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Letter to the Editor Cars and Coffee at Graham Central Station

By: Jamie Dupuis, President CCNE

The Car Club New England kicked off its cars and coffee series Sunday, May 3 at the Depot in Graham Central Station, East Longmeadow Massachusetts.

The Car Club New England and it's members I've been supporting the Owner, Steve, Graham, and staff for the past three years every first Sunday of the month. The location is a small historic area well-known by the residence in town and has been a staple for families on the weekends for Ice Cream and train rides.

This season's kickoff, which is always from 8 to 11 AM posted approximately 40 cars from both Massachusetts and Connecticut area. During the summer, the Depot and the Car Club support and host 501 C3 organizations who host farmers markets, as well as charity car shows throughout the summer season.

Look forward to the next following Sunday in June for the next event please come on down and join us again the first Sunday of June.



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Positively Speaking!



We need 'em both!

Divine Consciousness exists in complete perfection. To experience an ever-broadening range of experience and emotion a dark side was created for contrast. The antithesis of "ALL THAT IS", became necessary for life in form to exist and expand exponentially. The duality of dark-light, up-down, love-hate, joy-suffering all need to manifest to give possibility to the other. One cannot

be without the other except in DIVINE AWARENESS where only magnificence exists as the wholeness of contrast in complete union.

Our individuated task as creative projections of DIVINITY is to choose and focus for ULTIMATE AWARENESS to have separate and diverse exposure.

God has projected an unlimited number of versions of ITSELF all without the Divine Awareness. Each representation, be it higher, lower, or even inanimate form is a projection of One Divine Conscious Energy attempting to experience Itself in as many ways as can be imagined by the individuated parts of the spirit. God experiences everything every creation experiences.

Some will know joy, others pain. Most will vacillate between. All will gradually be drawn closer to the light. Without our dark side, experience, emotion and condition would not be possible. We tend to shun all things that are not aligned with our highest good,

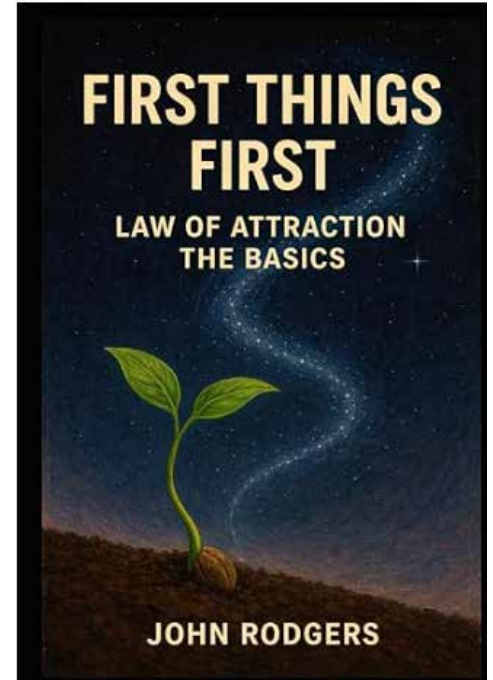
yet without them, we would not know our highest good. Just as dark has no meaning without the existence of light and in means nothing without out. Imagine if a team of doctors saved the life of a child by harvesting a donated organ from an accident victim. Do they feel joy or sorrow. Or is it just another day at work. The child's life would not have been saved if a life was not lost.

Do not condemn the dark. Understand it. Appreciate the contrast. All conditions we could possibly imagine whether wanted or repulsed have a purpose and are necessary for life as we know to continue to unfold. GOD IS IN HEAVEN ALL IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD!

**The Journey IS the Destination!
As a man thinketh: So shall he be.**

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Know what really GRINDS MY GEARS??

How people are so attached to their cell phones!

Seems like every moment throughout the day I see people walking and looking at their phone probably texting as well! Unaware of any of their surroundings. What have we become?

I was out to dinner the other night and this person in the booth behind me was speaking so loud without a care in the world that they might be disturbing

someone. Not to sound like Rodney Dangerfield but seriously, no respect!!

I guess it's a part of the "all about me" way of thinking that seems to be the normal thing nowadays. Everyone seems to feel they are entitled to do whatever they want, whenever they want and wherever they are!!!

Well, it's quite annoying and disrespectful. Use your common sense and respect your surroundings. These phones have gotten to the point they need to be surgically removed from the owner's hands! Get a life people.. put the phone down, go do something productive with friends or family instead of wasting your life away staring into the screen of no return!

I sometimes wonder if these phones were purposely developed just to mess with our brains!!

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Spring Tune Ups
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It Is What It Is With Cindy Sevell

May is truly my favorite month! First and foremost, it's my birthday month. I am the Queen of birthdays! I absolutely LOVE my birthday. I never used to celebrate for one day...I used to celebrate for one MONTH! May is the month that is all about me and I love it! I would count down the days to the actual day. Now, while I still absolutely love my birthday, I do notice that time has flown by, my face is a bit more wrinkled and my bones ache a bit more but I still say the alternative isn't even a thought at this time so I'll continue to age as gracefully and as positively as I can!

The month of May is also filled with love, sunshine, warmth, hope, gorgeous colorful flowers, green leaves, convertibles, lawnmowers, sundresses and rebirth. After all, April showers lead to May flowers in every sense of the word! May begins with Mother's Day, followed by my birthday one week later. I am celebrated two weeks in a row - have to love that!! My children know that I don't like to share my birthday and yes, I do prefer to be the center of attention on my special day (well, maybe every day! Lol!!) so when they discovered that this year, I am sharing my birthday celebrations with a very dear friend, they were in shock! Don't they say, sharing is caring?!

Unfortunately, back in 2015, May suddenly turned into a bittersweet month for me. On May 15, 2015, I was diagnosed with that dreaded breast cancer. No one ever expects to hear those words, "You. Have. Cancer." I was in shock. Horrified. Scared. Devastated. My beautiful month of May was forever tarnished. Six days after my breast cancer diagnosis, it was my 45th birthday, the worst birthday I ever had and the reason being, I couldn't free my mind of the devastation and fear I was dealing with. Would I even make it to my 46th?? Six days after my 45th birthday, I had a double mastectomy and six days after my double mastectomy, my life completely turned upside down. I won't get into the reasons now, but let's just say it was a horrible time

of my life and one I'm amazed I not only survived, but thrived.

Those two moments exist within the same month and is a reality that still feels surreal at times. One marks a moment of fear and uncertainty. The other marks strength, resilience and healing. Together, they tell a story I never expected to have nor a story I ever wanted, but one forced upon me that has shaped me in ways I could never have imagined. I remember the diagnosis ever so clearly. The stillness. The disbelief. The way everything seemed to pause, even though the world around me kept moving. The tears. The fears. The unknowns. It was a moment that forced me to face something I never thought I would have to but what I didn't know then was just how much strength I had within me. I didn't know how deeply I would come to appreciate even the smallest moments of everyday life and to this day, I continue to appreciate. My cup is always spilling over.

When I took up riding Harleys, which was right after my double mastectomy, I recall sitting on my bike with a HUGE smile on my face every single time, screaming in joy as I felt the wind on my face and ripping through my hair. First of all, riding was a huge accomplishment for this girly girl. Can you believe that I ride a Harley? I actually owned two! I can hardly believe it, but I learned how to ride and when on that bike, I felt so alive, so free, so liberated and so powerful! I also recall every single smell as I rode - cut grass, fumes from cars, cow manure when riding past farms, sweetness of flowers blooming and no matter how good or how bad the smell, I was constantly reminded by those smells that I was alive to smell them all and I absolutely loved it. I survived and I'm living in the moment, loving the moment and appre-



ciating every single moment of my life.

Back to that old phrase, "April showers bring May flowers". It's simple, almost poetic. But when you've lived through your own storms, it takes on a whole

new meaning. Those "showers" aren't always gentle. Sometimes they're heavy. Sometimes they're overwhelming. Sometimes they feel like they'll never end. But then something shifts. Little by little, things begin to change. The heaviness lifts. The light returns. And before you even realize it, you start to feel like yourself again or maybe even a stronger version of yourself. That's what "May" represents to me. Certainly not perfection nor a life free of challenges, but the ability to come through something difficult and still find joy, still find beauty and still find reasons to celebrate.

I not only survived my April showers but my May flowers are in full bloom, not just this year but every year since 2015. My wish for you is that you look at the month of May in the same way! Your hardships truly help shape the person that you are. They are learning lessons and help you grow in so many ways if you allow them to. Whatever you're going through, whatever season you're in, it won't last forever. Growth takes time. Healing takes time. But both are very possible and I'm living proof. There is strength in continuing. There is courage in showing up, even on the hard days. And there is something incredibly powerful about choosing joy, especially when it hasn't always come easily.

So, this May, I'm choosing to celebrate it all. I'm celebrating life. Love. Growth. Change. Challenges. Victories. Milestones. Successes. Friendships. The woman I was and the woman I've become, who I happen to love, by the way! I am very happy with my-

self, imperfections and all. Wait, what imperfections? We are ALL perfectly imperfect! I am very secure with myself. I've come a long way in life and I'm very proud of every single one of my accomplishments, no matter how big or how small. I literally hit rock bottom during my "April showers" back in 2015, but I look at where I am today, nearly 11 years later and that is always worth celebrating. That's what makes "May" so symbolic for me. Those "showers" can be relentless and overwhelming but oh my goodness - the "May" flowers are so worth it!!

May represents joy to me. Not perfection nor a life free of challenges but rather the ability to come through something difficult and still see the light, still find the beauty and still find reasons to celebrate. Every single day, no matter the month, no matter the season, no matter where you are or who you're with nor what you're doing, every single day is a reason to celebrate! Just know that whatever you're going through, it won't last forever. Growth takes time. Healing takes time. But both are very possible.

I love the woman that I was. But I love the woman I've become so much more. Start loving yourself. There's absolutely nothing wrong with it. If you can't love yourself, how could you begin to love anyone else? We all have our perceived imperfections, but that's what makes us so beautiful. And so unique. Growth. Change. Experience. Perspective. I've learned that getting older isn't something to shy away from—it's something to embrace. Every year brings more clarity, more confidence, a few more wrinkles and a deeper understanding of what truly matters.

Happy May to all of you! Take the time to smell your flowers and count your blessings. Be grateful, be kind and stay smiling!! As always, I welcome your thoughts and input. Please feel free to email me at cindy@cindysevell.com. Until next time!

People in the News

THIRTY - The VIETNAM WAR Tribute honoring the 30 men from Waterbury who sacrificed their lives in that war was erected on the GREEN today by these dedicated volunteers. L-R - Tony Fiore, Bob Dorr, Richard Speck, Rich Mikush, Tom Porto, Frank Porto,

and Frank Porto Jr. Made of 14 foot lengths of mild steel tubing, it was originally built by Leo Tomaiolo, and rebuilt by Frank Porto. It will on display for the next 30 days thru the MEMORIAL DAY Remembrance Day.

Say Their Names:

PFC William Joseph Oakley, 28-May-65
 PFC Richard Michael Facondini, 5-Dec-65
 PFC John Francis Sampt, 17-Feb-66
 SMS Andre Roland Guillet, 18-May-66, MIA
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 Capt Eric Marvin Barnes, 25-Mar-67
 WO Michael Aaron Kight, 19-May-67
 Cpl Ralph John Parker, Jr., 31-Oct-67
 1Lt Bromley Howard German, 6-Jan-68
 2Lt John Patrick Cullinan, 10-Jan-68
 Sgt George A Lubesky, Jr., 1-Feb-68
 LCpl Ray Leonard Ferry, 9-Apr-68
 PFC Lenwood Thomas Harrell, 5-May-68

PFC Earnest Rollin Saunders, 1-Jun-68
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 CWO Stephen A. DeSantis, 12-Sep-69
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 LCpl Francisco Gregory, 26-Apr-69
 SFC Allen Charles Argenta, 11-Jul-69
 Sp4 Raymond W. Vaughan, Jr., 2-Sep-69
 LCpl Paul Joseph LaFreniere, 17-Sep-69
 Sp5 Paul Arnold Hughes, 22-Oct-69
 Lt Raymond Peter Donnelly, 19-Jul-72



2nd Annual Red Barn Riders RC Motorcycle Awareness Billboard



Written by your Bro LJ James

For the second year in a row, the Red Barn Riders RC are turning tragedy into purpose—bringing their community together with a powerful message: “Watch for Motorcycles.”

What began as a conversation among members has grown into something far bigger. Nearly two years ago, after a series of heartbreaking motorcycle accidents in the area, the club knew they couldn't just stand by.

Lives were lost in preventable situations—drivers turning into oncoming motorcycles, drifting across lanes, or failing to stop. Instead of accepting it, the Red Barn Riders RC chose to act.

Out of that determination came an idea—one that would not only raise awareness but unite the community behind a shared responsibility to look out for one another.

That idea became their annual Motorcycle Awareness Billboard.

This isn't just a sign on the side of the road—it's a symbol of a community that refuses to ignore the safety of its riders.

Funded entirely by their annual Motorcycle Awareness Raffle, the effort reflects the generosity and spirit of the people around them. This year, with only 200 tickets available at \$10 each for a chance to win a 75-inch smart TV, the raffle sold out—proof that the community stands firmly behind the mission.

The billboard was raised on Sunday, May 3rd, marking Motorcycle Awareness Month and the unofficial beginning of riding season in the Catskill Mountains.

Positioned on Route 145 in East Durham NY, just down the road from the Blackthorne Resort—a well-known destination for riders—it reaches thousands who travel these scenic roads.

This Blackthorne Resort is also home to the annual Catskill Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Festival, which draws riders from across the country each September. With that kind of traffic, the message couldn't be more important—or more timely.

The billboard will stand tall through the end of September, serving as a con-

stant reminder that awareness saves lives.

But what truly makes this effort special is the heart behind it. The Red Barn Riders RC aren't just a club of Motorcycle Riders—they're a group deeply rooted in their community, committed to making a difference, and every glance at that billboard represents a life that could be saved.

To the community, the club offers a heartfelt message: “This is your billboard just as much as ours. We couldn't do it without you.”

To learn more about the Red Barn Riders RC and the many ways they give back throughout the year, visit their website at RedBarnRiders.org.

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2026 Iron Adventure H.O.G.® Regional Rally



New England is one of the great motorcycle riding areas in the country. The Harley Owners Group® also known as H.O.G.® recognizes this and has a popular annual rally that rotates through various New England states. This year the Iron Adventure H.O.G.® Regional Rally is July 16-18, 2026 at the Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, Vermont. The Jackson Gore Inn at 111 Jackson Gore Inn Rd., Ludlow, Vermont is the official host property.

Join fellow H.O.G.® members sharing in the camaraderie of riding and owning a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle, telling stories and having fun with bikers who understand the passion. The rally is open to H.O.G.® members and their guests. H.O.G.® membership provides access to a world of exclusive benefits to help you get the most out of your ownership experience. To learn more about membership and benefits go HOG.com Check your local Harley-Davidson® dealer to learn more about the fun, camaraderie and excitement you could be having by joining a H.O.G.® chapter.

Pre-Registration for the Iron Adventure H.O.G.® Regional Rally is open at members.harley-davidson.com/s/hdmn-rallies and offers two types of

packages.

The \$40 orange package includes an opening ceremony, unforgettable experiences, great rides, wristband, pin, patch and Rally T-shirt. The \$30 black package includes a rally pin and patch as well as access to all Rally activities. On-site registration will be available. T-shirts will only be available for purchase while supplies last. Spend three glorious days and nights dedicated to riding and having fun.

Vermont, along with surrounding states, offers much to riders who find their way to its scenic beauty. Steeped in New England charm, the beautiful countryside, rolling hills and mountain vistas are easily accessible by a motorcycle. Experience all there is in this New England setting, with a host of guided and self-guided rides, activities and evening entertainment. The New England appeal begins with its landscape and resonates a connection to the earth. History in this region echoes even at relatively insignificant landmarks. Vermont's curvy roads and secret treasures take time to unlock. Begin your exploration of this multifaceted state with a scenic ride, and you'll soon agree Vermont offers a wonderful motorcycling experience. H.O.G.®


members attending are sure to make lasting memories enjoying rides with new and old friends. Too many scenic rides to list here, H.O.G.® members will have to attend the 2026 Iron Adventure H.O.G.® Regional Rally to discover hidden treasures, and countryside loop rides sure to be offered during this event.

After a great day of riding, you will head back to the Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo Mountain Resort to enjoy activities such as biker bingo, fireworks, evening entertainment or hanging out at the fire pit with friends new and old.

Lodging information, schedule of events, rides and updates will post on Facebook on a regular basis.

Check out our Facebook page at: facebook.com/theironadventurerun





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Veteran's Garage

By Gerald Augustine - Chaplain DAV Chapter #7
Vice President Greater Middletown Military Museum



The year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. In Middletown, we are fortunate to have the State of Connecticut Veteran Cemetery. Those Connecticut veterans who dedicated their life to our nation's cause are honored there as their final resting place.

This year, Memorial Day falls on May 25. Each year on the Saturday before Memorial Day, volunteers show up at 9 a.m. to place upward of 13,000 flags at the graves. On the following Saturday we wish volunteers would again show up to return the flags to storage.

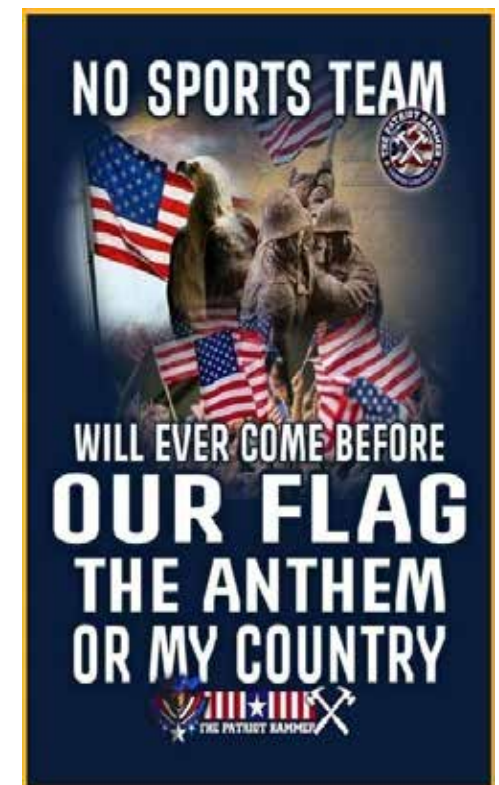
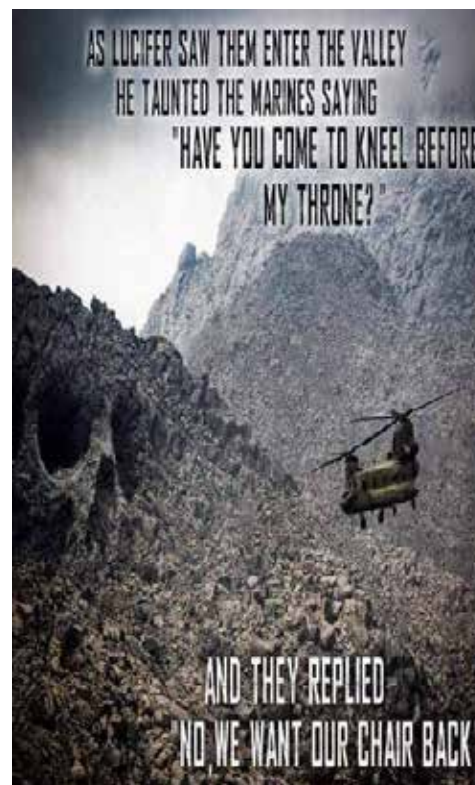
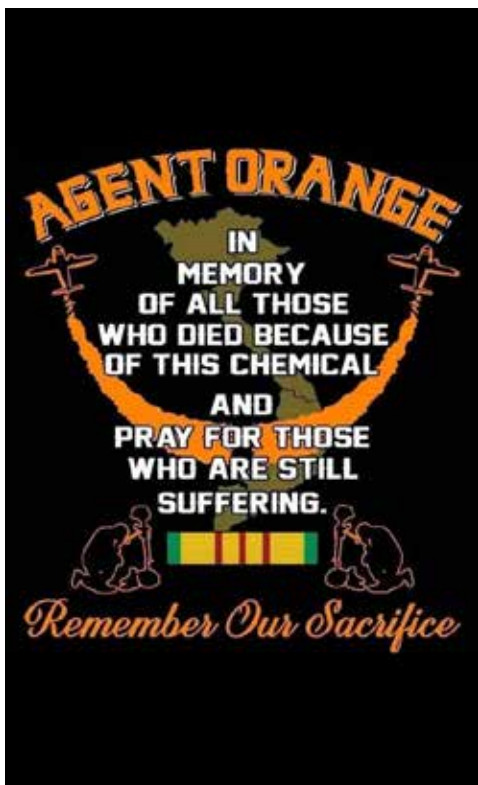
If you have the time, please show up and lend a hand for this honor to show support to our fallen heroes.

And on Memorial Day there is special ceremony there at 2 p.m. honoring our service men and women who have unselfishly given of themselves to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage.

We bless them for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made and for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.



Volunteering for placing of the flags is Saturday May 23 at 9 a.m. at State Veterans Cemetery on Bow Lane in Middletown.
Volunteering for flag retrieval is on Saturday May 30 at 9 a.m.



Marine Corps Daughter "A Tribute to Her Dad"

My daughter got detention for defending her late Marine father — but when FOUR MEN IN UNIFORM walked into the school the next day, the entire building went silent.

"Mrs. Harrison, you have to understand: Grace's behavior was completely UNACCEPTABLE. We respect your husband's service to this country, but..." her teacher said.

My 14-year-old daughter sat beside me, her eyes glassy.

The day before, one of her classmates had made a joke about Grace not having a father.

He was a Marine. Grace was only three when we lost him.

So when that girl laughed and said, "Maybe your dad just didn't want to come back," something inside Grace snapped.

She shot to her feet so fast that her chair slammed to the floor.

Through tears, she shouted, "My dad was a HERO. Don't you ever talk about him like that again!"

She was the one who got detention. She barely said a word the whole way home. That night, I found her sitting on the floor in my husband's old sweatshirt.

"I'm sorry I got in trouble," she whispered. "I just couldn't let her say that about him."

My heart cracked wide open.

The next morning, the school called an emergency assembly.

I assumed it had something to do with Spirit Week. A few minutes after the first bell, Grace texted me from the auditorium.

Then my phone rang.

"Mom..." she whispered, her voice shaky. "You need to come."

I stood up so fast I knocked over my coffee.

"What happened? Grace, are you okay?"

There was a long silence on the other end.

"Mom... four men in uniform just walked into the school."

"Hide right now. What's happening? I'm calling the police!"

But Grace laughed.

"No, Mom, they're not doing anything bad. You have no idea WHAT JUST HAPPENED! Just get here, please!"

she said, before the line went dead.

I didn't bother grabbing my purse.

I threw my keys into the ignition, my heart hammering against my ribs, and sped to the high school. When I burst through the double doors of the auditorium, I stopped dead in my tracks.

The room, packed with over eight hundred teenagers, was completely, eerily silent.

Down the center aisle stood four imposing figures in impeccable Marine Corps Dress Blues. The brass buttons caught the overhead lights, and their crisp white covers were tucked sharply under their arms. I recognized the man at the front immediately. It was Staff Sergeant Miller—my late husband's closest friend and squad leader. I had called him in tears the night before, just needing someone who understood the weight of the disrespect Grace had faced. I hadn't expected him to do *this*.

The principal, Mr. Davis, stood awkwardly at the podium, looking completely out of his depth.

Staff Sergeant Miller didn't wait for permission to speak. He stepped up to the front, taking the microphone from the stand, and his booming, authoritative voice echoed through the massive room.

"We apologize for the interruption, Principal Davis," Miller said, though his tone suggested he wasn't sorry at all.

"But we received word that a young lady in this school was being disciplined

for defending the honor of a fallen United States Marine."

A collective gasp rippled through the student body. The teacher who had given Grace detention slunk back into her seat in the front row, her face turning crimson.

Miller's heavy gaze swept across the bleachers. "Where is Grace Harrison?" Grace stood up slowly from the middle row, still wearing her dad's oversized sweatshirt.

"Come down here, Grace," Miller commanded gently.

As she walked down the bleacher steps, the three other Marines broke formation and fell perfectly into step behind her, creating an impromptu honor guard. They escorted her to the center of the floor.

Miller turned to face the silent crowd. "Captain Mark Harrison didn't just 'not want to come back.' He gave his life pulling three wounded men out of a burning transport vehicle in the middle of a firefight. I know, because I was one of those men. None of us standing here today would be breathing if it weren't for Grace's father."

The silence in the room was absolute. You could have heard a pin drop. A few rows up, the girl who had made the cruel joke the day before was staring at her shoes, visibly crying.

Miller turned back to Grace and dropped to one knee, bringing himself to eye level with her. He pulled a small, velvet box from his pocket and opened it, revealing a gleaming Challenge Coin from their old unit.

"Grace," he said, his voice thick with emotion but loud enough for the microphone to carry. "Your father was the bravest man I ever knew. You stood your ground yesterday, just like he would have. You protected his honor, and now, his squad is here to protect yours. We have your back. Always."

He pressed the heavy metal coin into her palm, stood up, and then all four Marines snapped a crisp, perfectly unified salute to my fourteen-year-old daughter.

Tears streamed down Grace's face, but they weren't tears of anger or shame anymore. She stood tall, squared her shoulders, and returned a clumsy but beautiful salute of her own.

Suddenly, from the back row of the bleachers, a single student stood up and started clapping. Then another. Within seconds, the entire auditorium erupted into a deafening standing ovation. Even Mr. Davis and the teachers were on their feet.

I hurried down the aisle, wiping away my own tears, and wrapped Grace in a massive hug. Staff Sergeant Miller tipped his head to me, a fierce, protective glint in his eye.

Before we could leave the building, Principal Davis rushed over to us in the hallway. He looked thoroughly chastised.

"Mrs. Harrison, Grace," he stammered, wringing his hands. "I... I want to formally apologize. The detention has been completely wiped from her record. We will be handling the bullying incident with the other student appropriately, and frankly, I think our staff needs a heavy refresher on empathy."

Grace squeezed the coin in her hand, looking up at the four men in uniform who had dropped everything to stand by her side. She didn't need to say a word. The message had been delivered loud and clear.

Captain Mark Harrison had left a legacy of courage behind, and that day, an entire school learned exactly what it meant to be a hero's daughter.

Source: Stories point Credit: Marine Mike Estep

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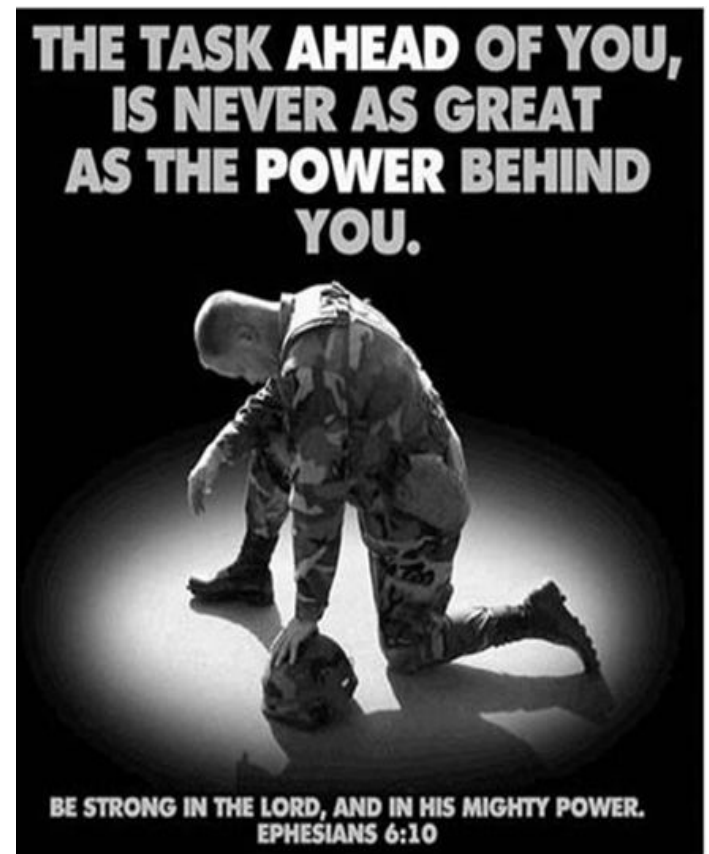
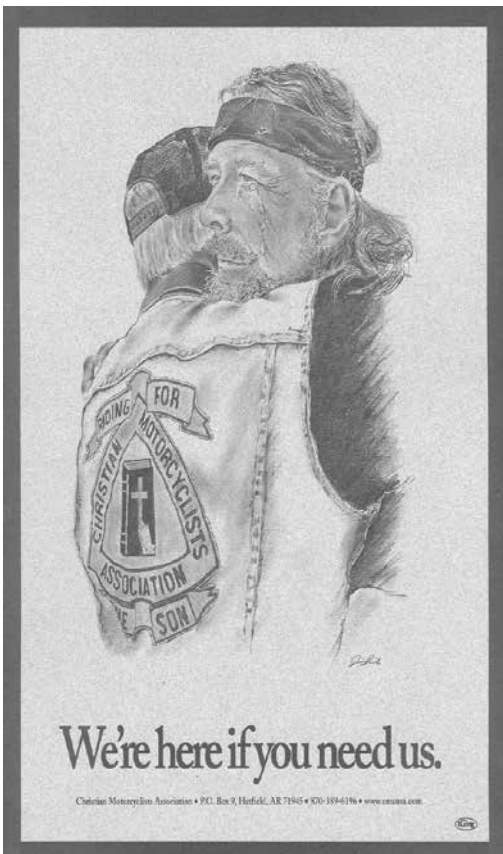
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Powerhouse: Veteran Attorney Sam Radner Joins Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers



A well-known figure in the New England and New York motorcycling community is making a professional move that riders throughout the region will certainly notice. Attorney Sam Radner, a 32-year veteran of personal injury law and a fierce advocate for the riding community, has officially joined Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers.

For the readers of Connecticut Cruise News, Radner's name is likely a familiar one. Whether at local rallies, charity rides, or community events, Radner has spent decades on the ground, connecting with riders not just as an attorney, but as a peer. He doesn't just talk the talk; he's been a motorcyclist for most of his adult life, bringing a firsthand understanding of

the road to every case he handles.

A Legacy of Results

The numbers behind Radner's career speak for themselves. Licensed in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont, Radner has recovered over \$120 million in compensation for his clients. His experience ranges from navigating complex insurance hurdles to securing seven-figure results in catastrophic injury cases. As a tenacious trial attorney, he is known for his willingness to go the distance—taking cases to verdict when the opposition refuses to do what is right.

"Helping my clients tell their story—their journey of recovery and the lifelong impacts of these injuries—only happens by building a relationship and connecting with them as people," Radner said. "When you've ridden, you understand what's at stake. You understand the freedom, the focus it takes, and the devastating reality when something goes wrong."

Three Decades of Winning

This partnership is a natural fit. Jeffrey Glassman founded his firm over 30 years ago on the principle that accident victims deserve to be heard and fully represented. Having ridden motorcycles himself, Glassman shares that same bond with the road and understands the unique challenges riders face. For three decades, the firm has been winning for its clients, building a reputation for excellence across the Northeast. "Sam brings something you can't teach," said Jeffrey Glassman. "He knows these roads, he knows this community, and he has spent decades

proving his dedication. At Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers, we've been winning for 30 years, and Sam's expertise only strengthens our commitment to injury victims in Connecticut and beyond."

Deep Roots in the Community

The firm's dedication to the motorcycling world goes far beyond the courtroom. Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers is a staple at community events, prioritizing rider safety and support. The firm has a long history of giving back, having sponsored motorcycle safety classes and numerous charity rides throughout the region.

Most notably, the firm is honored to be a proud sponsor for the upcoming Wounded Vet Run this May where they give out free gas to all the motorcycle participants.. It's more than just a sponsorship; it's a way to give back to those who have served and to celebrate the bond shared by everyone on two wheels.

Contact the Team

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By Dan and Kim Varano



The local car show community has lost a very special and respected person. For those of us who knew AJ, we have all suffered a tremendous loss. We were approached by Don Clady to write a tribute of his life to be published in the Connecticut Cruise News and were happy to have the honor of doing so. The fact that AJ was such a liked and respected member of the car show community it was important for us to share not only our feelings about our treasured friend but also those that knew him and respected him as well. We felt that the best way to do this is to go right to the source and ask his friends to write something about their relationships with him. We reached out to so many of his friends with great response and the answers that we got back didn't disappoint. After reading all of these tributes you will see that there are several common denominators of what his friends thought of him. His love of Oldsmobiles, his kindness, integrity, honesty and his sense of humor. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and never in the 10 years that we knew him did he ever say anything mean about anybody. He didn't judge people; he just accepted them as they are and moved on. He had a kind soul and a love of hotdogs. He was a big guy with a big personality. We are honored to have known him and called him a friend and our lives will be forever changed without him in it. Rest in Peace AJ...we'll see you again on the other side.

Joe Gervase:

In Memory of Arlen "AJ" Leonard: A Life Fueled by Friendship and Oldsmobiles

The car world recently lost a cherished friend and fellow enthusiast: Arlen "AJ" Leonard. For those who knew him, AJ was more than a classic car aficionado—he was a connector, mentor and friend who made every weekend at a show feel like a family reunion.

Over the past five years, I had the privilege of sharing countless hours with AJ through the American Italian Civic Club, the Prospect Car Club and countless car shows. A devoted Oldsmobile fan, AJ introduced me and many others to the tight knit community of car lovers he so passionately embraced. Every event with AJ was more than a show: it was a gathering of friends, laughter, and shared stories of chrome and horsepower.

AJ had a genuine spirit. He never spoke ill of anyone, always lent a helping hand, and was a constant presence at breakfasts, rides, and casual hangouts. His Dunkin' coffee and cigarette were almost as iconic as his cars, a small trademark of a man larger than life in his quiet way.

He left a profound mark on everyone he met. His warmth, enthusiasm, and loyalty to friends and the car community are remembered fondly, and his legacy will continue every time an Oldsmobile hits the road or a club gathers to share a love for classic cars.

AJ may no longer walk among us, but his presence will always be felt through the engines he admired, the friendships he nurtured and the memories he created. Rest in peace, my friend. The next cruise in Oldsmobile Heaven is ready and waiting.

Bradley Rotatori:

AJ was a good friend, not only mine but my grandfather's as well. We spent countless time at car shows together. He always took care of Grandpa when I wasn't around. The man didn't have a bad bone in his body and I'm sad that he is gone, but there is no doubt in my mind that they are both up there cruising together.

John D. Racow:

AJ to me was more than a friend. He was a mentor. I became very close with him in 2021. He taught me a few things. First, integrity was the most important thing to him. Secondly, I learned from him that actions define who people are. These two things will be instilled forever within me. I don't have a lot of "true" friends and AJ was one of them. I will truly miss him.

Dan Archambault, President Pros-

pect Car Owners Association:

It is with a heavy heart that we lost one of our most respected members, AJ Leonard. At age 67 he has left us way too soon. AJ was an active member of our club, very friendly and would never say no to anyone. He was involved in many car shows, car cruises and getting every one together to attend weekly car shows. AJ, my friend, car brother, club member...may you rest in peace.

JoAnn and Doug York:

We were friends with AJ even before we started to DJ for him at the American Italian Civic Club. You couldn't ask for a nicer person with a bigger heart.

Lori Foligno

AJ would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it. Such a Great Guy!

Pete Zezima:

I met AJ many years ago when he first got his 442. Over the years we became very close friends. He was the most genuine, honest person you could ever know and never had a bad word to say about anyone. He will be missed by many!

Mike St. John:

I have known AJ for 5 years. In that time getting to know him, going to a lot of shows, working together on the American Italian Civic Club Car Show through sponsorship and participating and also being a team member of the Southington Drive In Car Cruise. I came to really like him, respect him and looked up to him as someone who loved his car, was a good friend and easy to be around. He will be greatly missed by me and many others.

Joe Bandiera:

One of the best memories I have might not want to be printed in the way he would say it. We had a great way of banter. He could shake his head with a huge smile on his face and call me a !@#%& *ss &ole in one breath. Not meaning it but his chuckle would always be there so you knew he wasn't serious.

Guy Milo:

AJ was a great guy to know and to be friends with. He was always a big help at the Southington Drive In Car Cruise. Just a good guy to be around and have fun with. He will be missed.

John Cyr:

My funniest moment with AJ was looking in my rear-view mirror coming home from a show and seeing AJ's head above the windshield and his hair flowing with the wind.

Brian Esposito:

My circle of friends decreased by one...Arlen Leonard passed away today. This will leave a huge hole in the car show community. AJ was a good man, ALWAYS smiling...He was a big part of the Southington Drive In Tuesday night car cruise. A genuinely nice guy. I am glad he let me be a part of this car shows at the American Italian Civic Club in Waterbury. They were always a blast! My deepest condolences to his family and all of his friends. AJ, you will be deeply missed.

Harry Coon:

Rest in Peace AJ! We will remember you at every car show we attend. I will see you again someday at the big Car Show in Heaven.

The Waterbury Republican Town Committee:

The Waterbury Republican Town Committee lost a member and a dear friend. AJ brought goodwill, positive energy and many ideas to strengthen our mission for the group and for our community. His smile was always present and never a word said. He will be sorely missed for sure. Journey on. Rest in Peace Arlen

Melissa Smith, Seymour Lions Club:

In Loving Memory of AJ Leonard
AJ was more than just one of our cruisers—he was a friend.

On Sunday mornings he would stop by to visit and what began as conversations about flyers, ad books and the cruise and car community soon grew into something much more. We shared stories, laughter and moments about our friends, our families, and our lives.

Those simple Sunday morning talks became something truly meaningful and they will be deeply missed.

AJ's presence, kindness and friendship will always be remembered. He will be greatly missed



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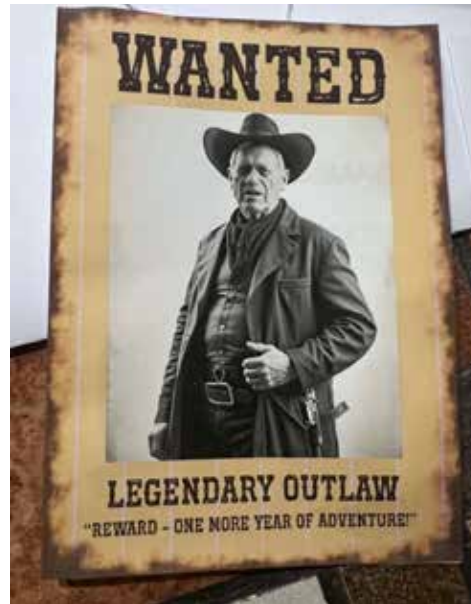
Ford parts and became a respected authority on them, but is best known for cruising around in his beloved 1956 Ford Sunliner affectionally known to all as "The Bumblebee".

With an unparalleled work ethic and skill set Petey was a man of perpetual motion diving into whatever project came his way and then upon their successful completion would somehow invent new ones to keep himself busy. Never one to turn down someone's request for help he was the ultimate friend. Petey worked hard and played hard with an incredible sense of humor while forever living up to his high school yearbook motto "Always Leave Them Laughing"! He will be incredibly missed by the legions of friends and customers where the door was always open welcoming them into his beloved barn.

Peter leaves behind two sons, Peter and Randy Stone with wife Leigh of New Milford, CT; wife, Ann Stone of New Milford, CT; a sister, Lucille Cronin of Brookfield, CT; a brother, Duane Stone of New Milford, CT; along with 4 granddaughters, Sara, Madeline, Kiwi, and Elliana Stone and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert Stone.

There are no services or calling hours. A Celebration of life will be determined at a later date.

Donations may be made to The Lower Merryall Cemetery Association, C/O Duane Stone, 19 Chapel Hill Rd., New Milford, CT 06776



Nancy Cass Ducey

Nancy Cass Ducey, 88, of New Milford, CT passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on February 19, 1938, in Sharon, CT to the late Doris and Perry Cass. Nancy was a lifelong New Milford resident who worked for the New Milford public school's system for many years before retiring in 2000. She enjoyed gardening, antiquing, and taking care of her grandchildren. She was married to John Ducey for 68 wonderful years. She was predeceased by her father, mother sister, Cynthia and brother Richard. She is survived by her husband, John and daughter Therese Ducey. -Campbell (Don) of New Milford CT and sons Robert (Karen) and Michael (Katie) of



Gaylordsville, CT as well as her grandchildren Russell, Katrina, Grant, Griffin, Hayleigh, Dustin, and great granddaughter Lillian all of New Milford CT. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on April 25, 2026 at 10 AM at Saint Francis Church 26 Chestnut Land Rd. New Milford CT. Burial will be at a later date.



Hello From Rockin' Richard - The Ronettes – History & Members



The Ronettes were one of the most influential girl groups of the early 1960s, known for their dramatic “beehive” look and the lush “Wall of Sound” production style created by producer Phil Spector. Formed in New York City in the late 1950s, the trio originally performed as “The Darling Sisters” before becoming the Ronettes.

They achieved major success after signing with Spector’s Philles label in 1963. Their breakthrough hit “Be My Baby” became one of the most iconic songs in pop history, followed by other hits like “Baby, I Love You,” “Walking in the Rain,” and “(The Best Part of) Breakin’ Up.”

Though their chart run was relatively brief (1963–1966), their influence was enormous. They toured with The Beatles and inspired artists from Brian Wilson to Amy Winehouse. The group disbanded in 1967 but was later inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007.

The group performed at a record hop in Danbury CT in the summer of 1961 at the time they were known as Ronnie and the Relatives. It was at the Candlewood Arena (an ice skating rink). They performed with a local band called the

Hoppers.

The Members

Ronnie Spector (1943–2022)

The lead singer and unmistakable voice of the Ronettes, Ronnie (born Veronica Bennett) gave the group its identity. Her emotional, slightly edgy vocal style made songs like “Be My Baby” unforgettable. After marrying Phil Spector in 1968, her career stalled, but she later escaped the relationship and returned to music with solo work and revivals of the Ronettes name. She died in 2022 at age 78 after cancer.

Estelle Bennett (1941–2009)

Ronnie’s older sister, Estelle, contributed harmonies and helped shape the group’s visual style—especially their signature glamorous look. After the group ended, she struggled with personal issues and lived largely out of the spotlight. She died of colon cancer in 2009 at age 67.

Nedra Talley (1946–2026)

The youngest member and cousin of Ronnie and Estelle, Nedra provided backing vocals and balance to the trio. She left the music business in 1967 following a spiritual awakening and later worked in real estate and recorded Christian music.

The Last Living Member

Nedra Talley was the final surviving original Ronette. She passed away in April 2026 at age 80, marking the end of the group’s living legacy. She died

peacefully at home with family.

Her death followed those of Estelle Bennett (2009) and Ronnie Spector (2022), meaning all three original members are now gone.

Discography (Key Recordings)

Although they recorded only one studio album, the Ronettes released many influential singles:

Studio Album

Presenting the Fabulous Ronettes Featuring Veronica (1964)
Major Singles (Philles Records era)

- “Be My Baby” (1963)
- “Baby, I Love You” (1963)
- “(The Best Part of) Breakin’ Up” (1964)
- “Do I Love You?” (1964)
- “Walking in the Rain” (1964)
- “Born to Be Together” (1965)
- “Is This What I Get for Loving You?” (1965)
- “I Can Hear Music” (1966)

Other Notable Releases

- “Sleigh Ride” (1963, later a perennial holiday hit)

Various non-charting singles and later compilations

In total, they recorded roughly 25–30 songs during their peak years, with nine reaching the Billboard Hot 100.



Legacy

The Ronettes combined attitude, fashion, and sound in a way that defined the girl-group era. Their music still resonates today, and “Be My Baby” remains one of the most celebrated recordings in rock and pop history. Their influence continues to echo through generations of artists and listeners alike.

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Mark Cierpich hosts the YouTube channel "Lets Go Car Cruising" started 3 years ago and Don Soule hosts the "Fins And Fenders" channel.

Mark founded Cruisin at the Mansion (Hebert Candy Mansion) in the late 90's. He is a car guy and always has been. He was wearing out hot rod magazines before he could read. Now he covers all kinds of events (mostly New England but even as far away as Myrtle Beach, Florida and Sema :see pic of Mark with Dave Kindig). Every show is his favorite until the next one. He Has a '60 Corvette, a 64 Dart Convertible that he has owned since High School and a 93 Corvette and More Cars on the way. He has been able to monetize his channel but his biggest reward is the reactions to his coverage and the



uncovering of the stories and personal histories of each car owner he interviews. As he likes to say "Because the stories are WHERE IT'S AT"

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Don Soule with the channel "FINS AND FENDERS" is a fixture on the New England Car scene having owned two auto accessory stores handling wholesale and retail operations that serviced 32 dealerships and did installations of Stereos, Sunroofs, remote starters etc etc. If you could bolt it on, he sold it. After a brief stint at LKQ he became the leading Amsoil rep in the region. He has owned Camaros and Barracudas and drives a rare '63 Mercury Marauder S-55 390 performance coupe and a Mustang convertible.

"Fins and Fenders" has a unique video slide show format. It is not monetized and Don says he does it for his love of Cars and Car People. And Car people love him right back. The music he selects to accompany the presentations is the icing on the cake.

Check it out <https://www.youtube.com/@donaldsoule742>

These great guys have very different approaches and styles which I find equally valid for staying in touch and keeping a thumb on the pulse of the current car scene.

CHECK THEM BOTH OUT

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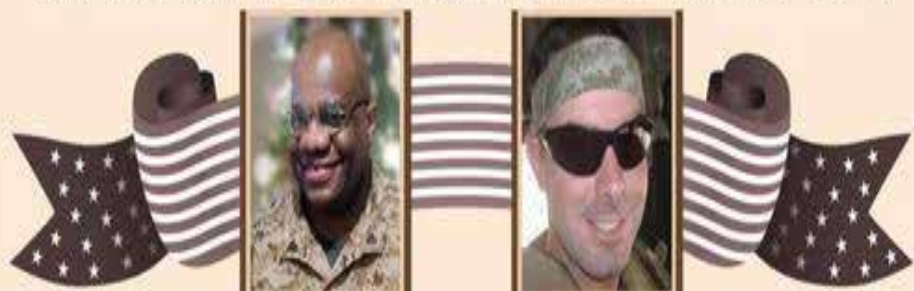
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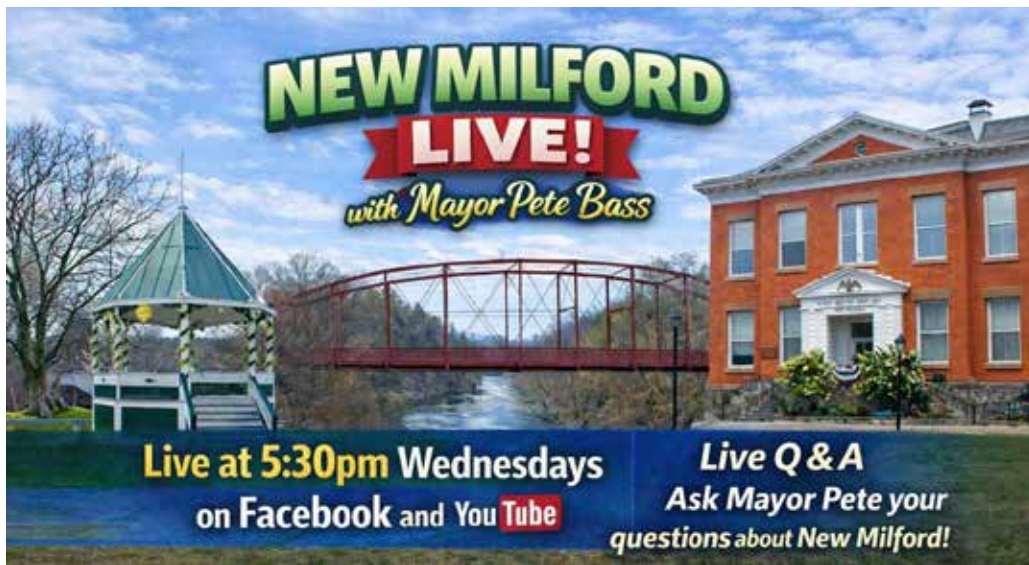
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Spotlight on the Hudson Valley from the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce

Author: Carole Voisey, Executive Director

There's something I'm always reminded of after our events: the most meaningful connections in our business community rarely start the way we think they will.

They don't begin with a perfect pitch or a rehearsed introduction. More often, it's sitting beside someone at a networking breakfast or being paired with a stranger for a happy-hour conversation starter. An interaction that doesn't feel like a sales moment at all.

Networking can feel transactional. Like everyone in the room wants something from you. But when the environment is designed for genuine interaction instead, something shifts. The partnerships, the referrals, the introductions that actually go somewhere, they happen naturally. Built on trust, familiarity, and the simple act of showing up.

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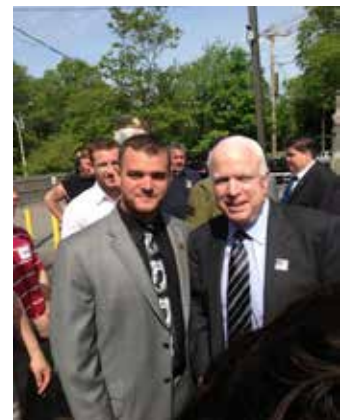


To the Editor, For the past 15 years, it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to lead Boston's Wounded Vet Run motorcycle ride. What began as a simple idea grew into one of New England's largest and most impactful charity rides supporting our nation's injured veterans. While the concept may have been my own, the true inspiration behind it was Corporal Vincent Mannion-Brodeur. After he was severely wounded in Iraq, suffering a traumatic brain injury and shrapnel wounds, I felt a responsibility to act. Having returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan without a scratch, I knew I owed something to those who were not as fortunate. I could have easily been in their place. Over the last 15 years, thanks to the unwavering support of our community, we have raised more than \$5 million for local veterans. Together, we have rebuilt homes, purchased vehicles and ATVs, and helped relieve the financial burdens of more than 60 veterans who were catastrophically injured in service to our country. This success would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of our sponsors, from Boston

Harley-Davidson to First Indemnity Insurance Group, Glassman Injury Lawyers, and the Matthew Pucino Foundation. But one year we were floored to get a \$75,000 donation from President Trump. More importantly, it was driven by the heart and dedication of our volunteers and riders. Many of them became like family to me. Their support not only sustained this mission but also opened doors in my own life, including the opportunity to become a best-selling author. One of the most powerful images I will carry with me forever is the sight of American flags waving proudly along our route each year. It is a reminder of what this ride has always stood for — honoring sacrifice, fostering unity, and ensuring that the stories of our veterans are never forgotten. To everyone who stood by us over these past 15 years — the riders, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters — thank you. I only hope that, in some small way, we have helped educate others about the sacrifices our veterans have made, and inspired continued support for those who need it most. With deep gratitude, Andrew Biggio President, Boston's Wounded Vet Run



Boston's 15th Anniversary Wounded Vet Run



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Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers Proudly Sponsors the 15th Annual Boston Wounded Vet Run

For the third consecutive year, Jeffrey Glassman Injury Lawyers (JGIL) is incredibly honored to stand behind our nation's heroes as a proud sponsor of the 15th Annual Boston Wounded Vet Run. We invite everyone in the community to come out and support the ride this Sunday, May 17th.

Organized by Andrew Biggio, this monumental event unites riders from across New England to honor, celebrate, and raise vital funds for severely wounded veterans. At JGIL, we have spent decades protecting injured motorcyclists, but our commitment to the riding community and our veterans extends far beyond the courtroom.

When it comes to supporting the Wounded Vet Run, we believe in doing more than just writing a check. During our very first year of sponsorship, we were able to help a wounded veteran receive a customized Can-Am ATV, fulfilling her dream and allowing her to experience the joy of riding again.

To help ensure a comfortable and stress-free weekend, JGIL is also sponsoring hotel accommodations for a few of our honored veterans. Furthermore, after the massive success of last year's initiative, we are thrilled to announce that JGIL will once again be providing FREE GAS to all motorcycles participating in the Wounded Vet Run. We know that patriots travel from all over to show their support, and filling their tanks is our way of saying "thank you" to the riders.

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Why We Treat Our Cars Like They're Human

By Judy Szablak

That Sprite? It's practically smiling at you. The Miata? It looks like it wants to go for a drive. And the Alfa? That one has presence. It's not asking for attention. It's expecting it.

They all have character. Just like the people who drive them. Maybe that's why some of us talk to our cars.

It usually starts quietly. A muttered plea in the privacy of a closed garage. A frigid February morning, key in hand, whispering, "Come on, baby... you can do it." Or maybe you push a little harder than usual and the car delivers, and you pat the dash and say, "Good girl."

I'll admit it. I've apologized to my car after hitting a pothole.

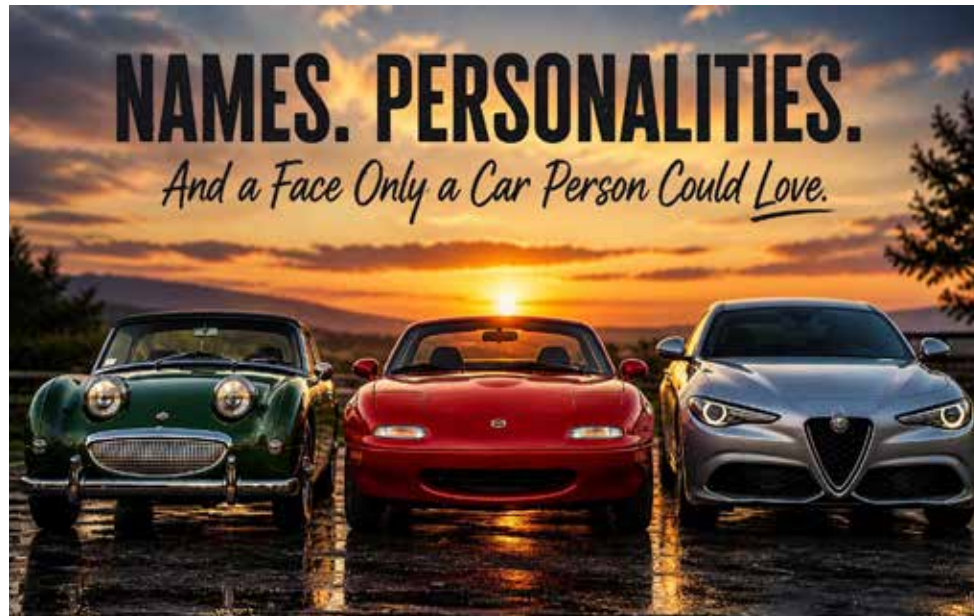
In those moments, you're not just operating a machine. You're in a relationship. And if you're saying you've never done this, I don't believe you.

To the outside world, this looks insane. To the A-to-B crowd, a car is just an appliance. Four wheels, a steering wheel, and a destination. We know better.

Yes, it's stamped steel and molded plastic. No, there's no soul inside the cylinder head. No heartbeat in the fuel pump. And yet... for those of us who live for the drive, it's never just a collection of parts. It's a personality. A companion. Sometimes, it feels like family.

My "family" consists of three "metal children". Bella, Bo, and Daisy. I didn't come up with that metal children term, but it definitely fits! Thanks, Bob!

And here's how you spot someone like us-



Watch what they do after they park. They walk away... and then they turn around. Every. Single. Time. Yes, I'm guilty of that, too.

A car isn't like a refrigerator or a toaster. It talks back. Not with words, but with feedback. You feel it through the wheel, through the seat, through the soles of your shoes. You hear it in the idle, the exhaust note, the little changes that tell you something's off before anyone else would notice. You don't just drive it. You learn it.

Over time, that turns into something else entirely. The car becomes part of your story.

It was there for the first date. The long drive to clear your head. The move. The loss. The comeback. The random sunrise that hit just right and reminded you why life is actually pretty great.

You don't just remember the moment. You remember the car that got you there. The smell of the seats. The glow of the gauges at 2:00 AM. The exact sound the door makes when it shuts.

At some point, the car stops being the setting. It becomes a character. And for a lot of us, it becomes a reflection.

We choose cars that say something. About who we are. Or who we want to be.

The perfectionist with the spotless concours car. The unapologetic one with the loud, cammed-out muscle. The one who wants elegance. The one who wants edge.

You see yourself in it. And once that happens, it's no longer just a machine. That's also why the cars with the most "soul" are rarely perfect. Modern cars are incredible. Quiet. Smooth. Efficient. Almost too good- they don't need you.

But an older car? One with quirks. A little attitude. Maybe a trick to getting the trunk to latch or a heater that only works when it feels like it? That car needs a partner.

You learn its habits. It learns yours. And somewhere in that back-and-forth, a personality shows up. And then comes the final step. The Name.

Nobody sits down with a baby book and a VIN number. The name just happens. After a long drive. A breakdown. A moment. Suddenly, it's not "the car" anymore. It's Lightning McQueen, Herbie, General Lee. Or something only you understand.

And once it has a name, that's it. Game over. You don't sell a name. You don't scrap a name. You pass it on... or you keep it forever.

So no, we're not crazy.

We talk to our cars because they're the only machines that actually move us. Not just from point A to point B, but emotionally. They're our escape pods. Our therapy sessions. Our metal children. Our rolling memories.

So the next time you thank your car for getting you through a storm, or apologize after a brutal pothole, don't second guess it.

You're not losing it. You're just paying attention. Because the engine might be made of iron...

...but the heart is very real.

And a note from Judy:

I'm at plenty of car shows, sometimes showing, sometimes just wandering. Come say hello. Tell me about your car. I already know you've got a story.



Submitted by Judy Szablak, Realtor® and Unapologetic Automotive Aficionado

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The Rescue Vixens Host Car Fun While Helping Animals in Need



By Gwen Ackley with Virginia Scudder

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Last September while writing an article for the CT Cruise News on reasons to join a car club, I discovered a very unique Car Club in the North Fork region of Long Island, NY called Rescue Vixens.

What caught my eye was their brightly colored poster art that features very attractive pin-up girls posing with classic cars. These were reminiscent of the 1940s WWII aircraft mascots, and the ladies posing are just as dedicated as Rosie the Riveter to their cause. The flyer that I saw was for a Cars and Coffee event, including their own unique vintage fashion style, at the Peconic Bay Diner in Riverhead. I wrote to them for permission to use their artwork in my article and also to learn more about them.

The Rescue Vixens are a female run car booster organization (rescueVixens.com) that passionately help to fundraise for the North Fork Country Kids Animal Rescue. Their president, Virginia Scudder describes themselves as a small Not-For-Profit, volunteer-only organization on the North Fork of Long Island,

New York.

“Rescue Vixens, in partnership with North Fork Country Kids Animal Rescue, is a Long Island-based nonprofit dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming neglected, abused, and homeless animals. Through our events, including our signature Deuces Wild Car Show, we combine a passion for classic cars, rockabilly culture, and animal advocacy to raise critical funds and awareness.

One of our most exciting ongoing initiatives is our Brewed to the Rescue collaboration with Twin Fork Beer Co., 807 Raynor Ave., in Riverhead, NY. Each month, we release limited-edition, collectible beer cans featuring Rescue Vixens artwork, with proceeds directly supporting the rescue. This partnership has become a creative and meaningful way to bring the community together while supporting both animal advocacy and a local small business.” The Rescue Vixens Deuces Wild was awarded “Best of Long Island” for Long Island Collectible Car Club this year. They achieved over 1.3 million votes! They hope to make this year’s car show even bigger and better.

With this past winter being particularly hard, it has been especially difficult

for the animal rescue to pay its many expenses. The rescue currently owes thousands of dollars due to the larger number of cases. Virginia had recently written to me asking if I could please let the CT Cruise Readers know about their car events.

Virginia described their upcoming car show: “Our upcoming major fundraiser is the Deuces Wild Car Show, taking place July 25 and 26 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at The Maples, 10 Ryerson Avenue in Manorville, NY.

- Saturday, July 25: Cruise-In Day
- Sunday, July 26: Judged Car Show

This two-day event will feature vendors, live music, great food, awards, and so much more. With over 125 trophies and a one-of-a-kind atmosphere, it is truly a standout event, with 100 percent of proceeds going directly to support our rescue efforts. We have over 125 awards. There will be a pinup contest with a meet and greet on Saturday and contest to become Miss Deuces Wild, held at noon on Sunday. Family fun!”

For those who would like to further support their cause to help animals in need, donations can be made using the QR code to pay with Venmo, or through the following:

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Cruisin' in the Kitchen



By Dan and Kim Varano

Hello fellow cruisers and Happy Spring...and wait for it...CAR SHOW SEASON!!!!!! After so many months of cold and darkness the weather is warming up (well, kind of), the days are getting longer, the spring flowers are coming up and our car cover has been rolled up and stored for the upcoming season. We're looking forward to getting back on the road and seeing our "Car Show Friends", many of them that we have not seen since the fall.

A few facts about the month of May... May 1st is "May Day", the halfway point between the spring equinox and summer solstice. Mother's day was invented in 1887 by a teacher from Lexington, Kentucky as a way for her students to celebrate their mothers'. The original day was April 20th, her mother's birthday. And Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May. It was originally called "Decoration Day" and its purpose is to honor all veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died protecting our country. American flags are flown at half-staff and veterans 'graves are decorated to observe their honor.

We have focused our articles through the winter months on hearty food dishes and comfort foods. As spring is upon us we start to crave lighter fare for the warmer weather. Instead of roasts, soups and stews we gravitate towards sautéed items paired with fresh seasonal vegetables and lighter pasta dishes using fresh ingredients. So in

this article we will do just that. A quick and easy Chicken Francese with a lemony white wine sauce served over sautéed spinach, Pasta Primavera packed with tons of vegetables and for dessert some No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Oatmeal Bars...yes, you read that right, no baking required!

We hope that you will give these easy spring recipes a try and we also hope to see many of you in our travels this car show season. And as always....Happy Cooking!

CHICKEN FRANCESE (serves 4)

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 1 ½ pounds)
1 cup all-purpose flour for dredging
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 large eggs
3 tbsp water
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
½ lemon, with rind, cut into thin rounds
½ cup dry white wine
1 cup chicken broth
½ lemon juiced
2 tbsp unsalted butter
¼ cup flat leaf parsley

Directions:

1. Sandwiched between 2 pieces of plastic wrap, pound chicken breasts with a flat meat mallet until about ¼ inch thick.
2. In a shallow plate (we use a pie tin) add flour, salt and pepper. In a bowl mix the eggs and water. Heat the oil in a large sauté pan. Coat both sides of the chicken cutlets in the seasoned flour and then dip them into the egg mixture to coat completely. Shake off extra egg mixture and place in hot oil frying for approx. 2 minutes per side until golden. Remove cutlets to a large platter in a single layer to keep warm.
3. Toss the lemon slices into the pan and cook for 1-2 minutes until fragrant. Add the wine, broth and lemon juice and simmer for 5 minutes to reduce the sauce slightly. Coat the butter in the flour and add to skillet. Stir to incorporate the flour into the sauce. Reduce heat to medium low and add chicken

back to the pan, moving the lemon slices on top of the cutlets. Simmer gently for a few minutes to heat the chicken through. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with chopped parsley before serving.

SAUTEED SPINACH (serves 4)

Ingredients:

2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 small shallot chopped fine
20 oz. pkg fresh baby spinach
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Heat butter and oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add chopped shallot and cook until soft, about 3 minutes.
2. Add spinach and cook, stirring until spinach is wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

PASTA PRIMAVERA (serves 4)

Ingredients:

2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 zucchini (1/2 inch dice)
1 cup frozen peas
½ cup red bell pepper (1/2 inch dice)
1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes cut in half
1 carrot (use a vegetable peeler to cut into ribbons)
3 cloves garlic minced
2 tsp fresh lemon juice
½ tsp Italian seasoning
2 tbsp fresh basil sliced into thin slices
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 lb. pasta of your choice (farfalle, rotini, penne, ziti)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

- Heat oil and butter in a large skillet over medium high heat.
- Add all the vegetables and garlic, sauté, stirring often for approx. 5 minutes until vegetables are tender but still crisp.
- Stir in the Italian seasoning, lemon juice and basil.

Cook pasta according to package directions and before draining the pasta, add up to ¼ cup hot pasta water to the vegetable sauce. Add drained pasta to the pan and toss. Just before serving stir in the Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper.

Note: Feel free to substitute any of your favorite vegetables for the ones listed. This is a very forgiving recipe

NO-BAKE CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER OATMEAL BARS (makes 16 bars)

Ingredients: (Oat Layer)

¾ cup butter
½ cup light brown sugar, packed
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp pure vanilla
3 cups quick cooking oats

Ingredients: (Chocolate peanut butter layer)

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup creamy peanut butter

Directions:

1. Line an 8x8 square baking dish with parchment paper, set aside.
2. To make the chocolate peanut butter layer microwave chocolate chips and peanut butter in a large microwave safe dish for 60 seconds on high, stir and continue to heat in 30 second intervals until completely melted and smooth. Set aside.
3. To make the oat layer melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar and salt and stir until sugar is dissolved, Add vanilla and stir until combined. Turn heat to low and add oats. Cook on low for approx. 2 minutes or until ingredients are well combined.
4. Press half of the oatmeal mixture into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Press down with a flat bottom glass or measuring cup. Pour the chocolate mixture slowly over the bottom oat layer reserving approx. 3 tbsp to drizzle on top.
5. Crumble the remaining oat mixture over the chocolate layer and gently press into place. Drizzle the top with remaining chocolate mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before cutting into squares.

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One Month Away: The CT Seaport Car Club's Car Show – June 7th

Story by Lissa Seeberger
Director, CT Seaport Car Club
georgelissa@optonline.net
Photos by Lissa Seeberger

Please mark your calendars! Approximately one month from now will be the CT Seaport Car Club's 10th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show on Sunday, June 7th, 2026 at Fairfield Ludlowe High School (785 Unquowa Rd, Fairfield). The show will be in the back parking lot with the raised solar panels providing shade to many cars and will run from 9:00am-3:00pm. All show cars are welcome. No cut off year.

This popular car show had a record attendance last year and is going to have all the great elements that everyone loves about this show:

- Over 100 trophies to be awarded
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- A blessing of the show cars and drivers by a Jesuit Priest
- Live music by Jukebox 45 Show Band (same great band as last year)
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- Food, Vendors, and Raffle Prizes
- All to benefit Operation Hope of Fairfield

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Hope to see you there!

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THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST for the last-minute mobilization of the American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, and all available motor-units (NYPD, FDNY, and Veteran Riders) in the NYC area.

WE HAVE A MISSION.
Anthony Fusco passed away in January at the age of 91. He lived his final years without family, and he died alone. He was destined for an unceremonial burial in a nameless grave in Puola's Field, BUT AT THE FINAL HOUR, WE FOUND HIM.
Anthony Fusco was one of us. He was a United States War Veteran and a former NYPD Officer.

WE WILL NOT LET HIS FINAL JOURNEY BE IN SILENCE.

WE ARE FORMING A DIGNIFIED ESCORT.
I am asking you, brother and sister Riders, to join me TOMORROW MORNING at the departure point in the Bronx. We will escort Anthony Fusco from the city streets he protected to his final resting place with honors at Calverton National Cemetery.

It's short notice, but we know what it means to "stand the watch." We ride for those who can't. This is our moment to be his family.

PLEASE SHARE THIS IMMEDIATELY.
WE NEED MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE NEVER FORGET OUR OWN.

ALL GIVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL, HONOR HIS SERVICE, RESPECT HIS SACRIFICE, RIDE WITH PURPOSE, WE RIDE FOR THEM ALL.

MISSION DETAILS FOR TOMORROW (SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2025):

STAGING LOCATION:
Mt. James Funeral Services
934 Prospect Avenue (Corner of 165th St)
Bronx, NY

STAGE TIME:
8:15 AM

DEPARTURE K9U (KICKSTANIS UP):
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Sunday July 19, 2026

(Rain Date: July 26)

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\$20 Entry Fee For Cars & Motorcycles
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Sunday, June 7, 2026
(Rain Date: June 14)

📍 217 Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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Sunday August 23, 2026
(Rain Date: August 30)

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Views From The Valley



By Dino Lawrence

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The 2026 Season Has Begun at Lebanon Valley Dragway

As the season approached, the track crew was busy making several off-season improvements, with more projects set to be finished in the coming weeks. The old novelty trailer has been removed, and a new concessions area has been added. Paving and painting have been added and refreshed. You'll see a whole new image makeover.

On Friday April 24, the season kicked off with an open track rental test session which afforded those in attendance many opportunities to hit the track and get some of the cobwebs out and test the new combinations for the coming season.

Keep an eye on the schedule for future Friday test sessions which are open to everyone. Most are sponsored by individuals and clubs. The sessions offer the opportunity for drivers to bring their vehicle down the track at their own pace. Whether you're making your first pass ever, dialing in a new combination, or fine-tuning your setup for upcoming racing, test & tune is the perfect environment to get valuable track time.

The track will feature full track preparation with both lanes open, and racers can choose between 1/8-mile

or 1/4-mile passes. Full-time slips will be provided for every run so you can review your performance and make adjustments.

On Saturday, April 25, the track saw the first day of competition for NODRAMA (Northeast Old Drag Racers and Musclicar Association), NESSA (Northeast Super Street Association), Super-Cars as well as test and tune. The first race of NODRAMA was won by Darren Cubit from Bolton, CT when he defeated Shane Shahinian of Ballston Lake, NY. Steve Leclair of North Smithfield, RI and Michael Charron of Hebron, CT finished their first day in the semi-finals. The first NESSA points race was won by Matt Viscione of Norwich, CT when he defeated David Pilbin of Norfolk, CT. Laura LeQue of Troy, NY finished her day in the semi-finals. On Sunday, April 26, cars took to the track for a full day of testing along with an unscheduled quarter mile gamblers race for those wishing for some side-by-side handicap competition. The swap meet was held in the main lot with many vendors in attendance.

The winner of the Electronics Gamblers was Mike Rogers of Albany, NY when he defeated Herb Wagner of

Ravena, NY in the final round. Adam Sheran of Chester, MA and Jeff Warner finished their day in the semi-finals. The non-Electronics Gamblers race was won by Michael Scribani of Howes Caves, NY when he defeated Ed Martelli of Schenectady, NY. Paul Scribani of Fultonville, NY finished his day in the semi-finals.

**COMING MAY 24th ..
MUSCLE MANIA ! See the
Track Website for Complete Schedules and
Coming Events:
Dragway.com and follow the
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FACEBOOK page**



NMHS Grad Party Committee Announces 3rd Annual "Show & Shine" Car Show New Milford, CT

— Car enthusiasts, families, and community members are invited to attend the 3rd Annual "Show & Shine" Car Show, hosted by the New Milford High School (NMHS) Grad Party Committee. The event will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Road. A rain date has been scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2026.

This highly anticipated community event promises a fun-filled day for all ages, featuring a wide variety of classic, custom, and modern vehicles on display. Attendees can enjoy food trucks, live music from a DJ, local vendors, raffles, and trophy awards for standout vehicles. Car owners interested in showcasing their vehicles can register for a \$20 entry fee. Spectators are encouraged to come out, support the event, and enjoy the lively atmosphere while exploring some of the area's most impressive cars. Proceeds from the event will benefit the NMHS Grad Party, which provides a safe, substance-free celebration for graduating seniors—a long-standing tradition in the New Milford community. For more information, to register a vehicle, or to stay updated, or follow the event on Instagram at @nmhscarshow and @nmhscstp.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to celebrate cars, community, and the Class of 2026!

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Saturday, June 13th: the 5th Schoharie Turnpike-Kaaterskill Clove Road Rally: start at Dutchman's Landing Park on the Hudson River at Catskill, follow the Schoharie Turnpike to the Old

Stone Fort Museum. Return through Gilboa, Prattsville, Hunter and the Kaaterskill Clove.

Saturday, September 19th: the 10th Catskill Conquest Rally: start at the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper, visit the Cauliflower Festival in Margaretville, Roxbury, John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge, the Hobart Book Village, Hanford Mills Museum and Polar Bear Ice Cream. Return through Delhi and Andes.

Saturday, October 17th: the 8th Catskill Covered Bridge Rally: start at the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper, follow 13 creeks and rivers and cross four historic Covered Bridges, including over both branches of the Delaware River. This is a hoot of a drive through Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware Counties.

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- Saturday, June 13th ~ 5th Schoharie Turnpike-Kaaterskill Clove Rally**
Start on the Hudson River at Catskill and follow the Schoharie Turnpike to the Old Stone Fort. Return through Gilboa, Prattsville, Hunter, and the Kaaterskill Clove. Fee \$100 per car. Register below.
- Saturday, September 19th ~ 10th Catskill Conquest Rally**
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- Saturday, October 17th ~ 8th Catskill Covered Bridge Rally**
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STUDIO 31

Warner Theatre's 2026 Annual Gala

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Premier Sponsor: Torrington Savings Bank

Torrington, CT – The Warner Theatre's Annual Gala, Studio 31, is an unforgettable evening celebrating community, culture, and philanthropy. The 2026 Gala will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 in The Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center.

The night begins at 5:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and mocktails, featuring entertainment by DJ Natalie Wall. Guests will then enjoy an exquisite dinner prepared by MAX's Restaurant Group, followed by dancing and live music from the dynamic Soul Sound Revue, guaranteed to keep the celebration going all night long.

Throughout the evening, guests will have multiple opportunities to support the Warner's mission through live and silent auctions and an inspiring Fund Our Future paddle raise. The event will be hosted by Emcee Eric Hummel, guiding the evening's festivities with

warmth and enthusiasm.

Don't miss this extraordinary celebration in May - join the Warner Theatre for an unforgettable evening of community, culture, and philanthropy! The Warner Theatre's 2026 Gala Premier Sponsor is Torrington Savings Bank.

Tickets are \$225 per person. To reserve a table or to sponsor the 2026 Gala, please contact Kayle Crowley at 860-489-7180 x1030.



ABOUT THE WARNER THEATRE

The Warner Theatre is a performing arts center located in the heart of Downtown Torrington, CT's Cultural District. The Warner's mission is to enrich, entertain and educate our communities through high-quality performing arts and arts educational opportunities, preserve the theatre as a historic landmark, and contribute, in partnership with others, to the betterment of our region's way of life and economic vitality. The Warner Theatre is supported by the Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Office of the Arts. To learn more about the Warner Theatre, visit our website: www.warnertheatre.org.

Coming Soon to the Warner

The Righteous Brothers - June 2

Requiem for an Electric Chair - June 20

A Taste of Ireland - June 26

Yacht Rock - June 27

K-Pop Icons - July 9

Summer Blood Drive - July 11

John Crist Live - Sept 24

Whose Live Anyway? - Oct 10

The Phil Collins Story - Oct 29



"A TASTE OF IRELAND"

THE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE SENSATION COMES TO TORRINGTON

June 26, 2026



TORRINGTON, CT - The global smash hit and one of the world's top Irish music and dance productions, A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation, comes to Connecticut, 7:30pm, Friday, June 26, 2026 at the Warner Theatre in Torrington. Promising an exhilarating celebration delivered with more than a pint of Irish wit, A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation is presented by Pace Live as part of its 2026 world tour following a sensational West End debut in the U.K., a returning Off-Broadway engagement, and international performances in Australia and New Zealand. A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation includes a starry roster of international dance champions who explore and expand traditional Irish dance into something completely modern, mesmerizingly electric, and ridiculously fun. The production debuted in the U.S. in 2024 with a wildly successful Off-Broadway engagement, followed by smash hit runs around the world where it was praised by Time Out Sydney as "world-class Irish dancing, melodic folk music mashups, live [a cappella] tap battles, and craic galore," and BroadwayWorld Sydney as "an evening to excite and satisfy your Irish [palate]." For tickets and information, the public may visit ATasteofIreland-Show.com.

Showcasing an acclaimed cast of World Champion Irish dancers, dazzling musicians, and a contemporary vocalist, A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation combines Irish charm with sensational talents for an unforgettable outing of entertainment. Featuring classics such as "Danny Boy," "Wild Rover," and others, the show's reimagined contemporary score blossoms alongside the brash Irish charm of the live dance cast, transporting audiences through Ireland's tumultuous history with electrifying dances, dramatic scenery, and spectacular

lighting effects.

A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation offers audiences a spectacular look at current, active World Champions at the height of their athletic careers - dancers straight out of competition circuits and major international productions, focused on both preserving tradition and pushing it to new limits. The cast includes headliners Callum O'Neill (World Champion, Ceili Dance World Champion, formerly of Riverdance), Clara Sheppard (World Champion, formerly of Lord of the Dance: Feet of Flames), and Cian Walsh (A Taste of Ireland principal dancer, Ceili Dance World Champion), among other world-class Irish dancers and performers. (NOTE: casting is subject to change.)

Said the show's producer and director Brent Pace, "This show offers audiences an adventure through the heart and soul of Ireland, where every beat of music and every step of Irish dance shares a captivating journey. Each narrative is interwoven with dramatic lighting, breathtaking visual scenery, and performances that express the depth of these stories, so that audiences can appreciate Ireland's rich history through movement, music, and dance." He also notes, "Dance fans will be further thrilled to find that the taps in A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation are not pre-recorded but performed 100 percent live. Every performance is an exciting feat of excellence."

Blending cultural traditions with modern flair and plenty of "craic," A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation has thrilled audiences across the globe with an immersive experience that captures the essence of Irish culture, perfectly Celtic for this generation. With hundreds of five-star reviews on Facebook, the show combines storytelling with modern Irish dance, tap, and



contemporary dance, while its world-class performers bring Ireland's stories to life on stage to create a memorable and dynamic show that bridges traditional and contemporary Irish art forms. Directed and produced by Brent Pace (This is Not a Happy Room – Off-West End, A Taste of Ireland - Off-Broadway, West End), co-directed and produced by Ceili Moore (World Champion, Riverdance and Lord of the Dance artist), and with musical direction by Charlie Galloway (Talisk), A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation unites a powerhouse creative team driving this bold reimagining of Irish theatrical performance.

A Taste of Ireland will play the Warner Theatre's Oneglia Auditorium in Torrington, CT on Friday, June 26, 2026 at 7:30 PM. Tickets range from \$41-\$86 and can be purchased at warnertheatre.org or by calling the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180.

ABOUT A TASTE OF IRELAND

Brent Pace (Producer and Director) is an international producer and director shaping the future of live entertainment across four continents. As the founder of Pace Live, he has built one of the fastest-growing independent theatrical production companies, creating and touring world-class shows throughout the United States, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. His producing credits range from the acclaimed Off-West End play This Is Not a Happy Room to large-scale touring spectacles including Fairytales on Ice, Shades of Bubl , Silver Bells, and the global phenomenon A Taste of Ireland. His work in New York spans Off-Broadway and U.S. national tours, firmly establishing his reputation as a force in the American and international markets. As a director, Pace is recognized for fusing theatricality with spectacle, most notably through A Celtic Christmas and TARA - Tuatha D  Danann, the world's first all-female Irish dance production. He continues to ex-

pand Pace Live's artistic scope of theatre, dance, and live music, developing shows for different markets across the globe. Before turning his focus to producing and directing, Pace achieved international success in Irish dance as a World Medalist, six-time National Champion, and principal performer across multiple dance companies. Today, he remains internationally recognized as a sought-after Irish Dance adjudicator, judging competitions across the globe. With a portfolio that spans both theatrical producing and directing, Pace leads multiple productions simultaneously under the A Taste of Ireland franchise and beyond. His shows have been staged in almost 1,000 venues worldwide, and he is known for pushing the boundaries of live entertainment by fusing modern theatre with traditional art forms, innovating on a global stage, and continually raising the bar for what live performance can be.

Ceili Moore (Executive Producer) began dancing at the age of three under the tutelage of Geraldine French, her mother, Fiona-Gaye Moore, and Bernadette Langshaw-Clarke. Throughout her competitive Irish dance career, she won titles such as Australian National, North American National, All Ireland, and World Champion. She began her professional career at age 18, performing in shows such as Riverdance and Lord of the Dance across 15 countries. Her highlights include performing the lead role of Morrighan alongside Michael Flatley, performing on the West End, and appearing on "The Graham Norton Show" and "Good Morning America." Moore also served as an ambassador for the Peter "Bullfrog" Moore Foundation and was featured in ABC3's "Dancing Down Under" documentary. Since 2016, she has been a producer and choreographer with A Taste of Ireland, working alongside her partner Brent Pace on the continuous development of Pace Live productions, touring globally.



Spring has sprung in Torrington, and the Warner's stages are alive with something for everyone! Whether you're in the mood for a glamorous gala, legendary rock icons, or powerful solo theatre, May and June are packed with unforgettable live experiences. Gather your friends and family and make a night of it - there's no better way to celebrate Spring has sprung in Torrington, and the Warner's stages are alive with something for everyone! Whether you're in the mood for a glamorous gala, legendary rock icons, or powerful solo theatre, May and June are packed with unforgettable live experiences. Gather your friends and family and make a night of it - there's no better way to celebrate the season than with live performance at the Warner.

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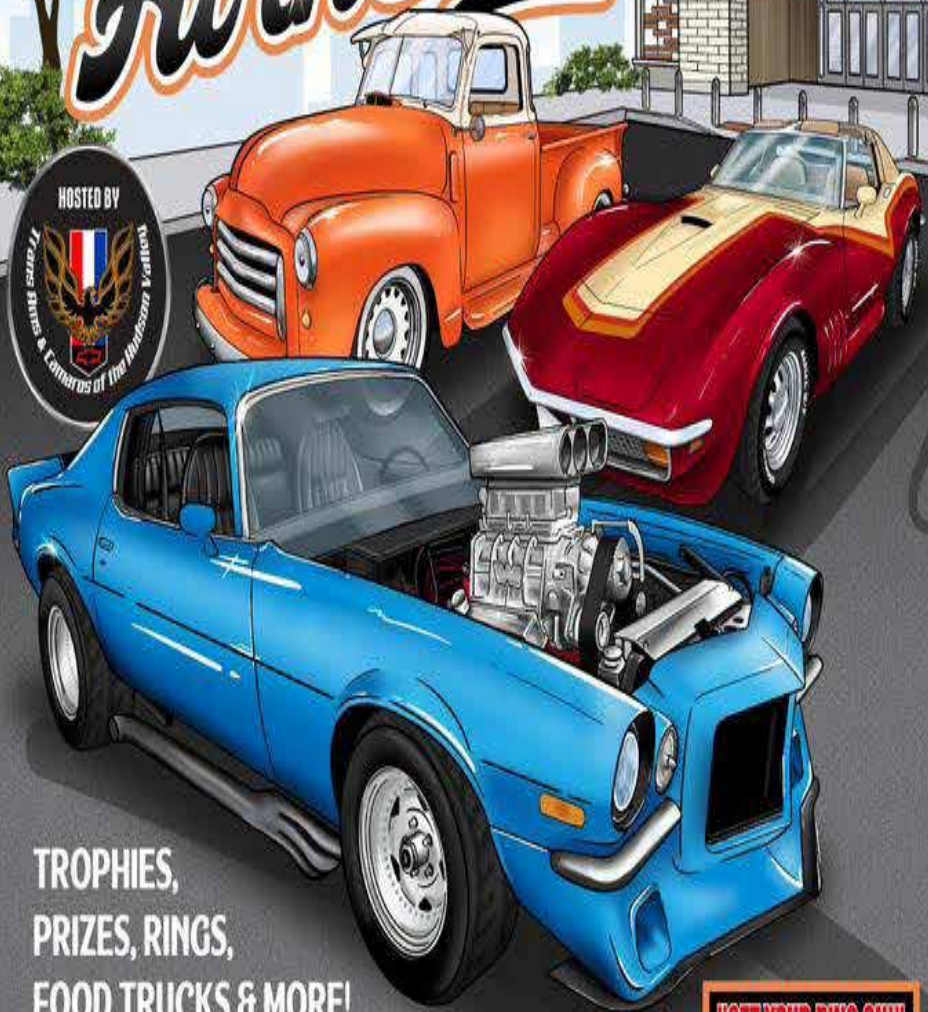


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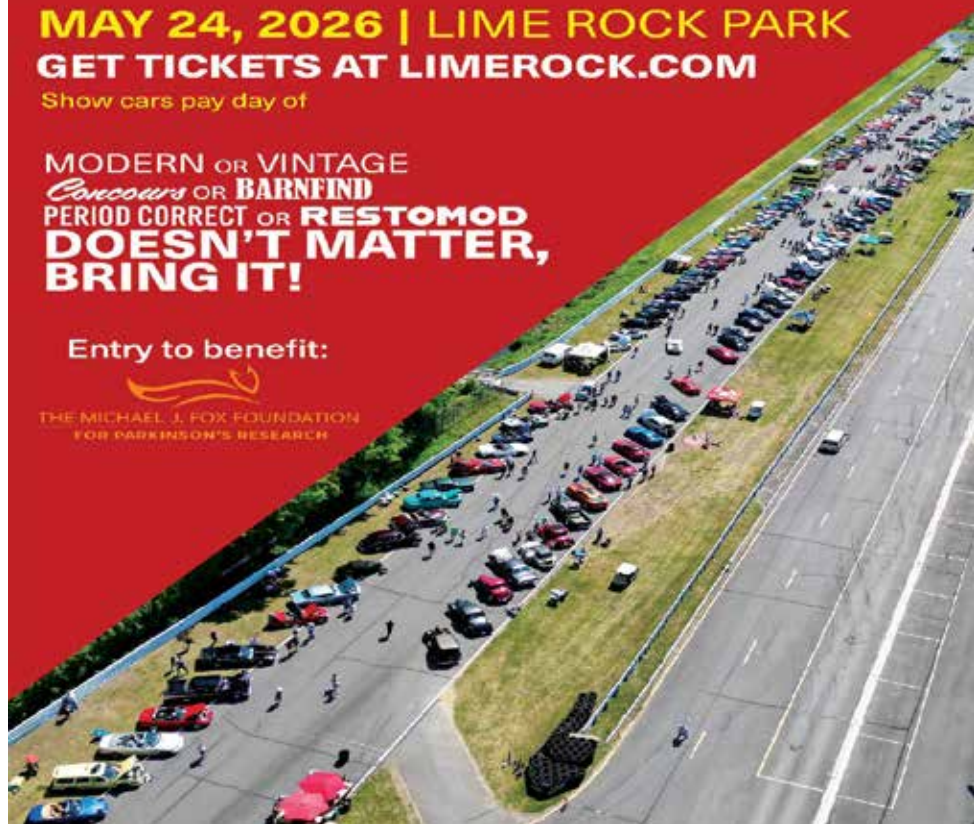
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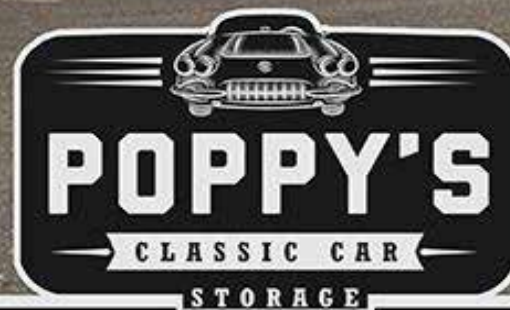


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Letter to the Editor



Hello Don,

I'm writing to follow up on our recent phone conversation, and provide more information about my attempt to learn the early history of my Mopar Muscle Car. I would like to please request your help in reaching out to the Connecticut Cruise News readership in the hope of locating anyone who may recognize my car, either as a past owner, or someone who knows of a past owner. Or, anyone else who remembers seeing this car on the street, at a drag strip, or elsewhere in their local area from long ago.

My car is a 1969 Dodge Charger R/T. It has the 426 HEMI engine, 4-Speed manual transmission with Hurst shifter, and Dana 60 Rear Axle with 4.10 gear ratio. The car has a Red exterior with a Black interior.

I purchased this Charger in the fall of 1987 on Long Island from the previous owner in Massapequa, NY. The previous owner had himself purchased the car in 1986, also on Long Island, from another owner who was located in Bay Shore, NY. So, the 1969 to 1986 time frame is the period of this Charger's life that I'm

interested in learning about. I have very little information about the car from that earlier time. However, I do have a few clues that may provide some insight into the Charger's past.

Other than a couple of other minor options, this Charger's options are limited to what I have listed above. A copy of the Production Broadcast sheet, which I found behind the back seat, indicates that this was a "Sold Car", a car that was ordered this way by the original buyer. It appears that the first owner specified a new Charger at a Dodge dealership to be used for racing, void of any unnecessary options that would add weight to the car. Further evidence of a racing past comes from a hand written sheet listing numerous performance improvements made to the Charger at some point. The list was given to me by the previous owner, who had also received it when he purchased the car. The list was likely written by a past owner when the car changed hands. Included on the list is an extensive high performance engine rebuild done by Bob Sharp Racing, which years ago was located in Danbury, CT.

And, speaking of Connecticut, I found an old Connecticut license plate under the back seat with a 1971 expiration tag. If this plate was registered to the Charger, then the original owner may have actually been from Connecticut.

I'd like to learn as much about the early years of my car as possible. But to me, the most important piece of information about this Charger that I really want to verify above all else is, which Dodge dealership sold this car when it was brand new?

If this Charger is familiar to any of your readers, then I would greatly appreciate if they contact me by phone at (708) 846-4364, or email at rjd4261@comcast.net. I also have a website dedicated to researching the history of this Charger. Everyone is invited to visit www.1969chargerhistory.com for more photos and further information about the car. Thank you for your support Don.

Best regards,
Bob Dyrda



A Day For Women Bikers Around The World

By Donna Kessler



International Female Ride Day takes place the first Saturday of May every year. This year, lady riders celebrated the 20th edition of this global event, on May 6.

This day promotes women's visibility, freedom and passion for motorcycling. It doesn't matter what make or model they ride, it's simply unity.

So, to celebrate the day, my gal pals and I, saddled up at took a ride around the Warwick/Greenwood Lake area.

It was a crisp spring day, which started out cloudy, but the sun ended up coming out making it a beautiful day to take my first ride of the season.

We stopped in Edenville where the Richard Jacob Rudy Memorial Fund was having a flea market at the Edenville General Store. From there we took the scenic route around Greenwood Lake and then back to Warwick to Wickham Woodlands where we grabbed some lunch at Drowned Lands Brewery. It was such a beautiful day we couldn't end our riding there, so it was a back road ride to the Orange County Arboretum where the tulips were still in bloom.

It's always great riding with the girls. We always have a destination and we get plenty of waves along the way.

This is also a reminder that there are warmer days ahead and I as well as all my biker friends will be out riding. Look for us, look twice before making that turn. We cannot stop on a dime. And please be courteous and share the road.

To all my biker friends, ride smart, be safe and give vehicles the benefit of the doubt when you see them turning. You don't own the road. Be sure also to give your bike a good look over before heading out on that first ride of the season.

Well, I'm looking forward to the next ride with my girls. There is a bunch of bike events in my list below. See you all out there!

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If your car club or organization has dates for shows, email the details to myridehv845@gmail.com or by messaging on Facebook at My Ride of the Hudson Valley.

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MAY

Widows Sons Templar Knights Motorcycle Blessing: May 9, rain date May 16, Warwick Lodge No 544, 71 Forester Ave., Warwick, begins at 10 a.m., \$20 donation per bike, all bikers welcome, hot dog lunch, bottled water, 50/50, challenge coins and more, after the blessing the Knights will lead a ride through rural Orange County. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local charities. 845-542-1665.

Backroads & Business Motorcycle Poker Run: May 16, ride starts at Orange County Veterans Center, 30 Lawrence Ave., New Windsor, kickstands up at 10 a.m., tickets \$25 per rider; \$15 per passenger (until May 1), ride ends at Brothers of the Leaf, 334 Hudson Valley Ave., New Windsor. Partial proceeds benefit Orange County Veterans Center. Sponsored by O'Connor & Partner. Orangenyc.com. 845-294-1700

Burnout Nationals New York Opener: May 16, Orange County Fairgrounds, Wisner Ave, Middletown, burnout exhibition, cart show and more. On Facebook.

Wings & Wheels for Warriors Car Show: May 16, rain date May 17, Joseph Y. Resnick Airport, 199 Airport Rd., Ellenville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., judging begins at 11 a.m., dash plaques for first 150 registered vehicles, over 50 trophies, family fun, plane rides, food, DJ Brian and more. Hosted by Sprague and Killeen. Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans. On Facebook.

9th annual Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Car Show and Food Truck Festival: May 17, rain date, May 31, Goshen Historic Track, 44 Park Pl., Goshen, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., registration \$15, several awards. OCFPCarshow@gmail.com. 845-294-5333.

Healey Brothers Car Show: May 17, rain date May 24, Healey Brothers, 1960 S. Rd., Poughkeepsie, 9 a.m.-4

p.m., registration until noon. Food, trophies, giveaways, 50/50. Hosted by the Dutchess Cruisers. Dutchesscruisers.com. 845-242-0951.

Bonez Garage 2026 Season Line-Up: Bonez Garage, 1424 Route 302, Circleville, May 23, season opener, noon, rain date May 24; June 27, Summer Fun, noon, rain date June 28; July 25, Cruz'in Drive-In, 5 p.m., Fair Oaks Drive In, 365 Bloomingburgh Rd., Middletown, rain date July 26; Aug. 22, Cruz'in Drive-In, 5 p.m., Fair Oaks Drive In, 365 Bloomingburgh Rd., Middletown, rain date Aug. 23; Sept. 26, Cruz'in Drive-In, 5 p.m., Fair Oaks Drive In, 365 Bloomingburgh Rd., Middletown, rain date Sept. 27; Oct. 30, Trunk or Treat, 4 p.m., no rain date.

GCD Auto Studio Spring 2026 Open House: May 30, GCD Auto Studio, 9 Industrial Dr., Village of Florida, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., classics, customs and coffee, top 25 awards, refreshments, merchandise, giveaways. Held in conjunction with the Mustang Club of Orange County. On Facebook.

JUNE

Any Make Any Model Car Club Outpost BBQ and Show: June 6, rain date June 7, Outpost BBQ, R16611 Route 209, Kerhonkson, in large field behind building, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; judging at 12:30 p.m., trophies at 4 p.m., registration \$15, open to all makes and models of wheeled vehicles, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, several awards including top 5 to 2006 and newer, top 20 to 2005 and older. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

New Hackensack Fire House Car Show: June 7, rain date June 14, New Hackensack Fire House, 217 Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., registration until noon. Food, trophies, giveaways, 50/50. Hosted by the Dutchess Cruisers. Dutchesscruisers.com. 845-242-0951.

Motors for Memory 2nd annual Alzheimer's Awareness Car Show: June 13, rain date June 14, Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz. Motorsformemory.com.

Pawling Town Car Show: June 14, rain date June 28, Village of Pawling, Charles Coleman Blvd., Pawling, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m., registration \$20, custom plaques awarded, live music at noon. Hosted by New York Cruisers. On Facebook.

Biker Blast 2026: June 20, Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Route 300, New Windsor, time TBA, massive anniversary rally, live music, food, giveaways,

demos and more. Looking for vendors. Email info@hudsonvalleyriders.org. On Facebook. Fasthog.com.

Mustang Club of Orange County Father's Day All Ford Car Show: June 21, rain date June 28, more details TBA.

Border Wars: June 27, rain date July 25, Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Union Ave, New Windsor, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., food, vendors, music, co-hosted by Don Clady of Connecticut Cruise News and Donna Kessler of My Ride. Fasthog.com, 845-564-5400.

Hope & Cars Fundraiser Car Show for 845 Hope Alive: June 27, Bonez Garage, 1424 Route 302, Circleville, noon, donations excepted, trophies, Carmel's Cucina food truck. Hosted by Bonez Garage and the Orange County Antique Automobile Club. 8345-565-2663.

Car & Bike Show to Benefit the O.C. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall: June 28, rain or shine, Orange County Fire Training Facility, 9 Training Center Ln., New Hampton, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., registration starts at 9 a.m., registration \$20, all makes, models and years welcome, club participation \$300 cash prize, top 30 awards, specialty trophies, K9 demo and display, 50/50, food trucks. All proceeds to support the Memorial Wall. FOPLodge957.org. fopcarshow@yahoo.com. 845-537-5009.

Bike Night: June 29, Buffalo Wild Wings, 567 Route 211, Middletown, 5-9 p.m., trophies, vendors, raffles, 50/50, wing eating contest, 20% of every food/beverage purchase will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Hosted by Wurtsboro HOG and O'Toole's Harley-Davidson.

JULY

Liberty Rising Street Fair Car Show: July 4, rain or shine, Liberty Elementary School front parking lot, North Main Street, Liberty, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; judging at 12:30 p.m.; trophies at 3 p.m.; parade at noon, registration \$15, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, open to all makes, models and years of wheeled vehicles, several awards including top 5 to 2006 and newer, top 20 to 2005 and older. Hosted by Any Make Any Model Car Club. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

Rolling Thunder Inc. NY 3 25th annual Salute to Veterans Ride & Expo: July 11, registration 8-11 a.m., Moroney's Harley-Davidson, 833 Union Ave., New Windsor, \$20 donation per person, ride pins to first 250 registered, open to the public, coffee, tea, rolls and donuts provided, BBQ served at end of ride at Moroney's, live music, non stop

ride through Hudson Valley including West Point. Support local veterans and troops. 845-705-3667, 914-213-7545. On Facebook.

Wurtsboro Founders Day Car Show: July 11, rain or shine, Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; judging at 1 p.m.; trophies at 4 p.m.; parade at noon, registration \$15, dash plaques to first 30 vehicles registered, open to all makes, models and years of wheeled vehicles, several awards including top 3 to 2006 and newer, top 12 to 2005 and older. Hosted by Any Make Any Model Car Club. Bungst01@gmail.com, tmatthewsm88@gmail.com.

Wurtsboro HOG St. Jude Poker Run & Raffle: July 12, run begins at O'Toole's Harley-Davidson, 4 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, registration 9 a.m.-noon, registration \$20 per person; \$15 per passenger; children under age 12 admitted for free, non-riders also welcome, event party 12:30 - 4 p.m. at Mamakating Town Park, raffle grand prize of \$10,000, \$20 per chance. 845-888-2426.

12th annual "Operation Paws" Car Show to Benefit the Humane Society of Blooming Grove: July 19, rain date July 26, Lasser Park, 49 Station Rd., Salisbury Mills, registration \$15, registration 9:30 a.m.-noon, trophies awarded at 2 p.m., music by DJ Hot Rod, food, vendors. Hosted by the Hudson Valley Hot Rods. hudsonvalleyhotrods@gmail.com.

Rodtoberfest Vintage Hot Rod and Motorcycle Races: July 31-Aug. 1, Riedlbauer's Resort, Round Top, swap meet, bier garden, races, food. On Facebook.



My Ride Events

AUGUST

The Emerson Resort & Spa Car Show: Aug. 2, rain date Aug. 8, The Emerson resort & Spa, 5340 Route 28, Mount Tremper, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., registration \$15, music, food, trophies. Proceeds benefit Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. 845-688-7913. buzzeony@gmail.com.

Cruise Nite: Aug. 8, Angelo Canna Town Park, Joseph D. Spencer Ln., Cairo, 4 p.m., free t-shirt for car cruise entrants, parking donations accepted, nostalgic awards, 50's and 60's tunes. 518-622-3430.

Mustang Club of Orange County Museum Village Car Show: Aug. 9, rain date Aug. 16, more details TBA.

Rats Nest Run In Hot Rod Festival and Flea Market 2026: Aug. 13-16, Blackthorne resort, 340 Sunside Rd., Cairo, more than 500 pre 1972 hot rods, vendors, burnout pit, mobile tattoo parlor, pin up contest, live charity auction, lodging and camping, Saturday fireworks. On Facebook.

Dubois Farms and Tavern and Dutchess Cruisers Car Show: Aug. 15, 2026, rain date Aug. 16, Dubois Farms, 209 Perkinsville Rd., Highland, 9 a.m.-03 p.m., registration until noon, \$20 per car, music, trophies, giveaways, 50/50, animals and more. On Facebook.

SEPTEMBER

Mustang Club of Orange County Tunnel to Towers Foundation Car Show: Sept. 6, rain date Sept. 13, more details TBA.

Elsewhere

MAY

Import and Performance Nationals: May 15-16, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Americade: May 27-30, Lake George, live demos, vendors, stunt shows, fireworks and more. Registration opens in February. On Facebook. americade.com.

JUNE

Ford Nationals: June 5-7, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd.,

Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

GM Nationals: June 19-20, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

19th annual Thousand Island River Run Bike Rally: June 26-28, Alexandria Bay, music, vendors, bike shows, bike rides. 315-771-1435. On Facebook.

JULY

Chrysler Nationals: July 10-12, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

AUGUST

Truck Nationals: Aug. 7-9, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Corvettes at Carlisle: Aug. 27-29, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

SEPTEMBER

Dead Man's Curve: Sept. 3-6, Delta Hotel, Somerset, N.J., pre '72 hot rods, gassers customs, registration starts Jan. 1, 2026, music celebrities, TV cars, vendors, swap meet, Thunder Alley, and more. Deadmanscurveusa.com. On Facebook.

Rods & Roses 3rd annual Car Show: Sept. 19, rain date Sept. 20, Wedekind Motors, 1595 State St., Schenectady, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., registration \$15 per car, truck or bike, 50/50, Chinese auction, top 20, 5 specialty awards, Bubby's Memorial Pick, top 10 rings. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. 518-878-0104, 352-626-2406.

Fall Carlisle: Sept. 30-Oct. 4, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

OCTOBER

Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction: Oct. 1-2, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Cruise and Bike Nights

Thursday

Raging Knights NY Raffle and Brews Bike Night: Every third Thurs., starting April 16 through Oct., Clemson Brewery, 22 Cottage St., Middletown, 5 p.m.

to close, enter for a chance to win a Yeti cooler stocked with top shelf liquor. Portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp. 845-775-4638.

Dutchess Cruisers annual Cruise Night: Every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs., starting May 7 through Oct., Giardino Italiano Pizza, 827 Route 32, Hopewell Junction, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday

Hudson Valley Hot Rods Friday Night Cruise: Every other Fri., starting May 1 through Sept. 18, 40 Brotherhood Plaza Dr., Washingtonville, 5:30-8:30 p.m., open to all makes and models. On Facebook.

Saturday

Mustang Club of Orange County Saturday Bi-Weekly Car Cruise: Every second and fourth Saturday, starting May 9 through Oct., Ruby Tuesdays, 41 Orange Plaza Ln., Middletown, 4-8 p.m., all cars welcome, free registration. 50/50, music, coffee, donuts, must be present to win trophy. On Facebook.

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Local Rescue Spotlight Happily Furever After Rescue

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In communities across the country, countless animals are waiting for a second chance, a safe home, a warm bed, and someone willing to believe in them again. Behind many of those second chances are rescue organizations working quietly and tirelessly every single day.

One local rescue doing exactly that is Happily Furever After Rescue, a foster-based, no-kill nonprofit located in Bethel, Connecticut.

Founded in 2020, the organization is dedicated to rescuing dogs and cats that have been abandoned, neglected, abused, or left without a place to go. Through foster homes, rehabilitation, and community support, Happily Furever After Rescue helps animals transition from uncertainty into loving forever homes.

But behind the rescue is an especially personal story, one built from heartbreak, hope, and unconditional love.

The Dog Who Inspired It All

Founder Jaclyn Gartner has always loved animals, but everything changed in 2017 when she rescued a dog named Tyler.

Tyler had spent nearly three years in a shelter. He had been adopted and returned multiple times and was considered by many to be “the dog no one wanted.” But Jaclyn saw something different in him. She gave him the chance others had not, and in return, Tyler changed her life.

Their bond became inseparable and ultimately inspired the creation of Happily Furever After Rescue.

Before launching the rescue, Jaclyn spent years volunteering at a local shelter, helping photograph adoptable pets, coordinating events, managing social media, and working directly with animals in need. That hands-on experience gave her a firsthand look at just how many animals desperately needed

help, and how life-changing rescue work could truly be.

In 2021, Tyler sadly passed away from aggressive bone cancer at only seven years old. Though his loss was heartbreaking, his legacy continues through every animal saved by the rescue he inspired.

More Than a Shelter

Unlike traditional shelters, Happily Furever After Rescue is entirely foster-based. That means rescued animals are placed into temporary homes where they can decompress, receive care, and experience love and stability before being adopted.

For many animals coming from difficult situations, that environment can make all the difference.

Foster-based rescues also allow volunteers and adopters to better understand each animal’s personality, behavior, and needs. Whether it’s a shy cat learning to trust again or a senior dog finally experiencing comfort and routine, the transformation can be remarkable.

The Importance of Rescue

Organizations like Happily Furever After Rescue depend heavily on community support. Adopters, fosters, volunteers, donations, and even simple social media shares all play a role in helping animals find homes.

Rescue work is rarely glamorous. It involves long days, emotional situations, medical care, transport coordination, fundraising, and constant commitment. But for those involved, seeing an animal finally safe and loved makes every challenge worthwhile.

Every adoption creates space for another life to be saved.

A Reminder About Second Chances

One of the most powerful things about rescue animals is their resilience. Despite difficult beginnings, many remain incredibly loving, loyal, and eager to trust again.

Sometimes all it takes is one person willing to say yes.

The next time you consider adding a pet to your family, consider visiting your local rescue or shelter first. You may not only change an animal’s life, you may find that they change yours too.

At Happily Furever After Rescue, that belief remains at the center of everything they do: making dreams come true, four paws at a time.

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To learn more about Happily Furever After Rescue, view adoptable pets, apply to foster, volunteer, or donate, visit their website or follow them on social media.

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Author Bio



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Growing up, cars and racing, were a constant part of Linda's life. Her dad had been drag racing various cars since before she was born and eventually opened his own machine shop, Don Scinto Automotive, in 1973. One car that stood out to her was his 1967 Camaro, which she admired greatly. In 1981, he bought her a 1969 Camaro Z28—Rallye Green with white stripes and a 302 engine. Although she was only twelve years old and considered just a used car, she saw it as something special and wanted to learn how to drag race like her dad. Her brother helped her get started, and before

long, she matched his time in her car. As a reward, he let her take a run in his Super Stocker. Experiencing the thrill of going as fast in the 1/8 mile in his car as she did over the 1/4 mile in mine was unforgettable to her. Over the years, she has taken the Camaro to numerous car shows and cruise nights, but racing remains her true passion.

Through her dad and brother, she picked up valuable knowledge about engines, watching them handle machining and assembly at the shop. She tried tackling minor tasks on her cars for regular maintenance. After

many years of driving and racing, the engine in her '69 Camaro needed rebuilding, so they decided to remove and refresh it together. Once it was at the shop, she disassembled the engine and cleaned every part. The components were in good condition, so they honed the block, polished the crankshaft, and did a valve job. Next, she assisted her dad with the assembly, filing rings and installing them on the pistons, fitting them into the crankshaft along with new main and rod bearings. Her father Don, passed away in 2023, and She's incredibly grateful she had the opportunity to share this project with him.



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Summertime Classic
CAR SHOW

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CAR SHOW FUND RAISER

West Haven City Hall
Community Parking Lot
Early Registration \$10 Per Car
At Event \$20 Per Car

August 29, 2026
10:00am - 2:00pm

To register contact - Joe - 475-384-2241

Awards - Presented at 1:00 pm
Food Trucks / Vendors



The Belltown Antique Car Club

Presents the 59th Annual

Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet

Haddam Neck Fair Grounds, Haddam Neck, CT

Sunday, August 2, 2026

- Gates open at 8 a.m.
- Show car registration closes at 11:30 a.m.
- Judging begins at noon
- Show ends at 3 p.m.



Show cars: \$10 (includes driver & passengers)

Spectators: \$5 (children under 12 free with accompanying adult)

A celebration of stock, unmodified antique cars & trucks, domestic & imported, 40 years old or older (thru 1986)

This year's Featured Marque (free admission):

Pontiac (1926-1986)

Bring your antique car or truck and enjoy the day!

Rain or shine, field conditions permitting
Refreshments & food available to purchase

Please, no bicycles or pets or unaccompanied children

www.belltownantiquecarclub.org

Directions, Entry Fees & Show Classes on the back of this flyer

Beaters & Buds Boo Bash

Truck, Car & Bike Show
Hosted by: Backyard Beaters INC

October 24, 2026 11am-3pm

Rain or Shine

Entry fee

\$10 Donation

Please Bring a bag of candy for the kids

SPECTATORS FREE

Food Trucks 50/50 Raffles

No Cutoff Dates

NO BURNOUTS



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Truck, Car & Bike Show

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April 18, 2026 11am-3pm

Entry fee

\$10 Donation

Rain or Shine

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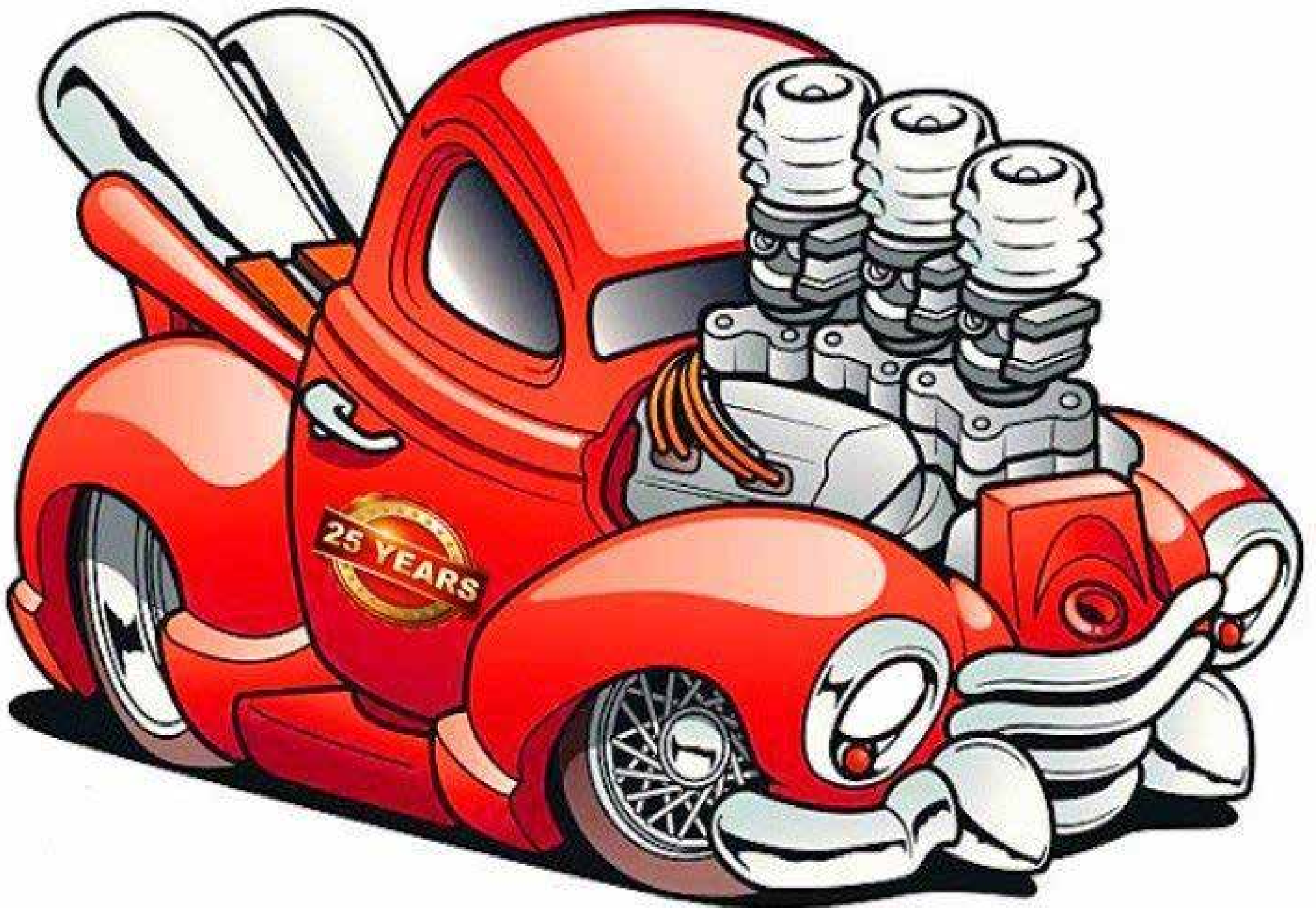
Beaters & BBQ
August 22
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401 Federal Rd.
Brookfield, CT

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October 24
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