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28th ANNUAL OCTOBER 9-10-11-12, 2025

Get ready for one of the hottest car shows on the East Coast, the 28th Annual Endless Summer Cruisin Car Show as it returns to the beachside resort town of Ocean City Maryland October 9-10-11-12. This four day automotive event continues to be one of the eastern regions best fall car shows with hot rods, cool classics, customs and more. The epicenter of the event will be the Inlet Parking lot with activities at the OC Convention Center on 40th Street as well as businesses around town.

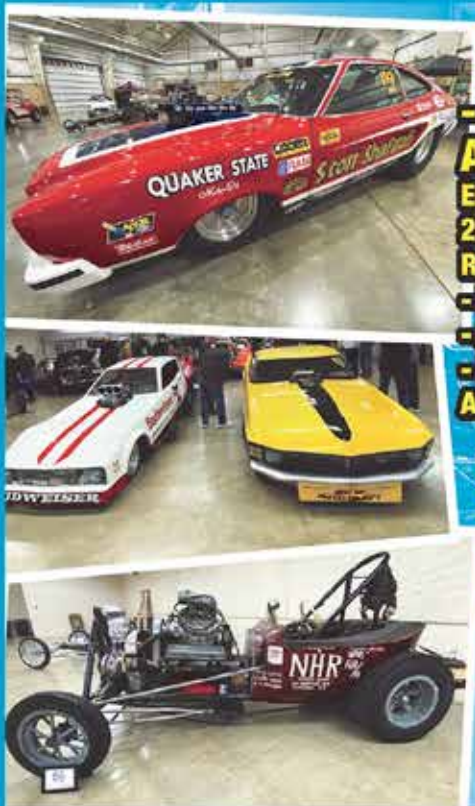
Scheduled to appear at Endless 2025 is automotive enthusiast Derek Bieri from the hit shows Vice Grip Garage and Roadworthy Rescues! Derek will be at the Inlet parking lot Friday and Saturday meeting and greeting fans! Also joining the fun, will be an American Graffiti takeover with cars and stars! Meet Mackenzie Phillips and Candy Clark, stars from the hit classic movie and make sure to check out the show cars on display, Thursday, Friday and Saturday inside the OC Convention Center. Additional entertainment includes a pedal car show, a neon light car show, deejays, live music, a beard contest and more.

Some of the top National names in the country will be on display at Manufacturer's Midway located at the Inlet including Advance Auto Parts, AMSOIL, Carroll Shelby Racing, Halo Lifts, National Parts Depot, Photo Magic OC and many more. Also inside the OC Convention Center there will be a vendor showroom with automotive vendors, jewelry, arts and crafts and a swap meet.

Another Endless Summer Cruisin Car Show highlight are the special Boardwalk Cruisies that will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Cruises begin at 8am leaving 27th street and cruisin south along the boardwalk to the Inlet.

Being held in conjunction with Endless Summer Cruisin is the Hot Rod & Custom Car Show taking place indoors at the Ocean City Convention Center October 9-10-11. See some of the hottest show cars on display competing for cash and trophy awards.

Spectator tickets for Endless Summer Cruisin are \$15/day Thursday, Friday & Saturday and \$10/day Sunday. Four day event passes are also available for \$40 at the event. For more information on Endless Summer Cruisin or to register to be a participant visit www.EndlessSummerCruisin.com or call 410-798-6304.



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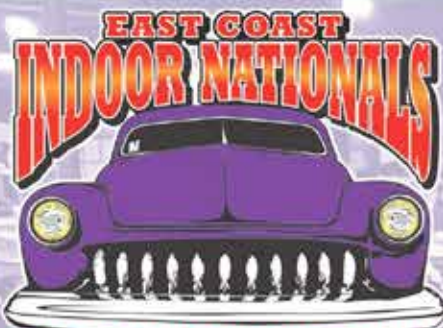
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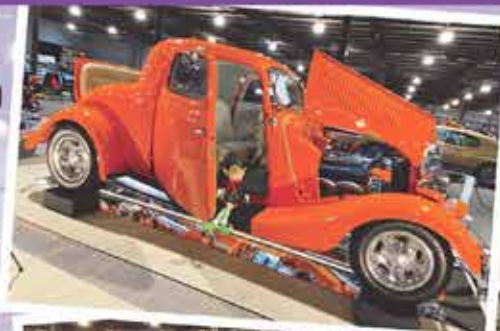
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Avoiding the Scam

This issue of "For What It's Worth" will hopefully help many of you who are both buying vehicles on the internet (i.e. Facebook Market Place, Craigslist, eBay, Bring a Trailer, various dealerships, etc.) The word is "SCAM".

Over my 23 years of selling cars on the internet it amazes me the different ways 'scammers' are coming up with to steal people's money by misrepresenting vehicles that are for sale.

Let's talk about ways to avoid being scammed when buying a car on the internet. Initially, it's called "Common Sense"....."If it sounds or reads like it's too good to be true, then it is!!" Example: "I am in the military and stationed in ____ town in the USA. I am originally from _____ town in the USA and my 1956 Chevrolet is in my parents' garage. I need to sell the car fast because I am being shipped out in several days, so please call me and I will give you the address to pick it up once the money is received in my account. I only accept wire transfers. No cash".....Believe it or not people have fallen for this scam. Ignore it and move on.

Websites like eBay, Bring a Trailer, or known dealerships like Vanguard Motors are usually safe and there are ways to verify that the seller is real.

For example, eBay has a 'Feedback' system.

Ever notice a group of numbers next to an eBay seller's I.D.? Well, that is the 'Feedback'. If you 'click' those numbers you will see remarks (both good and bad) left by prior buyers and sellers, basically telling you how the sale or purchase went. If the number is '0' or less than 8, I would try and reach out, by phone or email, to verify their legitimacy. If they do not respond or their Feedback shows 'older than a year.' - Stay away!

One of the reasons to use eBay, which many people do not know about, is they guarantee that you receive the car and title (in the condition stated, clear or salvage) or you get your money back. I personally experienced this when selling a 1968 Cadillac which was titled in Maryland. When the new owner, who lived in a different state, titled the car, it came back as a 'salvage' title. The Maryland title showed it was clear when I sold it. The insurance company eBay used bought

the car back at no charge to me (the Seller) and paid the buyer his full amount. The fault was with Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicles.

Another way to protect yourself is to send a 'Third Party' inspector like Lemon Squad, R8TR, or even a Classic Car Appraiser to look at the vehicle.

If there is any hesitation by the seller to show the car or the third party cannot reach them by phone, you know it's a scam. Even if it is not a scam and you want another party to look at the car, it may be worth the \$300 or \$400 dollars to have a complete report on the vehicle.

Finally, the easiest way to verify if the ad is "real", is to go and see the vehicle for yourself. I have found everyone has a different meaning for the words "Excellent Condition" and it can range from a running and driving vehicle to one that can only run if it's going downhill with a sail attached.

Happy Motoring!! - J.D.



Hot August Nights

Parkville, MD

photos by Mark Schappell



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Hot August Nights Car Show on 8/16/25 at the Parkville Senior Center



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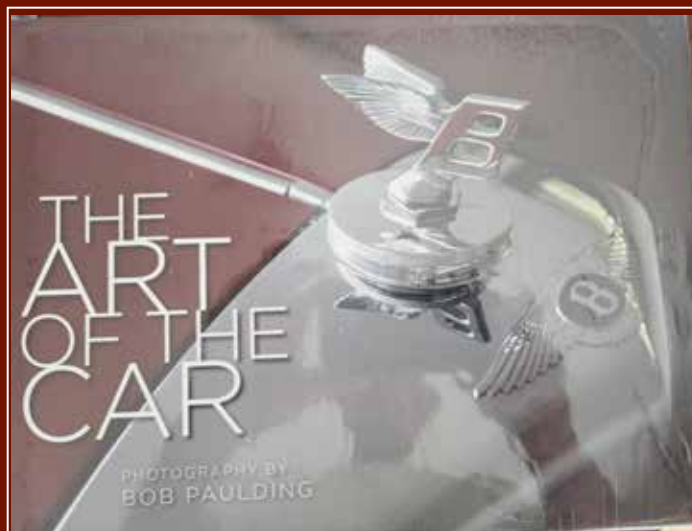
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Foundation Update

by Doug Wood

Heat, rain... That's all I've got to say about that!

Recent occurrences in my life, and I'm sure your lives, makes us aware of how much we need to roll with the punches. We make plans and something occurs that makes it difficult to bring those plans to fruition. And in almost every case that I can think of, we can rely on our family and friends to get the job done. It's most important that we're not afraid to ask others to step up when need be. This is something that you don't want to do habitually, but when there's a need that arises, in almost every case, the folks that are closest to the situation and you will come through to get you to the finish line. Enough preaching for now...lol!!!

The most recent recipient of our Educational Assistance Fund, Michael Taylor, attended the spring mini session at McPherson College a short time ago. We posted some pictures on our Facebook feed. Hopefully you were able to enjoy some of them. He has written us an essay discussing his time out there and we will publish it in our Facebook page also. Many thanks to all of you that continue to donate to make this possible.

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Not too long after this magazine hits the streets, our Real Man's Yard Sale will be upon us. The actual sale takes place on Saturday, August 9 up at the Markets at Shrewsbury from 8 to 2. There is an outside chance that you still have time to register, so please do so as quickly as possible at our website, savethehobby.org. You can also register the morning of the event, but we encourage folks to pre-register.

Our fall fundraising car show will follow in September on the 20th. That event is being held at Big Truck Farm and Brewery up in Parkton, Maryland. You will find more information about that in this magazine. Also, you can go to our website savethehobby.org for more information.

I along with all of the CCCEF family are looking forward to seeing you at each of our upcoming events!

Classic & Custom Car Educational Seminar is on August 16 at the Abingdon, Maryland Library, registration required.

<https://programs.hcplonline.org/event/13427677>

Until next time... I'll see you on the return road!
– Doug



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August 23, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by AACA

Rain Date: August 24th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

September 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Save the Hobby

Rain Date: September 28th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

October 25, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hosted by Corvette & Van Clubs (Trunk or Treat)

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Foundation Panel

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Kent Island Cruisers

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Car Show People

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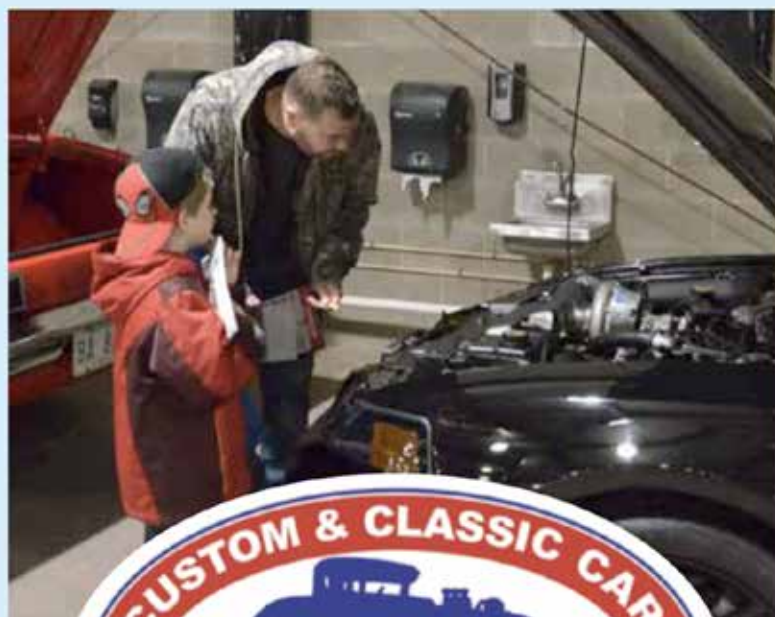
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Reader's Rides

Martyn Green's 1964 Mercury Park Lane Marauder

I am the proud owner and caretaker of this 1964 Park Lane Marauder. I started working at a chicken farm just up the road from my parents' house in 1971 when I was 13 years old and worked there for over 5 years. I commuted to work in my first car, a 1963 Renault R8.

The farmer that I worked for owned the Mercury for as long as I knew him (prior to working for him) and I always admired the car. George told me he was the second owner and the car originally came from Texas.

George had two sons and sold the Mercury to his youngest son Steve. Steve also had a 1965 Mustang fastback, with a three speed six cylinder at the same time.

One day in 1975 Steve told me the Mercury was for sale for asking price of \$500. About one week later, it was in our driveway along with my mom's very pretty Sport Fury. Good looking driveway I thought. At the tender age of 17, I was the owner of a very classy car.

My future wife and I spent a lot of time cleaning the beautiful interior, and trying to polish the black paint. Having been stored at a chicken farm for many years the car was exposed to a myriad of roosting loose chickens each night. The resulting acid stains were very bad for the paint, but my lack of funds prevented any serious thought of a new paint job.

Finally, in the early 1990's a friend of mine and I did some



bartering for my Dad's old pick up, loaded the car onto a roll back, took it to a remote barn two counties away to be painted by a few good old boys. The paint is now 25 years old and looks very good. Only having been buffed out a few years ago and kept after ever since.

The interior is in good original condition having only replaced the carpet about the same time the car got painted.

I did some research, and if what I found is correct, there were only 2721 Mercury Park Lane Marauders with the 63C fastback body style and Sport Option bucket seat interior. My car has the FE Super Marauder, 390 cubic inch, V-8 with 4 barrel carburetor and Merc-O-Matic floor shift automatic. This big block Z-Code 390 is rated for 300 HP and 427 ft-lb of torque.

I have had many offers on my car but will never be for sale. I have owned this car for 42 years now and it is part of me. It is my responsibility to make sure it is taken care of. I have willed the car to friends of mine, and asked that it be donated to the AACA Museum in Hershey. It is nowhere near perfect, but hopefully it can be appreciated, admired and cared for. It will be like going home for my Marauder, as the museum is only ½ mile from that chicken farm in 1975. The farm is no longer there, but the Mercury is going strong 53 years after it rolled out of the factory.



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Street Survivors

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