

In the summer of 2015 the Ft. Lauderdale AACA was contacted by Rick D'Alessandro, owner of Buster's Doughboys and Clam Cakes in Sunrise, about hosting a monthly cruise-in.

After some discussion about the format and particulars, we held the first Buster's Cruise-in in August 2015. Scott the Music Man played the tunes, Buster's provided the fish 'n chips and South Florida car guys (and gals) provided the classic cars. The cruise-in would typically draw 20 to 35 cars if the weather was nice. In November 2016 Buster's move to a new, much larger, location in



Buster's Doughboys & Clam Cakes Final Cruise-In

  James Wright



Plantation where there was seating inside, a patio outside and a full bar, and we picked up right where we left off. In February 2017 we had a record 50 gorgeous cars show up to enjoy the beautiful South Florida weather with friends. Then we learned that the City of Plantation limits businesses to three outdoor events per year. This means the March cruise-in would be the last one for 2017.

It's very disappointing and difficult to understand why the city has such a rule, since the cruise-in did not cost the city anything. There were no city services required - no police services, no fire services, no nothing. The club provided insurance covering Buster's, the AACA and the City of Plantation. Buster's applied for and obtained all required permits. It was all done by the book. Many, in fact, most of our participants are retirees with prized antique and classic cars who cause no disruption. We all understand the city has a responsibility to assure the safety of its citizens and visitors and a right to regulate public activities in their jurisdiction. We just hope we can find a way to continue cruising to Buster's.

We'll keep you posted.

A gorgeous afternoon with great cars, tasty food, and fun for all

