

Classy Chassis

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Spring 2021 Dust Off a Sweet Success

The postponed Dust off was held on Friday the 23rd. The Club assembled at the Pilot Truck Stop at around 1:30 and left for a nice country drive up route 216 to route 49 and then route 165. It took us through North Stonington and Voluntown, Ct.

There were 11 cars that attended with two new participants showing up as well. The destination was [Buttonwood Farm](#) in Griswold, Connecticut. The farm specializes in homemade ice cream. The day was a success. It was a little chilly and windy for ice cream but we all seemed to adapt and enjoy

There was one automobile-related snafu. It seems that our president, Merrill Moone,

discovered a flat tire on his vehicle when he parked in the Buttonwood parking lot. All was set right in quick order as several members pitched in and got Merrill back on the road.



Text by Ralph Roark and photos by Dave Calabrese and Ralph Roark

Interesting Internet References: Gerry Lynn, Dave Calabrese

[The Most Iconic Cars in History](#) – a nice collection found by Gerry on the AAA site.
[Your Tires are talking to you](#) – from the Hagerty site we get a translation of tire data
[Leno & Osborne Blooper Reel](#) from Audrain Museum. (Good find, Gerry)
[Epic Roundup of Best Road Movies](#) –road trip movies about what people find on the trip
[Motor Head Magazine](#) – Gerry has found lots of good local info. in this free item available locally at various stores.
[Audrain Cars & Coffee](#) – watch video and then see [website](#) for schedule and registration procedure.
[Transition to EV's might impact gas-powered classics](#) – interesting article submitted by Dave Calabrese.

Local Shows that are still Active - Gerry Lynn

Audrain museum cars & coffee Sundays 8-10 at various Newport locations

A & W Tuesdays Greenville RI Crusin Bruce

Fredrickson Farms Wednesday's Situate RI Crusin Bruce

Bass Pro Shops 1st & 3rd Tu\Thursdays Foxwoods MA Crusin Bruce Usually between 1,000-1,200 cars mostly post-war on asphalt

McDonald's Friday's Cumberland RI Crusin Bruce

Tri State Cruisers Pomfret CT Loos Co. lot Saturday's 3-dark. Tri state cruisers web site says they are NOT having cruises yet

Oak Harbor Mall shopping center on Rt. 2 (567 Main St.) in Exeter RI. This is run by DJ Car Guy by an assistant 5/1 - 9/27

Then there will also be:

Boneyard BBQ 15 Ashaway Rd. Rt.-95 exit 1 in RI. Restaurant's new name "Little Rhody Lobster & Chowder" Fridays start 5/07. **\$2 per car admission**

Misquamicut beach Westerly, RI No word about this on the Misquamicut Business Assoc. web page. I sent them an email question about it.

Ocean Beach park New London I believe this is on Mondays. The only place with info. about it is the FM radio station that runs it.

Phoenix Club Westerly RI Thursday nights DJ Car Guy 5/12 - 9/30 3:30 to dark also DJ Car guy

Then there's my favorite. Mark's Classic Cruise night. 22 Russell Rd. East Granby, CT. Mondays June 7 through Sept. except week of July 4h and Labor Day Averages 800-1,000 cars on grass with music, food, viewing stand and lights

Good Times Motoring Club Colchester, CT Colchester Green, 3rd Wednesday of the month. The club's web site says they have not decided on a start for 2021 yet

Yankee Yesteryear car club at Dinosaur Park on Rt. 85 in Montville, CT. Normally the first Tuesday of the month. I don't see any information about this cruise on their web site.



Newly Acquired 1924 Franklin

1901 Orient and Other Ventures

Good evening car world --- I don't understand how months can go by so quickly. The grandest accomplishment in the past month was the first run of the Aster engine which is what powers the Orient. If you have not seen the [video](#), please click the link to see the first run of the engine. (<https://bit.ly/3tJ1qB3>).

As you may remember, I bought a 1924 Franklin in March and managed to fall and injure my ribs . . . once again . . . and this kept my work down for a few weeks. On the way home from Lebanon, NH we lost the roofing fabric and that will soon be a job we do.

On the Orient, the next goal is to install the original carburetor and run the engine again. I completed the restoration of the carb and installed it on the car. It certainly looks different from the modern one we used on the first test run.



Above is the test carb that we used. It worked well as you can see on YouTube.

Below is the original, Orient-built, carb for the car. It is primitive. I has a cork float and no venturi. It also does not have a controllable choke. You can see the air intake to the left of the brown tubing. The air tube has a leather seal that is held in place with a very light weight spring much like the intake valve.



There are two cylinders on the carb. The one on the right is the float cylinder and the one on the left is the throttle.



These are the parts of the carb. The throttle is the bronze cylindrical part with the rectangular hole in it. This can be rotated inside of the smaller cylinder on the aluminum carb. The adjuster needle, which sets the mixture of gas and air, is in the same cylinder. Next week we plan to run the engine with this carb.



Also in new news is the fact that my well known Ambulance 255 (1916 Model T) is

now in the New England Heritage Museum in Hudson, Mass. Patrick Musante, the young man who purchased my business, installed an electric starter in it. I did not know why they wanted this until I went to the museum to teach the new crew how to drive it. Of the ten of them seven are older than me.

Where are we going next?

Margaret Moone has given us a detailed plan for our next outing which is planned for Tuesday, May 18. Meet at the Fayerwesther Craft Guild, 1859 Moorsefield Rd, Kingston by 10:00 AM and from there the group will go to the Kinney Azalea Garden. Full details are on our [calendar](#).

Much discussion at meetings has centered on other places that might suit us as a pleasant country ride and visit. Ralph Roark and others have suggested the [Watch Hill Light House](#). Ralph sent along some photos of this beautiful spot. They may help you decide that you need to visit this ocean view property.





Sandy Bernard also has a couple of suggested shows we might want to attend:

May 4 (5 - 8pm, Rain date May 11)
First Tuesday Natures Art Yesteryear Car Cruise
Presented by Yesteryear of Oakdale Auto Club
The Dinosaur Place at Natures Art Village,
1650 Hartford-New London Turnpike,
Oakdale, CT Map
Lawrence Erhart 860-460-2287

June 6 (10am - 4pm)
33rd Annual British By The Sea Gathering
Harkness Memorial State Park, River Rd,
Waterford, CT Map
Jun 19 CT, New Britain. The Klingberg
Vintage Motorcar Series 29th Annual Pre-
war Concours d'Elegance (pre-1942) &
Traditional Auto Show (pre-1989). 370

Linwood Street. Due to COVID safety precautions, this is a drive-thru event. Show automobiles will be parked and displayed safely spaced, throughout our 40-acre campus. Spectators will drive along a designated road winding through every field and parking lot of antique automobiles. (For safety, only show car owners are permitted to walk around with masks and social distancing. Spectators will remain in their cars.) Show car load-in from 7:00-9:00am Saturday or 3:00-5:00pm Friday. www.KlingbergMotorcarSeries.org, Markj@klingberg.org, 860 832-5526

September 11, 2021, Saturday, Ledyard
Rotary Classic Car Cruise Ledyard
Fairgrounds, Route 117 and Route 214,
Ledyard, CT 740 Colonel Ledyard Hwy,
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