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The car show circuit — from the Model A  
to the latest tricked-up hot rods

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## bbqfundraiser

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Thirty-seven local teams compete at this weekend's **Battle of the BBQ Brethren** to represent New York at the nationals.

Judging is on

Sunday, but on Saturday the public votes on a "People's Choice" winner for ribs. Suffolk County PAL Sports Complex, 700 Furrows Rd., **Holtsville**; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, \$2 suggested admission, [bbqbrethrenbattle.com](http://bbqbrethrenbattle.com).



## lookback

The 37th annual "One Day in History" at **Shelter Island's** Havens House Museum (16 S. Ferry Rd.) features demonstrations of early combustion engines and **antique cars, hay rides and a petting zoo**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; \$6, \$4 children, 631-749-0025, [shelterislandhistory.org](http://shelterislandhistory.org).

## wheellife

The Black Beast and other exotic vehicles race in timed demonstration runs at a **Vanderbilt Cup** centennial celebration, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Roosevelt Field Mall parking lot, near Stewart Avenue entrance, **Garden City**; free to spectators, 516-621-2745, [vanderbiltcupraces.com](http://vanderbiltcupraces.com).



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## Cruise nights will fit you to a Model T

BY JIM MERRITT  
Special to Newsday

**A** I Brill is showing off his sparkling, modified 1923 Model T in the parking lot at Museum Row.

"I have over \$30,000 invested in this car," Brill, 46, of East Meadow, says of the brightly painted hot rod known as a T-bucket.

As he speaks, Brill is surrounded by a sea of autos of every size and shape — ranging from antiques to revving 1960s muscle cars. He's a regular who attends cruise nights like this across Long Island. Brill says, "It's nice to be around new people, to hear that roar and smell the cars as they go by."

### Going cruisin'

Whether you're a fan of 1930s Model A's, 1960s muscle cars or tricked-up hot rods, you'll find wheels that appeal at the weekly gatherings of

classic cars (and their drivers) in public spaces.

"You get friendly with complete strangers," says Garden City Park resident Rob Mirabile, 40, a member of the Long Island Chevilles Car Club.

"It's a real nice hobby," says Joey Congema, 66, of East Meadow, who brings his 1932 Ford hot rod to area cruises.

Watch video from  
Car Cruise Night at  
the Cradle of Aviation



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Cristina, left, and Julia Maher sit in their dad's 1930 Model A Ford at the Cradle of Aviation.

### WHERE TO GO

#### If you bring the kids

**CRUISIN' AT THE CRADLE**  
**WHEN | WHERE** 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City  
**INFO** 516-572-4012, [cradleofaviation.org](http://cradleofaviation.org)  
**ADMISSION** Free for spectators

The museum began hosting its first cruise night earlier this summer. It has been drawing

about 100 cars (imports, muscle cars, home-built rat rods) and 200 spectators, says Seamus Keane, museum director of special events. The museum itself is closed on cruise nights, but kids can ride the restored carousel. There's also a DJ and food vendors.

#### For 1930s-'40s antiques

**CLASSIC CAR CRUISE**  
**WHEN | WHERE** 6:30-10 p.m.

Fridays, Massapequa Long Island Rail Road Station, Sunrise Highway and Broadway  
**INFO** 516-433-7465, ext. 227  
**ADMISSION** Car owners should bring two cans of non-perishable food for charity. Between 400 and 500 cars, many from the 1930s and '40s, show up for this weekly summer cruise night sponsored by the Town of Oyster Bay. You can buy ice cream or burgers from vendors.



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**The Farmingville Fire Department sponsors Bald Hill Cruise Night at Brookhaven Amphitheater.**

**For sheer volume**

**BALD HILL CRUISE NIGHT**

**WHEN | WHERE** 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Brookhaven Amphitheater, South Bicycle Path, Farmingville  
**INFO** 631-732-6611, ext. 134, farmingvilleengineco2.com

The big Kahuna of Long Island car shows features hundreds of

vehicles spread over Bald Hill. Expect to see cars from the 1940s and '50s, hot rods, Corvettes, GTOs. Sponsored by the Farmingville Fire Department.

**If you want to see hot rods (and maybe Billy Joel)**

**OYSTER BAY CRUISE NIGHT**

**WHEN | WHERE** 5-10 p.m.

Tuesdays, downtown, Oyster Bay

**INFO** 516-922-6464, visitoysterbay.com

At this cruise, muscle cars, hot rods and classics line Audrey and Shore avenues in the heart of the hamlet. Local restaurants offer food and drink specials, and a different band plays every week. Billy Joel occasionally brings his motorcycles and mingles with other fanciers. The party mood is infectious.

**readerpick**

**New and getting hot**

**WHEN | WHERE** 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Yaphank Fire Department, 31 Main St.

**INFO** yaphankfd.org

**SUBMITTED BY** Dennis Benfante, East Patchogue

Benfante says this new weekly car cruise is getting more popular each week. Long Island Roller Rebel team members skate car to car, taking orders for burgers, hot dogs and sodas.