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An Interview with Yankee Car Club Member Bill Barnert

by Nick Anderson

Every Fall Provincetown brims with excitement when restored antique cars roll in for the Provincetown Car Show & Parade weekend (in September the weekend after Labor Day). The event is organized by the Yankee Car Club, a gay, antique automobile club with over 30 chapters nationwide. Bill Barnert is a longtime friend of *Savoir Flair* and a club member. He took some time to answer some of our questions about the Club when we ran into him in Provincetown. *continues on page 15*

Photo courtesy of Bill Barnert



Above: Bill Barnert's 1956 Nash Ambassador Super appropriately posed in front of a lower Cape hotel of that era

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The Yankee Chapter of the Lambda Car Club International (LCCI) was founded in 1981. LCCI has over 2,200 members in both the United States and Canada. All members share a similar passion for anything automotive. Lambda Car Club International started as the Gay Old Car Owners Society based in New York City. Since then, Lambda has continued to expand through local and invitational events. Ownership of a classic car is not required for membership. Being part of the Yankee Car Club is a great way to be social within the LGBT community.

NA: How long have you been a member?

WB: About five or six years.

NA: What is your role in the Yankee Car Club?

WB: I'm just a regular member. I helped organize one of the events at the Provincetown weekend this past year, but other than that, I just show up & have fun.

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Below: 1960 Chrysler Imperial





NA: Tell us about your car.

WB: My car is fairly rare, and somewhat odd in design. She really stands out in a crowd (or a parade). She's a 1956 Nash Ambassador Super - I call it the Rambler's big brother, 'cause most people have heard of the Rambler even if they haven't heard of the rest of the Nash family.

NA: How did you get involved with the YCC?

WB: I bought my Nash about five or six years ago from a Yankee member in Rhode Island, and joined right after.

Above: 1933 Auburn Model 8-105 Cabriole

Below: Cadillac by the Sea Photo by Bill Barnert



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NA: Why is there a specific club for gays?

WB: Why not? There's gay volleyball, and softball, and bowling, and just about every other sport or hobby you can think of. It's fun to hang around with gays with cars!

NA: What are some of the events hosted or attended by YCC?

WB: Our biggest event is the annual Provincetown Car Show & Parade weekend (in September the weekend after Labor Day). In addition we host an annual holiday dinner, a Spring New Members (& others) Brunch, occasional parties, and we attend several Car Shows & Cruise Nights together, like the Codman Estate show in Lincoln, MA, the OgunquitFest, the Endicott Estate show in Dedham, and others.

This summer, we were invited to participate as a group in

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Above: Interior 1933 Auburn

Below: 1965 Mustang on MacMillian Wharf





Car Club Parade starts in the far East End of Provincetown

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the Boston Pride Parade, and I hope that continues as a tradition. We've provided the convertibles for the dignitaries for years, but it was nice to also drive as a group. Of course, we missed the events after the parade, 'cause we had no place to park all those cars, so we went to Charlestown for brunch!

NA: Is the club open to women?

WB: Absolutely! We often LOOK like an all-male club, but we have, and welcome, women, too.

NA: Who is a typical YCC member?

WB: Hard to say - we all come to the club through different ways. Not even everyone owns a classic car!

NA: What is it about older cars that is appealing?

WB: For me, it's the styling. Every Toyota, Honda or Nissan on the street today looks like they were designed by the same team. But older cars have more personality. I'm particularly fond of cars from the 50's, and I like to take photos of my Nash in front of 50's style diners, old buildings, etc.

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NA: What does it take to restore a car?

WB: I don't know - I keep my car maintained, but not restored. I'd guess it takes a lot of time and a lot of money.

NA: What's the most amazing restoration you've ever seen?

WB: I saw a restoration that turned a 50's car practically into a disco, with hydraulic suspension to move the car like it was dancing, and lights & speakers. I'd never WANT a car like that, but it was amazing.

NA: What is the rarest car you or your members have seen/restored?

WB: Possibly the blue Auburn that one of our members - Vince Carli - drives.

Editor's note: (see photo on previous page)

NA: What are some of the questions you and your members get from the public?

WB: "What's that?" "What year?" "I remember those - my dad had one!"

NA: Tell us about the Provincetown events?

WB: The two public events are the Car Show and the Parade, both on Saturday. The Car Show is at the end of



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Cruising in style with this classic Corvette



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MacMillan Pier from 10-2, and people can wander, take photos, ask questions, and vote for their favorite. Then we line up & drive from one end of Commercial Street to the other, and the street is lined with viewers.

To make a whole weekend out of it, we start with a Friday morning driving event at Herring Cove, where people compete in crazy ways like blindfolding the driver & having the passenger give directions. Saturday after the Parade, we have an Ice Cream & Pool Party, and Saturday night is the banquet, where we hand out the awards. There are other informal events scattered through the weekend, ending with Brunch on Sunday.

NA: Do you think there's a connection between masculinity and cars?

WB: Oh, I don't know. But maybe that's why lesbians are better at fixing their cars!!!

NA: Is it better to go on a date with a gay car club member or non-car club member?

WB: I think non-members are more impressed by the cars!



The parade spans the whole length of Commercial Street

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NA: Have any of your club members' cars been in any films/done any modeling for print etc.?

WB: Yes. I remember when one member rented his car as a background car to a movie, and they decided they wanted to see it move, so he got to drive it & be in the film. I came close to having my car in a film this summer, but at the last minute, they didn't need it. I'm still on the list, though, so maybe I'll get a call someday.

NA: Can people use the cars for weddings or can people rent the cars from members?

WB: My Nash was the limo for two of the members when they got married (they joined as a couple). That's really between the renter and the individual members. The club as a club does not rent cars. 🏳️



Rainbow flags were in abundance during the parade.



Left: Bill with his Nash

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