

Memory Lane Cruisers



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President's Corner

Well, Thanksgiving is gone and Christmas is upon us. The year has flown by. I hear the cruise to the Catfish House was a success with about 30 of us attending. Sorry we missed it. And sorry we missed the Christmas Party. We had a family gathering. I'm sure Cheryl would have rather be with all of you. :-)

It's cold out so it's time for the winter work to begin on the cars. I know I have a lot of work to do on the '39, Larry is working on his '37, and Jim was planning some work on the '40 and '35. If anyone needs any help remember to call on our members. A wealth of information is in our club.

I look forward to the coming year and serving as President. This is OUR club and it's up to ALL of us to make it the best we can.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless!

Todd Rorie

Upcoming Local Events

Jan 8-10: Frosty Wheels Car Show located at the Williamson County Ag Expo Park. Interstate 65 Exit 61

Jan 16-17: Nashville Auto Fest. TN Fairgrounds

Feb. 7: 22nd Annual Nashville Automotive Swap Meet. TN Fairgrounds

March 14th: KYANA Swap Meet. Louisville, KY

March 27th: 4th Annual March Madness Car Show in Clarksville.

May 21-23: Goodguys Car Show. LP Field

June 4-6: Riverfront Rod Run Car Show, Paducah, KY

July 26th: 2nd Annual Pleasant View Car Show.

First Methodist Church, Pleasant View

Oct 2nd: 11th Annual Cruizin the Ridge Car Show, Joelton

Member Profile (President)

Getting to know your new President.....

Todd and Cheryl Rorie are from the Clarksville and Hopkinsville area. Todd grew up in Hopkinsville and attended Christian County HS, ITT Tech and University of KY, while Cheryl attended Christian County HS and Austin Peay University.

Todd works in Nashville as an Information Systems Engineer and Cheryl works in Pleasant View as an Industrial Electrician.

Todd's other interests are his children, Samantha and Will and all major college sports.

Todd became interested in classic cars when he attended ITT Tech in Evansville. He and his friend attended the Frog Follies in August 1986. From then on, Todd was hooked on old cars, especially street rods. Still like the 50's, 60's and 70's, but not as much as the street rods. And Todd says "Don't Argue" Street rods are Pre-49.

Todd recently sold his 1935 Ford Tudor and purchased a great looking 1939 Chevrolet. The '39 has more space for the family for those long trips we want to take.

The '39 is a solid car, but needs a little work. The highlights are all new window glass, new door hinges, minor body repair and paint needs some TLC. He plans on creating a custom center console for front and rear with lower jacks for the kids in the rear.

The Rorie's favorite activity with their street rod is Cruisin with the family and with car buddies.

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Member Profile (Treasurer)

Getting to know the Treasurer.....

Marty and Julie Jones currently live in the Clarksville area, but previously have lived in Frankfort, Germany, Kaisersptern, Germany, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD. Marty grew up in the St. Louis area, while Julie grew up in the Wanona, MN area.

Marty attended McCluer HS and Kennedy Western University. Julie attended Cotter HS and Hopkinsville Community College.

While serving in the Army, they met while in Frankfort, Germany.

Marty has spent 20 yrs. With US Army – Maintenance Technician, Logistics analysis, and Program Manager. Julie, likewise, with US Army as Teletype Communications Specialist for 3 yrs and a Registered Nurse RN for Gateway Medical Center for 10 yrs.

Marty became interested in classic cars as a result of his father, who owned many treasures: 1963 Chevy Impala SS and a 1936 Dodge. Marty owned a pedal car T-Bird as a kid and he still has it today.

Currently Marty and Julie own a 1966 Mustang that hopefully will be back on the road soon. It is currently being painted at Southern Classic Cars in Lebanon, TN.

Their favorite activity with their classic is cruising with the club and the club's camaraderie.

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CHECK IT OFTEN.....as it changes.

Spark Plugs

by Harry Wolk

Time to start thinking of getting our Classics ready for the road. Good performance is dependent on several factors, one being spark plugs. It is easy to remove your spark plugs and clean them. The condition of the spark plug tells a multitude of stories about your engine. Spark plugs with encrusted black carbon are the most common problem.

Cleaning with steel wool is better than nothing. Using a spark plug sand blaster gives the best cleaning. However, this encrusted black carbon is a sign of problems. The causes of this condition may be a cold type of plug, which is proper if you are using the car for long road trips. If all you are doing is driving the car off and on a trailer or around the block or to the bank and back, change to a hot plug.

Excessive oil reaching the combustion chamber, especially at slow or idling speeds, is also a frequent contributor. A hot plug temporarily may solve the problem, but excessive oil is a sign of other problems, as in bad rings or pistons.

If some of the plugs are clean and others have dry sooty lamp black deposits, the sooty plugs are getting too much gasoline, and can be corrected with carburetor adjustments. If a leaner mix is used, and the engine runs irregularly or misfires, go back to original setting and consider a hotter plug.

Incorrect gaps also contribute to fouling, and is attributed to too narrow a gap. Check the gap and published specs on your car and re-gap all plugs. While space does not allow for expansion into other areas causing spark plug problems, the above comments may get you on the road with nominal effort.

Courtesy of Northern Lights of the Ohio Region of CCCA

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5. Wash and then wax / polish the car to add a fresh layer of protection. Thoroughly vacuum and shampoo the interior to remove any food crumbs and debris that might attract wayward rodents. Allow the interior to dry thoroughly before storing the car with all windows closed tightly. Convertibles should be stored with the roof up to prevent permanent wrinkles in the fabric.

6. Apply tire spray to tires and use Interior Detailer to interior surfaces to reduce drying and cracking. Consider mounting the vehicle on jack stands to preserve shocks and tires. Disengage the brake and slightly over inflate the tires.

7. Cover the car with a breathable car cover to allow dry air to circulate and discourage mold.

8. Store the car in a completely dry, enclosed, lockable garage and remove any valuables. Many classic cars are driven infrequently and qualify for cheap insurance rate, especially if they are stored securely.

9. Dampness and mold can invade your vintage car from the ground up through a damp garage floor. To prevent moisture from condensing on the undercarriage, lay down tarpaper or a plastic drop sheet on the ground and park on top of it.

10. It is suggested not to start the engine unless you are planning to bring the engine up to normal operating temperatures. Then, you still may leave moisture in the exhaust system.....Let it hibernate!!!

Birthdays for January

Chaplains Corner

Contact Marvin Phibbs if you are aware of anyone that should be added to the list.

In our thoughts and prayers

Tink & Regina Leighton
Ray & Ruth Helwig & Family
Roger Peacher
Mary Livingston

Memory Lane's Newsletter

If you have anything you would like to include in the club's newsletter, just send it to:

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