

The Belltown Bulletin

Belltown Antique Car Club - P.O. Box 211, East Hampton, CT 06424

August, 2023

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

Timely Topics: - Readiness review for our Vintage Motorcar Meet in August, schedule for set-up

- Saturday and show-day Sunday, areas needing additional volunteers
- Judging team leadership assignments, team staffing, judging refresher
- Upcoming tours and activities, ideas for autumn

Note: There will not be an auction at this outdoor meeting

FUEL FOR THOUGHT

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

"There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who ask, 'What happened?'" – Casey Stengel

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew

"Every person can make a difference, and every person should try." – John F. Kennedy

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." – Sherry Anderson

CLUB NOTES

Our seventh business meeting of 2023 was held on July 5 at the East Hampton Public Library. Thanks to *Betty Lichota, Joan Frey* and *Diane Baker* for the after-meeting refreshments and goodies.

Old Business

Cliff Baker reported that we purchased several directional signs and class signs from the Central Conn. Region - AACA for \$175. They will be used for our August Meet.

Cliff proposed a donation of \$100 be made to the Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center for hosting the car show and picnic held June 21. Members voted their approval.

Cliff informed us that *Tony Adams* has his beloved Franklin back from the shop and reports that the front end shimmy is fixed. He has the car with him in Rhode Island now. All he needs for it is a spring for the in-dash, 8-day clock.

New Business

There was some discussion of our preparedness for the upcoming August Meet. *Bill Nitschke* is looking for volunteers to help with directing traffic and spectator parking. Bill also noted he will probably have to leave the show early due to a family commitment. *Jon Grant* said that his wife Elaine will not be able to run the spectator gate this year. *Betty Lichota* volunteered to work the gate and *Joan Frey* said she would help, however, it was not clear who was going to be in charge of this activity nor who else is going to be on the team. Volunteer commitments are needed in both of these areas.



<u>CLUB NOTES</u> (continued from p. 1)

Cliff confirmed that the rental agreement and cost for the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds are the same as last year.

Alan Carlson indicated that the Haddam Neck EMTs have been asked to be on site for the Meet.

We were told that the Masons Lodge #112 of East Hampton as well as Maya Cigal and her vintage Good Humor truck are on board to be the food and ice cream vendors again this year.

Peter Christianson will include both the Studebaker History hand-out and a Club Membership Application in the show car registration packets for the Meet.

Upcoming Club Activities

Scott Macgregor announced that there will be an old car tour to see Don Passardi's private collection, a.k.a. Gasoline Alley Automotive Museum in Stafford Springs, Conn. on Saturday, July 15, leaving the parking lot of Stop & Shop in East Hampton at 9:00 a.m. There will be a lunch after the museum visit at Blondies Diner in Willimantic at 12:30. Those who wish to go directly to the museum should plan to be there by around 11 a.m.

Old Car Connection of the Month

Hemmings advertiser Instrument Specialties, 65 Foliage Dr., North Kingston, R.I. does instrument restoration, speedometer calibration, clock repair and quartz conversion, plus dashboard and console restoration including re-chroming plastic bezels and controls. Call them at 401-267-0055. For more info visit <u>www.instrument-specialties.com</u>.

MEMBER MILESTONES

<u>Happy Birthday to</u> :	Scott Macgregor Gerry Rossi Jim Way Jean Johnson Tim Cone Barbara Hoban Dudley Diebold Jim Olson	August 3rd (August 3rd August 7th (August 8th August 9th (August 10th August 12th August 15th	86) 70) (77) (83)	Katie Rochette Ilona Parhansky Joe Frey Rickey Edman Gary Bogan Cliff Baker Ron Miller Phil Guertin	August 16th (40) August 19th August 22nd (81) August 26th August 29th (76) August 30th August 30th (82) August 31st (81)
Happy Anniversary to	Phil & Linda La Fred & Carolin	Alan & Kathy Miller Phil & Linda LaRose Fred & Caroline Glabau Chris & Jennifer Beckwith		10th (55) 17th 20th (57) 23rd	

Ray & Betty Lichota

Don & Chevi Super

UPCOMING EVENTS (Club participation events in bold)

August 24th

August 31st

Less than 2 weeks to go until this year's Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet!

<u>Saturday, July 29</u> - Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club car show at 100 Lyme St. (Rte. 1), Old Lyme, Conn., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <u>Wednesday, August 2</u> - **BACC special monthly meeting at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds off Rte. 151, at 6:30 p.m.;** car show and judging team assignments will be made. Volunteers for Sunday should try to attend.

Saturday, August 5 - Field set-up morning at Haddam Neck Fairgrounds for Sunday's Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet. Volunteers: arrive at fairgrounds by 9 a.m.; material retrieval team will start earlier in preparation for set-up.

<u>Sunday, August 6</u> - **56th Annual Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet**, Haddam Neck Fairgrounds, Haddam Neck, Conn., 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m., cut-off year 1983. Featured Marque: Studebaker. Info: www.belltownantiquecarclub.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued from p. 2)

<u>Thursday, August 10</u> - **BACC car show for residents at Masonicare at Chester Village**, 317 W. Main St. (Rte. 148), Chester, Conn., 5 p.m. to sunset, incl. hot dog picnic for us. Rain date, Thursday, August 17. Contact: *Cliff Baker*. <u>Saturday, August 12</u> - New England Auto Museum 9th Annual Summertime Car Show presented by Hagerty, North Main St., Bristol, Conn., 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Street display, \$10 per car. Visit <u>www.NEAutomuseum.org</u>.

<u>Saturday, August 19</u> - Air Cooled at the Orchard, a show devoted to Corvairs and air-cooled VWs, Lyman Orchards, 32 Reeds Gap Rd., Middlefield, Conn., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free to spectators. Rain date, Sunday, August 20. Info: <u>https://lymanorchards.com/events/</u>.

<u>Sunday, August 20</u> - Roaring Twenties Car Club's 51st Annual Car Show & Swap Meet, Southington Drive-In, Rte. 322, Plantsville, Conn., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., cut-off year 1985. Rain date: Aug. 27. Details at: <u>http://www.roaring20s.club/</u>.

<u>Saturday, August 26</u> - Moroso Performance 2nd Annual Car Show benefiting Conn. Children's Hospital, 80 Carter Dr. (off Goose Lane), Guilford, Conn. Registration opens at 9 a.m., show runs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10 per show car, \$5 per spectator. Rain date: Sunday, August 27. Info: <u>https://www.moroso.com/blog/category/shows-events</u>.

<u>Friday-Saturday, Sept. 1-2</u> - 21st Northeast Gas Bash & Advertising Show, at The Farm at Carter Hill, 86 East Hampton Rd., Marlborough, Conn. Opens at 7 a.m. both days. See <u>https://www.oldgas.com/pp_swaps.htm</u>.

<u>Friday-Monday, Sept. 1-4</u> - Lime Rock Park Historic Festival 40, including "Sunday in the Park" Concours featuring MGs (100th anniversary of the make) and Chrysler Hemi-powered cars, Lime Rock Park racetrack, Lakeville, Conn. Info at: <u>https://limerock.com/labor-day-historics</u>.

<u>Monday, Sept. 4</u> - Essex Auto Club annual car show at the Conn. River Museum, head of Main St., Essex, Conn., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$20/show car, limited to first 80 cars (gate opens at 7:30 a.m.); \$5 suggested donation for spectators. [Rescheduled from July 4]. See the EAC Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1061933157162665</u>.

<u>Wednesday, Sept. 6</u> - **BACC monthly business meeting at the East Hampton Library.** Pot-luck supper starts at 6:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30. Check in with *Polly Beckwith* about what to bring for the pot-luck, 860-345-4256.

<u>Sunday, September 10</u> - Yankee Yesteryear 63rd Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet at Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Conn. Judged show; opens 9 a.m., no cut-off. Show cars \$10, spectators \$5 (under 12, free). Visit <u>http://www.facebook.com/YankeeYesteryearCarClub</u>.

<u>Sunday, September 10</u> - Deep River Fire Dept. Automotive Extravaganza, Devitt Field, Deep River, Conn. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show cars \$10, spectators free. Class awards based on People's Choice voting. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 17.

<u>Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17</u> - Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Fall Show at Haddam Meadows State Park, Rte. 154, Haddam, Conn. Antique engines, working displays and tractors, plus antique cars and trucks, are welcome.

<u>Tuesday-Friday, October 3-6</u> - AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, Penn. Info: <u>https://hershey.aaca.com/eastern-division-fall-meet/</u>.

Repeating Cruise Nights / Cars & Coffee Events

<u>Every Tuesday</u> - "Misfits Car Show," 95 Bridge Rd., Haddam (Tylerville), 3 p.m. to dusk; host: *Joe George* <u>Select Tuesdays</u> - Car Show at Nature's Art Village, 1650 Hartford-New London Tpke. (Rte 85), Oakdale (S. of Salem), 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., pre-1978 (next ones: Aug. 1, Sept. 5; rain date following Thurs.)

<u>Third Wednesday</u> - Good Times Cruise Night, Colchester Green, 5 p.m. to sunset; -1987 (rain date following Wed.) <u>Every Other Sunday</u> - CT Shoreline Cars & Coffee at Moroso Performance Products off Goose Lane in Guilford, entry \$2/car, 9 to 11 a.m. (next ones: Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3)

For more old car event listings check out the websites of the Conn. Seaport Car Club based in the Fairfield area @ https://www.ctseaportcarclub.com/carshows.htm, and Shoreline Antique Auto Connection based in the Branford area @ https://www.shorelineantiqueautoconnection.com/calendar.htm.

HAPPY MOTORING

On Saturday, July 15, some 37 old car enthusiasts (including 29 Belltowners and guests) enjoyed a free-wheeling tour of Don Passardi's private Gasoline Alley Automotive Museum, in Stafford Springs, Conn. We thank Don for permitting us to see his fabulous collection of old Ford-mobilia, which includes everything from dishes commemorating the Ford Rotunda at the 1934 Chicago World's Fair, to posters, photos, dealer signage, and employee baseball team uniforms! The collection features a styling model of the 1935 Ford and a rare production engineering model of the 1957 Ford, as well as a dozen full-size, pre-1949 Ford cars. The tour concluded with a lunch stop at Blondie's Diner in Willimantic.



Now own America's No. 1 car in savings and smartness! Advanced style Studebakers win '54 Mobilgas Run

Sensational aerodynamic design scores sweeping gas economy victories



CONNECTICUT AUTOMOBILIA

Submitted by Steven Rossi

This newspaper ad [left] touted Studebaker's win in the <u>1954</u> <u>Mobilgas Economy Run</u>. The ad placement was paid for by three local Studebaker dealers. T.N.M. Lathrop, Inc. of New London, Conn. got top billing, likely by paying the largest share based on sales, while the Hess Motor Co. in Mystic and Reynolds Garage in Hamburg also contributed.

Three deserving Studebaker owners will each win a trophy at the <u>56th Annual Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet</u> on August 6th, 2023, where Studebaker is being honored as this year's Featured Marque.

Studebakers were winners then ... and winners now!

BELLTOWN CLASSIFIEDS

Send your sell/wanted ads for cars, parts and hobby-related services to dan12david@yahoo.com

- For Sale 1917 Ford Model T Touring Best Reasonable Offer Looks good and runs, but may need some attention to put it back on the road. Being sold to settle an estate. Call Richard Beckwith, 860-343-3056, for information [BACC member, representing owner] For Sale – 1931 Ford Model A Sport Coupe - \$10,500 Registered, runs well, and is a high driver-quality car. Black on black, with red wheels. Elderly owner can't push a clutch anymore. Call Richard Beckwith, 860-343-3056, for information [BACC member, representing owner] For Sale – 1987 Cadillac Allante - \$7,900 Maroon with dark red leather interior, removable hardtop, low miles, stored 4 years, no rust, all original. 1927 Ford Model T Roadster - \$14,000 Recent total restoration, excellent condition. Call Richard Beckwith, 860-343-3056, Haddam [BACC member] For Sale – 1966 Chevrolet Impala 2-dr. Sport Coupe (hardtop) - \$20,000 >>> Willow green, 2 owner car with 4 bbl. 220 hp, 283 cid V-8, automatic.
 - 61,000 miles, very good original condition.

Call John Hoban, 860-983-9055, Colchester [BACC member]

HOBBY HEADLINES & HISTORY

Packard Production Ended at Detroit Plant 67 Years Ago - Unique Packard models ceased to exist once the plant was shut down on August 15, 1956 to slash costs. The Packard nameplate continued for 1957 using mildlyrestyled Studebaker bodies and drivetrains assembled in Studebaker's South Bend, Ind. factory. The Packard brand would be retired altogether after these so-called "Packard-bakers" were dropped at the end of the 1958 run.

Happy Birthday, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. - The tire-making giant was founded 125 years ago in Akron, Ohio on August 28, 1898. Goodyear is the largest tire manufacturer in the U.S. today and the only one of the five largest U.S. tire producers of 50 years ago to remain independent. Fun fact: The first Goodyear blimp debuted in 1912.

Famed Corvette Modifier Reeves Callaway Dies at 75 - On July 11, the founder of Callaway Cars, located in Old Lyme, Conn. succumbed to injuries suffered in a fall at his home in Newport Beach, California. Son of Ely Callaway, who established Callaway Golf, Reeves started out in 1977 building turbocharging kits in his garage, initially for the BMW 320i. Callaway worked with several car brands over the years, but was mostly known for his work improving the performance of Corvettes. His son, Peter, who now heads the company, will carry his father's vision forward.

27th Greenwich Concours Winners Announced - The 2023 Greenwich Concours presented by Hagerty was again



a two day event, this time run as a Concours de Sport on Saturday and a Concours d'Elegance on Sunday.

The judges declared the best car on Saturday to be a 1965 Ford GT40 Mk I (R), and the winner of the Sunday show to be a 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B (L).

[Photo Credit: Xander Cesari]



CHESTELM CAR SHOW & COOKOUT, JUNE 21

"Thank you" to the nursing home staff and to the many Belltowners who brought their old cars to display!



A SHOW CAR REGISTRATION PRIMER

Unmuffled Exhaust from the Editor

Students, may I have your attention? Knowing the basics of show car registration will be beneficial whether you, as a volunteer, end up working at the main gate or registration, parking show cars, or judging them.

Rule #1 - The purpose of the Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet is to showcase stock, unmodified antique cars and light trucks. Motorcycles and commercial vehicles over 2 tons are not allowed.

Rule #2 - We will register any car or light truck as long as it is not newer than model year 1983. However, to be eligible for a judged class the vehicle must be substantially stock and unmodified. If not, it will be sent to the "Display-Only" class.

Rule #3 - Modifications to vehicles in judged classes are limited to in-period accessories and added safety equipment (seat belts, turn signals, radial tires, etc.), all of which are subject to points deductions at the discretion of the judges, who are asked to be consistent in their treatment across all members of a class.

Rule #4 - Registration in a judged class does not mean the owner cannot opt out of having the car judged.

Rule #5 - If the owner does not want to *park* in the judged class the vehicle would otherwise be assigned to, they will be sent to the "Display-Only" class. That includes owners who want to park with their friends.

Rule #6 - Any vehicle that is not in the show car registration lane by 11 a.m. will be sent to the "Display-Only" class. The registration booth will close at noon, when judging is set to begin. From noon onward, all vehicles entering the fairgrounds are to be treated as spectator vehicles at the main gate.

Rule #7 - Mistakes can happen - a vehicle can be assigned to the wrong class. If a mistake is spotted by the parking crew or a judging team, every effort should be made to relocate the car to the correct class or alert the judging team for that class that one of their vehicles is in the wrong spot so that they can make an effort to judge it where it sits. If this is not a one-off situation, the registration team should be notified to correct what might be a systematic error on their part.

Rule #8 - Exceptions to the rules may occasionally be made on the fly. If a lone antique fire engine, military vehicle or semi-truck (for which we no longer have classes) appears in the registration lane, we will direct it to "Display-Only" rather than deny entry. If a re-creation of an early horseless carriage-type vehicle were to be presented, instead of sending it to "Display-Only" we might choose to park it in Class A, Early Cars -1931, or Class C, Featured Marque, if appropriate, with the proviso that it NOT be judged (the judging form should be marked DO NOT JUDGE).

Rule #9 - All vehicles on the show field, including those that the owners elect not to have judged, and those that are in "Display-Only" for any reason, are eligible for consideration for the four special awards of merit.

Do your homework this weekend in case there's a quiz on Monday! Class dismissed...

WHO, WHAT, WHERE OR WHEN

Challenge your automotive history IQ

At different times Ford has used the <u>Maverick</u> nameplate on two very dissimilar vehicles, a compact coupe and a small pickup truck. Despite their differences, both Mavericks were targeted at the "entry-level" end of the market.

Recycling car names and model designations has been done before, even across multiple manufacturers (it pays to keep your trademarks current). For example, both Edsel and AMC offered a <u>Pacer</u> (Edsel in 1958, AMC in 1975-80).

What **car brands** have used these names: <u>Daytona</u>, <u>Citation</u>, <u>Hornet</u>, <u>Monte Carlo</u>, and <u>Starliner</u>, and **when** were they offered on the U.S. market?

Do you know of any other recycled car or truck names?

The correct answer to Who, What, Where, or When in the last issue, **"What do the following companies have in common?":**

<u>Answer</u>: E-M-F, Pierce-Arrow, Packard, STP, Paxton (superchargers) and Gravely (tractors) were pre-existing brands that were taken over by Studebaker Corporation. Only STP, Paxton and Gravely are still in existence today, having been sold off during the years after 1966, at which time Studebaker had stopped manufacturing automobiles and then became Studebaker-Worthington.

NEXT ISSUE

The next *Belltown Bulletin* will be the September, 2023 issue. The copy and classified ad deadline is Wednesday, August 23. Friday the 25th is the publication date, with mail-out on August 28 and e-delivery no later than August 30.

Club member suggestions, comments, classified ads, and content submissions are most welcome. Send them to the editor at dan12david@yahoo.com (or call 860-575-6194). Thanks go to this month's contributors: Steve Rossi and Cliff Baker.

BELLTOWN ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

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BY THE WAY ...

Back on Saturday, June 11, we spotted a few Belltowners selling their wares at the "Iron Range Swap Meet" held at Dragone Classic Motorcars in Orange, Conn.

Ed Zenisky sold a racing jacket to a happy customer as we wandered by, but *Richard Beckwith, Bill Nitschke* and *Polly B* seemed to have more time for hellos than hard sells.





E-Delivery Bonus*

See page 9 for additional images from BACC's recent tour of Don Passardi's collection.

Page 10 is the flyer for the Yankee Yesteryear show on September 10 at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

Page 11 for the flyer for the Tobacco Valley Flywheelers show at Haddam Meadows, September 16-17.

In case you didn't click on the link to the New England Auto Museum (p. 3) you might have missed the video introduction to the museum and its purpose, which includes background information on the early history of the auto industry (and auto racing) in New England. You might recognize one of the experts featured in the video as the same guy who will be manning the microphone at our upcoming Vintage Motorcar Meet:

https://youtu.be/MZczSYuzes8

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MORE IMAGES FROM DON PASSARDI'S MUSEUM TOUR, JULY 17







[Photo credit: Above and right, Dan David; Below, at Blondie's Diner, Cliff Baker]





YANKEE YESTERYEAR CAR CLUB

63rd Annual Auto Show and Swap Meet

ALL Vehicle model years Welcome!

Sunday Sept 10th, 2023 (Gates open at 9am.)

AT the Brooklyn Fair Grounds, Rt. 169, Brooklyn CT.



Registration: \$10 (includes: 2 Adults) From 9am to Noon. Chairman: Bob Dumas (860-705-9514) Co-Chair - John Wielk 203-430-5726



Souvenir Dash Plaques presented to first 100 entries.

Participation in this event is subject to the Discretion of YYCC

General admission: \$5 each, children under 12 FREE!

Always FREE parking. Food & Refreshments are available from Vendors.

NO PETS! Service animals always welcome!



Trophies Shall be awarded. *Plus President's Choice*

Watch for the 50/50 Raffle. Winner must be present! Swap Meet Vendor Space \$25 for approx. 20' X 30'



\$ CASH \$ Donation awarded to the treasury of the CLUB who Registers the most Vehicles.



Early gate open at 6am for Vendor setup, public admission to swap meet at 7am.

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