

November 2026

I want to personally thank everyone who helped make Newark Days and our Annual Club Picnic such an enormous success! We were a few cars shy of 200 cars! 🎉🚗❤️

A BIG thank you to Tony Vargas, our "Point Man," for putting in the time and effort to attend all the monthly committee meetings, reaching out to merchants to secure quality items for the goodie bags, and helping coordinate everything that went into making Newark Days a success. Tony, we truly appreciate all you do for the Classic Cruisers! 👏👏.

A special thank you to Tony LaCentra for standing in for the Classic Cruisers and attending the meetings throughout the planning process. Your dedication and support are appreciated!

And thank you to Ron, Sharon, John, Sandy, and for rolling up your sleeves and helping stuff all those goodie bags! 🛍️👏 It may seem like a small job, but it takes a lot of hands to get everything ready.

Thank you to Chris, Gina, Denise, Tammy, and Sandy for running registration.

Special thanks to our DJ John Pappas for keeping the energy up all day.

In the kitchen, thank you to Gil, Wally, Rob, and Jose for all your hard work.

To everyone who brought desserts, salads, appetizers, and more—thank you for adding to the feast!

A shout-out to our parking crew—Dennis, Mike Silberman, Paul Lynch, John, and the handful of non-club members Lou and Jose, who pitched in to help.

Most importantly, thank you ALL for being such a great part of our Classic Cruiser Family. And if I forgot anyone—thank you too! 😊

SICK CALL:

Continue to keep our Classic Cruisers family and friends in our prayers and well wishes. Larry Samsky lost his mom on Newark Days keep him in your prayers. Even those who choose to stay silent are still part of the circle and we want to lift them up with the same love, strength, and respect.

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See you at our next meeting October 21st @ Billy Roys

SARGE

Check out our website classiccruisersusa.org for our monthly newsletter, gallery, and more.

Upcoming Events

- Fremont, Roses 🌹 Cars & Coffee, Lloyds Donut Kitchen, 1st Saturday Every Month 08:00-11:00
  - Oct 3rd /Nov 7th H
- Niles Flying A, 2nd Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
  - Oct 11th/Nov 8th
- San Leandro, Elios 2nd & 4th Thursday 3:30 until dusk
  - Oct 8th & 22nd **(Last One)**

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- Nov 1st Turlock Swap-meet
- Nov 1st Daylight Savings 😴
- Nov 7th San Jose Chevy Club Toy Drive
- Nov 11th Veterans Day 🇺🇸
- Nov 14-15th Pleasanton, Goodguys
- Nov 26th Thanksgiving 🦃🍁🥧
- Dec 3rd Fremont, 15th Annual Crippsmas Place Cruise
- Dec 5th Cruisin For Tots Toy Drive, (Tentative Date)
- Dec 12th Niles, Christmas Party (Paid Members Only)

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- ***January 16th Pizza Membership Renewal Night (More Details To Follow)***
- Jan 30-31st Turlock Swap-meet




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Dennis to the rescue, get Rays car fixed







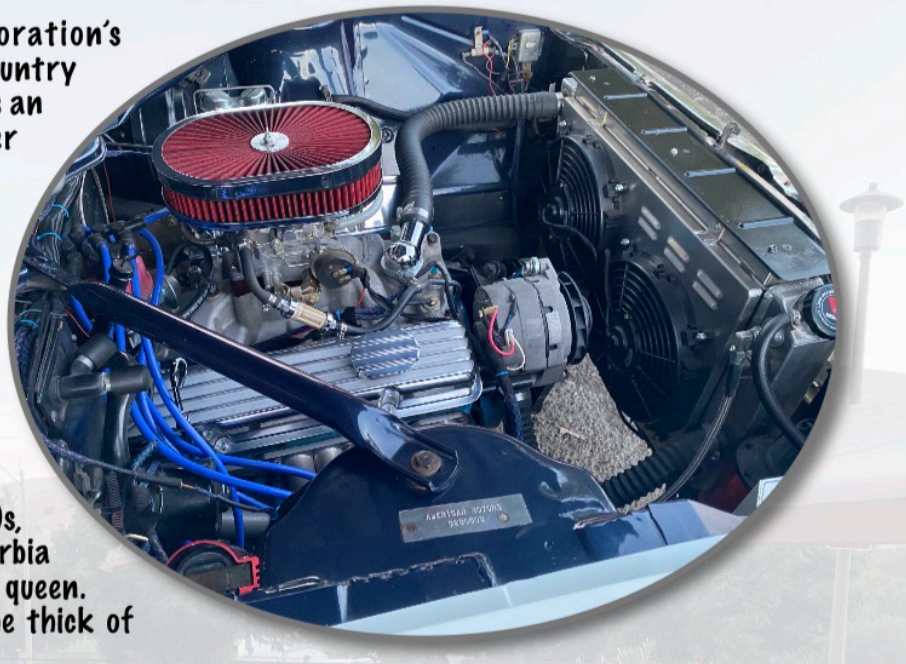







Member's Spotlight
Classic Cruisers USA
NOVEMBER 2026
NO. 8
By: Donny Tofft
63
RAMBLER

American Motors Corporation's (AMC) Rambler Cross Country Classic 770 Station Wagon was an excellent suburban kid-hauler and grocery getter. It was practical, affordable, and looked modern; I imagine they were just part of the scenery in their day. Like today's BMWs, Tahoes, and Teslas these wagons were once a common sight at elementary schools, grocery stores, and little league parks. Of course, it being the early '60s, the station wagon and suburbia were the reigning king and queen. Rambler was right there in the thick of





Sept 2023 Steve and son Mason setting in the new power plant and transmission

things, as all three of their car lines (American, Classic and Ambassador) offered station wagons and even offered them in two or four door versions. One big new selling point was the one-piece outer "Uniside" construction, a single stamped body for 63. Motor Trend magazine selected AMC's Classic line for the 1963 "Car of the Year" award.

The 1963 Rambler Classic station wagon was the staple of many childhood memories. Today, these wagons look pretty stylish and the script had been completely flipped as in the case of our featured car, its original owner likely placed a premium on this car's capabilities over its image which probably prolonged its longevity simply by being itself, This Classic 770 wagon won out in the end, hopefully with many more chapters in its existence still to be written.

Our featured 1963 AMC Ramblers present chapter is being written by Steve and Shelly Luperine and their Cross Country Classic 770 (deluxe trim package) 4 door station wagon. The two tone beauty featuring white over dark blue exterior paint and OEM stock toupee vinyl with blue cloth accent interior is a looker. They were lucky and only had to replace the headliner







- *Left: Clean OEM stock interior*
- *Middle: Factory roof rack*
- *Right: Top of the line model 770 Cross Country Classic Rambler Station Wagon*

and it represents AMC's vision very well. "I traded a 2010 Saturn Ion project car my son Mason and I made into a rally car" Steve admits. He drove the newly acquired wagon for three years adding only the side pipes and maintaining it while planning the V8 swap. In early September 2023 the original straight 6 with 3 speed automatic transmission were replaced with a Craigslist Chevy 350 engine that was completely torn down, honed and re-ringed. Backing that up with a turbo 400 transmission that was freshen up by Steve and his son. The drive train was completed with a 3 link mounted Ford 8 inch rear end including ladder bars, coil overs, posi-traction and 300 gears. All the design, fabrication, mounting brackets, welding and fitment was completed by Mason in the family driveway. "Front brakes were converted to disc" Steve says. The whole transformation took approximately a month to complete and the funnest part about the wagon was building it with my son, some great memories he recalls.

The Luperines have been in the Classic Cruisers for around three years now and love being around people and hearing all the great stories. "I love old cars and I always have, there is just something about them that just makes me feel good. It doesn't matter what make or model I love them all and if there's a way for me to keep another one on the road you can count me in" he adds. Steve's other interests include surfing and when displaying the car for shows usually includes his surf boards on the original roof rack. One of the boards was given to him by his uncles late best friend and holds a significant emotional attachment and is displayed in his memory. A proud moment Steve shared with me is receiving the People's Choice award at our Newark Days show in 2024, a honor well deserved.

Thanks Steve for sharing your story with me it was a true pleasure. This Rambler has indeed found a good home and I look forward to its next chapter.


Hot August Niles “26”


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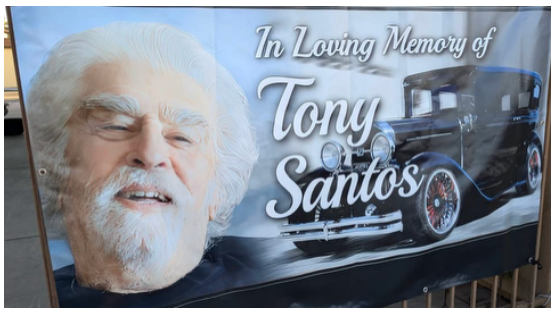











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Santos


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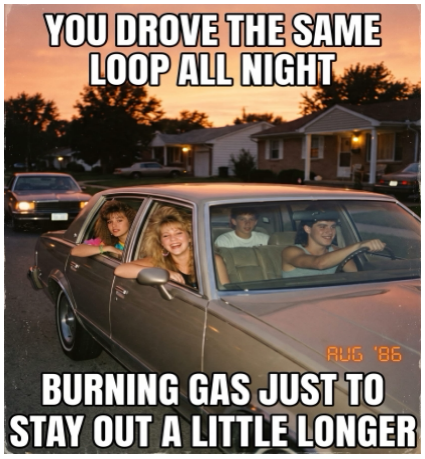






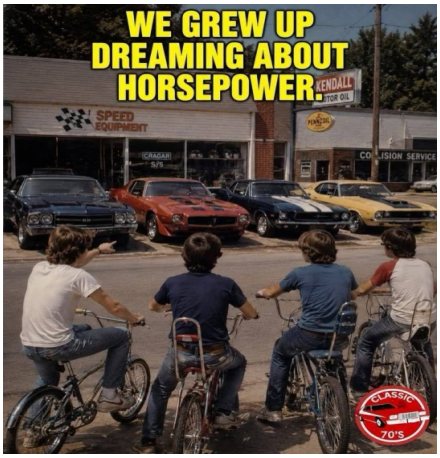


“Just Stuff” “


YOU DROVE THE SAME LOOP ALL NIGHT
AUG '86
BURNING GAS JUST TO STAY OUT A LITTLE LONGER


WE DIDN'T NEED A COMPUTER TO FIND THE PROBLEM. WE LISTENED TO THE ENGINE.


WE DIDN'T LEARN TO DRIVE STICK FROM A YOUTUBE VIDEO.
WE STALLED IT TEN TIMES IN A FIELD UNTIL SOMEBODY'S PATIENCE RAN OUT.


WE GREW UP DREAMING ABOUT HORSEPOWER.
SPEED EQUIPMENT
CLASSIC 70'S


Fitting into society
Being happy
FELIX


Everyone loves a great trophy but this is the best Reason to take your cars to shows.
THE REAL TROPHY?
GOOD FRIENDS.
GREAT CARS.
STORIES. LAUGHS.
AND MEMORIES
THAT LAST.
THAT'S THE WIN.

Mission Statement

Since 1997:

Our club promotes camaraderie and enthusiasm for the classics, custom automobiles, trucks to bring back the memories of the past. The pride we have for our vehicles is shared with the community, by participating in car shows for local charities and civic organizations. The Classic Cruisers help spread goodwill and friendship through the pride and passion of the classic and custom cars we own. We hold weekly car gatherings during the summer months on Fridays 3:30 – 6:30 at the corner of Newark Blvd. and Jarvis Blvd. Safeway shopping center Newark. We hold an annual car show in May of each year. We enjoy sharing interests in all types of cars. We welcome all car owners and invite anyone interested in becoming a member to ask any member for more information.

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