

Southport's Inaugural Car Show Is Well Received! Easton Cancels Hill Climb Revival



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On Saturday, August 1, 2026, the historic Pequot Library in Southport, CT held its first fundraising car show on its Great Lawn. The VELOCITY in VOLUMES Car Show celebrated both literary and automotive works of art!

Brass era cars starting from 1911 through sports cars up to 1974 were invited from several local car clubs. The many spectators were dazzled by the rarity and the quality of about forty cars that attended.

Rare vehicles included marquis from Austin Healey, Bentley, Cunningham, Mercedes Benz, Pierce-Arrow, and a Riley Ulster Imp race car. In addition, our 1911 Hupmobile Model 20 Roadster was very popular with an audience who asked many questions.

Shenton King, president of the Fairfield County Region Horseless Carriage & Antique Automobile Clubs of America (HCCA/AACA), coordinated the event's planning with Pequot Library's executive director Peter Van Heerden. Further assistance in the preparing and cars exhibiting was generously provided by Lissa Seeberger, the director of the CT Seaport Car Club.

Also invited to join in the festivities were close friends at The Vintage Sports Car Club of America and the Model T and A Clubs of America. Ford Model A's were very well represented and formed a very nice grouping next to Pequot Avenue that drew in more visitors passing by.

Music from the 1920s, 30s and 40s created wonderful ambiance for the occasion. Several car owners dressed in period clothing to complement their vehicles. Two food vendors provided beverages, pastries, and pizza.

A car game from the 1950s was held. The now famous Bumpy Bubbles Champagne Challenge, where cars drive over logs with a passenger trying to balance full champagne flutes was in full effect! After a false start, a 1911 Cadillac Touring Car made it all the way over the logs, only to spill the glasses when it came to a full stop.

The Pequot Library reports that they have received considerable positive feedback, and are considering making the car show an annual event! Car owners that I spoke with afterwards all agreed that it was great fun, was relaxing, and really enjoyed doing it.

Another annual car event, that we were looking forward to, was the Sport Hill Climb Revival and Car Show in Easton. Postponed from the Spring due to heavy rain, another date for late August was selected. However we received this message from Kobus Reyneke of The Vintage Sports Car Club of America, "Regrettably the Easton hill climb reenactment has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts in the town. We'll regroup and return for a bigger and better event!" We will keep our readers posted when these events are scheduled for next year.



Cruisin' With The CT Seaport Car Club

By Lissa Seeberger
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The CT Seaport Car Club has been busy holding cruises on Thursday nights this summer and is about halfway through our schedule. There's still more to come! We've had some great turnouts when the weather wasn't too hot or too iffy. You can find us at Elicit Brewing Company on the 1st Thursday of the month and at Port 5 on the 3rd Thursday of the month, weather permitting. Rain dates are the following Thursday.

All of our cruises feature great food/drinks, music, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and three trophies are awarded to worthy recipients. It's always a tough choice.

Catch the CT Seaport Car Club at our upcoming cruises at 5:00-8:00pm on Thursday nights throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall. The next few cruises are at: Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport) on 8/20/26 and Elicit Brewing Co (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield) on 9/3/26. Check for a postponement on our website if the weather doesn't look good at www.ctseaportcarclub.com under upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you!



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