

1934 Chevy Master Coupe Restoration by Seth Paradise - I'm in the process of a partial restoration of our 1934 Chevrolet Master 3 window coupe. Here's a few shots of the garage we (Barb) designed and built a few years ago.

On the 1934 Chevy, the engine was tired, shocks non-functional, wiring in bad shape... so started a body-off partial restoration. We will not paint the body, leaving the original nitrocellulose lacquer as-is. Basic sequence was to separate the body with the lift and place on a dolly we made.



Body separated from frame



Body placed on dolly

Wood in top and bottom of doors rotted due to moisture getting in, so that had to be replaced. Otherwise the wood was in pretty solid condition for being 88 years old...so I cleaned and preserved with spar polyurethane. As you can see in the bottom of the doors, I chose to splice into existing good wood rather than peel back the door edges and replace the whole thing. Also obligatory mouse nest... and brittle, deteriorated wire insulation.

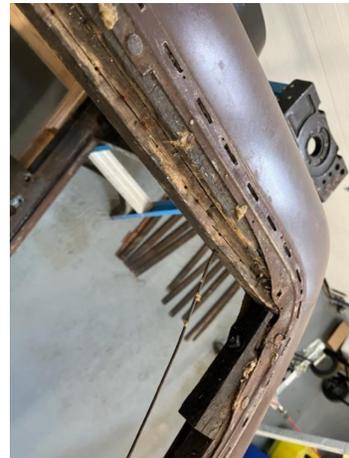
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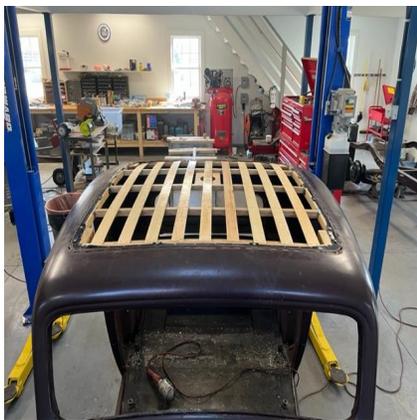
Deteriorated wiring



Mouse nest



Wood framing



So it is going to be a mechanical and electrical restoration – not going to paint the body, intend to re-use the interior, with exception of a new headliner. New wiring harness ordered months ago from RI Wiring, engine is up at J&M Machine in Southboro MA. Engine had problems – all cylinders resleeved, , cracked head repaired (new valve seats too), NOS crankshaft as magnafluxing revealed old one cracked in several places, rods re-babbitted. I've gotten most of the peripherals overhauled. Also new clutch, harmonic balancer, etc.

I got the shocks all rebuilt at Apple Hydraulics, and I finished the cleaning and lubrication the brakes (did a complete brake job two years ago so disassembly, cleaning and re-lubing)and steering. New kingpins and steering box and rod ends all cleaned – tight and right now. Chassis had mostly surface rust which I wire brushed and hand sanded. Ready for the engine. Body is going back together too, currently putting the rear window and regulator back in.



Passing of Joseph Link – It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Joseph Peter Link on Friday, May 20th. Joseph was the son of longtime club members Tom and Josephine Link. Our club was represented by Merrill Moone, Dave & Pat Calabrese, Sonny Goodness, Norm Lagerstrom, and Don Oster in Pleasantville NY, on Friday May 20, at the Funeral Home calling hours.

Metz Restoration Continues by George King III – Another part we have been working on is the radiator. This is the shell that has had the bottom piece of sheet metal replaced by Fox Hollow which is my body shop. When it is finished, I will bring it to a radiator shop on Long Island that make a new core for it.

I also took a little time to visit Chic Chandler who owns a 1914 Metz speedster which is a factory made car that was available for only one year.



Shell for Metz radiator



Chic Chandler with his 1914 Metz



Metz engine restored by George King for Chic

Meanwhile, **back at the Orient ranch**, we found that we have to be able to move the engine forward or back to control the tightness of the chain drive. In moving the engine there is one connection that presents a problem. The two pieces that are held together (**photo below left**) are being used to adjust length for the engine position. The attachment on the left of the photo (gray) is mounted of a steel tube that is connected to the chassis. The black piece it attached to is a rod on the engine that moves when the engine does. The vice grips on the rod control the engagement and disengagement of the clutch. The **second photo** shows the brown clutch control rod which is held on each end by pivot points. The one on the right is mounted to the engine so it stays still as the engine moves. The one on the left has two pieces connected to reach other. These can be loosened when the engine is moved and then tightened when it is in place. My friends **Craig and Richard** were here on Saturday so they went to work on the brake rod. They repaired the rod and it is ready to install.



Adjusting for engine position



Brown clutch control rods



Craig and Richard

Today I went to Franks and he told me that like a good child, his milling machine had followed his instructions the past couple of days and he had completed a wooden test piece for the clutch rod control.

The first two photos below show the test piece mounted where it should be. It is the correct shape, and size, and it has the correct holes. You can see the link attached to it. I have asked Frank to simply make the steel piece that will be the final lever.

The next part to install on the Orient is the water pump. We have restored it and I have an Orient bicycle chain that turns it. I will make a plate for it to be mounted on.

Note: The next edition of this story will be mailed directly to club members by email.



Frank with milled test piece

Upcoming Events

May 30, Monday, North Stonington Memorial Day Parade with picnic after at home of Ralph and Anne Roark.. Arrive at the fairgrounds no later than 9:30 AM. The parade begins at 10 AM. Immediately after the parade all members are invited to the home / farm of Ralph and Anne Roark for a picnic. They live at 75CReutemann Road, North Stonington, CT.

The easiest way for club members to get to the Roark's would be to return to the Fair Grounds after the parade and follow Ralph and Anne to the Farm. Please bring your own chairs and any main dish or desert you would like to share. Ralph and Anne will provide hot dogs and buns and water. You may also use their grill to prepare whatever else you may bring.

Tuesday, May 31, Pot Luck Meal at our regular meeting, early time, 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 11, Cruisin Bruce at New England Wireless & Steam Museum, East Greenwich, RI. \$12 per antique car admission, entire museum open to you, food trucks present. Proceeds benefit the museum.

Saturday, June 18, Klingburg Car Show, 9am to 2pm. See [Klingberg website](#) for additional details.

Sunday, June 19, Central Baptist Church Father's Day Car Show. 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Rain date June 26th. Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI. For more information contact Pastor Cal Lord at 860-917-8320. [Website announcement and photos](#).

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Hosted by Cruisin Bruce

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1300 Frenchtown Rd
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www.NEWSM.org

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FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

JUNE 19, 2022
10:30 - 1:00 PM

Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI
16 Elm Street, Westerly RI

For more information -
Contact Cal Lord at 860-917-8320
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Rain Date - Sunday, 26th, 2022
10:30 - 1:00 pm

Club Officers

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Meetings:

Executive Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 PM, Westerly Burger King on Franklin St.

Club Meeting, Tuesday, May 31, 6:00 PM, Westerly Senior Center.
Pot Luck Night: See [our website](#) if you don't know what to bring.

