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Is your car Crying for Chrome?

Charlie Nash



If anyone is looking for a reputable chrome shop, I can recommend one. I just received my Buick's front mustache trim piece from [R & D Refinishing](#) in TN. An absolutely beautiful job, reasonable rates, plus they welded up a bad crack.

I hope to have it on the car by Friday after I pinstripe in the script with black enamel. This was a pot metal piece that on all early '50s Buick's suffered from pitting, thanks to Korean War material cutbacks. R & D specializes in pot metal repair, not an easy procedure.



Don't look too closely at Charlie's trim ... it may blind you!

Gerry's Cruise Report

Gerry Lynn

N. Stonington Memorial Day parade **CANCELLED** originally scheduled for Mon. 6/1/2020.
N. Stonington agricultural fair **CANCELLED** originally scheduled for Thurs. July 9, 2020.
Washington Co. RI fair **CANCELLED** originally scheduled for Wednesday July 22,2020.
Reinbeck NY show **CANCELLED** originally scheduled for Sat. to Sun May 2-3, 2020.

The only things I can think of that were on our original schedule are:

[Mark's Cruise Night](#) in E. Granby CT next to Bradley Airport. That is every Monday night. It's supposed to start in May except for Memorial Day weekend. They have no definite opening day as of now but they think they may start in June.

[Belltown car club's 54th annual car](#) show is still scheduled for Sunday Aug. 2, 2020 at Haddam Neck fairgrounds, E. Haddam CTP. Pre-1979 cars are eligible and you must bring a fire extinguisher.

[Yankee Yesteryear Cruisers](#) 61st annual show at the Brooklyn CT fairgrounds is still listed for Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 as of this writing.

Other possible openings we can look for:

Newport Motorcar festival, Portsmouth Abbey Portsmouth RI (formerly 61st Portsmouth Abbey show) Sunday June 21, 2020

Newport car museum 1st annual show Sunday August 23, 2020 Portsmouth RI

Newport Ft. Adams car show Sunday Sept. 27,2020

As for our May and future meeting for 2020, RI is more open after 5/8 and CT will be after 5/20. Wed. 5/20 is the normal date for our Duncan board meeting. It will likely take place online. Tues. 5/26 would be the normal meeting date and that is not likely to happen. Please look for email announcements from our president, Merrill Moone.

Also, S. RI balloon fest and car show at URI in Wakefield RI ended for good last year in 2019. Charlestown RI seafood festival at Ninigret Town park is still on with the car show part run by RI Street Rod assn. for Sunday 8/10/2020.

Also Rhythm & Roots music festival at the same Charlestown town park for Labor Day weekend 9/4-6, 2020 is CANCELLED.

Virtu art show in Wilcox Park Westerly in June is CANCELLED.

Newport jazz and folk festivals are CANCELLED.



The directional signal in my 1903 Olds 1958 Replica has not worked since I bought the car.

This winter I promised myself that I would remedy that situation before I try to get it registered. I was able to get insurance but have not yet begun the trial of obtaining a registration.

The first step was to undo the rats nest of old wires jammed into the tiny dashboard. The second was to find a source of a 1958 vintage directional switch that roughly replicates the one in the car. I also needed a 6 volt flasher of the same profile as the old one.

Then, after cutting and tracing and labeling all the wires I used the warm days about three weeks ago to mount the switch, hook up all the wires and test it. The wires for a set of front lamps are not used as they do not exist on this car. A successful winter project completed.



Roger's wiring restoration in-process. Those look like no. 10 wires!

AACA Forum Topic: Bringing Home a 1938 Buick

Have you checked out the AACA Forums yet? If not you are missing something special. This month I have selected a [General Forum](#) post by M. C. Hinson of North Carolina. He plans to make regular posts about his 1938 Buick Century that he recently acquired. This first post is all about the purchase and getting it home. The detail and number of photos is incredible!



Car Spotters Delight

Have you seen one of these cars? It is highly unlikely according to contributor **Bill Ricker**. These are concept cars that never made it to production. My favorite is the 1953 Cadillac Ghia Coupe. A PDF of the full complement of cars is available on request.

Thanks Bill!



1953 CADILLAC GHIA COUPE

Visited Any Must-See Websites?

Ralph Roark sends us his choice for a site you must visit. It is a TV show found on Acorn TV. The show, Vintage Roads, Great and Small, documents a road trip in a classic car. If you already subscribe to Acorn TV just go to [this link to see the show](#). If you do not subscribe you can get a free trial introductory subscription or become a paying subscriber.



Coming up in the near future

WPRAACA member **George King III** is the proud owner of a 1901 Orient. A recent email from him reads as follows: "I have been using the "stay at home" to mean "stay at home and work on your 1901 Orient." Would you like me to send it to you in my monthly reports? --- George King, Franklin, CT.

You can bet that I replied in the affirmative. It will be great for George to share his work with us. And yes, we are always looking for other club members to follow George's lead.



Image from [Royal Feltner website](#), Cars of Massachusetts section

LAMPS WANTED:

Can anyone help Tom on his quest? We have already checked with Bob Burdick and he did not have these items.

“Seeking a pair of Lucas King of the Road Headlamps #784
Seeking one or two Lucas King of the Road Taillamps #634

Please share with your friends if you think they may have a set. “

Thank you,
Tom Laferriere
401-651-2295



Passing of Frances Carr, Ken Carr's Mom

I am sad to report the passing of my mother, Frances Carr, on Sunday, May 10. She was 96 years old and had spent the last 13 years living at her home alone. She insisted that with the assistance of me, my brother, and especially my sister she could get along nicely. She did up until almost two weeks ago.

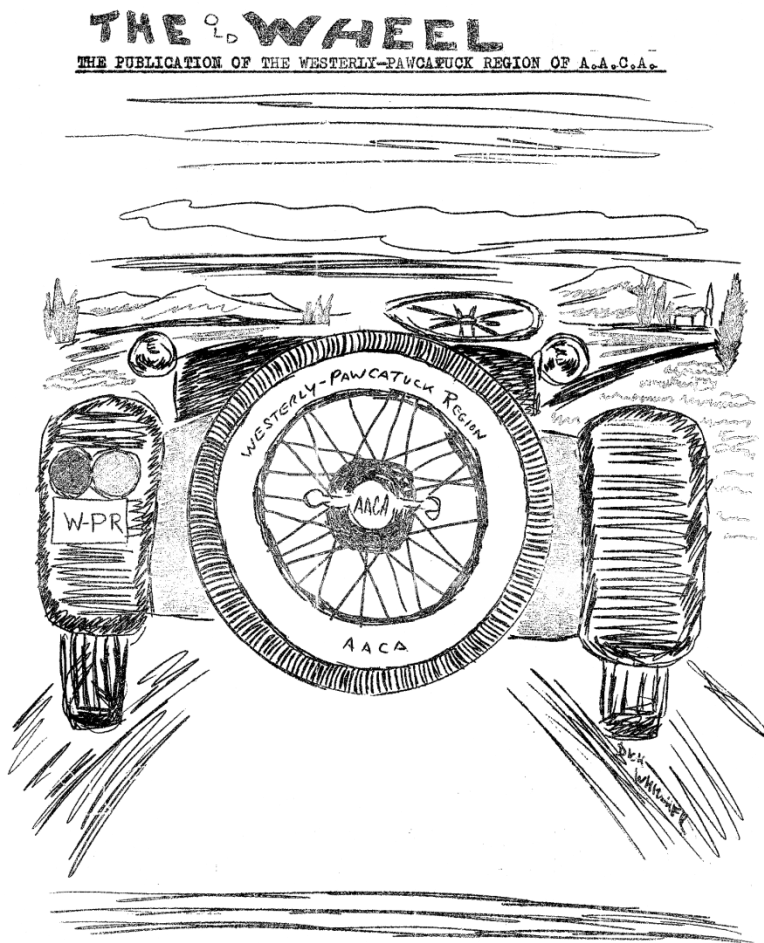
Per her request there was no wake and the funeral was limited to family only.



Westerly-Pawcatuck 50th Story in *Antique Automobile*

If you look on page 79 of the May / June 2020 edition of *Antique Automobile* you will find a story about our recent 50th celebration as an AACA car club. The editor, Mr. West Peterson, was kind enough to accept our story and publish it.

If you want to see the expanded version of our story it is attached as a PDF file that you should be able to open easily.



That's enough stuff for this issue.

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