

## 2019 Havana Cruise

On Saturday, June 8th, the 12th Annual Havana Cruise was held up and down Havana Street. There were three festival sites this year (Havana Machine, Kaiser/Stampede and Havana Exchange). Thousands of cars turned out for a very nice day for cruising. Make sure to attend next years cruise. It's a fun day driving your collector vehicle. And it's free.





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## ***Late-stage leviathans: The American station wagon's last stand***

*by Joe Lorio / Reprinted from Hagerty News*



For generations of Americans, summer driving vacations took place in full-size, V-8-powered, rear-wheel-drive station wagons. As this year's road-trip season gets into full swing, maybe you're thinking of skipping the modern SUV/crossover or minivan and instead rolling old-school.

If so, the General Motors trio of the Chevrolet Caprice, Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser, and Buick Roadmaster that was introduced for 1991 are the very last of their ilk.

At the dawn of the 1990s, General Motors' big, square-bodied station wagons had been in production largely unchanged for a decade, and the same was true at Ford. But whereas Ford dropped its Country Squire and Mercury Colony Park after 1991 (and Chrysler had ditched its big wagon offerings years before), GM gave it one more go with a redesign for the '91 model year.

After years of T-square styling that dated back to 1977, the design pendulum swung far in the other direction for GM's new Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, and Buick wagons. The resulting bulbous, rounded shape supposedly was dictated by aerodynamics and was accentuated with large glass areas.

The trio of wagons arrived in the fall of 1990 as '91 models, with the Chevrolet preceded by a Caprice sedan that debuted earlier in 1990. The sedan version of the Buick trailed the wagon by a few months, appearing in the spring of '91 as a '92 model. At Oldsmobile, the Custom Cruiser had no RWD sedan counterpart, as the Eighty-Eight and Ninety-Eight already had switched to front-drive platforms.

Chevrolet's Caprice and Oldsmobile's Custom Cruiser nameplates were a continuation of those used on the preceding square-bodied offerings, but Buick ditched the previous Estate Wagon moniker and resurrected the Roadmaster nameplate (last used in 1958) for its big wagon and sedan.

In total, 52,241 Caprice wagons were built over six years, with the numbers declining precipitously over that period, from 15,000 for '91 to just 485 '96 models. Roadmaster wagons were right behind with 50,426 built during the same period, although demand at Buick was somewhat more consistent. Oldsmobile's two-year run produced just 12,010 Custom Cruisers, making that by far the rarest variant.







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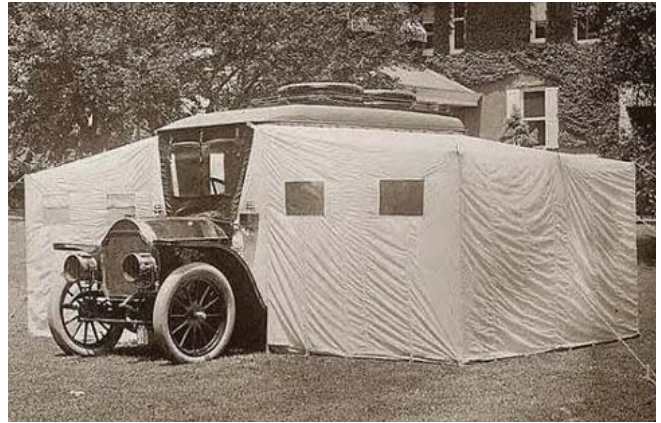






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