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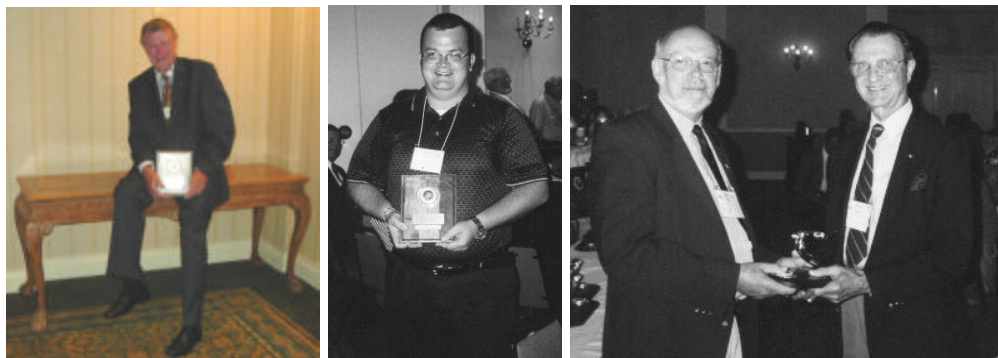
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# Raritan River Region Makes A Historic Showing At The 2003 Grand National

## Here Are Just Some Of Our Winners.....

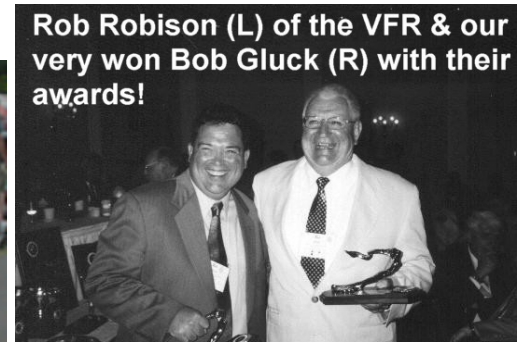


### Grand National 2003

By Bernie Cooney

The 2003 CLC Grand National in Saratoga Springs turned out to be a most significant event in the development of our Raritan River Region. Our Region was responsible for bringing an amazing quantity of cars to this event. More important still was the number of these vehicles that received recognition by the careful and arduous judging of the expert CLC judges. So as not to slight any member for their efforts, a complete list is being compiled and will be posted when all information is received. Congratulations to all the winners!!

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Even more significant was the transition of the Raritan River Region from provisional status to full charter status. In his presentation to the National Board of Directors, Lee Herberman mentioned the activities and achievements of the RRR in its first year of existence. Lee went on to mention that any group of people can get together for a short time and interact as a unit. What makes the RRR special, and gives real credence to our organization, are our first class newsletter and dynamic website. A motion was made to remove our provisional status and unanimously approved by the entire board in attendance.

The acme of our accomplishments came at the beginning of the awards ceremony on Saturday evening. According to awards chairman Andy Zizolfo, it is most unusual to recognize a new region with a national award. However, the tremendous accomplishment of our webmaster, Pat Caruso, transcends traditions. Pat received the Website Excellence Award amid a tumultuous ovation from the entire assemblage. A hearty pat on the back goes to each and every member of the Raritan River Region. And a standing ovation goes to Pat Caruso for his incredible achievements during our first year.



## Raritan River Region - Meeting Minutes – Thursday - July 17, 2003

President Bernie Cooney called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 19 members present. The meeting started with a round of applause for a successful GRAND NATIONAL. The RRR achieved permanent region status and all the members who attended the GN and had their cars judged won awards-namely: Joe Puleo, Bernie Cooney, Bob & Grace Gluck and Bob Crimmins. Also, Pat Caruso received the *WEB MASTER AWARD* - congratulations to one & all.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Joe Puleo reported the current balance.

**WEBMASTER REPORT:** Webmaster Pat Caruso reported there have been a total of 13,200 hits on our web-site, an increase of 3600 since our last meeting. Our links page is keeping a running list of GN-03 photo's. Any member may send photo's as follows: DIGITAL-Webmaster @RRRCLC.ORG, PRINTS- Mail To The Martinsville Address . The gallery has 48 cars-6 additional will be added thanks to GN-03 photo's.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Ray Koziol reported 57 renewals received. Those who did not renew will get a personnel letter from Bernie along with a renewal form. A follow up committee will also get a list to work with.

**EDITORS REPORT:** Editor Ray Koziol advised the members that due to the large amount of work required for each issue, he will return to a 2 month issue of CADDY CORNER. Issue dates will be: Aug/Sept., Oct/Nov-Dec/Jan., Feb/Mar., Apr/May, Jun/Jul. Special issues are a possibility depending on the circumstances. The JULY issue has been mailed.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE:** Hats & patches are selling well (quite a few were sold at GN-03). Bob & Grace Gluck were asked to re-order an additional 75 hats. GOOD GOING MEMBERS!

**EVENTS REPORT:** Events/activities director Bob Rankin reported on the following:

EVERGREEN PLAZA-July 27. BROGAN/TOTAWA-AUG. 9<sup>TH</sup>, BROGAN/NO. BRUNSWICK-AUG. 16<sup>TH</sup>, HOLLY MANOR-AUG> 17TH and GRANDPARENTS DAY-Sept. 7th.

**OLD BUSINESS**-None. **NEW BUSINESS**-Joe Macor's collection has been sold.

The first CHINESE AUCTION was held after the meeting which netted the treasury \$150.00. Thanks to all those who helped make this a fun event. The meeting was adjourned prior the auction @8:10PM.

The next meeting will be held on THURSDAY AUGUST 21st.-7:30PM at the Watchung Ridge Assisted Living Building.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Crimmins, Secretary

## Raritan River Region - Meeting Minutes – Thursday – August 21, 2003

President Bernie Cooney called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. There were 17 members present.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Bob Crimmins read the minutes of the July 17th. meeting which were approved & seconded.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Joe Puleo reported the balance after expenses for stamps and the re-order of club hats.

**EDITORS REPORT:** Ray Koziol reported work continues on the Aug/Sept. issue of CADDY CORNER and should be ready by months end.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Ray Koziol advised we have 92 paid members and only 16 remain unpaid. The follow up committee calls resulted in at least 3 renewals-also, 4 applications are pending.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE:** Bob & Grace Gluck are on a well deserved vacation.

**WEBMASTER REPORT:** Pat Caruso reports that as of 8/14/03, there were 16,300 hits on our web-site-an increase of 3100 since last month. The GALLERY now features 63 cars-an increase of 15 thanks to photo's from GN03 and BROGAN-Totowa. Pat has asked for a volunteer to explore using PAY-PAL to merchandise our club items-JAY RASKIN offered to explore/help.

**EVENTS REPORT:** Bob Rankin reported on the following:

CLC-Hampton Roads driving tour; Grandparents Day Show-Sept. 7th.

Rahway Show-Sept. 13th. Joe Puleo discussed this event which takes place in downtown RAHWAY-Special area for CADDY'S-rain date=Sept. 14th.

VFR SHOW-Lahaska, Pa. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>; Halloween Express-October 26th.-Whippany RR(more info. to follow).

**OLD BUSINESS**-Continue to call on membership renewal. **NEW BUSINESS**-Upcoming election of officers for 2004

**ITEMS FOR SALE**-Joe Macor's widow advised parts-stored in garage. Frank Barrett has brochures for sale-call 908-996-2316. 50/50-Won by Jack Harrison-\$20.00. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with our show @Watchung Ridge Assisted Living-Sept. 7th.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Crimmins, Secretary

**See you next issue !**