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Hi all-

I just wanted to update you on my involvement in the car community. My position with the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation has changed. Recently, Lisa Karrenbauer has accepted the role of President, Doug has taken my place as Executive Director. I am now the Vice President of Media Relations. Our shuffle should ensure we meet our goals for the future of the hobby.

So my friends at the Maryland Collectible Auto Association (MCAA) must have decided I have some free time on my hands and reached out to see if I would accept a position on their board of Directors. I am honored to do that and my commitment to this hobby remains strong. Their organization is the one that fought on our behalf this past year to reverse some of Annapolis's new laws that affected classic car registrations and the cost associated with that. To remind you instead of historic plates being allowed only on 1999 and older vehicles, now it is a rolling 25 years, which is the standard across the nation.

Find out more: www.marylandcollectibleautoassociation.com

Here are two initiatives that MCAA is working on now for you:

1) Add a rider/requirement to this law to impede "abuse". Maryland's significantly higher registration rates have "driven" many residents to take advantage of lower Class L fees for a vehicle not generally considered "historic" or "collectible" and one



they use for daily driving. This impacts the hobby and State revenue. MCAA proposes a rider on this legislation that precludes registering a vehicle as a Class L unless there is already one other vehicle registered by the owner with a standard registration as a daily driver.

Add an amendment to the above rider, waiving the one other standard registered vehicle if the owner is 70+ years old (similar to current waiver for emissions tests).

2) Legislation that prohibits MVA from using "market value pricing" on excise tax evaluation for vehicles to be registered as Historic, Street or Hot Rod. Legislation passed at the request of the Governor and MDOT in the 2026 session removed the ability to use a notarized bill-of-sale to determine vehicle value and resulting excise tax. MCAA contends the State has no ability to determine "market value" of collectible vehicles due to a range of issues that include sparse market data, vehicle condition evaluations, trades, part originality and other factors. In effect, this proposed legislation will re-instate the option of a notarized bill-of-sale use for vehicles with a specialty tag.

— Dave

Carlisle Auctions to Help Those Who Help Others During Their Upcoming Fall Collector Car Auction



Community Cares and Fund the Firehouse Set to Benefit with Donations and Vehicle Sales in 2026

By Michael Garland

Carlisle Auctions and its team love to give back, helping those who help others, and as part of the upcoming Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction, that focus remains true with two great causes set to benefit from the generosity of the automotive community. The upcoming fall auction takes place October 1-2 at the Carlisle PA Expo Center and starts at 10 AM each day. The auction, with 400+ anticipated consignments, welcomes past, present and future classics, themed hours, plus select charity sales too. They may not be the highest-dollar sales of the auction, but their impact will reach far beyond the auction block, with proceeds benefiting two great causes: Community Cares and Fund the Firehouse.

First, Community Cares will benefit from the sale of a 2007 Lincoln MKX AWD. Finished in black with a gray leather interior, the well-equipped MKX features a 3.5-liter V-6 engine, six-speed automatic transmission, intelligent all-wheel drive, panoramic sunroof, heated seats, navigation, power liftgate, chrome wheels and more. The vehicle currently carries a Pennsylvania inspection and runs, drives and shifts beautifully. The Lincoln will be sold as-is, providing an opportunity to purchase a nicely optioned SUV while directly supporting Community Cares.

Community Cares is a nonprofit organization in Cumberland County, PA, dedicated to serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The organization provides emergency shelter from November through March, a daytime resource center, housing-focused case management and street outreach to help residents achieve housing stability and independence.

Beyond the Lincoln, Carlisle Auctions proudly offers a 2008 Mazda3, which will sell and directly benefit Carlisle Fire & Rescue Services in Carlisle, PA. This Mazda is finished in black with a black interior, is powered by a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine paired with a five-speed automatic transmission.

Cruise in style with power windows and locks, remote keyless entry, air conditioning, cruise control and an AM/FM stereo with CD player. This ride is sold as is! Your winning bid can turn a vehicle donation into meaningful support for those who answer the call when their community needs them most.

Speaking of Fund the Firehouse, this program began in the Spring of 2025 and spanning three auctions to date, has raised over \$65,000 for local and regionally local first responder organizations. Carlisle Auctions' goal by the conclusion of the 2026 Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction is to top the \$100,000 mark! With consignments still coming in, there's still time to earmark one for Fund the Firehouse along with a local first responder organization to directly support for this great program. These dollars provide support for critical elements of daily operations, including essential gear, equipment, training, resources, etc.

To learn more about Carlisle Auctions and its community-focused programs, visit [CarlisleAuctions.com/community](https://www.CarlisleAuctions.com/community). There, a complete rundown of Fund the Firehouse, Community Cares and more is available, with details on how a vehicle donation can be made, where those sales dollars go and who they benefit. Give to those who give back in ways that support others. In a matter of three minutes on the block, a simple donation can make a world of difference to someone, somewhere. Call 717-960-6400 today to get involved with the 2026 Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction.

Carlisle Events is a partner or producer of over a dozen annual collector car/truck events. Events are held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds (Carlisle, PA) and Allentown Fairgrounds (Allentown, PA). The season schedule includes automotive flea markets of varying sizes, multiple auctions, as well as individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, imports, tuners, and performance sport compacts. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, events hosted at Carlisle attract enthusiasts annually from all corners of the globe. More information is available at www.CarlisleEvents.com or www.CarlisleAuctions.com.

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CRUISIN' *Ocean City*

OCTOBER

8-9-10-11, 2026

Get ready for one of the hottest car shows on the East Coast, the **29th Annual Endless Summer Cruisin Car Show** as it returns to the beachside resort town of Ocean City Maryland **October 8-9-10-11**. 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 Summer 2026 is automotive enthusiast **Chris Jacobs** best known for his role on the hit show **Overhaulin'**. Also joining the fun, will be **Rick Dale** and **Ron Dale** from **American Restoration**. Chris, Rick and Ron will be at the event Friday and Saturday meeting and greeting fans! Additional entertainment includes a pedal car show, a neon light car show, deejays, live music, a beard contest and more.

Taking the stage during Endless Summer Cruisin, ***Should've Been A Cowboy***, a Toby Keith Tribute featuring **Charlie Floyd**. From boot-stomping honky tonk hits to powerful patriotic anthems, this high energy concert delivers the soundtrack of a generation. Experience live performances of the hits you know and love. Show time is **October 8th, 7pm**, at the **Ocean City Performing Arts Center**. For tickets visit www.oceancityconcerts.com.

Some of the top National names in the country will be on display at Manufacturer's Midway located



ated at the Inlet including **Advance Auto Parts, AMSOIL, Carroll Shelby Racing, 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 Cruises** 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 8-9-10**. See some of the hottest show cars on display competing for cash and trophy awards.

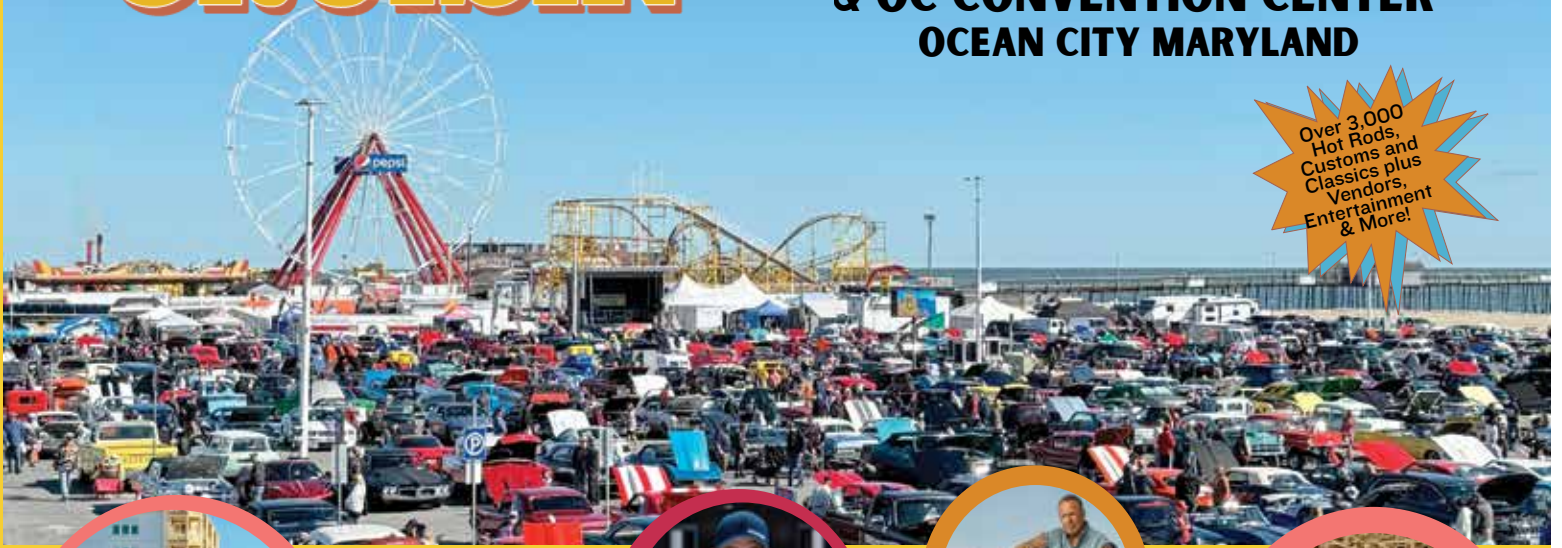
Spectator tickets for Endless Summer Cruisin are **\$15/day Thursday, Friday & Saturday** and **\$10/day Sunday**. Four day event passes are also available for **\$40** at the event. For more information on Endless Summer Cruisin or to register to be a participant visit **www.EndlessSummerCruisin.com**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

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Foundation Update

by Lisa Karrenbauer
President



Hi everyone, I have some big news to share with you. Several weeks ago we made an announcement on social media about changes here at the CCCEF. Although most of the faces are the same, there is an individual that stepped up to a leadership position here at the foundation. So going forward, I have been named as the Executive Director, Dave Bielecki is now the Vice President in charge of Media and poised to be our new President is Lisa Karrenbauer. The remainder of this column will be Lisa introducing herself to you. I hope you will join me in welcoming Lisa to her new role here at the CCCEF

- Doug Wood

Introducing Lisa Karrenbauer

After more than 30 years in the insurance industry, I recently retired and am excited to begin a new chapter focused on giving back to the collector car community. Throughout my career, I was passionate about serving others, including leading our local **Military Diversity Network**. In that role, I worked with community partners to support veterans and raise awareness of organizations dedicated to serving those who have served our country.

My love of automobiles has always been present, but it truly flourished after marrying my husband, Jim, whose enthusiasm for classic cars inspired me to become even more involved in the hobby. Today, my favorite car—and one that had long been a dream of mine—is our **1969 Camaro SS**.



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Twisted Rods Club

Donate Funds from 4th Annual Rally in the Back Alley Car and Truck Show



Robert and I were blessed to present the funds from our **4th Annual Rally in the Back Alley Car and Truck Show** in the amount of 7,523! It truly feels amazing to be able to give back to the community! In just 4 years **Twisted Rodz of Maryland** has been able to raise **27,172 for Frederick Hospice!** We want to thank everyone who has come out to support our shows! This truly is what it's all about!

When we first started this club, never in a million years did we think we would be able to accomplish any of this. These totals don't even include the money we have raised for **Cruisin OC** or **Endless Summer Cruisin!** We truly hope people can see what we are truly about! Our members work hard to help Robert and I build a dream of loving a hobby and yet helping others. Robert and I pride ourselves on keeping **Twisted Rodz of Maryland** in good faith with giving hearts!!!! Thank you all again!!!

Sincerely, Katie and Robert Gray

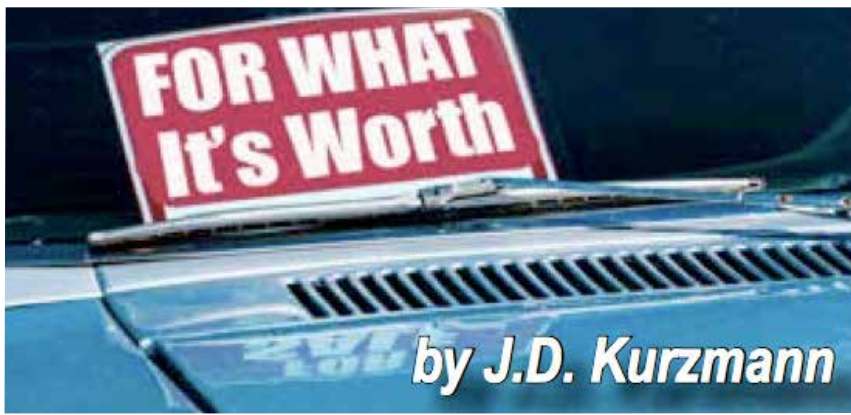
May the passion for hots rods and giving to the community continue for years to come!

Glen Meadows

Glen Arm, MD

photos by Michelle Losh





Why Are Cowl, Warranty, and Fender Tags So Important ?

Many car enthusiasts see these metal plates and tags on GM, Ford, and Mopar vehicles and do not realize how important they are to authenticating the car's real history. I have had numerous clients tell me that a classic is "numbers matching" only to find out they never decoded the metal tag on the car which gives information about the date the car was built, the color, and trim. I have uncovered a number of inaccurately documented cars just by reviewing the plates. Below are some tips on GM cowl tags, Ford warranty tags, and Mopar fender tags.

GM Cowl Tags

Cowl tags are important because they preserve body-specific information that may not appear clearly elsewhere on the vehicle. A properly interpreted tag can help confirm the original body style, interior trim, paint scheme, assembly plant, and approximate build date. They are also useful during pre-purchase inspections. A cowl tag that agrees with the VIN, known production data, and physical features of the car can support authenticity. However, a cowl tag should never be treated as the only proof of originality. Tags can be damaged, altered, replaced, or misunderstood, and some codes varied by plant and year.

The VIN and cowl tag serve different purposes. The VIN is the legal vehicle identifier and usually records division, model, body type, engine designation for some years, assembly plant, and sequential production number. The cowl tag is a body identification plate and generally describes how the body was configured before or during final assembly.

Because the two systems were created for different production needs, numbers on the cowl tag often do not match the VIN. For example, the Fisher Body number is normally not the same as the VIN sequence number. In some model years, series codes on the tag may appear inconsistent with the VIN, especially where Fisher used body-family or trim-level references that were not intended to identify engine installation.

Ford Warranty Plates

Ford warranty tags, also known as warranty plates, rating plates, patent plates, data plates, or VIN tags depending on the model year, are factory identification plates used to record a vehicle's original build information. On many classic Ford cars and trucks, these tags provide far more than a serial number: they may identify the series, engine, assembly plant, body style, paint color, trim, transmission, axle ratio, wheelbase, gross vehicle weight rating, certified horsepower, and sales district or special-order information.

The location of a Ford warranty tag varies by year, vehicle line, and assembly practice. On many 1950s and 1960s Ford passenger cars, the tag was commonly attached to a front left body pillar or door jam.

Once again, a warranty tag is valuable because it documents how the vehicle was originally built. Collectors, restorers, appraisers, and buyers use it to confirm originality, identify correct replacement parts, verify factory colors and trim, evaluate rare options, and compare the door tag against frame stampings or title paperwork. A matching, legible tag can support a vehicle's authenticity, while a missing, damaged, altered, or mismatched tag may require additional inspection.

There are companies like The Marti Reports who will decode the warranty tag on most Fords from 1967 and later. Any Ford made prior to that, a factory manual or the internet can help in decoding the tag.

Mopar Fender Tags

A fender tag is a small stamped identification plate attached to the vehicle body during production. It is usually located on the driver's side inner fender panel. Unlike a VIN plate, which primarily identifies the vehicle for registration and legal purposes, the fender tag was used by the assembly process to communicate build details to plant workers. It functioned as a compact build reference for body, paint, trim, and option information.

Many Chrysler fender tags are read from the bottom line upward and from left to right within each line. This is a general rule, but layout varies by year, assembly plant, and vehicle line. Early tags may use rows of letters and numbers arranged under category headings, while later tags often use three-character sales codes arranged in lines.

The lower lines commonly contain foundational build data such as body code, engine code, transmission code, scheduled production date, order number, paint, and trim. Upper rows often list equipment groups and individual option codes. Because Chrysler changed coding practices over time, a decoder or reference book should match the exact model year and plant whenever possible.

Later Mopar fender tags often use three-character sales codes. These codes are grouped by letter families that identify the general type of option. Examples include package codes, brake codes, transmission and axle codes, engine codes, glass and mirror codes, heater and air-conditioning codes, lighting codes, molding codes, power equipment codes, radio codes, suspension and steering codes, tire codes, vinyl top and paint codes, and wheel or hubcap codes.

I hope some of this information will prove to be helpful when you are considering the purchase of a classic to verify what the seller is telling you. More detailed information can be found on the internet or specific manufacturer manuals.

Until next time, Happy Motoring!! - J.D.

Markets at Shrewsbury

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Car People



Reader's Rides

Richard Bozelli's '49 Hudson Convertible

Richard Bozelli of Linwood, New Jersey found this rare Hudson convertible in a barn, removed all the sheet metal for repair and rewelded to the body, then had it painted Lazer Red by Tom Cook and Don O'Hara. The cream leather interior was stitched by Jerry at Master Upholstery. It's a street rod all the way with custom wood dash, a modern 6.1 Hemi with 425 hp, 5-speed automatic turning 3.55 gears. It has already won many awards, and was recently featured at the 2014 Indoor Nationals at Timonium, where Richard's display had a photo montage of the 5-year build.



The Fabulous Hudson Hornet

With drivers like Marshall Teague, Herb Thomas and Tim Flock behind the wheel, the Fabulous Hudson Hornet began competing in selected NASCAR events during the 1951 and 1952 seasons. Teague was instrumental in helping Hudson tune the inline six-cylinder-powered engine for competition. When combined with the car's light weight and low center of gravity (because of its monocoque body), the Hornet began to dominate various stock car racing series from 1951 through 1954, consistently beating other drivers in cars powered by larger, more modern engines. Herb Thomas dominated the entire 1953 NASCAR Grand National season. He won a series best 12 races en route to becoming the first two-time series champion. The original Fabulous Hudson Hornet can be found today, fully restored, at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Have a car or truck with an interesting story? Contact davebielecki@aol.com



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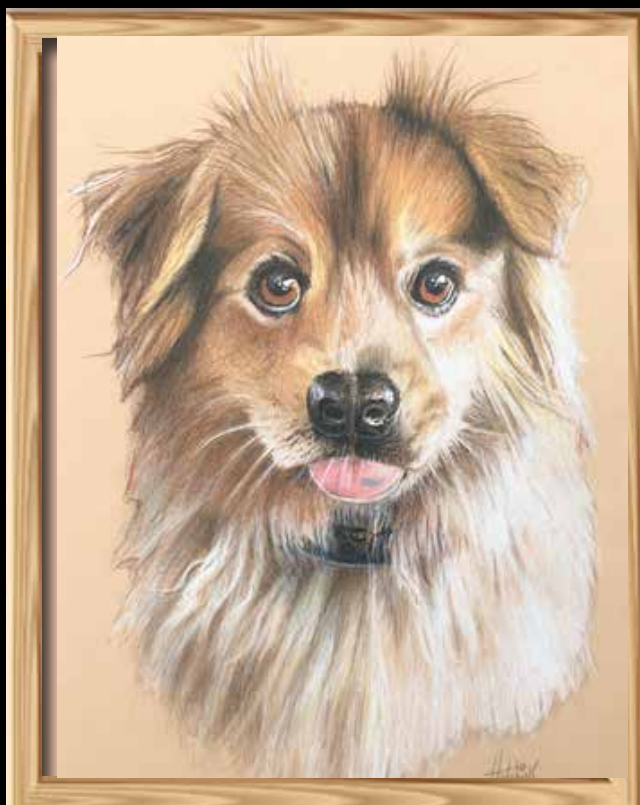
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Due the number of photo submissions of our readers over time, we need to reduce archive data space and speed up the production process. The following are our guidelines for all photos:

- Your cameras need to be set on the lowest resolution, 0.5 or 1x. Each image should not be less than 100KB and should not exceed 700KB. 25 MB is around the limit for attachments of groups of photos in most E-mail applications.
- Don't send images through the web like Facebook, they do not have enough resolution to print clearly.

- Do try to avoid cars in shadows, show cards blocking the car, photos that are mostly underside of hoods, etc.
- Do try to get close to the subject and try including interesting background details like other cars, buildings, people, or landscape.
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