

# THE VOICE

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (4C's)

## Important Upcoming 4C's Dates:

August Business Meeting .....	08/06/18
November Business Meeting .....	11/05/18
Everyone's Membership Renewals Due ...	01/01/19
2019 State Legislative Session Begins .....	01/09/19
February Business Meeting .....	02/04/19
April Business Meeting .....	04/01/19
May Business Meeting .....	05/06/19
June Business Meeting .....	06/03/19
2019 State Legislative Session Ends.....	06/05/19

## August Business Meeting Monday August 6, 2018

**Agenda:** See Tentative Agenda on Page 3

**Time:** Dinner at 7:00 with meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Athenian Diner Restaurant  
864 Washington Street (Route 66),  
Middletown, CT 06457

**Directions:**

- Restaurant is located on Route 66 approximately two miles east of Route 9 or approximately 7 miles west of Route 91.
- Restaurant is on the street in front of the Middletown Plaza Shoppes directly across the street from the Home Depot.
- Restaurant Phone Number is (860) 346-2272  
*For more info, contact Dave Bajumpaa at (860) 627-8572*

## Legislative Report

Dave Bajumpaa

The 2018 Legislative Session began on February 7, 2018 ended on May 9, 2018. No bills adverse to the antique auto hobby were introduced in this session, and the outlook remains positive from the hobby perspective.

House Bill 5312 proposed changes recommended by DMV regarding motor vehicle statutes. This is the annual "clean-up" bill. The bill does not contain anything adverse to the hobby. The bill proposed to eliminate the provision contained in Section 14-49 Subsection (aa) of the statutes to refund one-half of the registration fee for any motor vehicle if a person cancels his registration with one year or more remaining on the registration and requests a refund. However, Amendment Schedule A restored this provision. Presumably this would also include the \$5 per year "Passport to the Parks" fee. Both the House and Senate have passed this bill as modified by Schedule A became Public Act 18-164 and was signed by the Governor on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Connecticut General Assembly website address is:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov>

Connecticut Council of Car Clubs Website address:

<http://www.ctccc.net>

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The 4C's conducts a regular business meeting six times a year on the first Monday of February, April, May, June, August, and November. The meetings are scheduled on these dates to coincide with the Connecticut State Legislative Session. The newsletter is published six times a year and is mailed approximately a week prior to the regular business meeting.

SEMA Action Network Website:

<http://www.semasan.com>

## Minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:

Vice Chairman John Bajumpaa called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. The members in attendance introduced themselves as the first order of business, identifying their affiliation with the 4Cs, whether representing a member club or as individual members.

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting as published in the June, 2018 issue of *The Voice* was seconded and passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

John Jarush presented his Treasurer's report, stating the May 31 balances. Additional member donations, over and above those members' dues obligations, continue to bolster our accounts, putting us in a good position to deal with unexpected legislative challenges to the interests of automobile hobbyists in Connecticut. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and accepted as presented.

### Legislative Report:

Dave Bajumpaa's reported that we had a great year in that the session ended with no bills being passed that would have been detrimental to our car-hobbyist interests. However, Connecticut's budget issues are still dire and can be expected to dominate future legislative sessions. Dave noted the fiscal notes for Senate Bill 532 projects increasing deficits for budget years July 1 of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to be \$2.0, \$2.5, \$3.1 and \$3.6 billion, respectively. Also, Connecticut enjoyed a late-season \$1.0 billion windfall in the form of increased income tax revenue that was beyond what was expected, which allowed an additional \$300 million in current-year spending and an addition to the rainy-day fund, but because this was attributed to initial adjustments to the Federal tax changes, so this will not likely be repeated next year. Reflecting on these projections and developments, it is clear the state's fiscal problems are far from over.

There was not enough legislative support for implementing highway tolls, and the various bills addressing them never made it to a vote. So, any action to implement tolls will be delayed for at least another year. Reportedly, Themis Klaridis, Republican Minority Leader in the Connecticut House

of Representatives, is taking credit for stalling tolls in the State.

Dave's full report appeared in the June, 2018 issue of *The Voice*.

### Other Business:

Dave Bajumpaa circulated a copy of the proposed By Laws changes as discussed in previous meetings. The most significant change was to alter the meeting schedule to eliminate the scheduled January meeting and adding one in May. The complete draft was included in the June 2018 issue of the *Voice*. The changes were adopted as published by unanimous vote, noting that a quorum was present

### Website and Calendar of Events:

John Bajumpaa reported the Facebook page continues to add members and noted how we recently added an individual from Michigan. Regarding this unusual request in that we are a Connecticut-specific organization, John explained that he carefully reviews the requestors' own Facebook page "...to see what they are about..." before authorizing the requestor as a new member.

New information and changes for the calendar should be sent to John Bajumpaa at [JFBAJUMPAA@AOL.COM](mailto:JFBAJUMPAA@AOL.COM) but he can also be reached through the web site: (<http://www.ctccc.net/contact-us.html>).

### Adjournment:

There being no additional business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

### Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Athenian Diner Restaurant (dinner at 7:00 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Juhas, Recording Secretary

### 4C's Meeting Attendance – June 4, 2018

Name:	Representing:
Dave Bajumpaa .....	Studebaker Driver's Club
Jim Juhas .....	CT MG Club
June Mamula .....	Individual Member
Charlie Flechner .....	Connecticut Area Classic T-Bird
John Bajumpaa .....	Studebaker Drivers Club

Jim Way ..... Connecticut Model "A" Ford Club  
 Joe Fernandez ..... Constitution State Classics  
 Fred Glabau ..... Central Connecticut Region AACA  
 Paul Pawlowski ..... Pontiac-Oakland & CSRA  
 Bob Balkow ..... Individual Member  
 John Jarush..... CT Street Rod Association  
 Bobbi Juhas ..... Litchfield Hills Historic Auto Club

## Tentative Agenda for August 6, 2018 4C's Business Meeting

- Call to Order (approximately 8 p.m.)
- Introductions & Attendance
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Treasurers Report
- Legislative Report
- Calendar of Events/4C's Website
- Other Business
- Next Meeting: Monday November 5, 2018

### Did You Know??

The 4C's has recently formed a Facebook group where members can disseminate information related to the antique auto hobby in Connecticut. The Facebook group name is "Connecticut Council of Car Clubs." Feel free to join the group.

You can receive this 4C's newsletter by Email. If you don't already get the newsletter by a .pdf attachment to an Email and would like to, send your name and whether you are an individual member, or what club you are a member of, to [dabajumpaa@aol.com](mailto:dabajumpaa@aol.com). Also, if you would let us know whether you are willing to help the 4C's reduce its mailing and printing expenses by accepting the newsletter via Email only, please include that in your Email to us.

### 4C's Board of Directors:

Chairman: Phil Hamilton 72 Essex Street Deep River, CT 06417 (860) 526-5729	Vice Chairman: John Bajumpaa 13 Mullen Road East Windsor CT 06088 (860) 623-3906 <a href="mailto:jfbajumpaa@aol.com">jfbajumpaa@aol.com</a>	Recording Secretary: Jim Juhas 139 Crescent Circle Cheshire, CT 06410 (203) 578-0958 <a href="mailto:James.F.Juhas@snet.net">James.F.Juhas@snet.net</a>
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## Legislative Report

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As reported in the June newsletter, four bills associated with electronic highway tolls were defeated. However, tolls will continue to be discussed in future sessions. As you may have noted, Governor Malloy's 10 million dollar initiative to direct DOT to study the addition of tolls was approved by the State Bonding Commission on July 25.

Projections for future Connecticut budgets show that they will be running very large deficits. The fiscal note for Senate Bill 532 projects deficits for the budget years beginning July 1, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 of \$2.0, \$2.5, \$3.1 and \$3.6 billion, respectively. So the fiscal problems for the state are far from over and are likely to dominate future legislative sessions.

The 2019 State Legislative Session will begin on January 9 and end on June 5. In preparation for this upcoming session, we plan to retain the services of Hughes and Cronin Public Affairs Strategies to monitor legislation related to the antique auto hobby, as we have done in previous sessions. In this monitoring capacity, Hughes and Cronin informs us of the pending legislation. We report to you on any legislation potentially impacting the hobby, and ask you to contact your legislators and help get favorable legislation passed, and unfavorable legislation defeated (i.e., a "grass roots" approach).

## 4C's Bylaws Revision

At the February 5<sup>th</sup> 4C's Business Meeting, there was discussion of eliminating the January meeting and replacing it with a meeting on the first Monday in May. The 4C's Bylaws, which have not been changed since 1998, currently specify the meeting dates, and need revision to institute this change.

At the April 2<sup>nd</sup> 4C's Business Meeting, a draft revision of the bylaws was presented with the date change. Two other changes were agreed upon, one related to promotion of auto meets and shows in the state, and the second related to election of 4C's Officers.

The current bylaws contain a revision process to follow. In accordance with that process, the June newsletter published a second draft of the revision to the bylaws resulting from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting discussion. At the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, a quorum was present and the bylaws were approved. A copy of the approved version of Revision 2 to the bylaws is included in this newsletter.

## Thanks for Your Support!!

The 4C's thanks the following members who contributed additional money with their membership in 2018:

### Clubs:

#### **Connecticut Street Rod Association Litchfield Hills Historical Auto Club**

Belltown Antique Automobile Club  
Constitution State Classics  
Connecticut Historical Automobile Society  
Summer Knights  
Connecticut Classic Chevy  
Paradise Classic Crusiers  
Connecticut Model "A" Restorers Club  
Valley Collector Car Club  
Connecticut Triumph Register  
Connecticut MG Club  
Yankee Chapter Buick Club of America  
Connecticut Region Early Ford V-8 Club  
Brass City Cruisers  
Yankee Yesteryear Car Club  
Connecticut Crankin' Yanks  
Housatonic Valley Region AACA  
Nutmeg Chapter Buick Club of America

### Individual Members:

<b>Richard Vincent</b>	<b>Scott McWilliam</b>
Steve Mierz	Richard Heath
Marshall Lamenzo	Raymond Lichota
John Scheib	Dexter Crowley
Paul Pawlowski	Wayne Hoffman
Jack White	Don Murphy
Donald Hansen	Don Tenerowicz
Frank Wemple	Donald Bruno
Larry Boardman	Matthew Strus
Robert D'Amico	David Weiss
June Mamula	Paul Lamson
Robert Lachman	Bill Stanley Jr.
Paul Bagley	Peter Merriman
David Cardone	

## 4C's Calendar of Events.

We maintain a Calendar of Events on our website. Our intent is to list all collector car related shows in Connecticut, as well as major regional and national meets. The website is maintained throughout the year. The 4C's does not charge a fee to have your show listed on our website. To have your show listed on the 4C's website, please provide the date/rain date; sponsoring club; who the show benefits; location; and contact person information to:

*John Bajumpaa (4C's)  
13 Mullen Road  
East Windsor, CT 06088*

Or, via E-mail at: [jfbajumpaa@aol.com](mailto:jfbajumpaa@aol.com)

## REFRESHER ON THE \$500 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

We encourage all antique motor vehicles to maintain Early American or Classic Vehicle plates on their vehicles since it is the best way to ensure way the maximum \$500 property tax assessment is applied to your vehicle. However, the statutes also allow the maximum \$500 assessment to apply to certain antique vehicles without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates. Most town property tax assessors will apply the \$500 assessment to any motor vehicle 20 years or older. However, some town property tax assessors will try to distinguish an "antique rare or special interest motor vehicle" from a "modified antique motor vehicle" if the vehicle does not have Early American or Classic Vehicle plates.

While Early American or Classic Vehicle plates are not required to qualify for the maximum \$500 assessment, owners of vehicles without those plates may have to provide documentation to their town assessor that their vehicle qualifies for that assessment. If your motor vehicle is modified without Early American or Classic Vehicle Plates, your local tax assessor could determine that the maximum \$500 assessment does not apply and assess the vehicle at what the assessor considers fair market value.

## News From Outside CT

From the SEMA website

### **Rhode Island Bills to Provide Special Courtesy License Plates Enacted Into Law**

Congratulations, Rhode Island! Courtesy license plate legislation for antique vehicles (S.B. 2260/H.B. 7016) and street rods/customs (S.B. 2484) were signed into law by Governor Gina Raimondo. S.B. 2260/H.B. 7016 provides antique vehicles with courtesy year-of-manufacture plates. Under the current law, "Antique" plates are available for vehicles that are at least 25 years old and used only for exhibitions, parades, and car club activities. Vehicles currently registered as "Antique" may purchase and display replica year-of-manufacture plates with DMV approval. S.B. 2484 provides a courtesy plate for "Street Rods" and "Custom" vehicles. Under current law, a street rod is defined as a 1948 or older vehicle or a vehicle manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1949. Custom vehicles are defined as any motor vehicle at least 25 or more years old and of a model year after 1948; or was manufactured to resemble a vehicle 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; and has been altered from the manufacturer's original design, or has a body constructed from nonoriginal materials.

# **Bylaws of the Connecticut Council of Car Clubs, Inc.**

**Revision 2, June 2018**

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## **Article I - NAME**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Connecticut Council of Car Clubs, Inc. It shall function as a non-profit organization under a charter granted by the State of Connecticut.

## **Article II - PURPOSE**

Section 1. To promote interest in antique, classic and special interest vehicles considered worthy of collection and preservation.

Section 2. To monitor and act as a liaison between the automotive hobby and government for unified action on legislation favorable or unfavorable to our cause and interests.

Section 3. To aid and provide guidance to legislators in drafting proper statutes to encourage the preservation of vehicles of special interest.

Section 4. To promote auto meets and shows within the state.

## **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in the Council of Car Clubs is open to all auto clubs and individuals in the state.

Section 2. Dues for member clubs and individuals shall be set by a recommendation of the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting in November.

## **Article IV - MEETINGS**

Section 1. Meetings will be held of the first Monday of February, April, May, June, August, and November at times and places to be decided by the membership.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Council and of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman, or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3A. Quorum. Those members attending any properly called meeting shall be considered a quorum to conduct any regular business proper to come before the meeting.

3B. Voting Privileges. Voting privileges will be accorded-one vote per member present, up to a maximum two votes per club.

3C. Voting on an amendment to these By-Laws will require a quorum consisting of a minimum of 80% of the average number of members attending the regularly scheduled business meetings over the last year.

3D. For the conduct of business by the Board of Directors, a quorum shall consist of those members of the Board who are present at any meeting of which proper notice was given.

# Bylaws of the Connecticut Council of Car Clubs, Inc.

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## Article V. - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Council shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Section 2. Nominations for elected Officers of the Council may be made by a nominating committee consisting of the current Board of Directors or may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Election shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting in November.

## Article VI. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) persons: All the elected officers currently in office; the immediate past Chairman, or, in the event that the immediate past Chairman is filling another board position or is unable to serve, the current Chairman may appoint any past Chairman; and two members-at-large appointed by the Chairman. The two members-at-large will each serve for a period of two (2) years. Only one member-at-large position will be up for appointment in any one year.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall at all times strive to represent a balance of all aspects of our hobby.

Section 3. The function of the Board of Directors shall be to establish policy for the Council. It shall also serve as an advisory body to the Council, its officers, and when appropriate to the Council's legislative lobbyist.

## Article VII - RULES

Section 1. Robert's "Rules of Order" shall serve as the parliamentary authority for all questions arising that have not been fully provided for by the By-Laws of the Council.

## Article VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any voting member of the Council may introduce a petition for a change in the By-Laws. The petition must be in writing, fully setting forth the desired change. It must also be submitted to the Secretary of the Council at a regular meeting, at which time it will be read to the members present. The Newsletter Editor shall include notice of the proposed change in the next regular mailing of the Council announcing the next meeting. This notice shall also inform the members that the proposed change will be voted on at the meeting, providing that the necessary quorum is present. (Minimum of 80% of the average number of members attending the regularly scheduled business meetings over the last year.) If this quorum is not present, no action will be taken until the next meeting that has a sufficient attendance to meet the quorum requirement. With the necessary quorum present, the proposed change will be read from the original petition and voted upon. A favorable vote of two-thirds of the members voting at this meeting will be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

# Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's)

## New Member/Membership Renewal/Change of Address Form

*Note*  
Please mail  
this entire page

Send All Information to:  
Membership Secretary  
c/o Bob Balkow  
22 Perron Road  
Plainville, CT 06062

This membership application is: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ Change of Information

**Complete Section 1 or Section 2 and Section 3**

*Please Print Clearly*

### **Section 1**

#### **Club Membership - \$50**

(Includes up to two mailings to separate addresses.  
The 4C's recommends one of the two mailings be to  
your Clubs newsletter editor.)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club members \_\_\_\_\_

National Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

First 4C's Mailing to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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4C's Representative (Second Mailing to):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Section 2**

#### **Individual Membership - \$15**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address:

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Member of what car club(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 3**

#### **Complete For All Applications:**

Membership Fee (\$50 or \$15): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

**"CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS"**

Please mail this entire page to:

Connecticut Council of Car Clubs Membership

c/o Bob Balkow

22 Perron Road

Plainville, CT 06062

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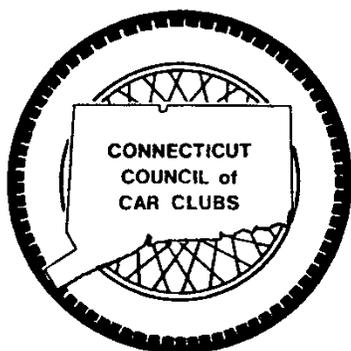
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*Next 4C's Business Meeting:*

**Monday August 6, 2018**

**at the Athenian Diner Restaurant in Middletown**

**(Details inside)**

ALSO:

**4C's Membership Renewals for 2018 for everyone were due in  
January. Please Renew As Soon As Possible (Form on Page 9).**