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**Raritan River Region
Tricky Tray Auction**

By Bernie Cooney
Photos by Bernie Cooney & Andrew Monahan

Raindrops on roses? *No.* Whiskers on kittens? *No.*

But our tricky tray – silent auction could have been an inspiration for a Broadway show/movie. It is truly amazing the variety of objects that are part of the old car hobby. Books and advertisements are highly collectable. Out of print magazines become prized collector items. Blue prints? Wow! What a find. All this without mentioning the holy grail of the car hobby: automobile parts. Did someone mention tools? Yes!



What puts the proverbial frosting on the cake is that our tricky tray is an event everyone enjoys. You clean out a little much needed space, and then you have room for more treasures. In the process the club makes some money, and everyone has a good time. Do you think we can do this again?

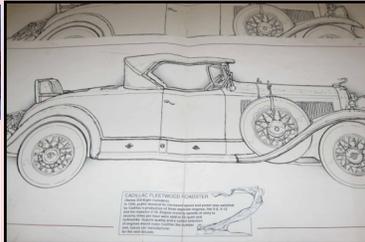


Here's the crew setting up the tables. Bernie Cooney coordinated the event and was assisted by Jeff Montgomery and Greg Roser



Tricky Tray Auction

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One of the most sought after items at the auction were a set of line drawn plans for a '32 Cadillac. Joe Manna was the lucky winner! Just look at that smile!



Andrew Monahan assisted Bernie in taking photos

Handling auction ticket sales was Bob Rankin (R)



.....And the Auction Gets Underway.....



Handling auction duties was the team of Roser & Montgomery. These guys can give Barrett-Jackson auctioneers a run for their money! While Greg provided the descriptions Jeff called out the winning numbers and presented the lucky winner his prize!



Bob Rankin collects his auction prize



Rich Nalavany looks over his auction win.



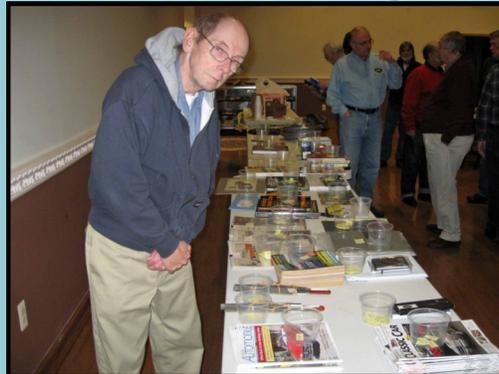
Joe Puleo claims his prize. *Betcha* it's '59 Cadillac related!



Bob Rankin & John Quattrocchi check their tickets



So, do you think we can do this again?



...You Betcha...





What's Down The Road?

Do you have an idea for a Raritan River meet or know of an event we could participate in?
Contact Joe Manna, 908-964-0766 or e-mail: JoeM@rrrdc.org with the details!
A full activities schedule is key to the success of our region.

MARCH 20, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

MARCH 23, 2014- Annual Dust-Off Breakfast - Annual Dust Off Breakfast, Home Town Buffet, Route 1, Edison, NJ See page -8-for details.

APRIL 5, 2014- Jason Friends Foundation Spring Fling Dinner Dance, Clark NJ
For further info and ticket information call 732-396-0606 or 908-917-4637

APRIL 17, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

MAY 15, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

JUNE 8, 2014- Garwood Car Show, Garwood, NJ - Details to follow.

JUNE 19, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

JULY 8th - 12th, 2014 - CLC Grand National, Lake George, NY

JULY 11, 2014 - Save the date - Collector Car Appreciation Day,
More to follow.

JULY 17, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

AUGUST 21, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014- Valley Forge Region Car Show, Lahaska, PA. Details to follow.

OCTOBER 16, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

NOVEMBER 20, 2014- Monthly Meeting,

DECEMBER 6, 2014- Holiday Party, Galloping Hill Inn. Join your fellow Region members for a **Saturday** evening of celebration!
Flyer and further details to follow.

**NOTE: Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at The Banquet Hall of St. Stephen's Church
609 Lane Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080 unless otherwise noted above. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.**



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CORRECTIONS TO THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES - Correction 1) -Bernie Cooney advises that his suggestion was to create a category of judges which would perform advanced tasks in our judging program. They would be responsible for certifying cars as Emeritus, as well as making sure emeritus cars are preserved. They would also determine "Best of Show" vehicles at our shows. In the future they could also pave a path for our original classes. He advised that he used the term "Master Judge", not head judge. .

Correction 2) -Spelling correction for Peter Garipey, Peter's last name is spelled Garipey.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gloria Cotte, mother of region member Lynn D'Agostino. Our deepest sympathies to Lynn, Tony and the entire family on their loss.



New Jersey Reintroduces Bill to Expand Use of Historic Vehicles

Legislation (**A.B. 2199**) that would amend the state's current law governing historic motor vehicles to permit their use for pleasure driving one day per week has been reintroduced in the New Jersey State Assembly. Under current New Jersey law, use of historic vehicles is strictly limited to exhibitions and educational purposes by the owner.

We Urge You to Contact Members of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee (List Below) in Support of A.B. 2199

- Under current New Jersey law, an "Historic motor vehicle" is any motor vehicle which is at least 25 years old and which is owned as a collector's item and used solely for exhibition and educational purposes by the owner.
- A.B. 2199 will provide New Jersey historic vehicle owners the opportunity to enjoy recreational driving on weekdays in addition to the other sanctioned uses.
- A.B. 2199 provides added incentive to owners of qualifying historic vehicles (more than 25-years old) to register as "historic."

DON'T DELAY! Please contact the members of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee to request their support for **A.B. 2199**.

New Jersey Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee
To e-mail all Committee members, copy and paste the email address block below:

AsmWiniewski@njleg.org; AswStender@njleg.org; AswCaride@njleg.org; AsmClifton@njleg.org; AswDeCroce@njleg.org; Asmgarcia@njleg.org; AsmGiblin@njleg.org; AsmKean@njleg.org; AsmMainor@njleg.org; AsmMoriarty@njleg.org; AswOliver@njleg.org; AsmRumana@njleg.org

Bill to Provide for Single License Plate Introduced in New Jersey

Legislation (**S.B. 629**) has been introduced in the New Jersey State Senate to require the issuance of only a single license plate for motor vehicles. The bill, favored by state hobbyists, requires that the single registration plate be attached on the rear of the vehicle.

We Urge You to Contact Members of the Senate Transportation Committee (Contact Info Below) Immediately to Request Support for S.B. 629

- S.B. 629 would save money, conserve resources and bring New Jersey in line with other states that have moved to a single plate requirement.
- S.B. 629 allows owners who were issued two license plates prior to the enactment and effective date of the bill to return one of the plates to the Motor Vehicle Commission.
- S.B. 629 would protect the aesthetic contours of collector cars and relieve vehicle owners of the burden of having to create mounting holes on some original bumpers.

DON'T DELAY! Please contact members of the New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee immediately to request their support for **S.B. 629**

Please e-mail a copies of your letters to Steve McDonald at stevem@sema.org. Also, please forward this Alert to your fellow car enthusiasts. Urge them to join the SAN and help defend the hobby! Thank you for your assistance.

New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee
To e-mail all Committee members, copy and paste the email address block below:

SenSacco@njleg.org; SenGordon@njleg.org; SenHolzapfel@njleg.org; SenNorcross@njleg.org;
SenPennacchio@njleg.org

For Sale & Wanted... For Sale & Wanted

Ads are **FREE** to Region Members, sorry no photo's. Each ad will run for 3 consecutive issues and then be automatically withdrawn. Advertisers are asked to immediately notify me upon the sale of an advertised item or if you wish to extend your ad beyond 3 consecutive issues. To place an ad e-mail Ray Koziol @ RayK@rrrclc.org
Ads must be received no later than the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

FOR SALE - 1977 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. One owner, 80,000 miles. Well maintained. Puncture sealing tires, air conditioned. \$7,500. Contact Walter Wary 973-267-4267 (3)

FOR SALE - 1949 Cadillac 75 7-pass sedan- formerly owned by Mr Rogers of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood- Only 69,000 miles on it today. Never damaged- Full cosmetic restoration several years ago, but car is just a beautiful and wonderful car to see and drive. You can see photos of it online by going to www.hirschauto.com/49cad If interested in this black beauty, call me at 973 642-4093 (weekdays only) or contact me at my e-mail address which is hirschbill@aol.com.- Bill Hirsch (1)

PARTS FOR SALE- Genuine NOS AC Delco PF30 Oil Filters. These rare and long out of production oil filters are being made available exclusively to CLC members. Last produced in 1983 and superseded by the now also out of production PF24 Filter, these new in the box genuine AC Delco NOS oil filters are being made available to CLC members for \$20.00 each or six for \$100.00 plus s/h. These are the correct filters for all 1960-1976 Cadillacs and cannot be beaten for quality and dependability. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to treat your 'Pride and Joy' to these correct show quality filters today. Contact Thomas Murray at 609-671-0142 or 609-751-6662 by phone or by email at: chuke62@hotmail.com

PARTS FOR SALE- Halogen Bulbs & Sealed Beams- See and be seen with our great new halogen bulbs. Almost TWICE the light as conventional bulbs - Will fit your exiting socket - Hardly any additional drain on the battery - For all 6 & 12 volt cars from 1920 onward. Please call Bill Hirsch at 1 800 828 2061 and ask for Eric or e-mail: info@hirschauto.com

PRODUCTS FOR SALE- CUSTOM LEATHER KEY CASES – From the late 1930's to the early 1970's, many car dealers gave small leather key cases to both new and used car buyers. I have produced a line of replica key cases which are modeled after those giveaways and which are appropriate for any classic car. Each key case can be customized with the owner's initials. Contact Hugh Dyer at hugh_rpm@msn.com or (908) 359-7122 for a product flyer and order form.

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New Jersey Bill Provides Window Stickers for Exempt Vehicles

Legislation (**S.B. 1108**) has been introduced to require the motor vehicle commission to issue exempt certificates for motor vehicles not required to be inspected. Under current law, motorcycles, registered historic motor vehicles, motor vehicles designated as collector vehicles, and certain diesel-powered passenger motor vehicles built before the 1997 model year are exempt from emissions inspections and equipment inspections.

We Urge You to Contact All Members of the Senate Transportation Committee (Contact Info Below) Immediately To Request Their Support for S.B. 1108

- **As exempt motor vehicles are not subject to inspection, no certificates of approval (windshield "stickers") are issued for them to display. On occasion, the operators of these exempt vehicles are stopped by law enforcement because there is no certificate of approval affixed to their windshield. As a result, the owners of these vehicles must carry all the documentation that is needed to prove their exempt status. S.B. 1108 would eliminate that problem by requiring the motor vehicle commission to issue a certificate of exemption for display on these vehicles.**

DON'T DELAY! Please contact members of the New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee immediately to request their support of **S.B. 1108**.

New Jersey Senate Transportation Committee

To e-mail all Committee members, copy and paste the email address block below:

SenSacco@njleg.org; SenGordon@njleg.org; SenHolzapfel@njleg.org; SenNorcross@njleg.org; SenPennacchio@njleg.org

RARITAN RIVER REGION-CLC-Meeting Minutes-February 20, 2014

DIRECTOR-Jeff Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with 15 members present including 8 Board Members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SECRETARY- Report was approved with one exception and change to the January Minutes. Regarding Bernie Cooney's suggestion regarding a new Judge to be called a Master Judge who's responsibility will be to perform advanced tasks such as certifying cars as Emeritus and making sure that they are preserved to continue in that class. In addition, this Judge would determine "Best of Show Vehicles at our shows. Finally, this judge could provide a path for our original class. I had used the word Head Judge.

TREASURER-Joe Puleo read his report which was approved by the members.

EDITOR REPORT-Caddy Corner-No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Ray Koziol advises total membership stands at 114.

WEBMASTER-Jeff Montgomery advised Peter Gariepy continues to work on updating our site. Jeff has reviewed several prelim's and it is coming together. Hopefully, it will be up and running by our March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-Our annual "DUSTOFF" takes place on March 23rd at the HOMETOWN BUFFET located on Route 1, in Edison.

ROYAL SHOW- The possibility of a 2014 show was discussed. Joe Manna will call Royal and get a feel if they are interested or not. Last year was not a great show due to Royal's Service Department being open and our show pushed to the back lot.

HOLIDAY PARTY- Joe Puleo advised he placed a deposit with the Galloping Hills Caterers to hold our holiday party on Saturday evening, December 6th, 2014. The amount would be \$45.00 per person and the club would pay for the DJ and an open bar.

NEW BUSINESS- Jeff Montgomery spoke to Mike Cascio of the North Jersey Cadillac Club regarding a joint show at CROWN CADILLAC. Jeff Genovese will be contacted for further discussion and dates.

~Doug Lansing has advised he will be happy to chair this year's GOLD COAST SHOW. He will contact Keith Harvey to discuss dates in September and report back to us.

~Bernie has started to work on this year's Somerville Show.

~Garwood Show-Cars/Crafts--June 8th.

~Bob Crimmins advised this year's Grand National Registration forms will be in the March issue of the Self Starter. The GN is in Lake George New York-July 8-12.

~The VFR Lahaska Show in Sunday September 28th.

~Also, the official dedication of the new CLC Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan will be held on Sunday September 28th.

FOR SALE/WANTED- None

As there was no other business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM so that we could enjoy club provided coffee and donuts and get started with our annual Tricky Tray event which was a lot of fun with a variety of interesting items to be had.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th 2014, 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Crimmins,
Secretary

♪♪♪ The Sound of Music - Coming From Your Car Radio

By Ray Koziol

In our cover story Bernie Cooney incorporated some lyrics from The Sound of Music to begin his story. So that got me thinking, did you ever wonder about that *sound of music* coming from your car radio....and how it came to be? Well here's a little story that will give you the answer The idea for our car radios of today came about in 1929 and was actually inspired by a romantic evening at a lover's lane in Quincy, Illinois. Two young men, William Lear and Elmer Wavering invited their girlfriends for a drive to Quincy's Look-Out Point. While the two couples gazed at the stars one of the girls mentioned how nice it would be if they had some music. William and Elmer looked at one another, both with the same idea, a car radio. Both were familiar with radios and soon began taking a household radio and trying to convert it for use in a car. No easy task, their nemesis being, electrical interference causing poor reception. Working methodically and slowly they eventually overcame this problem.

Now with a working car radio they traveled to Chicago to attend a radio convention. Also at that convention was Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Company. He was there looking for a new product to add to his product line. When he happened upon Elmer and William he knew he had it! The three joined forces and set up shop at Galvin's factory. There they perfected their invention installing it in Galvin's Studebaker. With a working radio they decided it was time to develop some capital from the bank. But what would be their best approach? After some thought they hit upon the idea of installing one of their radios in the banker's car, what better way to showcase their product? So off to the local bank they go and when the banker heard their offer he gladly handed over the keys to his Packard. Now there's an old saying, "never ask a question for which you do not already know the answer". Well, you can say that applies here. After installing the radio the highlight of their presentation began, with the banker looking on, the switch was turned on, and instead of lovely music playing through the speaker.....there was dead silence....the radio didn't work! Now to make a bad day even worse, when they returned to the factory they received a call from the banker.....his Packard was on fire! They didn't get the loan.

Failure was not an option! They quickly came up with plan two, they drove the Studebaker to Atlantic City, NJ where another radio convention was being held. Not having enough money to rent a convention booth they parked the car outside the convention hall and turned up the volume for all to hear. Both the radio and their plan worked! They received enough orders to start production. Now with radios being produced, Paul Galvin's marketing acumen told him that the original product name, "5T71" needed to be "spiced up" a bit, actually spiced up a lot. Now during these times sound producing product names all ended in "ola", these included Victrola, the Radiola etc. So after some serious thought and trying to link the radio with the automobile in a suitable name the company Motorola came to be.

Early on, times were tough and the company lost money. Then, in 1933 Ford began to offer Motorola radios as factory installed equipment. Soon thereafter, B.F. Goodrich began offering the radios with installation at their stores. Success was finally theirs!

Throughout the years Paul Galvin continued to oversee Motorola and innovate and improve their products. He introduced push button radio tuning, developed the first police radio for use in patrol cars and, working with the U.S. Army developed the first walkie-talkie known as the "Handie-Talkie". Later, Motorola introduced the first low cost television sets to America, introduced the first pager and manufactured the equipment which televised man's first steps on the moon.

As for Elmer and William, Elmer Wavering remained with Motorola and developed the first automotive alternator. William Lear continued to invent independently and held over 150 patents in both the automotive and aviation fields. Some of his more noteworthy inventions include the 8-Track Tape Player, Aircraft Radio Detection Finders, AutoPilot and the first fully automatic aircraft landing system. All very impressive, but many believe that his most noteworthy invention was the 1963 introduction of his Lear Jet!

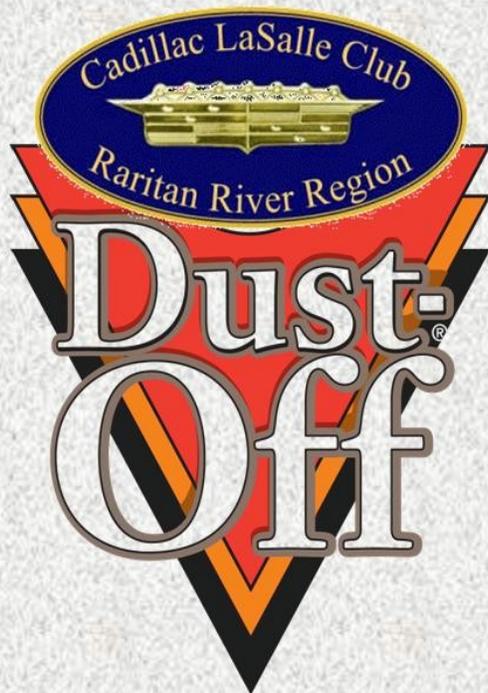
So the next time you tune in your car radio, remember it has a long, noteworthy and very proud history.



**Mark
Your Calendar
Sunday**

**March 23, 2014
9:00 to 11:00 AM**

**Our
Annual**



Variety is the spice of life. Look at the variety of cars on the highway, the variety of architectural styles in your neighborhood or the variety of foods at a dust-off brunch. Over the years the Home Town Buffet has been the Raritan River Region's choice and this year will be no different. This year we will hold our Dust Off on a Sunday and it will once again be all you can eat, at a reasonable price of only \$8.50. How do they do it? For that \$8.50 we get eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, danish, toast, omelets, home fries, etc., etc., etc., Our price even includes taxes and gratuities. Now that's a bargain!

As we all know another main attraction of our Dust Off has always been the camaraderie of our fellow region members. The buffet serving style promotes mingling. Interesting conversations will abound. Who has made progress with their restorations? What sort of upgrades can we expect to see in the spring? Will the weather cooperate enough to allow collector cars?

So here's the details:

Date: Sunday, March 23, 2014

Time: 9 am to 11:00 am

Place: HomeTown Buffet

561 U.S. Route 1 South, Edison NJ 08817

Phone (732) 777-1104

Cost: \$8.50, all inclusive

What to drive: It is always nice to see collector cars, but it is not necessary for this event.



Directions from the north: Take your favorite Road to I-287 South, Exit 1B. Immediate right off exit ramp (careful, Main Street traffic has right of way) to U.S. 1 South. Wick Shopping Plaza (anyone remember Edison Lanes?) is exactly 2.5 miles ahead on your right. On today's journey the absence of the huge American Flag was conspicuous. It may re-appear in

March when the weather improves. If you take the Plainfield Ave exit (this is Fulton Street), HomeTown Buffet will be on your right.

Directions from the south: Take your favorite highway (in most instances this will be NJ 18) to U.S. 1 North. Go over the Morris Goodkind bridge. 0.9 miles past the bridge are the exits for Plainfield Avenue. Follow the signs for Piscataway/Dunellen. Follow the cup handle behind Wallgreens and then back across US 1. Immediately after crossing US 1 turn right on Fulton Street, then left into HomeTown Buffet's parking lot.

No need to register: just show up, bring \$8.50 and an appetite.



Questions?

Email BernieC@rrrclc.org,

or call (732) 629-7544

Day of event call: 908-229-9840



Ray Kugel