact Dave Bajumpaa at (860) 627-8572

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The 4C's conducts a regular business meeting six times a year on the first Monday of February, April, May, June, August, and November. The meetings are scheduled on these dates to coincide with the Connecticut State Legislative Session. The newsletter is published six times a year and is mailed approximately a week prior to the regular business meeting.

SEMA Action Network Website:

<http://www.semasan.com>

Minutes of November 4th Meeting:

Chairman John Bajumpaa called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The members present introduced themselves, identifying their affiliations with the 4Cs, whether representing a member club or as individual members.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Dave Bajumpaa made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting as published in the November 2019 issue of *The Voice*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Jarush presented his report, noting the status of the accounts as of the end of October 2019. He also reported that membership renewals for the coming year have begun to generate deposits and are expected to continue through the beginning of 2020.

Election of Officers

The current officers had all indicated their interest in continuing in their positions for the next year. Except for the "Member-at-Large" position, the positions are all for one-year terms; Ken Useted's two-year "Member-at-Large" position is up for election on this year's slate. Scott Macgregor's current "Member-at-Large" term will end on 12/31/2020. Since there were no additional nominations brought forward, the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate, affirmed by unanimous vote of the members present.

Legislative Report:

Regarding legislative matters, Dave Bajumpaa reminded the members that this year is the "short session" running February through May. So far, there have been no indications of proposed legislation pertaining to the car hobby.

Further on legislative matters, Carroll Hughes of Hughes & Cronin has committed to continue providing legislative monitoring services for \$3,500 plus the applicable sales tax for 2020, unchanged from the 2019 fee. The members voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

Dave reported progress on addressing the titling of antique vehicles in Connecticut. He has prepared a draft proposal for a meeting with the DMV on this topic, promoting the idea that there are reasonable alternatives to the surety bond requirement and that the title requirement should not have an impact on whether a particular vehicle has been modified from its original specification. Dave distributed the draft to

members inviting their comments. He said his goal was to get this to the DMV in early December.

Website, Calendar of Events, and Facebook:

John Bajumpaa explained that an individual has been advertising a product on our Facebook page, and although John has removed the postings, they have been reposted weekly. While the product is car related, this is not the intended purpose of the FB page. John is considering a soft approach, asking the individual to refrain from posting so frequently. Otherwise, John said that participation continues to be active and he encourages members to use our Facebook Group Page for broadcasting about car shows and other related events. Additionally, he is keeping the Website updated and asked that new information and changes for the calendar should be sent to him at JFBAJUMPAA@AOL.COM. He can also be reached through the web site: (<http://www.ctccc.net/contact-us.html>).

Other Business

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Athenian Diner Restaurant (dinner at 6:30 p.m, meeting at 7:30 pm).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Juhas, Recording Secretary

4C's Meeting Attendance – November 4, 2019

Name:	Representing:
Dave Bajumpaa	Studebaker Driver's Club
Jim Juhas	CT MG Club
John Bajumpaa	Studebaker Drivers Club
Bobbi Juhas	Litchfield Hills Historic Auto Club
Joe Loban	K of C Portland - Individual Member
Don Liepelt	CHAS Crankin' Yanks Chap Model T
Jim Way	Connecticut Model "A" Ford Club
Fred Glabau	Central Connecticut Region AACA
Joe Fernandez	Constitution State Classics
June Mamula	Individual Member
Paul Pawlowski	Nutmeg Pontiac-Oakland and CSRA
Ken Useted	Fairfield County Region AACA
Bob Balkow	4C's Membership Secretary
Dexter Crowley	4C's Past Chairman
John Jarush ..	Summer Knights & CT Street Rod Assn
Scott Macgregor ...	Belltown and Early Ford V-8 Club
Matt Strus	CT Triumph Register and CT MG Club

Tentative Agenda for Feb. 3, 2020 4C's Business Meeting

- Call to Order (approximately 8 p.m.)
- Introductions & Attendance
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Treasurers Report
- Legislative Report
- Calendar of Events/4C's Website
- Motor Vehicle Titles for Collector Cars
- Other Business
- Next Meeting: Monday April 6, 2020

4C's Calendar of Events.

We maintain a Calendar of Events on our website. Our intent is to list all collector car related shows in Connecticut, as well as major regional and national meets. The website is maintained throughout the year. The 4C's does not charge a fee to have your show listed on our website. To have your show listed on the 4C's website, please provide the date/rain date; sponsoring club; who the show benefits; location; and contact person information to:

*John Bajumpaa (4C's)
13 Mullen Road
East Windsor, CT 06088*

Or, via E-mail at: jfbajumpaa@aol.com

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Thanks for Your Support!!

The 4C's thanks the following members who contributed additional money with their membership in 2020:

Clubs:

*Litchfield Hills Historic Auto Club
Belltown Antique Car Club
Paradice Classic Crusiers*

Individual Members:

Paul Pawlowski
Art Parent
Wayne Hoffman
Thomas Krulikowski
Bill Stanley

Don Murphy
Jack White
Allen Gridley
Robert D'Amico

REMINDER:

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE FOR EVERYONE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION, AND RETURN IT TO THE 4C'S

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE 4C'S HELPS ENSURE YOUR AUTO HOBBY IS PROTECTED !!!

Did You Know??

The 4C's has recently formed a Facebook group where members can disseminate information related to the antique auto hobby in Connecticut. The Facebook group is "Connecticut Council of Car Clubs." Feel free to join.

You can receive this 4C's newsletter by Email. If you don't already get the newsletter by a .pdf attachment to an Email and would like to, send your name and whether you are an individual member, or what club you are a member of, to dabajumpaa@aol.com. Also, if you are willing to help the 4C's reduce its expenses by accepting the newsletter via Email only, let us know.

Current State Statutes the 4C's is Protecting (Updated per Public Act 09-187):

Key Definitions

Subdivision (3) of Subsection (a) of Section 14-1 of the state statutes defines an "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" as a motor vehicle twenty years old or older which is being preserved because of historic interest and which is not altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

Subdivision (49) of Subsection (a) of Section 14-1 of the state statutes defines a "Modified antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle twenty years old or older which has been modified for safe road use, including, but not limited to, modifications to the drive train, suspension, braking system and safety or comfort apparatus.

Key Statutes:

Section 14-20 of the state statutes allows **Number Plates** for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles and states: (a) ***The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may issue special number plates for antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, including antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles that have been modified,*** such special number plates to be issued on a permanent basis. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making the same. An owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may use such owner's own porcelain number plate in place of the plates issued by the commissioner provided (1) such plate was originally issued by the department, and (2) such owner files with the commissioner a description and the number of such plate and any additional information the commissioner may require.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, section 14-18, and section 14-21b, the owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be authorized by the commissioner to display a number plate originally issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles corresponding to the year of manufacture of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle. The commissioner shall issue a certificate of registration, as provided in section 14-12. Such registration shall be valid, subject to renewal, as long as the commissioner permits. Thereafter, the registration number and number plates,

if any, which were assigned to such motor vehicle before such registration and number plates were issued under this section, shall be in effect. Each such number plate authorized for use by the commissioner shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the rear of such motor vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in use or operation upon any public highway. A sticker shall be affixed to each such number plate to denote the expiration date of the registration, unless the commissioner authorizes the sticker, or other evidence of the period of the registration, to be placed elsewhere or carried in such motor vehicle. Such sticker may contain the corresponding letters and numbers of the registration and number plate. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

Regarding Safety Inspections:

Sec. 14-16a. Inspection of older vehicles before or upon transfer of ownership. Historical or special interest fire apparatus. Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles and modified antique motor vehicles.

(a) The commissioner may require that each motor vehicle registered in this state which is ten model years old or older shall, within thirty days before transfer of ownership or upon such transfer, be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station or other facility authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection. The vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is properly equipped and in good mechanical condition before registration is issued to the new owner of the vehicle. If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to perform an inspection required by this section or to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment

standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner. If the commissioner authorizes any such dealer or repairer to conduct safety inspections, such licensee may provide written certification to the commissioner, in such form and manner as the commissioner prescribes, as to compliance of any motor vehicle in its inventory with safety and equipment standards, and such certification may be accepted by the commissioner as meeting the inspection requirements of this subsection.

(b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old or older which are registered in this state and which were originally used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, and (3) all modified antique motor vehicles. Any such vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the new owner of such vehicle. *The determination of the mechanical condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of modified antique motor vehicles shall be determined by inspecting the original equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a modified antique motor vehicle or a composite motor vehicle shall be the model year that the body of such vehicle most closely resembles.* If the commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, except a licensee of the department, to conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting

qualifications established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such certification to the commissioner.

Sec. 14-16b. Inspection of damaged vehicles.

Section 14-16b is repealed.

See Sec. 14-103a re inspection of reassembled, altered or rebuilt vehicles.

Sec. 14-103a. Inspection of reassembled, altered or rebuilt vehicles.

Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped, in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful owner. *The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a composite motor vehicle inspected in accordance with this section shall be the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle most closely resembles.* Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The commissioner may require any person presenting any such reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The commissioner may require, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the inspection of any other motor vehicle that has not been manufactured by a person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67a, as amended by this act. The fee for any inspection required by the provisions of this section shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to each motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

Regarding Emissions Inspections:

Section 14-164c(c) states: The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air pollution control equipment and compliance with or waiver of exhaust emission standards or compliance with or waiver of on-board diagnostic standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance with or waiver of, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and compliance with or waiver of purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such regulations may provide for an inspection procedure using an on-board diagnostic information system for all 1996 model year and newer motor vehicles. Such regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state except: (1) Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles with motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a temporary registration; (6) **vehicles manufactured twenty- five or more years ago**; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8) vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9) farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10) diesel-powered type II school buses; (11) a vehicle operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an official emissions or safety inspection; or (12) **vehicles that have met the inspection requirements of section 14-103a and are registered by the commissioner as composite vehicles**. On and after July 1, 2002, such regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection requirement any vehicle four or less model years of age, beginning with model year 2003 and the previous three model years, provided that such exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation that such exemption causes the state to violate applicable federal environmental or transportation planning requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior

to registration of a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that it is necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt under subdivision (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that are four or less model years of age in order to achieve compliance with federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four or less model years of age.

Regarding the Property Tax Limit:

Section 12-71(b) states:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, **except that any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be required by the assessors to provide reasonable documentation that such motor vehicle is an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, provided any motor vehicle for which special number plates have been issued pursuant to section 14-20, as amended by this act, shall not be required to provide any such documentation.** The provisions of this section shall not include money or property actually invested in merchandise or manufacturing carried on out of this state or machinery or equipment which would be eligible for exemption under subdivision (72) of section 12-81 once installed and which cannot begin or which has not begun manufacturing, processing or fabricating; or which is being used for research and development, including experimental or laboratory research and development, design or engineering directly related to manufacturing or being used for the significant servicing, overhauling or rebuilding of machinery and equipment for industrial use or the significant overhauling or rebuilding of other products on a factory basis or being used for measuring or testing or metal finishing or in the production of motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

Why the \$500 Tax Assessment is Fair

The provision of a maximum \$500 assessment for antique vehicles is appropriate. The vast majority of the automobile hobbyists in this state have other motor vehicles they use as primary transportation that are subject to the same property taxes as everyone else in the state. Because of this, the automobile hobbyists are already paying their fair share of property taxes on motor vehicles. Unlike many other hobbies, the automobile hobby requires us to register our collector motor vehicles, which puts them on a list, making them visible to the local property tax assessors in cities and towns. Hobbyists that collect artwork, furniture, stamps, coins, or rare books cannot be easily tracked down by these same local property tax assessors. Elimination of the \$500 maximum assessment would unfairly put the automobile hobbyists in a situation where the tax burden associated with their hobby would be excessive, as compared to other hobbies.

Furthermore, the automobile hobbyist provides benefits to the community that many other hobbies don't provide. There are several car shows each weekend in the state throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall. These car shows typically benefit local charities and organizations. These shows result in significant revenues to these charities and organizations. These shows and cruise nights also result in increased spending at restaurants and local business throughout the state, indirectly helping increase state revenues. The use of their collector vehicles in local parades and other town functions throughout the state provide a positive benefit to the community. Additionally, several businesses in the state rely on the revenue generated by the restoration of antique vehicles. Eliminating or raising this maximum assessed value would be adverse to those businesses.

Currently, the property taxes on antique motor vehicles in Connecticut are in alignment with the surrounding states. Specifically, New York does not have an annual property tax (also known as an excise tax in surrounding states) on motor vehicles. Rhode Island has an annual excise tax on motor vehicles. Similar to Connecticut, Section 44-34-2 of the Rhode Island State Statutes identifies that any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old shall be deemed to possess an average retail value of five hundred dollars (\$500) as a basis value for the annual excise tax. Massachusetts has an annual excise tax on motor vehicles. The assessed value or excise tax basis value of a motor vehicle is based on a percentage of the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP). The assessed value or excise tax basis value of any motor vehicle 5 years old or older is 10% of the MSRP. The annual tax is 2.5% of this basis value. (Source: CT OLR Report 2013-R-0170 February 27, 2013).

As an example, let us calculate the annual Massachusetts excise tax on a 1965 Mustang. A 1965 Mustang had a MSRP was \$2427. For all vehicles 5 years old and older, the Massachusetts excise tax basis value is 10% of the MSRP. In Massachusetts the annual excise tax is 2.5% of the basis value with a \$5 minimum value. For this 1965 Mustang, the annual excise tax in Massachusetts is \$6.07. In Connecticut, with the maximum \$500 assessment and a municipality with a mill rate of 30, the annual property tax on that same 1965 Mustang would be \$15.

REFRESHER ON THE \$500 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

We encourage all antique motor vehicles to maintain Early American or Classic Vehicle plates on their vehicles since it is the best way to ensure way the maximum \$500 property tax assessment is applied to your vehicle. However, the statutes also allow the maximum \$500 assessment to apply to certain antique vehicles without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates. Most town property tax assessors will apply the \$500 assessment to any motor vehicle 20 years or older. However, some town property tax assessors will try to distinguish an "antique rare or special interest motor vehicle" from a "modified antique motor vehicle" if the vehicle does not have Early American or Classic Vehicle plates.

While Early American or Classic Vehicle plates are not required to qualify for the maximum \$500 assessment, owners of vehicles without those plates may have to provide documentation to their town assessor that their vehicle qualifies for that assessment. If your motor vehicle is modified without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates, your local tax assessor could determine that the maximum \$500 assessment does not apply and assess the vehicle at what the assessor considers fair market value.

Legislative Report (from Page 1)

Revenues (i.e., various forms of taxes) were increased by 2.1% for the current 2020 fiscal year and by an additional 3.7% for fiscal year 2021 starting July 1, 2020. The current projections for these 2020 and 2021 budgets appear to be reasonably balanced. However, projections for future Connecticut budgets show that they will be running very large deficits of between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion for fiscal years 2022 through 2024. So the financial problems for the state are far from over and will dominate future legislative sessions.

Regarding titles for motor vehicles, in previous newsletters I reported that there the current DMV regulation has a couple of provisions in it that make it

prohibitive to obtain a title for our collector cars. We believe these provisions are unnecessary and will be looking to work with DMV to change their regulation. The two main problems we see with the current DMV regulation is that if we don't have a valid out-of-state title for our collector car we will need to post a surety bond for our cars in accordance with Section 14-176 of the state statutes. The process to post a surety bond is cumbersome, cost-prohibitive, and discourages us from obtaining titles for our vehicles. We feel that this provision should not be necessary if our collector vehicle has been registered in the State of Connecticut for a reasonable period of time (say 3 to 5 years). We would like the need to post a bond to be waived if that is the case. The second provision we have difficulty with is the requirement to submit a sworn statement that the vehicle has been maintained or restored to a condition that substantially conforms with the original manufacturer's specification. We believe we should be able to obtain a title for our motor vehicles, regardless of whether they have modifications.

I drafted a letter to DMV requested a meeting with them to discuss the issue. That draft letter was handed out at the November meeting. I will collect any final comments at the February 3rd meeting and send a letter to DMV shortly thereafter.

News From Outside CT

From the SEMA website

West Virginia Introduces Bills to Ease Taxes on Certain Vehicles

Legislation (S.B. 171/H.B. 2094) has been introduced in West Virginia to exempt certain vehicles in the state from personal property taxes. Similar bills introduced in previous years have failed to be approved by the legislature. Currently, the bills await consideration in the House Technology and Infrastructure Committee (H.B. 2094) and Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (S.B. 171).

- S.B. 171 would exempt all vehicles 25 years old and older from personal property taxes.
- S.B. 171 recognizes that older vehicles constitute a small portion of the vehicle fleet and are well-maintained, infrequently operated hobby cars and deserving of tax benefits.
- H.B. 2094 would exempt all motor vehicles from personal property taxes for the tax years beginning after December 31, 2019.

New Hampshire Single Plate Bill Dies as Legislature Reconvenes

Legislation (H.B. 395) that required passenger vehicles to display only a single rear license plate died as the New Hampshire Legislature convened for the 2020 session.

Currently in New Hampshire vehicles are required to display both a front and rear license plate. H.B. 395 would have brought the state in line with other states that have moved to a single plate requirement. It also recognized the burden of creating mounting holes on original bumpers and would conserve resources and money.

UPDATE: Massachusetts Single Plate Bill Scheduled for Hearing January 2

Overview: Legislation (S.2041) has been introduced in the Massachusetts Senate to require the issuance of only a single, rear-mounted license plate for all motor vehicles. Under current law vehicles must display two license plates. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Joint Committee on Transportation on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

- S.2041 would save money, conserve resources and bring Massachusetts in line with other states that have moved to a single plate requirement.
- S.2041 would protect the aesthetic contours of cars and relieve vehicle owners of the burden of having to create mounting holes on bumpers.

Massachusetts Bill to Allow Restoration of YOM Plates for Antique Vehicles Scheduled for Hearing

Legislation (S.2093) has been introduced in the Massachusetts Senate to allow year of manufacture registration plates to be restored to their original colors and designs. Vehicles registered as "Antique" may display YOM plates with DMV approval. However, current DMV regulations state these plates must be in original condition. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Joint Committee on Transportation on November 6th.

- S.2093 would allow for the restoration of year of manufacture registration plates to their original colors and designs.
- S.2093 recognizes that year of manufacture plates are an important part of the aesthetic and collector value of antique vehicles.

Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's)

New Member/Membership Renewal/Change of Address Form

Note
Please mail
this entire page

Send All Information to:
Membership Secretary
c/o Bob Balkow
22 Perron Road
Plainville, CT 06062

This membership application is: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ Change of Information

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Section 1

Club Membership - \$50

(Includes up to two mailings to separate addresses.
The 4C's recommends one of the two mailings be to
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Club Name _____

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Section 2

Individual Membership - \$15

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Member of what car club(s)? _____

Section 3

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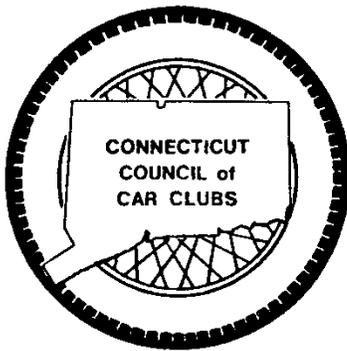
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Don't Miss the
Next 4C's Business Meeting:

Monday February 3, 2020

at the Athenian Diner Restaurant in Middletown

(Details inside – Note the New Start Times - 6:30/7:30 pm)

ALSO:

4C's Membership Renewals for 2020 for everyone are due in January. Please Renew As Soon As Possible (Form on Page 9).