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June 1—Taste Of Maine Rally.

More than two dozen club cars gathered at the Taste of Maine restaurant in Woolwich to begin the rally, finally to finish for lunch at the Shuck Station Raw Bar in Newcastle. Superb weather and an equally wonderful route laid out by Lucy Harrington was the setting for Ian Marshall's sometimes obscure and devious 50 rally clues. Third-place winners were Deb & Scott Randal in their Alfa; second place went to Brent & Susan Pope (Porsche) and Tom & Wendy Miller finished first in their BMW Z4 (this was their second consecutive MMSCC rally win, too).



January 13—Annual Meeting.

The severe storm did not deter almost 40 die-hard members from attending the Annual General Meeting & Holiday Luncheon at the Owls Head Museum. Surrounded by classic cars, helicopters and planes attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal and good company. Our incoming President, Silvio Calabi, recognized the Events Committee and introduced the revised club charter, which was approved. After the club officers were re-elected, the James Lea Driving Award was presented to Cathy and Steve Achorn.



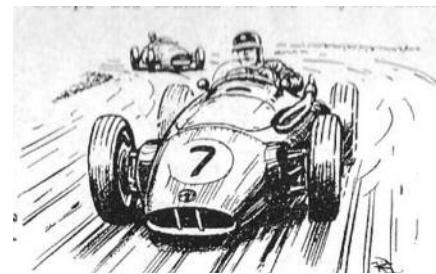
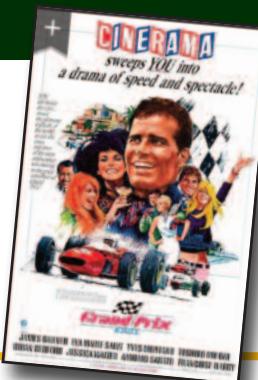
February 10—Luncheon.

Some 25 members—a few of whom brought out their classic cars, at least the newer hardtops—braved the chilly, wet weather to gather at Jodi's Cafe & Bakery in Wiscasset. We dominated the restaurant with lively conversation and were served tasty meals by Jodi's excellent staff. On behalf of the Events Committee, Edmund (not Edward) Schultz announced several upcoming events and promised us more.

2024 Is filled with lots of time on the road and with friends.

March 17 —Movie Madness.

The feature of the afternoon was the 1966 racing classic Grand Prix—with James Garner, Eve Marie Saint, Toshiro Mifune, Graham Hill and more—played on a large screen in the Owls Head Museum auditorium. Sandy Aukeman provided popcorn and Ed Avis the cordless vacuum for cleanup. It was a nice gathering to lead up to the driving season.

**April 6** —Maine Manufacturers' Tour.

Our day began at Nomad Motors in Damariscotta, where classic cars are converted to EV. We first saw an example of their work, an EV BMW 2002, last summer at the Boothbay Car show. Today at their shop we saw a Landrover in the process of becoming an EV. Next stop was Shoreline Detail Pros at Brunswick Landing where we learned about ceramic coating, paint protection and detailing. Stunning is the only work to describe their work. We wrapped up the day at the Flight Deck Brewery for lunch. Thanks to Dennis and Diana Griggs for the photos.

May 18 —Southern Dust-off, Seacoast Trolley

Museum. Our first event of the weekend drew 30 members to the Seacoast Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, where (of course) we rode a trolley and then toured the museum's extensive barns full of vintage trolley cars from around the world. Lunch was at Mike's Clam Shack in Wells, followed by a caravan north along the coast, past Gooch's Beach and Walker's Point, to the Motorland Classic Car Museum. Great thanks to Steve & Cathie Achorn for orchestrating the event.

**May 19** —Northern Dust-off, Cole Family Transportation Museum.

Some 15 members gathered at the museum in Bangor to enjoy the wide variety of cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, fire trucks and even wooden sleds. After lunch at the downtown Sea Dog Brewpub, Ed Schultz led us along Rte. 202 on a scenic but lightly traveled byway to Augusta. The rain held off and our group slowly pared down to just Ed, Sam Surprise and John Craig in his well-preserved Sunbeam Alpine. Many thanks to Mr. Schultz for organizing the day!

**June 22** —Cars, Coffee & Lunch.

Despite wet and gloomy weather, the turnout was robust at Coastal Classic Cars in Brunswick to celebrate proprietor and Friend-of-MMSCC Jon Lee's imminent retirement. Then the convoy followed Ed & Sandi Schultz on a route that wound up at Land's End, on Bailey Island, for some retail therapy at the gift shop before backtracking to Cook's Lobster & Ale House for lunch. There were no sightings of the dead whale that washed up alongside the Cribstone Bridge between Orr's and Bailey Islands two days later.



TRIVIA Question;**What is a de Dion Axle??**

It is a non-independent beam or tube rear suspension system. Also known as a “dead axle” because it doesn’t transmit power to the drive wheels. It holds the rear wheels parallel and is not connected to the chassis. Thus, it reduces unsprung weight. It was used on race cars in the 1950’s and 60’s. Including Ferrari, Lotus, Maserati and Alfa Romeo.

Shown in the above photo, a Lotus Eleven Le Mans. Also note that the disc brakes are located inboard to reduce unsprung weight on the rear wheels.

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July 27 —Camden Regatta Parade

The MMSCC was well represented at the annual Camden Classics Cup regatta's Parade of Sail with more than 30 cars on display in Lyman-Morse's boatyard on Saturday, July 27. We couldn't have had a more perfect day, too, with bright sun, blue sky, moderate temperatures and a large and appreciative crowd. Afterward we convoyed to Ports of Italy's restaurant on Rte. 1 in Rockport for lunch. We've eaten there before and the experience never disappoints—good food, excellent service and great company.

August 3 —MMSCC Summer Picnic.

Saturday, August 3, dawned gray, chilly and rainy—hardly propitious for our annual summer social. But the weather gods predicted clearing, and so a triple handful of hardy MMSCC members convened at Sarah and Chrisso Rheault's seaside home for the traditional barbecue and picnic. The Rheault "compound" lies at the end of Crow's Nest Lane, on a point protruding into Davis Cove in Cushing. Chrisso had prepared the charcoal grill and we cooked up what we'd brought, shared our desserts, broke out the beer and wine and enjoyed what turned out to be a delightful event. As ever, many thanks to Sarah and Chrisso for their hospitality.



August 18 —Boothbay Harbor Picnic and Car Show.

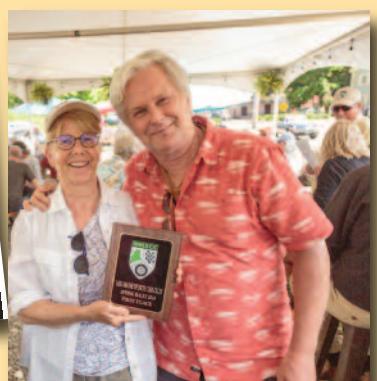
Despite wet and gloomy weather in the morning we had a respectable gathering of vehicles show up at Bob & Jean McKay's home for their annual picnic, 32 members' total. It was a BYOF affair with plenty of sweets to share and good conversation. Then Bob fired up his very special Lotus Eleven, which was actually part of the 1957 Mille Miglia race, and gave a detailed overview of the car and many of its unique features like a tendency to have front-end lift at 100+ because of a back panel on the radiator. Cool stuff. Then we headed off to the other side of the harbor for the BHYC Car show, where we joined another passel of car enthusiasts and signed 4 new memberships. Much thanks for Bob and Jean's gracious hospitality.

Dates to Remember:

September 1
Annual Camden Car Show

September 21
Owls Head Foreign Car Show

October 12
Fall Peepers Rally



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Contribute to your News Letter.

If you have a special story to tell about your car, a how to fix it solutions, or a trivia question and an answer,...please contact Sam Suprise or Bob McKay so that we can add it to an up and coming news letter.

Many thanks to Dennis and Diana Griggs for the great photos and to the others that have contributed to your news letter.