

THE VOICE

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (4C's)

Important Upcoming 4C's Dates:

Everyone's Membership Renewals Due ...01/01/20
 April Business Meeting**CANCELLED**
 May Business Meeting 05/04/20
 2020 State Legislative Session Ends..... 05/06/20
 June Business Meeting06/01/20
 August Business Meeting 08/03/20
 November Business Meeting 11/02/20
 2021 State Legislative Session Begins 01/06/21
 February Business Meeting 02/01/21

Legislative Report

Dave Bajumpaa

The 2020 State Legislative Session began on February 5th and is scheduled to end on on May 6th. We have retained 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, there has been no legislation introduced in the 2020 Legislative Session that will adversely impact the antique auto hobby. So that is a good thing!

The table included in this newsletter summarizes the current status of bills related to the hobby and other transportation related matters of interest that have been introduced in the legislative session to date (March 28, 2020).

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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>

April 4th Business Meeting Cancelled

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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 February 3rd 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 November 7, 2019 meeting as published in the February 2020 issue of *The Voice*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Jarush presented his report on the status of the accounts as of the end of January 2020, also noting that additional revenue is expected from continuing membership renewals.

Legislative Report:

Dave Bajumpaa reported that the upcoming "short session" would begin on Wednesday (February 5) and that so far, there has been no indication of any proposed legislation that would be detrimental to the hobby. Dave did report there is apparent interest, as there was last year, in proposals to require seat belts in classic vehicles. Considerations of this in the past, though, have limited this requirement to those vehicles where seat belts were originally installed.

While it's not an issue specific to the car hobby, Dave expects tolls to initially dominate the legislative agenda with an early vote on truck tolls expected. He noted the proposed bills have no provisions to prevent an expansion to tolling of all vehicles in the future. Some members present predicted the legislation was unlikely to pass, noting Rhode Island's continuing legal challenges to its trucks-only tolls, and also described that tolls on the New York State Thruway originally applied only to trucks.

On the issue of improving the process for titling antique vehicles in Connecticut, Dave asked for any final comments, edits or corrections to his draft proposal for a meeting with the DMV on this topic. He said his plan is to send it to the DMV within the next week or so.

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>).

Member Presentation

Individual Member Dennis Savage from Lisbon, Connecticut, visited this meeting to tell us about his YouTube channel where he explores and features automobile salvage yards across the country. Describing his project as both a service and entertainment, "Bring 'Em Back to Life" is a series of video productions that focuses on the salvage yards, their proprietors and the interesting vehicles they hold. Currently having 9,000 subscribers, his goal is to reach 10,000 at which point his sponsorship opportunities expand. He invited us each to take a look at his channel (www.den-56.com) and decide if it's worth subscribing.

Excerpts from Denny's Youtube "about" page: *One guy and his camera. After many years as host and producer of a Public Access show called 'God's Masterpiece Christian TV of Southern New England' I got an idea to produce stories about my hobby, Classic Cars and walking through salvage yards. We have traveled to several salvage yards in America for 'walkabouts' and have begun the restoration of a 56 Chevy convertible that was wrecked in about 1980 and put in storage. It is now being featured on 'Bring Em Back To Life'.*

Other Business

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 [April Meeting Cancelled: Next Meeting May 4th] 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 – February 3, 2020

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
June Mamula	Individual Member
Paul Pawlowski –	Nutmeg Pontiac-Oakland and CSRA
Ken Useted	Fairfield County Region AACA
Bob Balkow	4C's Membership Secretary
John Jarush...	Summer Knights & CT Street Rod Assn
Scott Macgregor ...	Belltown and Early Ford V-8 Club
Dennis Savage..	Bring 'Em Back to Life You –Tube.com
Beverly and Jim Foote ..	Team Bristol & Exchange Club

Tentative Agenda for May 4, 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 June 1, 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

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
Connecticut Street Rod Association
 Belltown Antique Car Club
 Paradise Classic Crusiers
 Connecticut Model A Ford Restorer's Club
 Constitution State Classics
 Connecticut Classic Chevy Car Club
 Over the Hill Gang of Eastern Connecticut
 Summer Knights
 Yankee Yesteryear Car Club
 Cam Jammers Car Club
 Housatonic Valley Region AACA
 Connecticut Historical Auto Club
 Valley Collector Car Club
 Connecticut Area Classic T'Bird Club
 Connecticut Triumph Register

Individual Members:

Richard Vincent	Stanley Sepiol
Paul Pawlowski	Don Murphy
Art Parent	Jack White
Wayne Hoffman	Allen Gridley
Thomas Krulikowski	Robert D'Amico
Bill Stanley	Ed Wadowski
June Mamula	Steve Mierz
Frank Wemple	Donald Hansen
Jerry Covino Jr.	Don Bruno
Dave Sylvain	Michael Smith
Dave Weise	

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Legislative Report (from Page 1)

Because of the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, the Capital Complex has closed from March 13 through at least Sunday April 12. General Assembly staff are working remotely, including those who process the bills into file copies. Specifically, staff at the Office of Fiscal Analysis, Office of Legislative Research, and The Legislative Commissioner's Office (legal unit), are completing work on the 226 bills that were reported so far from the 26 legislative committees.

As a result of the pandemic, financial and budgetary bills will remain the priority legislation. Chairpersons of committees have been asked to identify their priority bills. These bills should be reviewed and combined into one or two implementer-type bills from that specific committee. We anticipate the combination of several subjects into one bill, which will make it more difficult keeping up with this process. We expect unusual events to occur. A "Where did this bill come from?" reaction may be common.

That being said, we currently do not anticipate any legislation adverse to the antique auto hobby to move forward in this session. As always, we will remain vigilant, and immediately report to you on any legislation impacting the antique auto hobby.

Regarding titles for our antique motor vehicles, we will suspend any contact with DMV until after the pandemic passes.

Everyone stay safe in these unprecedented times. Take care...

REMINDER: **2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WERE 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 !!!

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.

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.

News From Outside CT

From the SEMA Action Network Website

New Jersey Introduces Bill to Expand Historic Vehicle Usage

SAN-supported legislation (A.B. 3256) has been introduced in New Jersey to allow historic vehicles to be used for pleasure driving one day a week. Currently, vehicles registered as historic must be at least 25 years old and can be driven solely for exhibition and educational purposes. The bill currently awaits consideration in the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee

- A.B. 3256 would ease the usage restrictions on historic vehicles by allowing them to be used for occasional travel one day a week in addition to exhibition and educational purposes.
- A.B. 3256 creates a more reasonable standard for antique collectors and expands opportunities for owners to be able to enjoy recreational driving of these prized vehicles.
- A.B. 3256 provides added incentive to owners of qualifying historic vehicles (more than 25-years old) to register as "historic."
- A.B. 3256 recognizes that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States

UPDATE: Massachusetts Bill to Allow Restoration of YOM Plates for Antique Vehicles Passes Committee; Receives New Committee Assignment

SAN-supported legislation (S.2093) has been introduced in Massachusetts 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 passed the Joint Committee on Transportation and awaits consideration in the Senate Rules Committee.

- 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.

California Bill to Exempt Pre-1983 Vehicles from Emissions Inspections Fails to Meet Legislative Deadline

Legislation (AB 210) introduced in California to exempt motor vehicles manufactured prior to the 1983 model-year from the state's biennial emissions inspection requirement failed to be considered prior to the legislative deadline for "two-year" bills. By rule, bills in California that are carried over from the previous year, also known as two-year bills, must be passed by January 31. Since this did not occur, the bill is dead for the legislative session

Summary of Motor Vehicle Related Bills of Interest Introduced in the 2020 Connecticut State Legislative Session

Bill No.	Title	Purpose	Introduced By/ Sponsor	Status of Bill
S. B. 118	AN ACT CONCERNING FEES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR COMMEMORATIVE LICENSE PLATES	To require that the fee paid for a commemorative license plate be used for the purpose for which the license plate was created and not be deposited into the General Fund.	Sen. Dan Champagne, 35th Dist.	2/13 Referred to Transportation Committee
S.B. 148	AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HELMETS BY MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.	To require the use of helmets by motorcycle operators and passengers under twenty-one years of age.	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
S.B. 214	AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE REPORT ON FULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.	To extend the date one year by which a task force shall submit a report to Transportation Committee – Interim Report July 2021 & Final Report July 2022	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
S.B. 216	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF PEER-TO-PEER CAR-SHARING SERVICES.	To require the Department of Motor Vehicles to study whether the operation, taxation and insurance requirements of car rental companies should be extended to peer-to-peer car-sharing services by January 2021.	Transportation Committee	2/20 Referred to Transportation Committee
H.B. 5139	AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR OPERATING A SNOWMOBILE OR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AT AN UNREASONABLE RATE OF SPEED OR IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER.	To increase the maximum fine for operating a snow mobile or all-terrain vehicle at an unreasonable rate of speed or in a negligent manner.	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
H.B. 5192	AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	To implement the recommendations of the Department of Motor Vehicles	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
H.B. 5197	AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS, RECYCLING TRUCKS AND OIL AND TANK VEHICLES	To require motor vehicle operators to slow down when passing a garbage truck, recycling truck or tank vehicle.	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
H.B. 5198	AN ACT CONCERNING MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT.	To allow the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices within maintenance work zones.	Transportation Committee	Public Hearing 02/28
H.B. 5299	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE MILL RATE AND MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED OUT OF STATE.	To permit municipalities to establish a mill rate for certain motor vehicles that are not registered in this state but that are statutorily subject to property tax in this state.	Planning and Development Committee	Public Hearing 03/02
H.B. 5512	AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-WIDE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD	To create a task force to examine the establishment of a state-wide tax assessment appeals board and report back by January 1, 2021	Planning and Development Committee	3/11 Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development

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

Complete Section 1 or Section 2 and Section 3
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Section 1
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National Affiliation _____

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Member of what car club(s)? _____

Section 3
Complete For All Applications:

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Additional Donation: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

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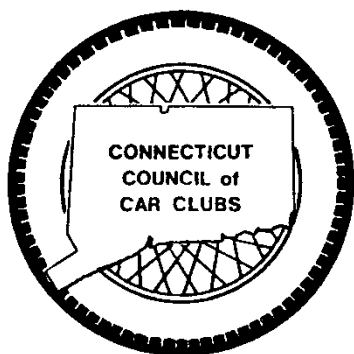
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APRIL 4C's BUSINESS MEETING CANCELLED

ALSO:

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