

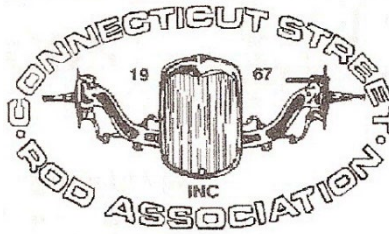
# CONNECTICUT STREET ROD ASSOCIATION



**Merry Christmas to all the CSRA Members**



# DEC 2025



## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2025 C.S.R.A. MEETING

**SERGEANT OF ARMS:** Armand Couture

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Accepted

**TREASURER REPORT:** Tom reported on our income, expenses and Costs of running the club each month. Paid a lot of bills last month. Building inside Christmas decorations Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30am.

**BUILDING OUTSIDE:** Pending workday. Armand thanked Tom Massoni for his help cutting the grass

**DONATIONS:** \$500 Marines Toys for Tots.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** **Voted on and passed \$10 MONTHLY, \$120.00 YEARLY to be Paid by the February Member meeting.** First increase in Club history.

**WELCOME BACK:** **Paul Schaffer long time member and Hotrodder.**

**CARS AND COFFEE:** Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NSRA:** Two day shows going over big.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Going well.

**WEB SITE:** Up to date.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Roseanne thanked everyone for their help and attendance all had a Great time.

**MODEL KIT SHOW:** Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, **BANQUET Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**, **Friday Night BINGO Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**,  
**BOARD MEETING:** Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

**CLUB APPAREL:** Dave has many new items preorder and everyday sales on club merchandise and swag.

**NEWSLETTER:** Up and running well Halloween edition.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **CNN** returning to New Life church. Jerry V, what happened to the Military display in the hallway? (getting updated)

**Swap and Sell:** Sandpit- Six-cylinder intake, New Dolphin gauges, Dave has autobody supplies. 50-50 winners Sarah Lambert - Tom Nevico

**THE PREZ SEZ**

Hi Everyone,

The results from the Board of Directors election at the November meeting have shown that the majority of members support the positive direction we are going. Being voted in once again I will continue to put our club first in any way possible. Having the responsibility of guiding our club, I, along with Dennis and Felix who were also voted back in, and all of our directors will continue to stay focused on all things car hobby related.

We have a few new ideas which we will put forward in the new year with the member's support. For the remaining time left this year our final special event will take place December 7th - the Model Kit Show. New this year at the event there will be a display of models built especially for the event. There may be some competition taking place as well. To add to the displays, I plan on bringing out a set of 1/8 scale models. These models made by Monogram in the early 60's were definitely the reason many kids grew up being hotrodders. Even today some adults still seek out these models to build and collect, so yes, some of us will never grow up.

Also, at our November meeting a discussion took place about the annual dues which since 1967 had remained at \$20.00. It's no surprise the time has come to finally raise the dues with the inflation rate, \$20.00 in 1967 is now over \$191.00. We, the Board, have been put forth a vote to raise the dues to \$120.00 annually starting in January 2026. The members in attendance voted in favor of raising the dues. Membership renewal forms are in this newsletter and can also be obtained at the next meeting. They can be submitted at the January meeting and no later than the February meeting along with the annual dues of \$120.00

New Years Day we will be getting together at our club house. The plan is to do it same way as in the past - details will be discussed at our December meeting. Ron

**CLUB NEWS**

**A late condolence to the family of Candi Cave who had a massive heart attack. And a former member Dave Cody. Both passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave Cody and Candi Cave's families.**

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to Paul Cody who was in the hospital**

**Election over with the same Board Members. Club Dues will be going up to \$120 yearly paid by February 2026**

**Returning to the club a former member Paul Schaefer with his 34' Chevy 5-window has owned it for 50 yrs.**

**BINGO DEC 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**DEC 7<sup>th</sup> Model Car Show**

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm Looking for volunteers for the CSRA Audit**

**Rich Libassi - your "C.S.R.A. Historian" was nice enough to let us borrow all of his previous Nutmeg Motor Newsletters. I will be taking bits and pieces from them and sharing in each month's newsletter. Some things have changed, some remain the same!**

**Laura San Giovanni**

## **TID BITS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS: 2004**

- **President: Ron San Giovanni**
- **Vice President: Bob Kesilewski**
- **Club Dues are \$20.00**
- **At the Swap Meet meeting there were aerial pictures for viewing which changed the way vendors entered the field. For Fall there will be no street rod parking allowed.**
- **Prospective members are: Bill Palmer aka Captain Bill, Ed Kirby, Jerry Augustine, Doug Wilson, Scot Cave, Mike Campagnuolo and Derrick Pesko.**
- **John Perkowski was given a '41 Buick from the Club. He has been a great help at the Swap Meets and CNN for not being a member yet.**
- **We Hear: Don Gallant is getting to know all the cops in Wallingford by setting off our alarm at the Clubhouse!**
- **CSRA is the proud owner of a used soda cooler thanks to Gary Van Tassell.**
- **On August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm a cruise was held at the Clubhouse and more than 40 cars attended.**
- **New Members are Paul Merz, John Perkowski, John Grestini, Tom Keiser, and Paul Mileski.**
- **Pete Bozzo is planning a get together at the New England Air Museum.**
- **Ron D'Amato was the first to put down rubber on our new parking lot. He was fined \$25. He paid in full by check (it was never cashed)!!**
- **Every Thursday night we need volunteers to mow the lawn. See Tom Falconieri.**
- **Raincoats have been ordered for members and spouses.**
- **CSRA has had it's first Mystery Cruise. Our Cruise Committee, Candace and Charlie Van Tassell, Donna and Junie Barretta, and Cindy and Dave Grant spent lots of hours planning a nice route to travel. Over 40 cars made the cruise.**
- **Wayne and Sheri Chandler are moving to Florida. We will be looking for members interested in filling the remaining term of Wayne's Director position.**

## ***DEC. BIRTHDAY'S AND EVENTS***

***by Bette Dybick***

***Barbara Borrelli – 9<sup>th</sup>***

***Tom Massoni – 23<sup>rd</sup>***

***Dave Volturno -11<sup>th</sup>***

***Dave Goduti, Jr. – 27<sup>th</sup>***

***Wayne Rydzy – 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Steve VanBlarcom – 30<sup>th</sup>***

***Shirley D'Agostino – 20<sup>th</sup>***

***Paul Buccheri, Jr. – 30<sup>th</sup>***

***Ron San Giovanni -22<sup>nd</sup>***

***Ben Francis -31<sup>st</sup>***

***December 7<sup>th</sup> – Model Car Show***

***December 21<sup>st</sup> - Cars and Coffee***

**November 16, 2025: Cars & Coffee**

Laura San Giovanni saw these comments on the CT Car Shows and Cruise facebook group, so of course she had to comment and thank him!

Steve Frosaac

"Cars & Coffee at the Connecticut Street Rod Association I Wallingford to noon today, I believe."

Reply

Brian Esposito All-star contributor "Yes probably about 30 cars or so. Made the trek out with Ada, Connecticut Street rod Association always does a great cars & coffee. Only about five Minutes of a very light sprinkle."



Steve Frosaac Brian Esposito, Awesome! Looking good, Brian! Thanks for the check-in! Happy Sunday!

Brian Esposito Happy Sunday!

Laura Hotrod Mama San Giovanni Thanks you for coming on this gray sprinkle morning! We



## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE: 32' Ford roadster, steel body from Brookville. A former Bonneville record holder. Modified RCI chassi. A hopped up 283 T-5, QC 4 wdb. Has about 5,000 miles. Reliable fun driver, asking 60k. Call Rob 203-241-0468**



**Wanted: In great need for a drivers door for a 1932 Ford 5 Window Coupe. Even the top half would help CALL - Tom Gormley**

**203-233-5901 or Email t27sedan@aol.com**

**For Sale: 2003 Chevy S-10 pickup truck- One owner 148K miles. Burns NO oil. Automatic 4-CYL. trailer hitch. Bed liner! Body little ruff. New tires. Runs well! Owner retired.**

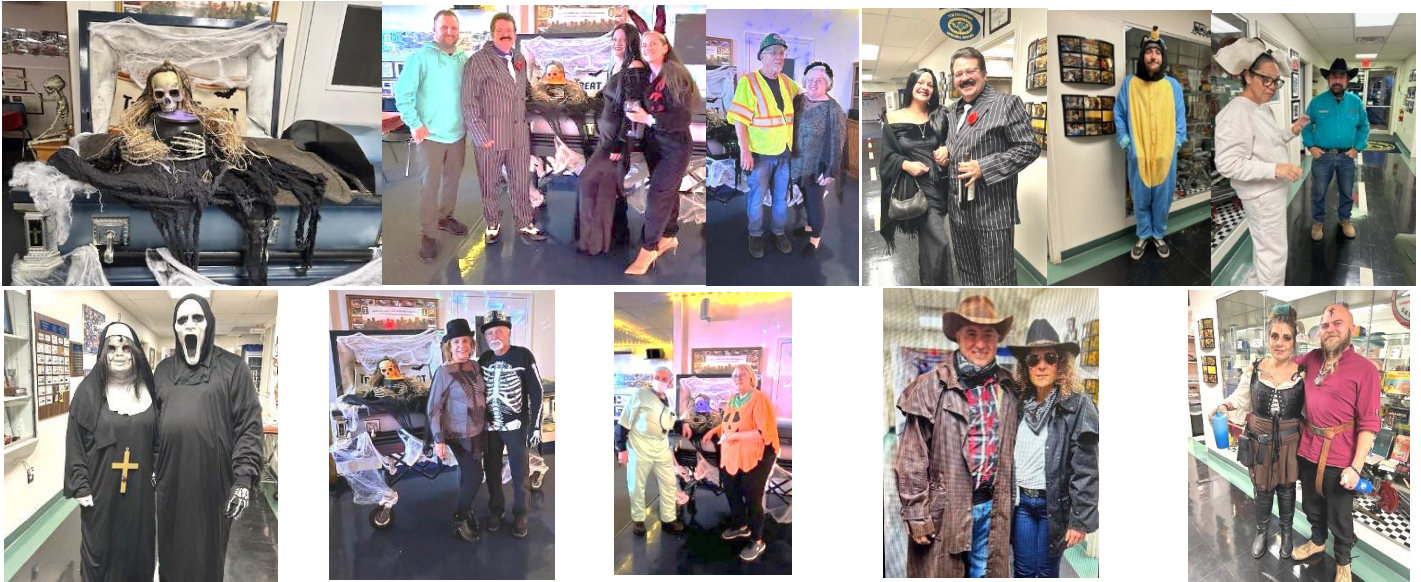


**All papers Call-860-347-2600 .**

**\$1,600.00.**

## CSRA HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Rose Brennan and a few club members who did a good job of setting up the spooky clubhouse, it even had a casket to set up the scary setting. And there were plenty of nice costumes. See them below.**



## CAN YOU GUESS WHO'S WHO

## CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ARE LINING UP TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS LONG-RUNNING CAR SHOW



There's nothing like an outdoor community event to bring people together and enjoy not only the weather, but fun activities as well. But one such event in San Clemente, California, is receiving some negative reactions. In fact, the noisy Cars and Coffee show, which could feature [some of the longest classic cars to ever hit the streets](#), is getting complaints over a number of different issues.

Cars and Coffee is a car show that happens every Saturday morning at the San Clemente Outlets, an open-air

shopping center. Thousands of people come out for the weekly event, which showcases an array of classic cars. The combination of loud, revving car engines, and drivers speeding away from the event, are at the root of the problem. But there's also the issue of kids standing on dangerous curbs, lining up on bridges, or even going onto freeway on-ramps, to watch the cars as they pass through. The problems have increased to the point that local law enforcement have written tickets, made arrests, and even impounded vehicles as well.

In response to community complaints, city officials may conduct a public hearing. Such a hearing would be used to closely review the car show's conditional use permit, with the goal of possibly enforcing stricter rules on how the event operates overall. Though Cars and Coffee is indeed popular with many in the area, members of the San Clemente City Council seem focused on keeping everyone safe at the event.

The overall importance of Cars and Coffee has been emphasized by organizers and local companies in San Clemente alike. The event brings in thousands of people each week, and has become central for business owners, whose weekend operations are positively impacted by the extra sales. Cars and Coffee also boasts a social media reach of over 4 million per month, providing opportunities for participants to increase their own businesses too.

Cars and Coffee began in the early 2000s in Southern California, with the first informal event taking place in Crystal Cove, near Newport Beach. It was open to all types of vehicles, including [classic cars that may not be practical to use as daily drivers](#). The event gave car enthusiasts a chance to enjoy a morning drive with a hot cup of coffee. The event was a hit and quickly grew in popularity, until noise complaints shut it down in 2006.

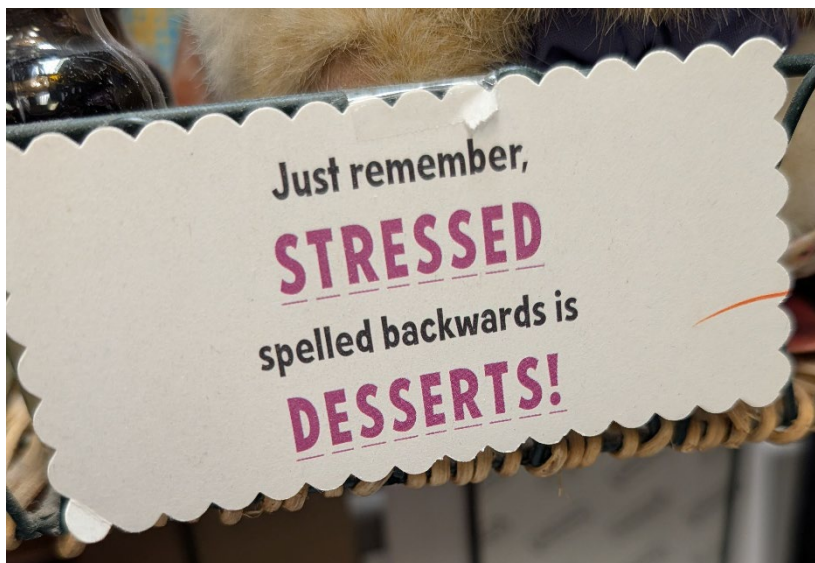
The event then moved to an office parking lot in Irvine, California. Officially taking the name Cars and Coffee, the weekly event drew around 1,000 cars at its peak. But the space being used just wasn't enough to accommodate the crowds. Plus, once again, complaints of loud noise, [which may be due to loud classic car feature](#), also began coming in. The Irvine show came to an end in 2014. The San Clemente show is still going however, as Cars and Coffee has gained traction throughout the U.S. and internationally as well.

## SOME CONNECTICUT STREET RODS AT CARS & COFFEE PICTURES





TWO PICTURES FROM JERRY VERONESI





CONNECTICUT STREET ROD ASSOCIATION  
NEW & RENEWAL FORM 2026 MEMBERSHIP

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

THE YEAR YOU JOINED THE CLUB YEAR / /

YOUR CLUB# YOUR NSRA# DATE OF BIRTH MONTH / / DAY / / YEAR /

NAME LAST FIRST NICK NAME MARRIED YES [ ] NO [ ]

ADDRESS TOWN STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE # CELL PHONE#

OCCUPATION: RETIRED:

**DUES: \$120.00 PAID YEARLY BY FEBUARY**

WERE YOU EVER IN THE ARMED SERVICE YES [ ] NO [ ] NAME OF SERVICE

IF MARRIED – SPOUSE’S NAME DATE OF BIRTH MONTH / / DAY / /

IF SIGNIFICANT OTHER DATE OF BIRTH MONTH / / DAY / /

MAKE AND YEAR OF STREET ROD

BODY STYLE COLOR LICENSE PLATE #

DO YOU HAVE OTHER STREET RODS OR SPECIAL INTEREST CARS

ARE YOU N.S.R.A. INSPECTED YES [ ] NO [ ] - PASSED YES [ ] NO [ ] - IS YOUR CAR ON THE ROAD YES [ ] NO [ ]

REASON FOR NOT ON ROAD

IF YOU BELONG TO ANOTHER CLUB PLEASE NAME:

HAVE YOU MADE ALL YOUR COMMITMENTS LAST YEAR..... YES [ ] NO [ ]

DO YOU WANT YOUR NAME IN THE FELLOW PAGES..... YES [ ] NO [ ]

DID YOU HEAD A COMMITTEE LAST YEAR..... YES [ ] NO [ ]

YOUR E-MAIL  
ADDRESS

*ANYONE WHO RECEIVES PROPERTIES FROM CLUB MUST RETURN ITEMS WHEN THEY LEAVE CLUB*

**NUTMEG MOTOR NEWS – CONNECTICUT STREET ROD ASSOCIATION**  
**NEW & RENEWAL FORM 2026 MEMBERSHIP**  
**PLEASE FILL-OUT THIS SIZE FORM TO KEEP OUR RECORDS CURRENT**

**CIRCLE MEMBER SIZE**

**SHIRT** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL **PANTS** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL **JACKET** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL

**CIRCLE SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER SIZE**

**SHIRT** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL **PANTS** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL **JACKET** S – M - L – XL – XXL – XXXL

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**COMMENTS:**