



Art Washburn, organizer of the Seaside Family Cruise, stands by a vintage 1951 Ford, currently being customized in the shop. Photo Sam Bari

Annual Seaside Family Cruise raises money for charity

By Sam Bari

The time of year has rolled around again when gleaming chrome, radical paint jobs, and rumbling engines find their way to Fort Getty. The ninth annual Jamestown Seaside Family Cruise, a classic car show held every year for vintage car enthusiasts from around the country, is this Sunday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants driving highly customized, as well as meticulously restored, vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles and American muscle cars will fill the area by the Rembijas Pavilion with the finest display of Detroit metal in the state, said show host and organizer Art Washburn.

"We expect a nice turnout," said Washburn, a Jamestown resident and owner of Art's Auto Body Shop on Southwest Avenue. "It seems to get bigger every year with more cars, more people, and more fun. And it's all for a good cause. We give the entire proceeds to various charities."

As in previous years, the nostalgic atmosphere will be reinforced by DJ Cruisin' Bruce Palmer, as he spins oldies blaring through loudspeakers from his booth next to

the concession stand. Hot dogs, refreshments, and a fabulous exhibit of more than 200 classic street machines are all reminiscent of times gone by.

This is the ninth year that Washburn, his wife Jan, and helpers from the auto body staff have organized and staged the show at Ft. Getty. "I guess I'll keep doin' this 'till I can't do it any more. Everybody has such a good time, I see no reason to quit," Washburn said.

According to Washburn, the Jamestown show has become a favorite of car owners around the state and beyond because the location is so picturesque, the breeze feels great, and the event is laid back and relaxing. "It's like a bunch of old friends getting together every year to catch up on news and share a common love of classic cars and hot rods," Washburn said.

Last year, a vintage Shelby Cobra was one of the highlights of the show. Washburn expects that it will return with its owner. He said that Bob Smith and his wife June of Attleboro, Mass., will attend with their highly customized, purple, '51 Mercury. "He's come every year since the show began,"

Washburn said. "We have a lot of participants that return every year."

If all goes well, the vintage Friendly's Ice Cream truck will be on hand as well as Tony and Beverly Gonsalves of Middletown, with their red '57 Chevy convertible. This classic car comes complete with a carhop tray hanging on the door and speakers from a drive-in movie standing by the driver's side window.

Art and Jan Washburn encourage everyone to come see the classic cars in the picturesque setting overlooking the bay at Ft. Getty. Admission for spectators is free, and anyone wanting to enter a car is welcome. The entry fee is \$10, and the money goes to charity.

For more information, call Art Washburn at 423-1897.

Captain's practice for Jamestown school soccer team on Friday

There will be a captain's practice for anyone, including returning players, interested in trying out for the Lawn Avenue School soccer team this Friday, Aug. 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the school soccer fields. Participants should bring a ball, shin guards and a water bottle. For more information about the captain's practice, call 560-0145.

The coach for the co-ed team is Sean McAdam.

Students in grades 6 through 8 are eligible to tryout for the team. Tryouts will be held the first week of school and players must have a current Rhode Island state physical, completed within the last year, on file in order to participate in tryouts. Physicals should be turned in to school nurse Renie Sullivan no later than Sept. 3. Forms are available in the Lawn Avenue School office.

Take an Arts Break arts class this fall

Entering its sixth season, the Take an Arts Break program offers classes in the arts, designed and taught by local artists.

Among the offerings are stained glass class with Lynn Martin, a pen and ink class with Barbara Cullen, painting and collage with Sandra Aarons Krupp and Calligraphy with Jane Parillo.

Writers can practice their skills with Gail Eastwood-Stokes, multi-published author of popular fiction, or develop journaling or poetry skills with Audrey Friedman, whose work has been published in over forty literary journals.

Cindy Wilson and Eileen Muldoon, both professional photographers from Jamestown, welcome digital photographers to their classes.

All classes begin in mid-September and are offered at a reasonable cost. Visit www.NKArtsCouncil.org or call 294-3331, ext. 241 for more information.

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Newport Navy Choristers need new voices

The Newport Navy Choristers are seeking new voices in all vocal ranges for the upcoming 2008-2009 season.

The Navy Choristers are a mixed choral group open to all members of the Newport Navy community, including active duty, reserve and retired military, their spouses and family members 16 years of age and older. All Civil Service employees are also welcome to join.

There are no auditions for the main chorus. While experience is helpful, it is not necessary.

Rehearsals start on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. and continue Tuesdays thereafter at the Chapel of Hope at NAVSTA Newport on the Naval Base in Newport.

For more information, call Pat McGue, chairman, at 849-1135 or JoAnn Loewenthal, director, at 849-4823 or check out the Newport Navy Choristers' Web site at www.newportnavychoristers.org.

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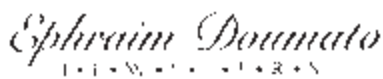
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