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CLASSIC CARS IN CUBA



HELLO, HAVANA!

AS THE US RE-ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CUBA, WE GET A GLIMPSE AT A CAR CULTURE FROZEN IN TIME.

US efforts to lift the half-century old embargo on Cuba are gaining momentum after a deal was struck this summer to re-open embassies in the capitol city of each country. US citizens have been banned from visiting the colorful country since 1962 (with a brief lapse in 1977), leaving one to wonder what modern day Cuba really looks like. Discovery Channel's *Cuban Chrome* is "really about looking at Cuba through the lens of cars," says Craig Cofferman, the show's executive producer.

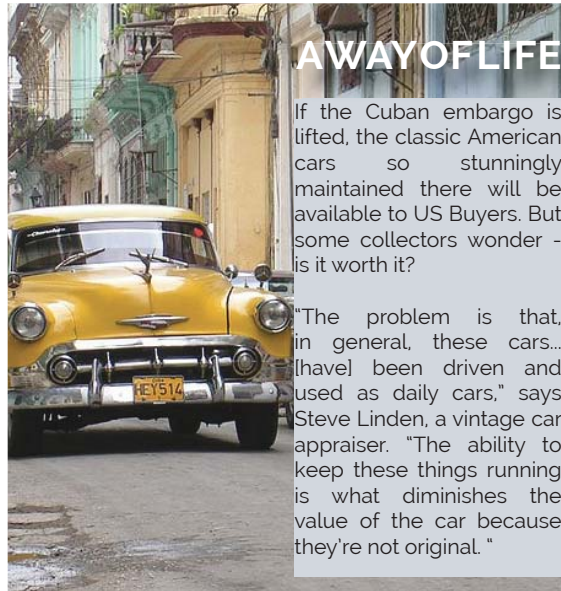
The show offers a fascinating look at how several members of the A Lo Cubano Car Club in Havana passionately restore and maintain classic cars, the last of which reached the island in about 1959. It's quite a feat, considering replacement parts have been unavailable for over 50 years.

Cuban Chrome airs on the Discovery Channel on Monday nights at 10/9C.





CLASSIC CARS IN CUBA : A PICTORIAL



AWAY OF LIFE

If the Cuban embargo is lifted, the classic American cars so stunningly maintained there will be available to US Buyers. But some collectors wonder - is it worth it?

"The problem is that, in general, these cars... [have] been driven and used as daily cars," says Steve Linden, a vintage car appraiser. "The ability to keep these things running is what diminishes the value of the car because they're not original."



Many restored cars are used as taxis that target tourists in bigger cities such as Havana.

JAN
18

FEB
15
Paul & Barbara White

MAR
15
Paul Picelli

APR
19
Bob & Ellen Bell

MAY
17
Larry & Elaine Arrowood

JUN
NO MEETING

JUL
19
The Catfish House
Springfield, TN

AUG
16
Bob & Elaine Fritz

SEP
20
Picnic

OCT
18
Greg & Tricia Marshall

NOV
NO MEETING

DEC
TBD
Ron & Maria Franks



"I'm of the belief that there is something over there to be found," says Rick Drewry, a collector car claims specialist at American Modern Insurance Group. "Some people are going to be on the hunt for those diamonds in the rough."

From Bloomberg Business Online "Why Americans will overpay for Cuba's Vintage Cars"

WHY THE TREASURE TROVE OF US CARS?

How is it that Cuba is a veritable time capsule of these vintage beauties? It's estimated that there are 60,000 vintage cars in Cuba, and this is contributed to Fidel Castro's law in 1959 making it illegal to import cars without government permission. Earlier this year, trade restrictions in the country loosened, and new cars began to be bought and sold on the island.

Though Castro's restriction also applied to parts, meaning though pretty on the exterior it's unlikely these vintage beauties have been properly restored. However, automotive experts anticipate a niche market of eager buyers who, according to estimates, may pay twice or three times the value of the car in order to own a piece of history.

Dear BCA Members,

We have a request from a brother of a past Valley of the Sun Buick Club member who passed away very suddenly. He has a 1962 Buick 4469 (4dr. LaSabre) with Trim 421

I have attached pictures of the vehicle for review. The car has been in the family since new originally from Wisconsin but has resided the last 20 years in Arizona. The car has 136602 miles. The paint has been redone about four years ago as has the transmission seals and bearings. The tires are over 2 years old. He owner has complete maintenance records. The car was driven to various car shows and every monthly club meeting the last several years.

The asking price is \$7,500 or best offer.

I have quite a few pictures and just sending a few as to not over tax someone's email inbox.

I believe this email is for the chapter Directors and Regional Presidents and kindly request if the email could be forwarded to the respective chapter members for their review.

If interested members wish to see more, please send requests to my attention.

Here is the link to the Craig listing.

<https://phoenix.craigslist.org/nph/cto/5131307661.html>

If interested in getting more info or negotiating a price, please reply via craigslist.

Regards,
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The Dixie Chapter/BCA Announces:

The 2015

S.E. Regional Meet

October 8th Thru 10th

A Touring Event Celebrating

The 25th Anniversary of the S.E. Region.

We will be based in historic Madison, Ga.
With it's beautiful antebellum old south mansions, antique
& specialty shops & great places to eat, Madison is
designated by

Budget Travel as one of the
"World's Top 16 Most Picturesque Villages"

Our three (full) days of *touring will include
(but not limited to)

The city of Madison
"James Dream Cars" in Washington, Ga.
Callaway Plantation in Washington, Ga.
Historic Rutledge, Ga.

Of course there will be a well stocked hospitality room, games, prizes + a **bountiful**
(reasonably priced) closing banquet (BYOB allowed) in a most unique country setting.

Registration forms available after Mar. 1st, 2015. Questions? Comments? Call Bruce or Shar
@ (770) 977-7924 or email bkile58@aol.com **NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 40 CAR LIMIT**

**All Touring will be on beautiful middle Georgia state roads absolutely no interstate travel!*
To make your hotel reservations now call: (706) 342-9190 Currently the hotel is the "Wingate". It will become
a Holiday Inn Express June 1st. Mention "The Buick Club" for special rate of \$84.99.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Dalt's Restaurant
White Bridge Road
Nashville, TN
1:30pm

Join us on Sunday,
August 16th in the
side room at
Dalt's!

Want to contribute
to the newsletter?

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DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas did not become an official holiday in Cuba until 1997?

Cuba is the most populated country in all of the Caribbean, with more than 11 million residents.

Ernest Hemingway wrote "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "The Old Man and the Sea" while he lived in Cuba.

Cuba is full of US cars from the 1950s because they're the only cars Cuban citizens can legally own. Only pre 1959 cars that were seized from their original owners can be privately owned and worked on. Newer cars are owned by the government.

