



BY-LAWS

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History of the Weekend Cruisers

The Weekend Cruisers was established on January 10, 2017 by a group of friends who would get together regularly, with or without their vehicles (depending on season and/or weather). Their vehicles included old and new cars, classic cars, Hot Rods, or their daily drivers. As a non-discriminatory group, any type of vehicles mattered, including motorcycles, trucks, and anything on wheels. The “driving force” behind the group was interest in the in the car scene, and just spending time together. The name Weekend Cruisers was the brainstorm of Lori Weloth, of Albany, NY, as a way to identify their circle, which has grown tremendously over time and new friendships have been established.

As a “non-official” club, the Weekend Cruisers originally hosted a small cruise-in on Saturday evenings. A cruise-in means just that, cruise on over, hang out, stay a while, and leave whenever you want to. The Weekend Cruisers expanded shortly thereafter to having ad-hoc gatherings or meetings as a group during other cruise-ins in the local area or car shows near or even at a distance. Examples of other gatherings have included meeting for ice cream during the warm weather or inside at a restaurant during the colder weather.

Over time, the non-official club interest started to grow both through a Facebook page and events. During the spring of 2019, when the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, and in-person social gatherings were minimal or non-existent, the Weekend Cruisers started some birthday parades for individuals in the community sheltering at home. The joy on the faces of the children or elderly, and their families for seeing a parade of vehicles in their honor, was worth the time and effort of the members of the Weekend Cruisers. This involvement also got the attention of local TV news stations, and this publicity got the name of Weekend Cruisers out there. The group has been asked by various entities, such as Senior Living Housing, to show their vehicles to the residents, and in return, lunch was provided with the apartment tenants. The Weekend Cruisers has also joined with other groups to co-host car shows. In the event that the Weekend Cruisers cannot commit to an invite, uniquely, the officers will share the interest with other clubs to help support the event.

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Incorporation as a Not-for-Profit

Most of the Weekend Cruiser's events, especially car shows, collect donations, which are then presented to animal rescue organizations and shelters. Due to the growth of the "non-official club", and monies collected and donated, the Weekend Cruisers became a New York State Incorporated Not-for-Profit Corporation on June 21, 2021.

Articles of the By-Laws

- I. The official name of the club is Weekend Cruisers, Inc.
 - a. Weekend Cruisers, Inc. will be known in the community as just Weekend Cruisers.
 - b. The Club shall have the official logo as pictured.
 - i. The Weekend Cruisers club logo may appear on the Weekend Cruisers Facebook and web pages, flyers promoting club events, t-shirts, and window decals. Any other use of the Weekend Cruisers logo must be preapproved by the Founding Members and Board of Directors.
 - c. The official "mailing" address of the club is Lori Weloth, 4214 Albany St., Albany, NY 12205.
 - d. The Club shall promote interest in various types of vehicles to promote the sport and hobby of owning vehicles, of past and present, and old and new.
 - e. The club shall support good fellowship and sportsmanship among members and promote safety and good character.
 - f. The club shall encourage family participation in such sport and hobby and is open to individuals and families, regardless of vehicle ownership.
 - g. The club shall promote friendship, help fellow club members and organizations by attending their functions, supporting local communities and charities and to educate others about the history of the car hobby.
 - h. This organization shall be not for profit and shall treat fairly and equitably all who come before it seeking membership.

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- i. The Weekend Cruisers will maintain a Weekend Cruisers Social Page for any and all who are interested in Weekend Cruisers and other events. The Social Page is not the “Official Members” but will remain as an item of importance.

II. Club Leadership

- a. Weekend Cruisers Founders: All original Founders of the Weekend Cruisers are on the Governing Board of the club and will work in conjunction with the Officers of the club.
- b. Weekend Cruisers Officers: The officers include the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Each of these roles may have a co-officer who can act in the absence of the other in the event a meeting needs to occur or a decision needs to be made in the best interest of the club. There is no limit to the term(s) of an officer as taking on an officer role is strictly voluntary. All officers will seek ways to help build membership, create ideas and help promote and maintain interest for the club and the club members.
 - i. The President will preside over all meetings called for, formal and informal. The President will schedule the Holiday Party and be the lead contact for Event scheduling.
 - ii. The Vice President shall preside over all meetings, formal and informal, if the President is unable to attend.
 - iii. The Secretary will help to organize agendas when a meeting is held and take informal minutes of these meetings.
 - iv. The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping a record related to all paid members and also all monies received and dispersed and purpose. An annual Budget (calendar year) will be developed by the Board and indicated on a Ledger by the Treasurer. An annual review of funds will be conducted by the Treasurer and all Officers.

III. Membership Specifics and Expectations

- a. Membership means those that have paid the membership fee.
- b. The membership application can be found on-line at: <https://weekendcruisers.com>
- c. The membership fee is one-time fee (Lifetime membership)
- d. A club member may opt out of membership at any time. The membership fee will not be refunded for remainder of the person’s membership year.

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- e. All club members are provided with a Weekend Cruisers window decal upon first paid membership
- f. Members of the Weekend Cruisers have access to member's only events, such as a picnics, holiday parties or lunches/dinners. The membership fee is put towards the cost of the holiday party.
- g. A club membership email list is maintained, and notifications of pertinent information will be sent via the email list.
- h. There is no limit to the number of individuals who can join the club as a paid member.
- i. All members are encouraged to voice their suggestions related to club activities.
- j. If attending a Weekend Cruiser's Cruise Night, members are encouraged to greet attendees, thus representing the club. If new individuals come to the cruise night, members will seek to introduce themselves on behalf of the Weekend Cruisers.
- k. Members are expected to show respect for other members, other car clubs and the community.
- l. Members are expected to engage in safe driving habits and abide by NYS laws when engaged in Weekend Cruisers events.
- m. Members are expected to act in a mature and adult manner when representing the club.
- n. Members are encouraged to assist in club sponsored events and attend meetings whenever possible.
- o. Members are encouraged to assist other members whenever possible.
- p. Each member will accept any and all liability for personal safety and or property damage at club attended/sponsored events in regards to their presence, use or operation of their vehicle(s).
- q. Each member will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves at all activities and events.
- r. If the club is invited or asked to participate in another club's function, the club shall try to, to the best of its ability, to have one or more of its members attend. Information will be shared by word of mouth and through the Facebook page.
- s. When in attendance at such functions or activities, members will represent the Weekend Cruisers in a positive manner.

IV. Meetings

- a. Formal meetings are not regularly held. If a meeting is needed upon discussion of the Founding members or Board of Directors, for decision making and voting, one will be scheduled. All voting shall be by a majority.

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V. Committees

- a. Committees will be designated as needed, such as for shows and other events. For example, Event Coordinators may be designated, on a voluntary basis, to assist with show specifics, such as registration, parking, awards, t-shirts, and other show specifics.

VI. Amendments to By-Laws

- a. Any change to these By-Laws will be considered an amendment, and the by-laws will be updated with a new effective date.
- b. The Founding Members or Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws and adopt new Bylaws at any time. All amendments will be discussed prior to any changes.

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