

# THE VOICE

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (4C's)

## Important Upcoming 4C's Dates:

August Business Meeting .....	08/07/23
November Business Meeting .....	11/06/23
Everyone's Membership Renewals Due .....	01/01/24
February Business Meeting .....	02/05/24
2024 State Legislative Session Begins .....	02/07/24
April Business Meeting .....	04/01/24
May Business Meeting .....	05/06/24
2024 State Legislative Session Ends .....	05/08/24
June Business Meeting.....	06/03/24

## Legislative Report

Dave Bajumpaa

The 2023 State Legislative Session that began on January 4<sup>th</sup> ended on June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 informs 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).

There was no legislation introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session that adversely impacted the antique auto hobby.

The table included in this newsletter summarizes the final status of bills related to the hobby and other transportation related matters of interest that were introduced in the legislative session. Changes from the previous newsletter are identified by a change bar in the right-hand margin of the table.

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**SEMA Action Network Website:**  
<http://www.semasan.com>

## August Business Meeting Monday August 7, 2023

**Agenda:** See Tentative Agenda on Page 2

**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.

Connecticut General Assembly website address is:  
<http://www.cga.ct.gov>

Connecticut Council of Car Clubs Website address:  
<http://www.ctccc.net>

## Minutes of June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Dave Bajumpaa called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 May 1, 2023 meeting as published in the May 2023 issue of *The Voice*. Don Liepelt seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report:

John Jarush presented the Treasurer's report. He gave the bank balances as of the end of May 2023. Dave Bajumpaa noted that \$3,140 in donations additional to membership dues have been received to date, with \$1,805 in dues renewals. He commented that our financial position is significantly better than what he remembers from 30 years ago when we were scraping by barely able to pay the fee for our legislative monitor.

### Legislative Report:

Dave Bajumpaa reminded us that the legislative session was scheduled to close Wednesday (June 7) and that the \$50 billion, 832 page budget (HB6941) received "emergency certification" in the House and that the Senate was on track to pass it by the Wednesday deadline. Fortunately, there is no doubt that the \$500 classic car assessment remains untouched.

Unfortunately for most Connecticut taxpayers, and while not directly affecting the car hobbyists, the bill passed and signed into law last year to establish a universal depreciation schedule for regular motor vehicle assessments has been further delayed until at least the 2024 assessments (and reflected in our July 2025 motor vehicle tax bills). Pressure from various Connecticut towns was successful in persuading legislators to allow the delay, in spite of many of those same legislators touting the bill last year as a major step in bringing equity to the motor vehicle taxation system. In lieu of implementation, a study will be commissioned to find ways to address the issue of motor vehicle taxes.

Ironically, by delaying implementation of the new assessment system that would have had the effect of lowering motor vehicle taxes across the board, the

delay will in effect increase these taxes over what the Legislature and the Administration promised.

### Website, Calendar of Events, and Facebook:

Individual Member Greg Fielding attended tonight's meeting to tell us he is volunteering to help with our website and other electronic media for the 4Cs. The members present expressed their appreciation to Greg for coming forward to help with this important role.

### Other Business:

None.

### Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

### Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023 at the Athenian Diner Restaurant in Middletown, Connecticut (dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM.)  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Juhas, Recording Secretary

## 4C's Meeting Attendance June 5, 2023

Name:	Representing:
Dave Bajumpaa .....	Studebaker Driver's Club
Jim Juhas .....	CT MG Club
Fred Glabau .....	Central Connecticut Region AACA
Jim Way .....	Connecticut Model "A" Ford Club
Bobbie Juhas .....	Litchfield Hills Historical Auto Club
Bob Balkow .....	4C's Membership Secretary
Dexter Crowley .....	4C's Past Chairman
Joe Fernandez .....	Individual Member
Charlie Flechner .....	CT Area Classic T-Bird Club
John Jarush ..	Summer Knight and CT Street Rod Assn
June Mamula .....	Individual Member
Paul Pawlowski .....	CT Street Rod Association
Greg Fielding .....	Individual Member

## Agenda for August 7, 2023 4C's Business Meeting

- Call to Order (approximately 7:30 p.m.)
- Introductions & Attendance
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Treasurers Report
- Legislative Report
- Fill 4C's Chairman Position
- Calendar of Events/4C's Website
- Motor Vehicle Titles for Collector Cars
- Classic Vehicle Plates for Composite Vehicles
- Other Business
- Next Meeting: Monday November 6, 2023

## Thanks for Your Support!!

The 4C's thanks the following members who contributed additional money with their membership in 2023:

### Clubs:

**Connecticut Street Rod Association**  
**Litchfield Hills Historical Automobile Club**

### **Connecticut MG Club**

Connecticut Triumph Register

Valley Collector Car Club

Constitution State Classics

Connecticut Model "A" Restorers Club

Connecticut Area Classic T-Bird Club

Brass City Cruisers

Connecticut Region Early Ford V-8 Club

Belltown Antique Car Club

Classic Wheels LLC

Housatonic Valley Region AACA

Yankee Yesteryear Car Club

Connecticut Classic Chevy Car Club

Yankee Chapter Buick Club of America

Connecticut Historical Automobile Society

### Individual Members:

**Scott McWilliam**

Don Bruno

Allen Gridley

Don Hansen

Paul Pawlowski

Raymond Lichoto

Richard Socinelli

Michael Smith

June Mamula

Jack White

Frank Wemple

Matthew Strus

Robert Lachman

Dave Sylvain

Michael Flanagan

Art Parent

Earle Judson

Don Tenerowicz

Steve Mierz

David Weiss

Jason Mokhiber

Daniel Gilhuly

Don Murphy

## Interested in Joining the 4C's Board of Directors?

The 4C's Board of Directors continues to look for volunteers to step forward and fill leadership positions. As noted in this newsletter, our current Chairman, John Bajumpaa, passed away. The remainder of the existing leadership has been serving in various positions on the 4C's Board for several years.

Frankly, to a certain extent, complacency can set in, with new ideas and initiatives few and far between. The benefits of new leadership are many, and would be very good for the organization. If you have any interest in joining the 4C's Board of Directors and help shape its future in serving the Connecticut automotive hobbyist, feel free to contact any of the current Board Members listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

## Legislative Report Dave Bajumpaa

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Details on some of the bills contained in the table in this newsletter is provided below:

### **House Bill 5971 "An Act Concerning The Registration of Composite Motor Vehicles"**

As reported in previous newsletters, this bill will not be moving forward in the current Legislative Session. We are considering re-introducing the bill in the 2024 Legislative Session with modifications to address the DMV concerns. We are planning to attempt to contact DMV to discuss how we can address their concerns prior to reintroducing the bill next year.

### **Other Bills of Interest**

Several of the bills in the table of automotive related bills in this newsletter concern the property tax municipalities levy on our modern motor vehicles.

Senate Bill 497 proposes creating a task force to study issues related to repeal of the motor vehicle property tax and replacing it with a state wide tax on insurance premiums. This task force is directed to complete its activities and issue a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2024. This bill was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the Governor.

As reported in the previous newsletter, the change to how our modern vehicles will be assessed was proposed to be delayed by an additional year. The concept of Substitute Senate Bill 1208 proposing to delay the implementation of a standard depreciation table based on the original MSRP of a motor vehicle by an additional year was included in House Bill 6941, the 832 page budget bill that was created in the last week of the legislative session.

### **4C's Board of Directors:**

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House Bill 6941 passed both the House and Senate in the last couple of days of the legislative session. The Governor Signed House Bill 6941 on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and the bill became Public Act 23-204. The additional one-year delay is included in Section 222 of this Public Act on Page 352 of 878.

What this means is that the standard depreciation table will not be implemented until the October 2024 Municipality Grand Lists and reflected in the motor vehicle tax bills we receive in July 2025. See the separate article on this bill elsewhere in the newsletter.

Note that Public Act 23-204 is not adverse to the antique auto hobby, since there is no change to the maximum \$500 assessed value of our antique hobby vehicles. Delaying implementation of this bill by one year will not impact the assessment of our hobby vehicles. It will adversely impact the assessed value and the taxes on our modern motor vehicles by delaying implementation of the standard depreciation table by an additional year.

Regarding motor vehicle titles and obtaining Classic Vehicle plates for composite motor vehicles, I have not gotten a response from the DMV regarding our written request to meet last year. We are planning to reach out to DMV after the current Legislative Session has concluded.

## 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

## Budget Bill Delays the Tax Assessments of Modern Vehicles by an Additional Year.

As discussed in the Legislative Report contained in this newsletter, Section 222 of the Budget Bill Public Act 23-204 delayed the standard depreciation table for assessing the value of modern motor vehicles was delayed an additional year. **With the delay, starting in July 2025**, our modern motor vehicle property tax bills will be more predictable, as the assessed value of motor vehicles will be determined by a standard depreciation schedule based on a percentage of the initial Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of the vehicle. With this change current state statutes read:

*For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, the following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be valued at an amount less than five hundred dollars:*

Age of Vehicle	Percentage of Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)
Up to year one	Eighty per cent
Year two	Seventy-five per cent
Year three	Seventy per cent
Year four	Sixty-five per cent
Year five	Sixty per cent
Year six	Fifty-five per cent
Year seven	Fifty per cent
Year eight	Forty-five per cent
Year nine	Forty per cent
Year ten	Thirty-five per cent
Year eleven	Thirty per cent
Year twelve	Twenty-five per cent
Year thirteen	Twenty per cent
Year fourteen	Fifteen per cent
Years fifteen to nineteen	Ten per cent
Years twenty and beyond	Not less than five hundred dollars

**Public Act 23-204 is NOT adverse to the antique auto hobby since there is no change to the maximum \$500 assessed value of our antique hobby vehicles.**

Frankly, whether this standard depreciation table is ever implemented is in jeopardy. I would anticipate that legislation will be introduced in the 2024 Legislative Session to either delay the implementation of this standard depreciation an additional year or to be removed entirely, maintaining the current method for assessing motor vehicles. Municipalities have expressed that the implementation of a standard depreciation table will result in a reduction in the town's grand lists causing an increase in the town's mill rate.

I viewed the introduction of this standard depreciation table in the 2022 Budget Bill that is now in jeopardy as a good change by eliminating the increase in the assessed value of vehicles from year to year that we have seen recently even though the vehicle is a year older. It also adds transparency and certainty to the assessed value of a vehicle as it ages. My opinion is the benefit of this predictability overcomes any modest adjustments to the mill rate of a municipality due to the resulting grand list change. Using the MSRP as a basis instead of determining current market values of all motor vehicles each and every year also provides for a more efficient administration of the motor vehicle tax on a local level by creating substantial labor and time savings for both state and municipal officials.

The use of a standard depreciation based on a percentage of MSRP has been in effect in Massachusetts for many years. In Massachusetts, the assessed value of a motor vehicle decreases to 10% of the MSRP over 5 years compared to 15 years in Connecticut making motor vehicle taxes in Massachusetts lower.

## **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.

## Summary of Motor Vehicle Related Bills of Interest Introduced in the 2023 Connecticut State Legislative Session

Bill No.	Title	Purpose	Introduced By/ Sponsor	Status of Bill
S. B. 497	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX	To eliminate the property tax on motor vehicles and replace resulting lost municipal revenue through the imposition of a tax on insurers on total direct net premiums from certain insurance policies.	Planning and Development Committee	6/28/23 Special Act 23-24 Signed by the Governor
S. B. 586	AN ACT PROHIBITING MODIFICATIONS TO THE BRAKE LIGHTS, TURN SIGNAL LIGHTS, WINDSHIELD AND FRONT SIDE WINDOWS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	To prohibit modifications to brake lights, turn signal lights, windshield and front side windows on a motor vehicle	Sen. Rick Lopes, 6th Dist.	2/1/23 Change of Reference, House to Committee on Public Safety and Security
S. B. 587	AN ACT CONCERNING DECIBEL TESTING FOR MOTOR VEHICLES	To require decibel testing for motor vehicles to combat noise pollution	Sen. John A. Kissel, 7th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
S. B. 588	AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO PRIVATIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.	To maximize savings at the Department of Motor Vehicles by developing a plan for privatization	Sen. Sampson, Rep. Dauphinais, Rep Mastrofrancesco,	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
S. B 592	AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF A NUMBER PLATE ONLY AT THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	To require the display of a number plate only at the rear of a motor vehicle as a cost-saving measure	Sen. Rob Sampson, 16th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
S. B 593	AN ACT PERMITTING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION INDEPENDENT OF EMISSIONS INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS	To permit the registration of a motor vehicle independent of the motor vehicle's compliance with emissions inspection requirements	Sen. Rob Sampson, 16th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
S. B 598	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	To provide savings to the registrants of motor vehicles in Connecticut. Make Clean Air Act and Passport to Park fees optional	Sen. Sampson, Rep. Dauphinais, Rep Mastrofrancesco,	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
S.B. 610	AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRESSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE	To calculate the registration fee for a passenger motor vehicle based on the value of the motor vehicle	Sen. MD Rahman, 4th Dist.	2/10/23 Public Hearing 02/15
S. B. 994	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	Application for a commercial driver's license, the elimination of the limited repairer's license, the renewal of a license to conduct a drivers' school, child restraint systems and the improper use of a number plate or operator's license	Transportation Committee	6/12/23 Public Act 23-40

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Bill No.	Title	Purpose	Introduced By/ Sponsor	Status of Bill
S. B. 1208	<b>AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A ONE-YEAR DELAY TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN STATUTES CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION</b>	To specify the manner in which motor vehicles used for commercial purposes and motor vehicles not used for commercial purposes shall be assessed for property taxation purposes	Planning and Development Committee	6/28/23 Signed by Governor Pubic Act 23-204 (House Bill 6941) Section 222 Page 352 of 878
H. B. 5034	<b>AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN CHANGES TO MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT STATUTES</b>	To delay by one year the implementation of changes made to various motor vehicle property tax assessment statutes by sections 497 to 509, inclusive, of public act 22-118.	Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st Dist.	6/28/23 Signed by Governor Pubic Act 23-204 (House Bill 6941) Section 222 Page 352 of 878
H. B. 5303	AN ACT COMBINING THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS GROSS EARNINGS TAX AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS TAX	To combine the petroleum products gross earnings tax and the motor vehicle fuels tax and impose one tax on a per-gallon basis	Rep. Tim Ackert, 8th Dist.	1/13/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
H. B. 5420	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAXES PAID AND CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	To (1) establish a credit against the personal income tax for half the amount of motor vehicle property tax paid by an individual to a municipality, and (2) prohibit municipalities from assessing a motor vehicle at a higher value than the previous tax year.	Rep. Gary A. Turco, 27th Dist.	1/17/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
H. B. 5468	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES	To eliminate the property tax on motor vehicles and require the state to reimburse municipalities for the resulting revenue loss	Rep. Henry J. Genga, 10th Dist.	1/25/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
H. B. 5472	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION	To prohibit municipalities from assessing motor vehicles for property taxation at higher values than in the previous tax year	Rep. Gary A. Turco, 27th Dist.	1/17/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development
H. B. 5656	AN ACT ELIMINATING A CERTAIN FEE FOR AUTOMOBILES EXEMPT FROM EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS	To eliminate the forty-dollar fee specified under subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the general statutes for automobiles that are exempt from emissions inspections	Rep. Christie M. Carpino, 32nd Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
H. B. 5669	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE PROPERTY TAX	To establish a state-wide property tax at the rate of 3 mills and reimburse state residents	Rep. Josh Elliott, 88th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

## Summary of Motor Vehicle Related Bills of Interest Introduced in the 2023 Connecticut State Legislative Session

Bill No.	Title	Purpose	Introduced By/ Sponsor	Status of Bill
H. B. 5687	AN ACT REPLACING THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A STATE-WIDE PROPERTY TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.	To (1) replace the municipal property tax on motor vehicles with a state-wide property tax on motor vehicles at a fixed mill rate across the state, and (2) require the revenue generated from such tax to be distributed to municipalities based on the resulting revenue loss incurred by each municipality	Rep. Brandon Chafee, 33rd Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
H. B. 5864	AN ACT PHASING OUT THE PROPERTY TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND REIMBURSING MUNICIPALITIES FOR LOST REVENUE.	To phase out the property tax on motor vehicles and reimburse municipalities for the resulting revenue loss	Rep. Robert Sanchez, 25th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development
H. B. 5882	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO PROTECT CERTAIN OWNERS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND AUTOMOBILES	To establish a task force to study ways to protect owners of personal property and automobiles from harassment by certain audit corporations hired by municipalities	Rep. Raghiv Allie-Brennan, 2nd Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development
<b>H. B. 5971</b>	<b>AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF COMPOSITE MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>To allow a composite motor vehicle to be registered as an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle</b>	<b>Rep. Brandon Chafee, 33rd Dist.</b>	<b>2/10/23 Public Hearing 2/15/23</b>
H. B. 5983	AN ACT PROHIBITING OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES	To reduce the number of crashes and fatalities resulting from drivers operating under the influence of alcohol	Rep. Mitch Bolinsky, 106th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
H. B. 5984	AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE POLLUTION	To establish a pilot program to use acoustic cameras to gather data on motor vehicle noise pollution	Rep. Robin E. Comey, 102nd Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
H. B. 6163	AN ACT REQUIRING A HEADLIGHT SAFETY INSPECTION AT THE TIME OF AN EMISSIONS INSPECTION	To promote driver safety by ensuring that the headlights of a motor vehicle function properly	Rep. Kurt Vail, 52nd Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
H. B. 6166	AN ACT CONCERNING LOUD AND EXCESSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE	To reduce loud and excessive noise from motor vehicles	Rep. Kathy Kennedy, 119th Dist.	1/18/23 - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
H. B. 6526	AN ACT REDUCING THE MILL RATE CAP FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND REIMBURSING MUNICIPALITIES FOR LOST REVENUE.	To reduce the cap for mill rates imposed on motor vehicles to 28 mills and reimburse municipalities for any resulting revenue loss	Rep. Marcus Brown, 127th Dist.	2/6/23 - Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Appropriations



**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  
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This membership application is:   \_\_\_ New   \_\_\_ Renewal   \_\_\_ Change of Information

**Complete Section 1 or Section 2 and Section 3**  
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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  
your Clubs newsletter editor.)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club members \_\_\_\_\_

National Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 2**  
**Individual Membership - \$15**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Member of what car club(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 3**  
**Complete For All Applications:**

Membership Fee (\$50 or \$15): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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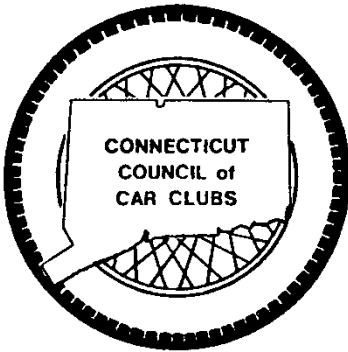
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*Next 4C's Business Meeting:*

**Monday August 7, 2023**

**at the Athenian Diner Restaurant in Middletown**

**(Details inside – Note the Start Times –Dinner at 6:30  
followed by Meeting at 7:30 pm)**

**ALSO:**

**4C's Membership Renewals for 2023 for everyone were due in  
January. Please Renew As Soon As Possible (Form on Page 9)**

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE 4C'S HELPS ENSURE  
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