

Cruising to Care



Back in the early '50s and '60s, it was common for guys to hang out and show off and compare their "hot" cars. One popular local hang out was the Villa Capri Restaurant on Moosic Street in Scranton. In 1993, some of the regulars created a plan for those feeling nostalgic to gather together as they did in the past. Word spread quickly to many passionate car lovers. That first gathering garnered a turnout far greater than expected, and the Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club was born.

variety of events, one in particular has gained so much success it's become an annual tradition. **The Villa Capri Cruisers Father's Day Car Show will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this month.** First held on Moosic Street, the show is now held in Nay Aug Park to accommodate the size of the event. "The last eight to ten years, have attracted over 400 vehi-

tors," explains president Joe Carra.

Because it is held on Father's Day weekend, the Car Show has become tradition for many area dads. "You will see many fathers, grandfathers and children," he notes. "So many of us try to think of the perfect gift. But most dads have their fair share of ties, wallets and watches. The Villa Capri Cruisers provide us with the best gift—time spent together."

This year will feature entertainment, a variety of food vendors and even a visit from Ronald McDonald. There will be giveaways for the first 300 vehicles, a trophy for oldest car driven and an award for furthest distance traveled, as well as the People's Choice Award. A new feature will be "Best In Show," voted on by those in the audience.

Carra is quick to point out that the event isn't just about a holiday for car enthusiasts. The club is dedicated to helping area children in need. Each year the club donates a large portion of the day's proceeds to local charities such as the Ronald McDonald House, Marley's Mission and Toys for Tots. "Our motto is, 'Make a child smile one at a time.'"

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