



European Motor Club *of Central New York*

The 2 Seater

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The European Motor Club of CNY Connection

European Motor Club of CNY PO Box 1666; Cicero, NY 13039

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Message from the President:

Happy September,

This past weekend I attended Watkins Glen Heritage weekend. What a great event for those who enjoy the car hobby. Pam and I participated in the Glenora Run with John and Carolyn VanWie and Sue and Pete Sanborn. The morning was a beautiful ride through the southern Fingerlakes ending up in Watkins Glen State Park for lunch with the other 130+ cars participating. It was great to me up with some friends from other clubs in the area and meet some new people learning about their cars as well. After lunch it was off to take a couple of laps around the Old Racecourse that went through the streets in the early days of racing at Watkins Glen. What a great opportunity to show your car to the thousands of spectators that lined Franklin Street downtown. We ended by parking downtown on Franklin St. for everyone to walk around and view the cars in the day's events. I was glad to see we had additional club members in the crowds as well. Long day, but great fun.



As I think about this past weekend, I am reminded of what a great place Central New York is to enjoy your car. I have been to events and rides this summer going north, south, east, and west from my home. This is a beautiful area to take rides in the summer and even into the fall with the changing leaves even as our season comes to close for another year.

The driving season goes by so quickly, I believe it allows us to appreciate the activities that much more. I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to Bill Licker for such a good job of keeping us informed of all the many, many things that have been going on this year. Also, a big thank you to all those who have put together events and activities for us to participate in as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting. We will be discussing the opportunities for new leadership in our club. I encourage all to think about ways to contribute. Being a part of the leadership team allows you to get to know your fellow club members better and also meet a lot of new people outside our club as well. Remember no contribution is too small.

Let's have a great October together, still more fun to come.

Safe Travels, Frank Gordnier

Mark Your Calendar:

General Club Meetings at Barbagallo's; 6344 E. Molloy Rd., E. Syr. Dinner at 6PM; Meeting starts at 7PM; first Tuesday of each month				Board Meetings Meeting starts at 7PM; All meetings held on Tuesdays			
January	3	July	5 (Wed.)	January	17	July	18
February	7	August	1	February	21	August	15
March	7	September	5	March	21	September	19
April	4	October	3	April	18	October	17
May	2	November	7	May	16	November	21
June	6	December	5	June	20	December	19

General Club meeting (September 5th):

- Activities:
- Attendance: 28 attended
 - Membership:- approx 98; EMCC business cards are always available
 - Treasurer: need 2 volunteers for auditing the books; only need a couple of hours
 - Activities: **we need to be concerned** of the sparse attendance for activities that started out with great enthusiasm; we recently lost \$300 for people who committed but did not show. Things can come up at the last minute and we understand but please make every effort to attend if you commit to attending, especially those where we have to pay in advance.
 - Thoughts and prayers for Ray & Linda Havener
 - Sandy Glenister has passed away; keep Carl in your prayers as he is having a difficult time dealing with his own issues
 - Run before sleep: maybe Norwich in October?
 - Charity check presentation

Kevin's Rec Room:



Purpose Farm:



Upcoming Events of Interest

- Festa Italiana Syracuse, Syracuse NY, 9/16-17. Sat & Sun morning, we will have guided drives around the Finger Lakes area. Both drives will end at the festival. If we have a good number Italian cars, we will have an area at the festival to park. If only a few cars show, we will park in the private lot at Rocco's office. If you are interested in joining us, **please let us know** and we will keep you posted. At this time, we are taking a straw poll to see if there are enough people to make this work logistically.
Rocco and Roberta Mangano; rmangano@rmanganolaw.com; phone 315-447-6790
- Lyons Club and Clayton both on 9/16
- Sept birthdays: Judy Licker-9/1; Jeremy Kay-9/4; Allen Adkins-9/6; Terri LaVergne-9/7; Liz Mastracco-9/16; Barbara Zabinski-9/19; Mark Sherman-9/20; Steve Prosonic-9/22; Neal Johnson-9/26
- Euro Car Show (June 16, 2024)

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd

Cars for Sale:

- **1990 Alfa Romeo Veloce Spider, \$5900**
Kevin Perdew
kperdew54@gmail.com
- **MGB has 71,600 miles. I haven't been driving it much, so it's time to share it with the next caretaker. I think it's worth about \$8,500.**
Randy Olson
holtian143@hotmail.com
- **1973 Triumph Spitfire MK III, Tuned up & running great! Asking \$3,600**
Ray Dromms, 315 254 4889
rpdro1729@gmail.com
- **1963 MGB (no overdrive) - for sale by original owner: \$8,900, original Paint, 70,000 (approximately) original miles; original mechanics in place/recent tune up (mechanically sound) by Manlius Motorworks and in great working order; needs interior work (seats need refinish and new carpet work), dash looks good condition and all gauges in working order; Includes stow-in-2 original top & tonneaux cover; Binder with all mechanical work done (I wouldn't be surprised if original bill of sale is included in there)**
Florence Kirk, 315-415-9204
email: Florence.kirk@oswego.edu

Parts / Items for Sale:

- **I have the following items that may be of interest to Syracuse/Upstate NY MG people.**
Two cloth patches: 1) The Golden Gathering, Syracuse GOF, 1990; and 2) Upstate NY MG 'T'S
One dash plaque: MG 'T' Car Club of Syracuse No. 17
One award size of 5 3/4" x 4 1/4"; ENY GOF MK-I, 3-RD RALLYE engraved on front; Oneida Silversmiths on reverse
\$10 for everything plus shipping
Mike Marini, Sheboygan, WI
mmsheb3@gmail.com
- **I have a couple seats out of my 1971 MGB and a (NEW) Lucas switch for a Spitfire. It fits the years 1977-1980.**
Seats: Autumn Leaf, no rips or tears 150.00 or BO. Lucas Switch: never used still in the box. 10.00
Lenny Morgese; 315-416-0382; Email : morgese99@gmail.com
- **I have an engine lift (2 ton capacity) made in the USA. Asking \$200**
I also have a Bendpak Mid-Rise scissor lift: Capacity: 6,000 lbs; Max Lifting Height w/o Adapters: 47"; Lowered Height: 4.75"; Power Requirements: 110 VAC / 50/60 Hz. 1Ph. Asking \$500
John Duncan 315-374-3562

Please let me know if you have any updates to the items listed in this classified section

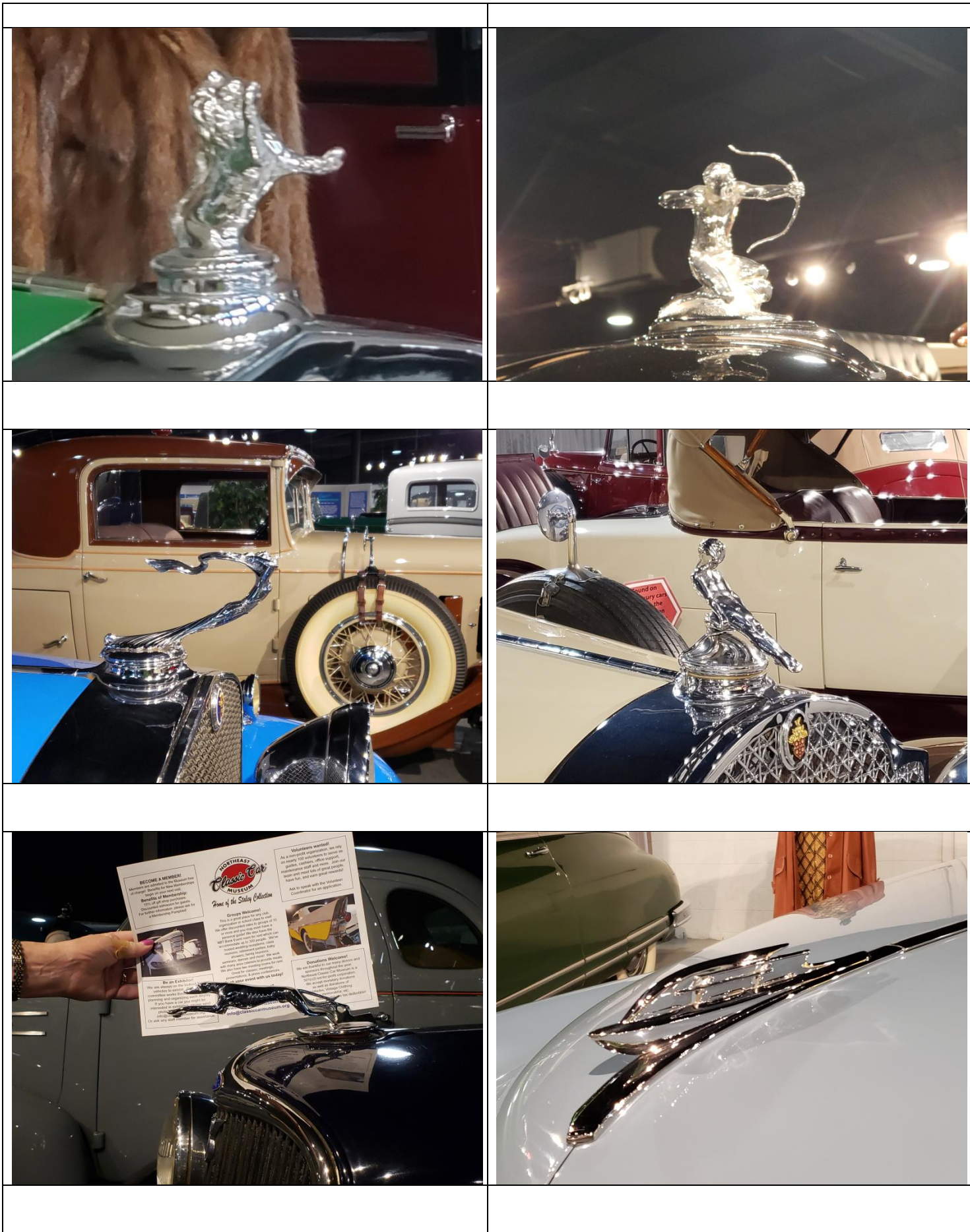
If interested in sharing, send me your car's story/history (& photo) so I can highlight it in future newsletters

Please submit any content to you would like to see added to the newsletter to rgreabel@twcny.rr.com; Dick Greabell 315-656-8525

The Great EMCCNY Quiz

Your challenge is to identify the cars from the hood ornaments shown:







Good Luck!

Central New York Car Club Association

2023 Show Schedule

TAKE ONE HOME!

May 2-Oct 3	Maple Road Boyz Tuesday Night Cruise	Clay Central Park, Liverpool, NY
May 19-20	Highway Legends 11th Annual	Cerow Rec Park, Clayton, NY
May 21	Cayuga County BOCES 9:00-2:00pm	1879 W. Genesee St. Rd., Auburn, NY
May 21	CNY Mustang and All Ford Club- Cruise 1:30	Marathon to Cort Lanes, Cortland, NY
June 3	Sherrill- Kenwood Classic Car Club	Oneida Community Mansion House Sherrill
June 3	Kruizing Knights	Goettel Park, Rte. 11, Central Square, NY
June 4	Oneida Lake Antique Automobile Car Club	Clay Town Park, Wetzel Rd. Liverpool, NY
June 5-Aug 28	Manlius Antique & Classic Car Club Cruise	Snow Top Ice Cream Manlius, NY
June 10	Central New York Corvair Club	Hampton Inn 3948 NY-31, Liverpool, NY
June 10	ESM Spartan Garage 11-2	ESM High School, E. Syracuse, NY
June 11	Syracuse Shelby Mustang Club- All Ford Show	3-Rivers Point, Rt 57 & Gaskin Rd., Clay
June 11	Pontiac Club of CNY	Bill Rapp Super Store, Syracuse, NY
June 11	Mexico Post 369 Cruisers	VFW Field, Rte.3N, Mexico, NY
June 11	Poor Boys Spring into Summer Cruise	Finger Lakes Mall, Auburn, NY
June 18	Prison City Ramblers	Emerson Park, Owasco Lake, Auburn, NY
June 18	European Motor Club of CNY Eurocar 2021	Lafayette Apple Fest Grounds, Lafayette, NY
June 23-25	Salt City Vans- PROVANITY 37	Chenango Fairgrounds 168 E. Main St. Norwich, NY
June 24	Oneida Nations Car Club	Oneida Nations Arena, 4000 Rt. 11, Nedrow, NY
June 24	Volvo Club of America, CNY Chapter	Trumansburg Fairgrounds, Trumansburg, NY
June 25	CNY MOPAR Association	Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY
July 1	Bayside Cruisers	South Lake St., Downtown Fair Haven, NY
July 8	American Cruisers Car Club	Otsiningo Park, Binghamton, NY
July 9	CNY American Truck Historical Society	Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY
July 9	Fast Eddie's Hot Rods	Emerson Park, East Lake Rd., Auburn, NY
July 14-16	Syracuse Nationals (Rt. Coast & CNYCCA)	NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
July 22 (Rain 23)	Bad Pony All Ford Club of Upstate NY	Billy Whittaker Car/Trucks 309 Rt. 11 Hastings, NY
July 23	Mohawk Motorcades Auto Club	Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
July 30	Syracuse Corvette Club, Vettes at the Beach	Downtown Sylvan Beach, NY
Aug 5	Tappet Twirlers	Fireman's Field Rt. 46, Westernville, NY
Aug 5	American Classics and Muscle Cars	Longley Brothers Dodge, Rte 57, Fulton, NY
Aug 13	Volkswagen Club of CNY	Oneida Shores, Brewerton, NY
Aug 19	Cayuga County Cruisers	Repair Plus 2682 Turnpike Rd. & Rt. 34, Auburn NY
Aug 19	CNY Orphan Cars "Gathering of Orphan Cars"	Lewis Park, Minco, NY
Aug 26	Groton Cruiser Car Club "Old Home Days"	Conger Blvd, Groton, NY
Aug 26	Auburn Auto Group Cruisers	318 Grant Ave, Auburn, NY
Sept 3	Fillmore Auto Club	Fillmore Glen State Park, Moravia, NY
Sept 10	Mohican Model A Ford Club	Fireman's Field, Wampsville, NY
Sept 16	SUNY Morrisville Car Club - Alumni Weekend	SUNY Morrisville College, Morrisville, NY
Sept 17	Seven Valley Street Rods	Dwyer Memorial Park, Little York, NY
Sept 23	Onondaga CC Open House Cruise	Onondaga CC, Onondaga Hill, Syr., NY

3/15/23 We will again expect to keep you informed of additions and cancellations as they occur. Please use common sense when attending the events that you choose to support. Thank you.

Visit our web site, WWW.CNYCCA.ORG for show updates and for a full list of area **Cruise Nights** in the greater Central New York area

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER'S CAR: XXX

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MECHANIX CORNER: 23 EASY WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CLASSIC CAR

Courtesy of "Classic Motorsports"

It's a tough thing to admit: Although you really like driving your older classic, sometimes you don't totally love the experience. Things just aren't quite perfect.

The seats could be a little more comfortable. The car wanders a bit across the highway, too. And then there's the fragrance of fuel that permeates the cabin on warm days. These issues are small, but they add up to a vague sense of unease associated with your classic. The result: More often than not, you find yourself reaching for the keys to your modern driver instead, leaving the classic to sit.

That's where project car perfection comes in. To achieve it, you must complete that last 1 percent of sorting that separates a go-to driver from a piece of garage art. We recently set out to test-drive and perfect our entire fleet using these tips, and the endeavor has made our cars so much more pleasurable to both drive and look at.

Most of these fixes aren't expensive, either. They're just going to take some time and maybe a few basic tools. Summer is now upon us, so get that car out of the garage before the driving season passes you by.

1. Aim Those Lights

Most older cars don't have the brightest headlights. When they're not adjusted correctly, visibility gets even worse. This problem can range from annoying to downright dangerous—both for you and for other drivers.

Aiming your headlights is simple, and here's the quick way: Park your car 15–20 feet away from a garage door so that its headlights shine directly on the door's surface. Then, position the lights until the low-beam pattern concentrates at about waist height. Skew the beams slightly to the right, too, so they won't blind oncoming drivers.

2. Align That Suspension

You'd be surprised at how much a chassis alignment can transform a car. Our Edsel wagon was nearly uncontrollable on the highway when it had 2 degrees of positive caster up front. Once we dialed in nearly 4 degrees, we could drive it with just one finger on the wheel.

Different situations will warrant different settings, and in theory your alignment technician can help. A bit of toe-in and nearly neutral camber can be nice on the highway, while extra negative camber and some toe-out is generally preferable for performance driving.

3. Tune It Up

The best place to fine-tune your car is on a chassis dyno. Here you can determine the best setup for things like ignition timing and carburetor jetting. You may spend \$100 or so per hour, but it's the perfect laboratory. Since the clock will be ticking, get things as close to spec as possible beforehand.

4. Align That Body

Concours judges will tell you, there's nothing we notice more quickly than misaligned doors, hoods, deck lids and fenders. Minor-looking flaws tell a knowledgeable onlooker that something major could be wrong with the car.

Aligning body panels quickly takes years of experience, but a beginner with some patience, spare time and a good eye can do it at home. You just need a shop manual, which will identify the adjustment points, and some simple hand tools. Should you get frustrated or overwhelmed, any competent body shop can complete the job for just a few hundred dollars.

Besides the obvious aesthetic improvement, aligned panels also reduce wind noise, stave off water leaks, and yield smoother articulation.

5. Smells, Be Gone!

No one likes a smelly old car. Placing a dryer sheet under a seat may mask odors temporarily, but it's not going to eliminate the source. That source can be organic in nature, like the stuff animals leave behind while camping out in your car. Once you've evicted the visitors, a carpet and upholstery cleaner like Resolve can work wonders against the stench. Mold can stink, too, but we'll address that topic separately.

To eliminate that all-too-common oil smell, find out where it's coming from. Is there a leak allowing oil to drip onto the exhaust system? If so, you can typically trace it back to the rear main seals or valve covers. As for fuel odors, properly venting the fuel system banishes them most of the time.

Smell the exhaust? Check the trunk or hatchback seal—those were the culprits on our Shelby and our Z-car.

6. Balance Those Tires

If you feel a shudder in the steering wheel or a vibration in your seat, your tires may be to blame. Once your wheels and tires have been mounted and balanced, remember to check them for proper balance after 1000 or so miles. While you're down there, check your tire pressures, too.

7. Beat Those Leaks

Leaks are annoying and can lead to musty-smelling mold, but fortunately most of them are fixable. Most are caused by worn-out door seals, misaligned windows, and rusty cowls, trunk ledges and firewalls. Sometimes solving the

problem is as simple as repositioning a seal that has been knocked loose. Having trouble identifying the source? Shower the car with a garden hose and spot where it drips in.

8. Banish Heat and Noise

Sound deadening is basically a foil-backed material that you stick to your car's floor, firewall and roof panels. This stuff has quieted and insulated so many of our project cars through the years, and we've been pleasantly surprised with how the technology has advanced. Thanks to companies like Koolmat, DEI and ThermoTec, it has become lighter and more effective.

9. Touch Up Those Nicks

Face it: Those nicks in your paint are holding you back from project car nirvana. And don't forget, most rust problems start with just a scratch. Nipping this problem in the bud could save you a ton of rust repair money later on.

Any good paint supply store or body shop can provide touch-up paint in the proper color. (And please, don't skimp and use something that's "close enough.") You can simply brush-touch the nicks or, as we outlined in the July 2016 issue of Classic Motorsports, fill them in layer by layer.

10. Refresh That Radio

Many of us enjoy the sounds of the open road and the purr of the exhaust, but eventually we just want to put on some tunes. Our Shelby needed some Rolling Stones and Deep Purple, and our Edsel had us in the mood for Martha and the Vandellas.

Companies like Retro Radio Restoration can turn your old AM radio into an AM/FM unit that also features inputs for an iPod, USB stick or satellite radio. Becker AutoSound does a wonderful job restoring systems originally fitted in German cars. And when upgrading your sound system, please don't cut up the original door panels and package trays. That went out of vogue a few decades ago.

11. Get Comfortable

Many restorers simply replace the seat covers without rebuilding the frames and padding found underneath. This gives you a seat that looks pretty good but still isn't very comfortable.

Another tip is to shim the seats so that the lower cushion tilts back a bit. Need more legroom? Can you drill new holes in the floor and slide back the mounts a bit?

Sometimes you need to just replace the seats entirely. Miata seats have become popular for British roadsters, and there's an entire aftermarket waiting to deliver other options.

12. Help That Handling

When it comes to handling, every marque seems to have its own experts and preferred setups. To keep things simple, though, here's a basic handling recipe that will revitalize most of our older cars: Combine a proper alignment with slightly wider tires and wheels, a set of good shocks, and a slightly larger front anti-roll bar.

13. Get Your Gauges in Gear

Accurate gauges are essential, especially when you're doing rallies and tours and need a reliable speedometer and odometer. Companies like Nisonger specialize in this kind of stuff, so period-correct replacement gauges and parts are just a few mouse clicks away.

14. Keep That Engine Cool

Contrary to popular belief, finding yourself stranded by an overheated engine is not an inevitable part of classic car ownership. Most factory systems are adequate, so start by making sure yours is operating properly. Is the radiator fresh and clean or full of crud? Does the radiator cap still hold pressure? Are all of the factory ducts and shrouds still present?

If you need more cooling capacity, turn to simple fixes first, like adding Red Line's WaterWetter to the coolant or running a colder thermostat. Consider Evans Waterless Engine Coolant, too, which is said to remain in a liquid state until north of 375 degrees.

Not enough? Would an upgraded fan, modernized water pump or increased shrouding help?

From there, try upgrading more major equipment. Companies like Ron Davis make beautiful, higher-capacity aluminum radiators for virtually any car. High-performance water pumps are also an option. And it's a bit extreme, but a really radical engine may also need some extra hood and fender vents.

15. Improve Those Highway Manners

Long trips in your classic are always more appealing when you know it can cruise comfortably on the highway. The key to better high-speed manners may be as simple as slightly increasing the outside diameter of the tires. This solution comes with a tradeoff, however: slower acceleration.

Converting to a five-speed transmission, installing an overdrive, or changing the final-drive ratio may be more effective alternatives, and in many cases these mods actually have a positive impact on the car's value.

16. Silence Those Clunks

There is nothing more frustrating-or potentially dangerous-than clunks and rattles coming from underneath your classic. Fortunately, silencing them is cheap and relatively easy. Common causes are exhaust components hitting the body, loose heat shields, bent or loose disc brake shields, and U-joint or half-shaft issues. To make a quick diagnosis, safely secure the car and then tap, shake or turn various components until you've reproduced the noise. Then fix.

17. Whip Those Wipers Into Shape

Do your windshield wipers do more harm than good? Then fix them. Fresh blades will do wonders. To increase their pressure on the windshield, try slightly tweaking the arms. If more work is needed, installing new motors and arms isn't that difficult. While you're at it, apply a coat of Rain-X to add another line of defense against the elements.

18. Let There Be Light

In addition to costing you points at concours events, blown-out lights are a serious safety issue. Fortunately, armed with a test light and a spotter, you can typically fix these problems with ease. Corrosion, blown bulbs, bad grounds and faulty brake light switches cause most electrical problems. Trace the problem back to where you do have power and repair as necessary.

19. Add Some Accessories

Want a simple way to add some custom touches to your classic? Shop the plethora of high-quality, period-correct accessories available today. We've long enjoyed adorning our project cars with items like chrome-plated driving lamps, racing stripes and vintage-looking wheels. We're fans of interior accessories, too, like rally clocks, Coco Mats and aftermarket steering wheels—preferably with a wood rim or leather trim, depending on the car.

20. Center That Steering Wheel

This one is easy to fix but can make a huge impression: a steering wheel that is even a little off-center. This problem can easily be fixed by adjusting the tie rods. Make sure that you're not changing your alignment, though. Sometimes you'll get lucky and find the steering wheel of a tooth, meaning you just need to remove it—with a puller, not brute force—and then reinstall it.

21. Fix Those Dash Lights

Dash lights that are blown or dim can ruin that moonlit drive and leave you fumbling for knobs and switches. Luckily, they're easy to correct. Most older cars have individual bulbs in each gauge. Each bulb is attached to both a positive and negative wire, with the negatives often ganged together and colored brown or black. A test light and a wiring diagram will show you what goes where.

Sometimes the rheostat—the knob that controls the brightness of the bulbs—goes bad. If cleaning it doesn't solve the problem, you'll have to replace it.

22. Tame That Exhaust

Exhaust problems are not only hazardous, but they can easily sour the classic sports car experience, too. Some exhausts emit harsh fumes, some clunk and clang, and others are just too loud.

Whatever the issue, get under there and fix it—or have someone do it. Aim for an exhaust that sounds sporty through the gears but gets mellow at cruising speeds.

23. Detail That Engine Compartment

So many cars that look immaculate on the outside harbor dirty, unrestored engine compartments. While it's easiest to detail an engine bay during a full restoration, a weekend of work can still make a huge difference even with the engine in place.

Start by carefully pressure-washing or hand-cleaning the entire engine compartment with degreaser. Next, remove any accessories that you can easily unbolt, then clean each one as well as the area beneath it. If needed, you can spray a bit of black or body-colored paint where needed. Companies like Eastwood offer a variety of paint and restoration products that do a nice job of emulating correct plating finishes. Final tip: The more time you spend on this job, the better the result.

DRIVER CORNER: XXX

Courtesy of

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PS: English Electrical Systems



For your convenience, print out this form and submit with your dues to the address below:

EUROPEAN MOTOR CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

A Club for all European Motorized Vehicles

2023 Household Membership Application

Membership dues are payable at the January 2024 meeting

All current memberships expire on December 31, 2023

Annual Membership dues are \$25.00

The Club newsletter will be e-mailed to all Club members

☐ NEW Member ☐ Renewing Member

MEMBER #1:		BIRTHDAY (mo/day):	
CELL PHONE:		HOME PHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE and ZIP:	
MEMBER #2:		BIRTHDAY (mo/day):	
CELL PHONE:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			

Cars Owned: (if more than 3, please place information on back)

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
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MAKE checks payable to EMCCNY and mail with application to: Neal Johnson 3897 County Rt 4, Oswego, NY 13126