

Cruisin' With The CT Seaport Car Club

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It's been a very busy season so far for the Connecticut Seaport Car Club (CSCC) with car cruise nights, parades, promoting the club's car show, and even participating in an ice cream social! What I enjoy most about this club is not only the great cars in it, but also the wonderful people and the friendships that we have made. We not only share the same "gasoline gene" that loves antique and classic cars, but also the willingness to help others in the community.

CSCC starts their season with fun and casual car cruise nights from 5-8 pm. Each cruiser has a chance to win one of three trophies, in addition there is a 50/50 with car care related raffle prizes. Cruises are held twice a month from May to early October. Nostalgic music is played.

The first Thursday of the month (or the second as a rain date), the cruises are held at Nutmeg Bowling Alley, 802 Villa Avenue, in Fairfield, CT. Its lot is entered through the adjoining Stop and Shop parking lot. Nutmeg Bowl has an indoor bar and grill. The next Nutmeg

cruise will be on Thursday, August 1st at 5-8 pm.

As of September 5th, the Nutmeg cruises will move to the new Elicit Brewing Company at 111 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield, CT. Elicit will provide a special parking area for cruise night vehicles. In addition, they have an outdoor beer garden and several spacious indoor dining areas where you can order a variety of "Pub Food".

On the third Thursday of the month (or the fourth as a rain date), the car night cruises are held at Port Five, 69 Brewster Street in the historic Black Rock section of Bridgeport, CT. The next cruise at Port Five will be on Thursday, July 18th from 5-8 pm. While its lot is small and fills quickly, there is patio dining with expansive views of Long Island Sound where food and drink are available for all to enjoy. The last car cruise of the season will be on a Saturday, from 12-3 pm, October 5 at Port Five, with an Oktoberfest theme.

For updates on the latest car cruise night schedule, including possible cancellations, go to <https://www.ctseaportcarclub.com/carshowORCruises.htm>

In addition to a full schedule of Cruise Nights, the first major event attended by the Connecticut Seaport Car Club was the annual Fairfield Memorial Day Parade. This year it was held on Monday, May 27, 2024 and is one of the largest parades in CT. The morning started out rainy, but four of the CSCC cars still participated in the parade as a group. A new parade banner carried by Club President Lissa Seeberger and Club Treasurer Henry Kutash led the cars. The entire group was enthusiastically cheered on by the crowd. A video of the entire parade is at <https://youtu.be/XenmGpirab8>

Not even a week had passed when the New Canaan Historical Society held its annual Antique Car Show and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 2, 2024. The Historical Society had requested the club to provide some vintage cars to mark their event. Meeting at Orem's Diner in Wilton, ten CSCC cars toured back roads, arriving at the museum grounds about 11:00am. The lively New Canaan Town Band performed old time music, some of the historic buildings were open to view, and we all got to enjoy delicious cake and ice cream with our choice of toppings! Yum! Photos can be viewed at: <https://www.ctsea->

[portcarclub.com/2024Shows/NewCanaanHisSoc6-2/Newcanaan.htm](https://www.ctseaportcarclub.com/2024Shows/NewCanaanHisSoc6-2/Newcanaan.htm)

The next event CSCC participated in was the Blessing of the Fleet Parade in Southport, CT on Saturday, June 8, 2024. For this event, parade organizers asked our club to provide some antique and classic cars to act as separators between the Governors' Horse Guard, the four marching bands, and other parade participants. In all, fifteen CSCC cars participated, again to much applause. Photos of this event can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=938402198296636&set=pcb.938404721629717>

On the very next day, June 9, 2024 was the Club's annual car show and the first at a new date and location. This event was held in partnership with Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department and held at the Fairfield Ludlowe High School. The event benefitted Operation Hope and the Fairfield Police K9s. Despite a questionable forecast and a period of rain, the event still attracted 162 show cars. Many thanks to Don Clady for helping to publicize this car show! Look for Lissa Seeberger's article for more exciting news of this event in this Connecticut Cruise News.



