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Watchung Ridge Meet Is A *HUGE* Success !!

Distinctive Cars  **Fabulous People**  **A Spectacular Day!**

Story by Ray Koziol, Photos by Andrew Monahan



1941 Cadillac 4-Door Convertible Sedan-Bob & Joan Gluck

I am pleased to report that the weatherman knew the importance of this day and fully cooperated. After all a RRR event was planned and the very first membership meeting of our new region was to take place. Darren Muso, one of our earliest region members is the Activities Coordinator for Watchung Ridge and when he was planning a special program for Grandparents Day he immediately thought of the region. What better way to celebrate the day and to bring back fond memories than with an assemblage of classic Cadillacs and LaSalle! A row of spaces were reserved for our cars and within minutes it quickly became apparent that it was not going to be enough! A total of 18 vintage Cadillac/LaSalle motorcars arrived to celebrate the day. Our oldest region cars included Joe Puleo and his 1937 Fleetwood, Rich & Marion Nalavany and their 1938 LaSalle and Bob & Grace Gluck with their 1941 Cadillac Convertible Sedan. The 1950's were well represented with 6 cars ranging from 1955 to 1959. The 1960's and 1970's also made a fine showing with 8 cars in attendance. As an added bonus we were honored to have Jay Williams and his 1911 Ford Model T join us for the day.



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Darren and the staff of Watchung Ridge did a wonderful job with this event. There were activities for the children including Pony rides, the food was superb and plentiful. As an added bonus we received special mention in the Courier News story covering this event.

Those participating in the fun were:

Bernie Cooney-'53 Cadillac Sedan, Ray & Andrea Koziol-'58 Cadillac Coupe, Joe Riccio-'59 Eldorado Seville, Joe Puleo-'37 Fleetwood, Rita Puleo-'59 Eldorado Seville, Jay Raskin-'56 Cadillac Conv., Pat Caruso-'75 Sedan DeVille, Pete Gurka-'69 Sedan DeVille, Bob Crimmins-'55 Coupe DeVille, Harry & Bev Kern-'49 Cadillac Sedan, Ralph Messina-'66 Fleetwood, Chris Pozarycki-'73 Sedan DeVille, Abe Woliner-'73 Eldorado Conv., Bill Bilgor-'70 Coupe DeVille, Bob Rankin-'55 Cadillac Sedan, Andrew Monahan-'63 Cadillac Coupe, Bob & Grace Gluck-'41 Cadillac Conv. Sedan, Darren Muso-'73 Sedan DeVille, Richard & Marion Nalavany-'38 LaSalle.





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See you next issue !!!



General Meeting Minutes 9/8/02

The first official meeting of the RARITAN RIVER REGION of the CLC took place on September 8th. in Watchung New Jersey. There were approx. 35 members in attendance. In addition, we also had a car show with approx. 20 cars.

Mr., Bernard Cooney opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and introduced the Board of Directors to the members. First on the agenda was the matter of dues, and it was agreed to set them a \$10.00 for the 2002/2003 year-ending 12/31/2003. The next item was to set a meeting schedule and it was agreed to bi-monthly-the next being Thursday, November 21ST & then every other month thereafter. The matter of incorporation & tax deferred status was discussed and Mr. Ralph Messina agreed to head up a committee to explore these items.

Mr. Cooney advised the members that a delegate was needed to attend the National CLC Board of Directors meetings and that Bob Crimmins, Secretary of the RRR Region had offered to do so. The membership was agreeable. We also discussed various ideas for events, Road Rallies & Community events. These ideas should be sent to Mr. Bob Rankin, event coordinator. As there was no old business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 1.45 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Bob Crimmins, Secretary



Caddy Corner Technical Series

As promised here is the first in a series of Technical Articles. Additional articles are needed so please consider sharing your expertise with fellow members by writing an article.

Leather - I-Q

By Krystine Pavlisko

Many people who own a classic automobile are sometimes intimidated at showing them, knowing how critical judges can be. Theirs may be a condition 2 or 3 car, but with a fabulous leather interior, it can easily move up as much as a full point. The interior is where anyone can begin to economically spruce up their car and lets face it, a fabulous, sensuous interior is where the thrill of driving these cars all begins!

Leather is costly to replace, but easy to maintain and/or refinish. Keeping it looking brand new is just a matter routine maintenance. It is very important to keep your leather free of harmful grit and dirt as these contaminants can work their way down into the leather fibers and literally break them apart. We suggest a film of Rejuvenator Oil be applied to the leather twice a year to nourish the leather itself. This restoration/maintenance product, Rejuvenator Oil, is not in the same league with other leather "dressings". It nourishes and strengthens the leather fibers and was specifically formulated for the maintenance/restoration of leather. It works fabulously on all types of leather, even tennis shoes, luggage and home & office upholstery.

After the leather has been conditioned it will need a good cleaning. The Rejuvenator Oil seeps into the leather, releasing the dirt & grit from the leather fibers and driving these contaminants to the surface. Ivory Bar soap, a soft wash cloth and a bucket of warm water work well for cleaning, or, we have a cleaner formulated for leather maintenance called Prestine Clean.

If the surface coating is cracked and needs to be redone, applying a new protective finish with *water based dye* is a simple, do it yourself process. It will remain flexible and true to color for many years. Due to the E.P.A. and advances in technology, Leather Tanners have not used Lacquer based dyes for many years as they tended to crack and deteriorate more quickly and presented environmental concerns. All of the old dyes were dumped onto the secondary market some years ago. Be careful to check the age of the product before buying a lacquer based dye. Very minor cracks can be temporarily filled with warmed, clear bees wax or we offer a pre-formulated crack filler product for long lasting repairs.

If you will be putting the car into storage always apply a film of Rejuvenator Oil on all leather surfaces. Clean it prior to use and your car's interior will always maintain a "new" look and leather smell.

You perform regular maintenance to keep your classic running well, by adding your interior to that maintenance schedule your leather will remain with that "as new" look and feel as well.

Editors Note - Krystine is a principal of Leatherique Ltd. located in Orange Park, Florida. Both she and her husband George are active classic car hobbyists. I would like to thank them for this story contribution. I am working on a full length leather restoration article, during the interim should you have any questions on leather care George and Krystine can be reached at Leatherique Ltd., 904 272-0992 or via e-mail at LRPLTD@bellsouth.net. They also maintain a very informative and interesting internet site: <http://www.LEATHERIQUE.COM>