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Twin Lighthouse Tour A HUGE Success Great Weather * Great People * Great Cars

By Bernie Cooney



It was a dark and stormy night. No, wait!! It was a beautiful clear morning. After dealing with a winter/spring of less than perfect environmental experiences, Mother Nature smiled on the Raritan River Region, and bestowed us with one of the few days in New Jersey where the weather was perfect.

We knew we were in for a treat in gathering at a shopping center parking lot on NJ Highway 18. A steady stream of shoppers gawked at our assemblage. Kind words were shared while last minute preparations were made for our trip.

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At the appointed hour, engines were purring smoothly and we were on our way. A scenic route using the Middlesex and Monmouth County road systems had been selected. Avoiding high volume major highways, we meandered to Highlands New Jersey for a self guided tour of the Historic Twin Lighthouse. This structure is truly inspiring and unique. Two towers that originally held 1st order Fresnel lenses are joined by a stone structure. The two towers, one octagon, the other square are also remarkable in their design. On display are artifacts of the lighthouse's history, early life saving techniques and an exhibit of early Marconi radio work. After a thorough look through the lighthouse, and answering more tourists questions about our cars, we decided a refreshment stop at a local Stewart's Root Beer stand was in order. Then it was on to scenic Mount Mitchell, and a breathtaking view of New York Harbor.

Our final stop of the day brought us to Perth Amboy, and the nation's second oldest yacht club. Our hosts, Bill and Ruth Bilgor had prepared reserved parking in a municipal lot next to the Raritan Yacht Club. Relaxing cocktails on the deck were enjoyed while a steady stream of Perth Amboynans (is that the correct term?) strolled past our vehicles.

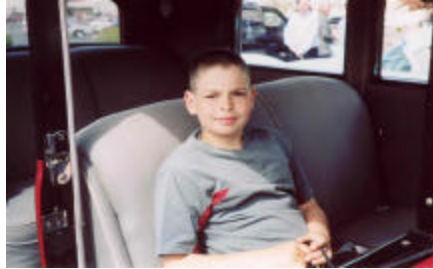
A day of sight-seeing, fresh air, and friendship was capped off with a delicious dinner from the galley of the RYC. Food cooked to perfection was complimented by samples of *pianistic* virtuosity provided by our gracious host Bill Bilgor. All too soon it was time to re-join the real world.

Many thanks go to Bill and Ruth Bilgor for arranging this tour. Also many thanks to the following region members and friends for a day of great companionship: Marilyn and Roger Love, with friend Eddie Swinson, 1931 Cadillac; Robert Rankin, 1953 Cadillac; Andrew, Sharon and Andrew Jr. Monahan in Bob Rankin's 1963 Cadillac; Jack and Nancy Hotz, with Jenette and Lee Kozarski, 1960 Cadillac Pat Caruso with mom, Mary and Aunt Dora, 1975 Cadillac; Ray and Andrea Koziol, 1958 Cadillac; Bill and Ruth Bilgor, 1970 Cadillac; Bernie Cooney 1961 Cadillac.





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Grand National Caravaning

As we outlined in our last issue we are setting up caravans for those members driving up to the Grand National. The idea is simple: on the chart below, pick a day of the week that you may leave for the GN. Contact the person designated for that day with your name and phone number or email address. That person will add your contact information to a list of others who are leaving the same time as you. Then on July 1 (or so) call that person back to receive the names of our other club members who will be heading to Saratoga Springs the same day as you. We all live in different areas of this great state, but we are all heading to the same destination. It will be fun to meet people along the way, and, when driving older vehicles, it is a good idea to have a little company.

Date Leaving	Contact Person	E-mail
Wednesday, July 9	Bob Crimmins	BobC@rrrclc.org
Thursday, July 10	Pat Caruso	Webmaster@rrrclc.org
Friday, July 11	Bernie Cooney	BernieC@rrrclc.org
Saturday, July 12	Andrew Monahan	AndrewM@rrrclc.org

We are hoping for a strong Region presence at the CLC premiere event. Hope to see you up there. - *Bernie*



Raritan River Region Meeting Minutes – Thursday, April 17, 2003

The RRR-CLC held it's monthly meeting on April 17, 2003. President Bernie Cooney opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.-there were 18 members present. A moment of silence was held for deceased member JOE MACOR.

SECRETARY-Bob Crimmins read the MARCH meeting minutes which were accepted.

TREASURER-Joe Puleo reported our current balance.

EDITOR-Ray Koziol advised he had enough material on hand to plan a separate JUNE, JULY and AUGUST issue of the CADDY CORNER.

He asked that we designate in advance a report writer for each up-coming club event and then e-mail the story to him.

Ray also reported he is still in the planning stages on his advertising campaign.

MEMBERSHIP-Ray Koziol advised that we have 99 paid members. 2003/04 dues notice will be included in the May issue of CADDY CORNER.

CLUB MERCHANDISE- Grace & Bob Gluck showed the members baseball type hats which are available to us at a very modest cost.

WEBMASTER REPORT-Pat Caruso had copies of the current calendar of events and passed them to all members.

Pat received a round of applause for a job WELL DONE.....

EVENTS-The Lighthouse tour scheduled for April 27th. was discussed in detail.

The Colonial Cadillac show to be held on Saturday May 17th. was also discussed. Bernie advised he will pick up 2 trophies.

Darren Musso discussed the June 8th. ROAD RALLYE.

OLD BUSINESS-We will keep our present location for monthly meetings for the time being. Alternate locations are welcomed but we need more input from the membership.

Further discussions are upcoming on the Review of Constitution By-Laws chaired by Ralph Messina, Joe Puleo & Bob Crimmins.

A Grand National caravan was discussed. A list of various travel days and contact persons was developed and will be added by Pat Caruso to our web site, and published in Caddy Corner.

NEW BUSINESS-Review & work on judging seminars.

The 50/50 was won by George Eckelson. \$16.00 to George and \$16.00 to our club treasury.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crimmins



Raritan River Region Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 15, 2003

The Raritan River Region-CLC held it's May Meeting on the 15th. There were 17 members present. President Bernie Cooney opened the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bob Crimmins read the minutes of the April 17th. meeting which was accepted by the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joe Puleo reported our current balance.

EDITOR'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Ray Koziol reported that the May issue of CADDY CORNER was mailed on 5/6/03. Work continues on the JUNE issue, it should be in the mail 1st week of June. Ray also reported our membership is now 100 strong. Dues renewal notices were sent out in the MAY issue of CADDY CORNER and response has been strong.

CLUB MERCHANDISE:

Grace Gluck showed members a baseball type hat & discussed cost of same along with our logo. Samples will be made for our review & possible purchase. A minimum of 50 is necessary.

WEBMASTERS REPORT:

Pat Caruso advised there has been 6300 hits as of 5/15/03. All events as of this date have been added to the web-site. Pat (again) received a round of applause for his outstanding job on our web-site.

EVENTS:

- *Colonial Cadillac show-May 17th 2003 was discussed in detail as was the June 8th. Road Rally.
- *A replacement for the Nursing Home Tri-Fecta is needed. Andrew will look into a BROGAN show.
- *A cruise @ McDONALDS in Middlesex-Route 28 on Wednesday evenings is a weekly possibility.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *It was agreed to stay at our present location for monthly meetings.
- *A silent auction was again discussed as a possible fund-raiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Pat Caruso discussed 4x5 RRR logo adhesive sheets for our car windows.
- *The CARAVAN to the Grand National was added to web-site still waiting to hear who's going.
- *Alida Macor has donated Joe's collection of SELF STARTER"S to our region, other books may be donated in the future.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

- *Joe Macor's (3) 1940 LASALLE'S are for sale. Alida would like to keep them in club hands.
- *A few other cars are for sale by various owners-
1978 ELDO HARDTOP; 1930 MODEL A FORD; 1963 DeVILLE Coupe
- *The 50/50 was won by Grace Gluck-\$15.50 to Grace and \$15.50 to our treasury.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crimmins



The Flying W Brunch - April 6, 2003

By Bernie Cooney


It started with an email in November, 2002. Don Miller, a very active member of the Valley Forge Region wanted to do something nice for the (at that time) new Raritan River Region. "Why not come down for brunch?" Don asked. "We're getting together at the Flying 'W' Airport in February, and a few of us are going to check it out." Well, check it out, we did. I asked Don about arrangements for a rain/snow date for this event. "It will take a blizzard to cancel this event," Don replied. We all laughed at the chances for a major snow that far south. Most winters, any snow south of Trenton is gone before it hits the ground. February 16, 2003 was cast in stone as a do or die date. February 16, 2003 saw 24 inches of snow fall on the Medford area.

After one of the harshest winters in modern memory, it was April 6th by the time the snow melted. Some things are just worth waiting for. With a rather light turn-out from the Raritan River Region, due to rescheduling, a morning of fantastic food, fabulous friends, and vintage vehicles from Cadillac (and Mini Cooper!) took place.

Somehow, the always social Barbara and Bud Coleman avoided the watchful eye of the resident cameraman. Other Raritan River Region members, Robert Rankin, Andrew Monahan and Bernie Cooney got down to some serious eating. The calories consumed at the endless breakfast buffet were soon shed strolling around the picturesque Flying "W" Airport, and viewing the vintage iron in the parking lot. Valley Forge members who brought out antique cars were Don Miller (1976 Cadillac), Art and Mary Jones (1940 Cadillac), Joe Mosteller (1936 LaSalle), Florrie and Marty Watkins (1941 Cadillac). As members of both the Valley Forge Region, and the Raritan River Region, Barbara and Bud Coleman get special thanks for bringing out their luscious 1940 LaSalle.





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Raritan River Region

Membership Renewal Form

Please Remit To: Raritan River Region P.O. Box 34 Martinsville, NJ 08836

July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 \$15.00 **Family Membership** Includes Spouse & Children!

Member Name(s): _____

Cadillac Vehicle(s) owned:

Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____ **Year:** _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____

Please Return With Your Check Made Payable to Raritan River Region-CLC