

**Gerry is back!** recommended events for 2022 by GerryLynn

## Weekly Cruises

[A & W Rootbeer](#), 460 Putnam Pike, **Smithfield**, RI. Every Tuesday, April 19-September 27.

You have Monday night **Ocean Beach New London**. All the details for that are on [HotRodHotLine](#).

Then there was the **Misquamicut** beach cruise night at Paddy's east lot on the beach. They did not run it last covid year so I'm not sure if its still on. As I recall it was last run Thurs. nights.

There's the Friday [Little Rhody Lobster](#) restaurant cruise in **Ashawy/Hopkinton**. It will begin on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Then there's the one at the shopping center in **Exeter** on RI Rt. 2. That is a DJ car guy-run operation. Not sure what night.

The Dream Machines club cruise night on the grass field in **Woodstock, CT** That's at the intersection of 101 & 102 on Sat.

[Oakland Beach Warwick](#). Not sure of that day but its during the week.

My favorite big one at [Mark's Auto Parts](#) cruise night next to Bradley Field in **Windsor, CT** on Mondays.

Bass Pro Shops, Foxboro, MA: [Bass Pro Shops Cruise Night](#), Every 2 weeks, beginning April 7, 2022, 5-9PM.

[Frederickson Farms](#), Wednesdays, beginning April 27, 2022. Corner of Routes 101 and 102 in Scituate, RI.

## Monthly Cruises

**Montville, CT**, [Dinosaur at Natures Art](#), on Rt. 85. I believe its the first Tues of the month.

Again in CT, [Colchester Green CT](#). I believe that's the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

[Mystic Seaport](#), monthly car cruise on the lawn, Tuesdays, begins May 3, 2022 at 5-8 PM.

[Mystic Seaport, By Land and By Sea](#) Antique Vehicle Show, possibly Saturday, September 24. No definitive word on this yet. Note: link is for event of last year! Stay tuned.

## Annual Cruises

There's also the once per year [Crusin' on Main ST. in Putnam CT](#). Don't know details of that

if you want to go further afield there's the big Crusin' on Main In **Manchester, CT** once per summer on a Sunday.

**Middletown, Connecticut**, [Cruise on Main](#), Wed., June 15, 2022. 4:30 – 8:00 PM. Rain date is Wed., June 22.

[Misquamicut Car Show](#), May 13-15, Fri.-Sun. No specific date for car show.

## Car Shows

[Wheels & Wireless](#), East Greenwich, RI, [NEW Wireles & Steam Museum](#), June 11. Doors open at 8:00 AM, show runs 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. \$12. [Flyer link here](#).

Middletown RI Rotary Club, [Fort Adams Show](#), date TBD.

[Cool Cars for Cats and Canines](#) Car Show, no 2022 date available. Last year it was 9/11/2021. Sponsored by Exeter Animal Shelter (RI).

[Newport Car Museum](#), Newport, RI; Check out their calendar.

[Audrain Car Museum](#), Newport, RI, Check out their Cars and Coffee Events for 2022.

[Charlestown Seafood Festival](#) and Car Show, Sometime in August is likely. Aug. 5-7, 2022. No details as of yet.

**Newington, CT Annual [Cruisin' Newington Car Show](#)**, June 9, 2022, 5 pm – 8 pm.

Website, [CarShow Nationals](#), Rhode Island Car Shows listing.

MWR car show at Newport Naval Base, possibly Saturday, 7/9/2022.

North Stonington Agricultural Fair, <https://www.northstoningtonfair.org/> for 2022. July 14- July 17, 2022. No schedule as yet.

[Washington County Fair](#) for 2022, August 17-21. We likely will be on the Wednesday, August 17.

Voluntown , CT , [Cruise to Survive Car & Truck Show](#), likely late August 28, 2022. Check back for an update.

## Other shows to consider:

The [CT River museum](#) in **Essex, CT** usually has one and Mystic Seaport has one for pre 1930 cars. You can check their web pages for announcements.

[Hooters Cruise Night](#), Mondays, Airport Road, Warwick, RI, May 2- Sept. 26, 2022

[Warwick Mall](#), Wednesdays, beginning May 4, 2022.

## Orient Update by George King III

When you have a child, there are important efforts to get them to do what you want. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't . . . and sometimes he or she simply fights you. Well, this is also the same way that a machine can treat you.

Frank has a wonderful milling machine that like many children, is capable of accomplishing many wonderful things. But also like a child, when it does not want to do what is expected, it just loses time and does not accomplish what you want. This is what happened with Frank's milling machine in March and as a result we did not get as much done on the Orient as we wanted. However, we have another Waltham car, the 1915 Metz, that needs a lot of work so we did that.



Above is the 22.5 HP engine that is in the Metz. If you are familiar with Fords, you will recognize the similarity of the two .



I needed more help so I called Mark from the next town and Don from down the street. Don being a clever Yankee brought up a sled. We rolled the engine onto the sled and got it in the shop.



We were moving it from the big barn in the back yard to the shop. Greg Canova was pulling the green wagon that was carrying the engine and I was supporting it by holding one of the cross arms that bolts onto the chassis. The engine rolled off the wagon. This threw me onto the ground landing on my left side damaging my ribs. This seems to be a consistent way for me to land. It hurt . . . for several weeks.



I was very glad that Mark had a few days off. That does not happen often. He used this time to help me disassemble and clean the Metz engine. We found the engine to be in very good condition. As many



of you know, when 1915 engines get new babbitt, the caps on the rods and crankshaft have several brass shims. These shims allow the mechanic to assemble both the rods and crank with the

proper clearance. As the engine runs it wears the babbitt down and the clearances can be reset to proper clearance by removing a shim. In most restorations, it is usually found that the shims are all missing. Often, the cap has been filed to make it fit tighter but this can cause some real damage. In my Metz engine the fact that the shims are still there is amazing.

Although I will replace the pistons and rods I plan to use the original babbitt for the crankshaft.

When I bought the Metz, it did not have side lights or headlights. My research uncovered information that Metz used several different makes of lamps depending on what was the best price that year. I have seen that some of the Metz 22 cars use Dietz lamps for the cowl. These are what I have purchased.



The lamp that is on the left in the above photo is what will be on the sides. The other lens is one that was given to me by one of the Orient Crew, Jason O'Brien, so now I can use three Dietz Eureka lamps on the car.



I was also able to purchase headlights for the Metz from the gentlemen who sold me the car, Gene.

*The second part of this installment will appear in the next Classy Chassis.*

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## Spring Dust Off Reminder

Spring Dust Off, Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Travel from McDonald's in Wyoming to Bernat Antiques in Uxbridge, MA & Stanley Mill Antiques also in Uxbridge. Eat at Quaker Tavern. (Note: Rain date is Thursday, April 21). **club event**

## Car Show Flyers

Here are a couple flyers that you may be interested in. The first is a show I surely will attend (I will be volunteering that day). The second is a cross country race that will start at Rocku Point in RI!

[-New England Wireless & Steam Museum](#) teams up with [Cruisin' Bruce Palmer](#) on Saturday, June 11, 2022. All participants will have full access to the museum display areas. See the flyer on our last page

[.The 2022 Great Race](#) begins in Warwick, RI and ends in Fargo, ND. It might be fun to be present at the start point. [The Pioneer Auto Club](#) has a great history of the race.

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# CAR SHOW



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 10:00-2:00 PM**  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**  
START: Rocky Point State Park, Warwick, RI - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
OVERNIGHT: New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT - 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**  
LUNCH: Clinton Street, downtown Montgomery, NY - 12:30 p.m.  
OVERNIGHT: Court Street, downtown Southampton, NY - 5 p.m.

**MONDAY, JUNE 20**  
LUNCH: Allied State College, Waterville, ME - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Perry Square Park, downtown Erie, PA - 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21**  
LUNCH: Spoons Park, downtown Medina, OH - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Ludlow's Tavern, downtown Perryburg, OH - 9 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22**  
LUNCH: Shakeraker National Museum, South Bend, IN - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Lockport Street, downtown Plainfield, IL - 9 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23**  
LUNCH: Regent Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, WI - 11:45 a.m.  
OVERNIGHT: Chisholm Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI - 2:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**  
LUNCH: North Bridge Street, downtown Chippewa Falls, WI - noon  
OVERNIGHT: Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth, MN - 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**  
LUNCH: Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, MN - 11:45 a.m.  
OVERNIGHT: West Lake Drive, Detroit Lakes, MN - 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26**  
FINISH: Broadway Drive, Historic Fargo Theater, Fargo, ND - 1 p.m.

## Club Officers

**President:** Merrill Moone  
**Vice President:** Vacant  
**Secretary:** Ken Carr  
**Treasurer:** Dave Calabrese

## Volunteers

**Newsletter:** Ken Carr & Gerry Lynn  
**Sunshine:** Camille Carr  
**Trip Coordinator:** Don Oster  
**Webmaster:** Ken Carr

## **Meetings:**

**Executive Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 PM, Westerly Burger King on Franklin St. (or at lunch during the Spring Dust Off)**

**Club Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 PM, Westerly Senior Center.**

**Refreshments by Pat Chrostowski, Brooke Rodgers, Barbara Paradise**