



Crankers

Antique Car Club

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...IT'S NEARLY SPRING, ARE YOU READY FOR 2010?



DON'T FORGET THIS YEAR'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, AGAWAM, MA

CRANKERS MAKE PLANS FOR "BRIDGING THE GAP"

Crankers have joined forces with The Salvation Army to assist them this summer as part of the "Bridging the Gap" program. Bridging the Gap is a new community program designed to educate young, first time offenders in the area. It is a twelve-week educational program, held at the Springfield Chapter of The Salvation Army, to replace jail time and prevent future repeat offenses.

Many of these kids have a keen interest in cars, but no opportunity to ever leave their neighborhood and actually visit a real car show. This July, Crankers has agreed to mentor a group of these students at the Annual Shriners' Car Show. The Salvation Army will deliver them to, and supervise them at the show. Our members will act as mentors, taking small groups around the show to explain aspects about the cars on display and answer any questions the kids may have.

This is an opportunity for us to help kids who made one wrong turn, and steer them in the right direction. Most of them have never attended a real car show. Perhaps our efforts will help 'Bridge the Gap' between daily life on the street and offer them an enjoyable day they will remember for years to come.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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GENERAL ADVISOR: Luda Koval, COMMITTEE STAFFERS: Ralph Mc Ewan Sr, Ralph Mc Ewan Jr., Greg LaMarche

MONTHLY MEETINGS: The Buccaneer Lounge, 86 Maple St. Agawam, MA "First Friday of every month" Meeting @ 7:00PM

...A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our new season is here, and scheduling for this year has begun. Aside from the usual annual activities, we have many new events for our membership to enjoy. Keep checking the Newsletter for any updates or changes, and let us know if you have a function we may have missed or you think the club may wish to attend.

You'll notice we have partnered with a couple of new charities in order to help our community. Public service is a major function of our club, and this year we have been asked to assist The Salvation Army as they strive to help area kids. Last year was our first venture with "Toys for Tots," and we are confident this season's effort will be better. If you have a charity you think the club would be interested in supporting, contact us...maybe we can help.

Our website is up and running. Although still in its' infancy, it will provide our membership with instant, real time information and introduce us to collector car hobbyists everywhere. Bear with us as we work out the "bugs" and make it both faster and more user friendly. Also, we urge all members with internet access to obtain their Newsletter on line. Not only will this help save the planet, it saves the club vast amounts of money now being spent on regular mailers. We can then apply those savings to our real mission of community service.

We have come a long way over the years and have enjoyed lots of memorable events. With the participation of our membership, 2010 promises to be one of our best seasons yet. I urge you all to get involved and promote your club and your hobby as often as possible.

Sure, we all love our cars and enjoy driving them, but there is a higher purpose associated with membership in Crankers Antique Car Club. Be proud of your club. Giving something back to our community is why we all got involved originally, and why we must stay involved throughout the coming year. It's easy and fun....be a player, not a spectator. We hope to see you often in 2010.

Bob Hager, President

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

MARCH

MAR 5: Monthly meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6 PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

APRIL

APR 9: Monthly Meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

APR 25: Private Museum Tour, Donald Pasardi Collection, Stafford Springs, CT Start time TBA.

MAY

MAY 7: Monthly Meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

MAY 22: Tour: Chester Train Museum, Chester, MA. 9AM to 4PM.

MAY 31: Annual Agawam Memorial Day Parade, Agawam, MA. Details TBA. "Please attend."

JUNE

JUN 4: Monthly Meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

JUN 6: Annual GTO Show, Feeding Hills, MA. Details TBA.

JUN 13: Crankers Annual Poker Run, Meet at The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Time: TBA.

JUN 20: Annual Children's Car Show, The Orphanage in Windsor Locks, CT. Details TBA.

JULY

JUL 9: Monthly Meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

JUL 24: Shriner's Annual Car Show, Moose Club, Chicopee, MA. 10AM-4PM. Rain Date 7/25.
A charity event in conjunction with The Salvation Army's "Bridging the Gap" program.

AUGUST

AUG 6: Monthly Meeting, The Buccaneer, Agawam, MA. Dinner @ 6PM, Meeting @ 7PM.

AUG 22: Annual Crankers Summer Picnic, 311 Meadow Street, Agawam, MA. Details TBA.

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER EVENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

As you can see, there are plenty of vacant dates throughout the year. If you know of an event members may be interested in, please contact a club officer with information and we will post it on the schedule. We still have several events "in the works" such as the USMC Toys for Tots Drive, and a new joint venture with the Springfield Chapter of The Salvation Army in July. Details on these and any other functions will follow ASAP.

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CRANKERS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB HOME PAGE

"REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE"

THE PIONEER VALLEY'S OLDEST CAR CLUB ESTABLISHED IN 1958

CACC is one of Massachusetts' oldest car clubs. Founded in an era when the car hobby was being "demonized" by the print and film media, Crankers was formed to present a responsible image of the collector car hobbyist to the general public.

Crankers is a 501 (c) 3 registered non-profit charity and a family oriented organization, whose member goal is to support community charities and promote the classic car hobby. Monies raised by the various functions we promote throughout the season are directed to local charities such as the Shriners, The Lions Club, Children's Hospital, Toys for Tots, The Salvation Army, etc.

WHO WE ARE

Unlike other clubs devoted exclusively to a particular make or model, Crankers welcomes a diverse variety of vehicles whose owners need only share a love of vintage automobiles or trucks. It is just that diversity that makes Crankers so special and keeps our club interesting.

Crankers Antique Car Club has certainly come a long way in the past fifty years. We have grown from a small group of devoted car enthusiasts to a cohesive club whose unique membership shares a love of the antique car hobby and the friendships it fosters. Our membership has developed into a core of hobbyists willing to help each other out with projects. You need not own a car to belong. You only need the love of classic cars and a desire to support the collector car lifestyle and the community.

OUR MISSION SINCE 1958

Several of our founding fathers are still active members. As the club has grown over the years, we still retain their original mission; helping community charities while promoting our hobby in the most positive way possible. Our members regularly participate in Charity Events, Weekend Runs, Local Parades, Shows, Summer Picnics, Trips to Area Points of Interest, and Christmas Parties. These are all family events, and an interested public is always welcome.

We are proud of what we have accomplished thus far. We look forward to our next fifty years. We aspire to become even better representatives of the best our hobby can be. Preserving the past is never an easy task, but is one we are proud to accept. Best of all, in the process we help our communities.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in classic cars and a desire to serve their community. We invite you to explore our web site and see for yourself what makes Crankers Antique Car Club so unique and so special. Any and all questions will be answered through our contact avenues below.

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"CRANKERS GO TO COLLEGE"



Recently, the Crankers website was contacted by Melissa Bryll, a student from Mount Holyoke College. Melissa is heading up a group of Anthropology students researching the collector car hobby in the Pioneer Valley. Our club has been asked to participate in their project.

This will involve club members meeting with their group for videotaped interviews about our involvement in the hobby, our vehicles, our thoughts about the future of car collecting, and why we do it. We also are arranging trips to various repair shops and suppliers to give the students an idea of how an antique is maintained.

The students will be invited to our meetings and events to gain a sense of what involvement in Crankers and maintaining a collector car is all about. Lately, the general public only sees condensed versions of car builds all done in half hour TV shows with unlimited budgets and professional crews. We all know "reality" is quite different.

The ultimate goal of their production is for it to become part of the new permanent Transportation Exhibition located at the Springfield Quadrangle Museum.

Obviously, we want to offer the students as much help as we can. This is a great way for our club to promote our values and educate the public on the positive aspects of our hobby. We urge all members who are interested to take part. We will notify the membership shortly about interview times and places. Bring your cars!

"THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE....GET INVOLVED."

**"WE HAVE A BUSY SEASON AHEAD,
HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES YET?"**

.....GROUCHO NEEDS TO KNOW

"As always, sign a new member and your dues are free."



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SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate club member Luda Koval. Luda has been an active member for several years now and is a valuable asset to the operation of our club. Her regular attendance to meetings and professional input to club activities exhibit the best we can hope from any member. She is currently a valuable General Advisor to the club in all things business and advertising related.

Originally from Ukraine, Luda obtained several degrees in her homeland before coming to the US and attending Harvard. Although she does not presently own a collector car, her love of our hobby and support of Crankers is exemplary. We first met Luda when she attended a meeting to make a presentation about antique car insurance. Frankly, many of us thought that was the first and last we would see of her. Little did we know we were making a new friend who speaks several languages and exposes us to totally unique ways of looking at our role as a charity club.

This month, Luda Koval has passed the required testing and will be sworn in as America's newest citizen. We are proud to formally and officially welcome her to her new home. I think we all will agree, it is our good fortune that she has chosen both America and Crankers Antique Car Club to befriend.

CONGRATULATIONS LUDA, WE LOVE YOU AND VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It has been my pleasure to see the many changes that have taken place with Crankers since I first met all of you. I have seen our club evolve into an active organization that supports numerous local charities. As we enter our new 52nd Season, I am proud of the role we now play in "Toys for Tots" and the new opportunities we will soon enjoy with the Salvation Army, Mount Holyoke College, and others. Community service can be easy and fun, as recent events have shown. We can enjoy our cars while helping others.

However, for any charity event to succeed, it requires the active support of all our members. I urge everyone to donate a little of your time in 2010 and help us make Crankers Antique Car Club a valued force that our community relies on. We always need event help. Share your time, you'll feel better for it.

Tory De Prille, Editor

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“SHIFTING GEARS IN 2010”



2010 is shaping up to be our best season ever. A lot of changes put in place last year are starting to bear fruit. First, our website is again up and running, enabling Crankers to be exposed to a vast number of people we otherwise may never have met. Communication begun through our website has already introduced us to new members and brought the club invitations to participate in various community events.

Our involvement in local charity events has been requested by several organizations. We will be working in conjunction with students at Mount Holyoke College to help create a documentary film about car collectors in the Pioneer Valley that may be on permanent display at the Springfield Museum. The Salvation Army has requested our vintage car expertise to help mentor less fortunate kids from our area at the upcoming Shriners' Car Show. Agawam has also again requested our presence at their annual Memorial Day Parade. Regular club events for the year are in place and members should all find something of interest they wish to attend and will enjoy.

Overall, the 2010 season should be one to remember. However, for any event to be truly successful, we need the support and assistance of our membership. One of the greatest pleasures of membership in our club is the personal reward we feel when our efforts impact others in need. As a club member, the effort is small. By working in unison as a group, we can accomplish many things in a short time. Our charity work can be fun, but it is more fun when everyone gets involved.

This season, we ask everyone to put forth an effort to make Crankers a more respected name in the community. With your help, we can truly make a significant positive difference for any cause with which we are involved. We ask you to pick one of our many events and play a role in its' success. You will feel proud about your effort, and you can drive your car at the same time.

Membership in Crankers Antique Car Club differs from other car clubs specifically because we attempt to help others without profit. We share our vehicles and knowledge of our hobby with others because not everyone is lucky enough to own a classic car. If that sharing results in a benefit to the community, why would anyone not want to help? Let's make 2010 special.

LET'S TURN OUR WHEELS FOR CHARITY IN 2010

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