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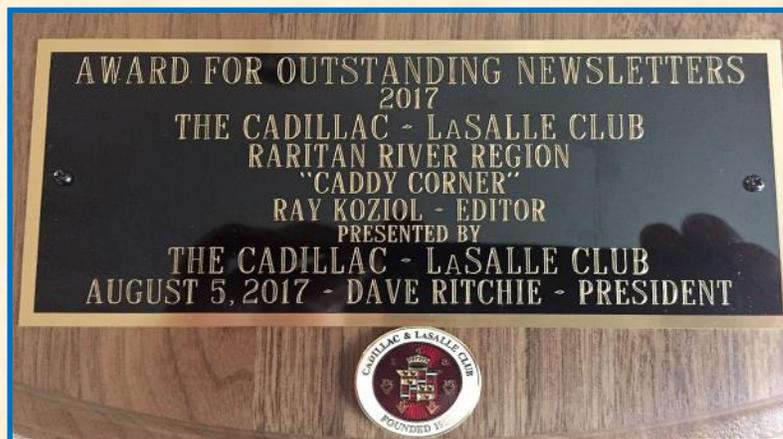
# Caddy Corner



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## CADDY CORNER WINS NEWSLETTER AWARD AT 2017 GN!



### A Message from RRRCLC Region Director, Jeff Montgomery

It was my pleasure to accept the Outstanding Newsletter Award on behalf of Ray Koziol at this year's Cadillac and LaSalle Club Grand National awards banquet. They spoke about the Caddy Corner as if it were a mini Self-Starter, calling it award-winning and a liquid read. They also spoke about the layout, the tons of color photos, the accurate calendar, and the constant high-quality content it contains. I can't begin to express how proud I felt to be a part of a region with an award-winning publication such as the Caddy Corner, and from its inception until this past January, it was all because of Ray. Now, our friend, Jay Raskin, is continuing the tradition, but this recognition of Ray's body of work could not be more deserving. Congratulations Ray!





## RRRCLC and Gold Coast Cadillac 8th Annual Car Show a Huge Success!

**Photos: Many thanks to Ted Mandalakis**

**Gold Coast Cadillac was never more golden than on this beautiful October 1st Sunday!**

**Mother Nature looked down upon us favorably on Sunday, because she dialed-up one of the nicest weather days you could ask for when holding a car show.**

**Our 8th Annual Gold Coast Dealer Show, was inarguably our greatest show held to date, boasting perfect weather and a record turnout of 116 cars. This is going to be a tough act to follow, but we'll try to top this show next year.**

**A perfect show like this requires terrific teamwork and execution, prior to, and during the event. Thank you Doug Lansing for once again giving generously of your time to coordinate all the components that make up this car show. Thank you Bernie Cooney and Dan Espy for ensuring that the judging came off without a hitch, thank you to all our volunteer judges, and many thanks to everyone else who volunteered their time and energies to make this day, without a doubt, the best Gold Coast show we've ever had. So many people played such important parts in this event, that it would be difficult to mention every name without risking leaving someone out.**

**Let us give special thanks to the best partner any car club could ever dream of teaming up with, Mr. Keith Harvey, the Dealer Principal at Gold Coast. Thank you Keith for once again rolling out the red carpet for us!**

**We even managed to fit 6 "7" themed cars into the showroom this year, ranging from Joe Puleo's 1937 Cadillac to John Q's 1977 Caddy.**

**Thank you to all who traveled near and far, such as the Estes and Koestner families from Long Island, Isabel and Jack Lehnhoff traveling from Delaware, and that fantastic group of guys from the Verrazano Cadillac Club.**

**Congratulations also to all of the award winners on this Blue Ribbon Day.**

**Our club should be immensely proud of this wonderful day!**



Thank you Jeff Montgomery for providing the delicious anniversary cakes!



A Grand National-Quality Turnout in New Jersey!





Classic Car Show Sunday October 1st





Thank you Keith Harvey!



Doug Lansing and Youth Judges Team hand out their awards.



Bernie Cooney presents Ken Clayton with his Judging kit.



Congratulations to all the Award Winners!





**Congratulations to our Best of Show Winners: George Maslow ('56 convertible), Barry Herman ('59 Biarritz), Anthony Pollara ('92 Sedan DeVille), and Ralph Messina for Dealer's Choice (1966 Eldorado)**



## **RRRCLC Judging Seminar**

**By Dan Espy**

**The RRRCLC held a judging seminar on August 19<sup>th</sup> for two hours. The casual classroom seminar was presented by Dan Espy and was intended to present and explain the basics of the new CLC Judging Manual and how it compares and relates to our Regions' own Judging Manual. There were 7 club members in attendance and three of our members had recently returned from the CLC Grand National in Virginia and judged at that event using the new judging guidelines.**

**There was a lot of discussion about the new CLC Judging Manual, its guidelines and procedures. The group felt that our own RRRCLC judging policies were in line with the national albeit less specific.**

**An explanation of the changes in how awards were given at the GN was talked about. In past years when classes were judged the top three scores were given first through third prizes as long as the minimum score was achieved for the prize. That meant that a person with a 92-point car (90 points are needed for a first place win) might not win anything. That would happen if other cars scored 96, 95 and 93 points. That policy was reviewed and deemed unfair by the judging committee. The policy now is to award prizes based on the required score not just the highest score. If your car scores at least 90 points you're awarded a first place win. Therefore several duplicate awards are possible. You're not trying to outscore another car, just trying to achieve the required score.**

**At the Grand National, all features and options are checked when the car is judged and points are deducted accordingly. Points are deducted for three reasons. An Authenticity deduction is for things that are not correct (wrong tires, non-Delco battery, etc.). A Workmanship deduction is for cleanliness or other things that the owner could easily maintain. A Condition deduction is for an item that is bent, rusty not as new etc. although it may be clean.**

**It was strongly suggested that our Region should focus on authenticity (correctness) when judging. It is not just about the cleanest, brightest car but the most authentic one. It is important that judging should always be based on the condition of the car when it was delivered to its first owner. Condition and point deductions are the decided by the judging teams, however points should be deducted for incorrect items. Consistency is a must when judging.**

**It is suggested that you look at online or purchase a CLC Judging Manual. It is full of useful information. Our own Judging Manual is equally important and these two publications will help you in your judging journey.**

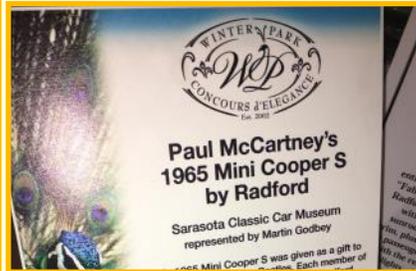
**I encourage all members to judge at any level.**



# VINTAGE CARS ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE IN SARASOTA, FL

*By Jay Raskin*

**This past August, my wife and I spent a (pre-hurricane) week on the west coast of Florida. We traveled to the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, and noticed a large sign for a classic car museum across the street. It has been around for years, and I naturally stopped in after finishing up at the Ringling Museum. They had a great mix of about 90 cars of all makes and eras, including two Beatle-owned autos. Here are just a few of the photos I took.**



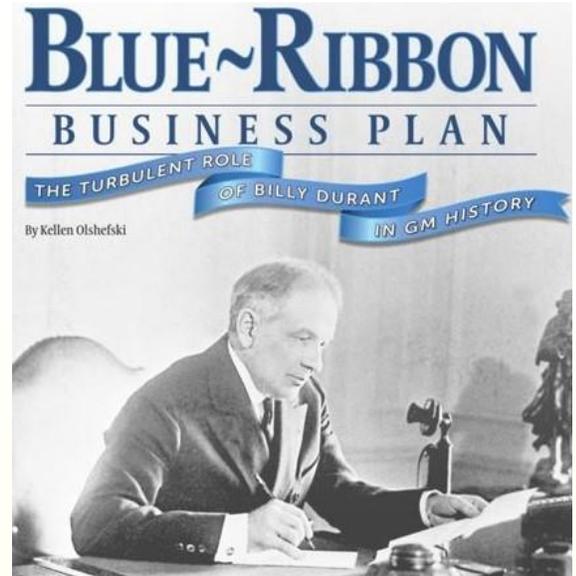


**After I thought I'd seen it all in the museum, the owner suggested that I visit the other building in the back; Vintage Motors of Sarasota, a classic car dealership. Boy, did they have an impressive array of fine automobiles. Here are some photos from Vintage Motors of Sarasota.**



## The Durant/Puleo Connection

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Billy Durant founded the Flint Road Cart Company in 1886, eventually transforming \$2,000 in start-up capital into a \$2-million business with sales around the world. By 1890, the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, based in Flint, had become a leading manufacturer of horse-drawn vehicles, which ultimately became number one in the world. Durant also conceived the modern system of automobile dealer franchises. When approached to become general manager of Buick in 1904, he made a similar success and was soon president of this horseless-vehicle company. In 1908, he arranged the incorporation by proxies of General Motors and quickly thereafter sold stock, and with the proceeds acquired Oldsmobile. The acquisitions of Oakland, Cadillac, and parts companies followed in a short order.



**Ray Koziol shared this Mecum Monthly Online article on GM pioneer, William Durant with some fellow RRRCLC club members, and our Joe Puleo responded:**

***“Durant built their Star model on the first floor of the building that Burry Biscuits later moved into. My Grandfather had a 1923 Star Special Touring car. Below is a photo of his car with him and his buddies (he's the guy on the left). Couple of pics of an original sales booklet that I have. Twin City Auto Body was across the street from Burry Biscuits, that's who painted my '37 Fleetwood in 1977. “***

DRIVE accelerator pedal mounted on toe board. Spark and throttle levers mounted on steering column just under steering wheel. Speedometer, ammeter, oil gauge, choke, ignition and lighting switch, mounted on instrument board.

STEERING GEAR: Semi-irreversible, worm and gear type. Ball thrust bearings are used, with suitable adjustment for wear. Sixteen-inch steering wheel. Horn button on wheel.

GASOLINE SUPPLY: Capacity of tank, 11½ gallons; placed at rear. Vacuum feed is provided.

WHEELBASE: 102”.

BODY TYPES: Touring Car, Sedan, Coupe, Roadster, Special Touring Car, Special Sedan, Station Wagon, and Commercial types.

*We reserve the right to make changes in design or construction at any time without notice.*

### STAR MODELS AND PRICES

STANDARD		COMMERCIAL	
Touring Car	\$490	Station Wagon	\$635
Sedan	785	Delivery Wagon, panel top, open front	585
Roadster	490	Delivery Wagon, panel top, vestibule front	610
Coupe	640	Delivery Wagon, six-post top	565
		Commercial Chassis	495
SPECIALS		<i>All prices f. o. b. Lansing, Mich.</i>	
Touring Car	\$640		
Sedan	935		

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### The New Star Special Touring Car

THE NEW STAR Special Touring Car comes in either radio blue with white striping, wheels to match body and stripe, or in Durant special maroon, with light carmine striping and wheels in motor car red with black striping. In either case, the running gear is in black enamel, the top and curtain material in olive green which harmonizes with the body colors, and the seat cushions in black high lustre, long-grain composition leather.

Steel disc or wood wheels are optional equipment and the radiator shell is nickel plated to give the most distinctive effect. The Star Special shares all the other features of the standard model.





## COFFEE AND CADILLACS

August 27th, 2017

Jeff Montgomery organized a Sunday morning get-together at Roosevelt Park in Edison. A good time was had by all who attended. Thanks Jeff!



While visiting our daughter in Los Angeles this summer, I spotted a used Cadillac dealership that a number of members are familiar with, Frank Corrente. He was closed on the Sunday I happened upon them, so here are a few shots I took looking through the fence.

### Caddies in La La Land

By Jay Raskin



There's a '57 or '58 Eldo Brougham in this row on the left!

## The Warren Car Show Once Again Draws Huge Attendance

Year after year, the annual Warren, NJ Car Show attracts enthusiasts from all corners of the state, and this past September 10th was no exception. When you dial up a beautiful, sunny day, you know the cars are going to show up, and a wonderful array of all makes and models made their way to the municipal grounds show field. RRRCLC members who brought their cars included Jay Raskin, Bob Losco, Jack Saverino, Ralph Messina, Greg Roser, and Jeremy Weiss, who arranged to bring both of his beautiful 1953 Eldorados - a rare occasion at any car show. And if that weren't enough, Jeremy's black Eldo was awarded the BEST OF SHOW TROPHY! Congratulations Jeremy!



**Congratulations to Jack Saverino, who recently finished restoring his magnificent 1958 Eldorado Biarritz!**

**“CADILLAC NIGHTS”  
AT THE GALLOPING HILL CRUISERS MONDAY CRUISE  
NEW LOCATION / AVIATION PLAZA – LINDEN, NJ**

**Record-setting attendance at the July 10th and August 14th  
Caddy Cruise Nights!**

*Photos: Jeff Montgomery and Ted Mandalakis*



**Although hot dogs were no longer available as the main cuisine of the evening, the re-location of the Monday night Galloping Hills Cruisers cruise night has been hugely successful this past summer, with over 300 cars, including 70 Cadillacs at the July 10th Cruise. Many thanks to Greg Roser for arranging the two Cadillac nights this summer, which were extremely well-attended by RRRCLC members as well as our good friends from the Verrazano Cadillac Club in NY!**



*More photos from Linden Plaza*



**Dinner at Chevys Restaurant featured a "Cadillac" Margarita!**

More photos from Linden Plaza





# Warren Township Recreation Commission



Raritan River Cadillac Club of New Jersey

Thank you so much for being a part of such a great night with your classic cars!

From the Recreation Commission & Eleanora Murfitt, Recreation Director

**On August 23rd, a memorable concert was held at the Municipal Plaza in Warren.**

**The concert featured the popular song stylings of Bob Marino, who was followed by Barbara Harris, the legendary lead singer of the '60's group, The Toys, who sang an impressive collection of oldies, highlighted by her big hit, "A Lover's Concerto."**

**RRRCLC members, Joe Puleo, George Maslow, Jeff Montgomery and Jay Raskin were on hand to lend some '50's atmosphere to the festivities with a great array of Cadillacs.**

## RARITAN RIVER REGION MEETING MINUTES – July 20, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Director Jeff Montgomery followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending members included: Jeff Montgomery, Ted Mandalakis, Bob Crimmins, George Maslow, Doug Lansing , Rich Nalavany , Bernie Cooney, Bob Rankin, Andrew Monahan and Ken Clayton.

**SECRETARY REPORT** – The June, 2017 Secretary's report was approved by the attending members.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Joe Puleo was unable to attend but Jeff Montgomery gave his report which was approved and accepted by the attending members.

**WEBMASTER REPORT** – Jeff advises it's up to date and has changed the Calendar back to the way Pat Caruso did it, as it's easy to read and follow.

**EDITOR REPORT** – Jay was unable to attend the meeting so no report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Ted Mandalakis advised he has received 37 renewals. He sent out an e-mail to all members (mailed 3) with the vote for the 3 Board Members-Jeff Montgomery, Ken Clayton and Greg Roser , including a questionnaire to amended the RRR Constitution to eliminate term limits so that those serving can stay on as long as they wish. So far. 30 have been returned. He will follow up with a reminder and report the results at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Jeff reminded all about the upcoming Coffee and Cars at Roosevelt Park on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Tim Coy, the Self Starter Art Director will be there for all to meet and chat.

July 31-August 5<sup>th</sup>. 2017 CLC Grand National, McLean Va. Cadillac's President is the guest speaker at the Banquet and he along with other Cadillac people will be on the show field.

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. Cadillac Night at Galloping Hill Show-Linden

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Judging Seminar at St. Stephens

**GOLD COAST UPDATE:**

Doug Lansing advised all is well, he has checked again with the food vendor and DJ. Advertising will be in Hemmings Motor News. Bernie will write a story for inclusion in Old Cars Weekly for Doug.

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Registration will take place after cars arrive. They will stop at a table where their class will be determined; a card with a class number will be given to them. They will be directed to the staging area and park their car in the assigned location. They will then proceed to the registration desk (located in front of the main door to the Showroom) for processing.

Jack Lehnhoff noted at the last meeting that we should get an inventory going ASAP of all RRR items for sale so that we know if anything has to be reordered so we have plenty of items available at our merchandise table.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bernie Cooney presented Doug Lansing with an RRR Judges Shirt and booklet. Somehow, Doug was overlooked at the presentation at our Holiday party. Bernie also congratulated Doug for his outstanding contribution over the years to the managing of the Gold Coast Shows. A round of applause followed—THANKS Doug!!!

Jeff updated the attending members about our upcoming 15<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Party on Saturday Nov, 4<sup>th</sup>. starting at 1PM.

Thanks to members Darrin & Chris, we will hold the event at 20 Belvidere, a short distance from their other location-Jacks Barn. The \$3,000.00 fee has been waved and is their gift to the club for this special event. Thanks guys!!!

Special invitations will be sent out to the President, Exec. Vice President and other CLC dignitaries requesting their attendance.

Jeff and Bob Crimmins will meet with Darrin on Tuesday 7/25 and fine tune outstanding issues, concerns and cost's, and report same at the August meeting.

For Sale-

Nothing at this time

WANTED-Bernie took this opportunity to advise of his success in finding a shop in New Brunswick (Hanson's Auto) who was able to install a new set of kingpins on his 1953 Cadillac. He highly recommended them.

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM, followed by coffee, donuts and car chat.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>. 2017-7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crimmins

## RARITAN RIVER REGION MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Director Jeff Montgomery.

Attending members included: Jeff Montgomery, Bob Crimmins, George Maslow, Doug Lansing, Rich Nalavany, Bernie Cooney, Bob Rankin, Ken Clayton, Dan Espy, Greg Roser, Jay Raskin, Jim Mattera, Chuck Le Poidevin, John Quattrocchi & Nick Medici.

**SECRETARY REPORT** – The July 2017 Secretary's report was approved by the attending members.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Joe Puleo was unable to attend but Jeff Montgomery gave his report which was approved and accepted by the attending members.

**WEBMASTER REPORT** – Jeff advises the web site is up to date and all events are listed.

**EDITOR REPORT** – Jay advised an e-mail blast had been sent with 7 flyers for various upcoming activities.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** – Jeff reminded all about the upcoming rescheduled Coffee and Cars at Roosevelt Park on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Cadillac Night at the Monday Galloping Hill cruisers brought out a nice attendance by the RRR. Rich Nalavany, Bill Estes, Jim Mattera and Bob Crimmins won trophies.

The RRR will take a full page ad in Hot Rod Mike's magazine.

Jeff gave a brief rundown of this year's GN at Tyson's Corner VA. Many RRR members attended and most received trophies and awards.

Ray Koziol was this year's recipient of the Newsletter award, Jeff Montgomery accepted the award on behalf of Ray.. Congratulations Ray!!

Upcoming events:

Aug. 23 - Warren Concert and Cars Show

Aug. 19 - Judging Seminar with Bernie & Dan at St. Stephens-Focus=Authenticity.

Aug. 26 - Chelsea Assisted Living

Sept. 17- Valley Forge Region-Lahaska Show

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## GOLD COAST UPDATE:

Doug Lansing passed around a 16 point 'GETTING READY" sheet for review and discussion

Registration will take place after cars arrive. They will stop at a table where their class will be determined; a card with a class number will be given to them. They will be directed to the staging area and park their car in the assigned location. They will then proceed to the registration desk (located in front of the main door to the Showroom) for processing.

We will have a Fifteenth Anniversary Cake for the attendees.

Jeff showed us the advertising info Keith Harvey has prepared for the show. It incorporates the RRR Logo and new Cadillac Models.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Q. suggested a get-together with club members to view Ralph Marano's massive car collection in Garwood. The collection also includes museum quality Art and Glassware. A tentative date of Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> was selected and John will verify it with Ralph and report back.

Jeff advised the flyers have been sent out for the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Twenty Belvedere on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> from one to four PM.

Special invitations have been sent out by Bob Crimmins to the CLC President, Executive Vice President and other CLC dignitaries requesting their attendance.

Jeff and Bob Crimmins met with Darrin on Tuesday 7/25 and fine tuned any outstanding issues, the menu and costs (as outlined in the flyer).

## **For Sale:**

Nothing at this time

**WANTED**-Nothing at this time

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM, followed by coffee, donuts and car chat.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2017-7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crimmins

Secretary

## RARITAN RIVER REGION MEETING MINUTES – September 21, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Director Jeff Montgomery followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending members included: Jeff Montgomery Ted Mandalakis, Bob Crimmins, George Maslow, Doug Lansing , Rich Nalavany , Bernie Cooney, Bob Rankin, Joe Ricco, John Q, Greg Roser, Dan Espy and Ken Clayton

**SECRETARY REPORT** – The August, 2017 Secretary's report appeared on our website and was approved by the attending members.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Joe Puleo was not available - his report was read by Jeff Montgomery and approved and accepted by the attending members.

**WEBMASTER REPORT** – Up to date.

**EDITOR REPORT** – Jay was unable to attend-No Report

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Ted Mandalakis advised we have 72 paid up members. He is working on another 10 who have not renewed. Our retention rate is about 87%

**OLD BUSINESS** – Jeff advised the 15<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary party registrations are coming in, looks like we will at least have 40 attendees and hopefully much more.

Our Cars and Coffee get-together at Roosevelt Park last month was very nice - 8 cars showed up. Will plan to hold several more next year.

### **GOLD COAST UPDATE:**

Doug Lansing Advised all is well, continued excellent contact with Keith Harvey. The circulated registration sheet added a few more members for job assignments.

Jeff advised pre-registrations are very strong this year-33 as of today.

We still may need judges and hopefully some will volunteer day of show.

Bernie & Dan spoke about the upcoming Gold Coast judging. If a lot of cars show up, Bernie shared some ideas on what to do to speed up judging.

Jeff was able to get a hold of an insurance card holder from JC Taylor and some members helped stuff them with applications for the CLC National and RRR membership which will be handed out at the registration desk at Gold Cost to non-members.

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It was decided to present Keith Harvey with a desk plaque thanking him and the Dealership for their continued kindness in allowing us to put on the show.

Jeff also advised that we will have an Anniversary Cake to share with the attendees.

If a rain date is called-it will be posted on our website.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Q. advised that our visit to Ralph Marano's Marano & Sons car collection will be on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. At 11 AM. Check our website for details

Events - Nursing Home show-Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Wanted- None

For Sale- None

As there was no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM followed by club-provided coffee and donuts and car chat.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday October 19, 2017-7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Crimmins  
Secretary



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## **RRRCLC MEMBERS HAVE A CAPITAL TIME AT THE 2017 GRAND NATIONAL!**

### **Among the RRRCLC Attendees:**

**Ted Mandalakis - Senior Primary Award, '64 Convertible**

**Dan Espy - '74 Eldorado Convertible**

**Jeff Montgomery**

**Bob Crimmins – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award, '55 Eldorado**

**Joe Puleo – Senior Wreath, '59 Fleetwood**

**Al Papetti**

**Ralph Messina**

**George Maslow**

**Rich Nalavany – Senior Wreath, '38 LaSalle**

**Chris Kendzierski - First-Class/Touring, 2006 DTS**

**Artie Koestner**

**Bill Estes – Senior Crown – Primary, '90 Brougham**

**Tom Pirog**

**Greg Della Pia – Senior Award**

**Jeremy Weiss - See below**

***In addition to the National awards, a special Henry S. Ruby Memorial Award was presented by Dan Ruby in the name of his late father, prominent Potomac Region Car Show Coordinator. Pictured standing on the left is***

***RRRCLC member Jeremy Weiss of Stockton, New Jersey receiving the award from Dan for his 1953 Eldorado.***





**Bill Estes 1990  
Brougham**

**Bill's Sr. Crown  
Award**



**Ted Mandalakis displaying his Sr.  
Primary Award, standing with Jeff  
Montgomery**



**The Valley Forge and Potomac Regions did a fantastic job as hosts for the  
Cadillac & LaSalle Club's 2017 Grand National Meet!  
The CLC Grand National creates memories for years to come!**

**2017 GN (continued)**

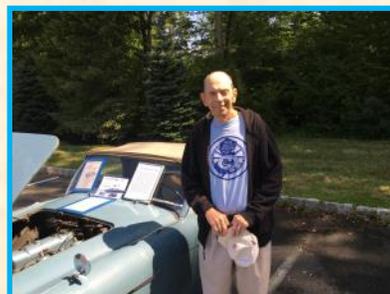


## RRRCLC and AACA Team up for Assisted Living Home Shows

Many thanks to RRRCLC member, Bernie Cooney and AACA member, Abe Platt for their continuous efforts to provide an entertaining diversion to those folks who are currently in Assisted Living Homes. On this and the following pages are highlights of events that took place in August and September.

### The Chelsea at Warren Car Show and Open House Story and Photos: Abe Platt

On Saturday, August 26, 2017 members of the NJ Region AACA, Raritan River Region of the Cadillac LaSalle Club (RRR-CLC), the Street Dreams Car Club, the Car Nutz Car Club, the Curb Appeal Car Club and a number of independent antique and classic car, light truck and motorcycle owners to conduct an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The Chelsea Assisted Living/Senior Living facility of Warren. This event was also an Open House sponsored by the Chelsea and the general public was invited to view the facility and to enjoy our antique automobiles.



**The Automobile Enthusiasts from the NJ Region that attended this wonderful event included the following: Roger and Kathy Bagley with their 1982 Buick Riviera, Bernie Cooney with his 1985 Cadillac Seville, Greg and June Roser with their 1990 Cadillac Brougham; Bob Rankin with his 1955 Cadillac Series 62, Bob Hudak with his 1939 Ford Deluxe, Brian Pritchett and Sarah Fehley with their 1968 Ford Mustang fastback, Jay DeBoey with his 1966 Ford Mustang, George Ernst with his 1930 Chrysler Model 70, Rich Nalavany with his 1930 Ford Model A Roadster, and Abe and Ann Platt with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar Special Edition. The Automobile Enthusiasts from the RRR-CLC included the following: Mary Caruso with her 1975 Cadillac Seville, Ted Mandalakis with his 1964 Cadillac convertible, Jack Saverino with his 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz convertible, Andrew Monahan with his 1963 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, Thomas DeGaglia with his 1965 Cadillac DeVille convertible, and Jay Raskin with his 1956 Cadillac Series 62 convertible. Vehicles from every decade from the 1930s through the early 2000s were present for all to enjoy.**



**Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at the Chelsea of Bridgewater (Story/Photos: Abe Platt)**

**On Saturday, September 23, 2017 members of the NJ Region AACA were joined by members of the Raritan River Region of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club for an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The Chelsea Assisted Living facility of Bridgewater.**

**The Automobile Enthusiasts that attended this wonderful event included the following: Bob Rankin with his 1955 Cadillac Series 62, Greg and June Roser with their 1976 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, Suds and Aarti Reddy with their 1998 AC Cobra, Bernie Cooney with his 1953 Cadillac Series 62, Richard Nalavany with his 1947 Cadillac convertible, George Maulbeck with his 1955 Ford Thunderbird convertible, Bob and Marge Graham with their 1965 Chevy Impala, Ken Clayton with his 1988 Cadillac Brougham, Brian Graham with his father's 1931 Ford Model A, Bob Hudak with his 1939 Ford Deluxe, Kirk Judkins with his 1923 Ford Model T Touring, and Abe and Ann Platt with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar Special Edition.**



**Eastern Star Home -September 23, 2017  
Story/Photos: Bernie Cooney**

**We have visited Eastern Star Home for ten years. Each visit becomes more and more enjoyable. Every year we come up with more superlatives to describe the visit. Care to guess why that is? It seems Eastern Star has a grip on their priorities. The building is far from being brand new, but as updates are needed, they apply their limited funds to the reason for their existence: care of their residents. Plus they are lucky to have a well-trained and caring staff that works together to care for their residents.**

**Planning for this show goes back to the beginning of the year. When we learned that the Bridgewater Library decided not to participate in the four visits we did in unison for the past many years. Eastern Star, led by Ann Marie LeMaire, immediately got on board with us. They respect our association with them; we respect them. Eastern Star has no money for useless frills. There is no limit to their wisdom in providing a memorable and meaningful experience for not only their residents, but also for members of the two car clubs that give freely of their time.**

**Sharing the limelight on a cloudless day were: Bob & Margaret Graham, 1965 Chevrolet, Brian Graham, 1931 Ford (T) Phaeton, Kirk Judkins, 1923 Ford; Robert Houdak, 1939 Ford; George Maulberg, 1955 T-Bird; Abe & Ann Platt, 1988 Cougar; Larry Solomayer, 1969 Ford; Frank & Lia Figorotta, 1951 Chevrolet; Robert Rankin, 1955 Cadillac; Bernie Cooney, 1953 Cadillac; Ken Clayton, 1988 Cadillac; and Jay Raskin, 1956 Cadillac.**



**Bernie won a 2nd Place Prize:**

**A brand-new power-plant that is sure to grow on him!**



# HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY TO JEREMY WEISS!

Although still making a heroic effort to overcome injuries she sustained in a car accident earlier in the year, RRRCLC club member Jeremy Weiss's wife, Leslie, was undaunted in making plans for an extra-special 40th birthday surprise party for Jeremy. The surprise party was held on July 29th at Forest Lodge in Warren NJ, four days after Jeremy's actual birthday of July 25th. Leslie asked club members Ralph Messina, Joe Puleo and Jay Raskin to bring their Cadillacs to Forest Lodge, and they were happy to comply.

Under the pretense that some of his fellow club members were going to Forest Lodge for a car show, Jeremy arrived at the Forest Lodge parking area in his black 1953 Eldorado to greet the waiting Cadillacs. Unexpected by the birthday boy was the large Happy Birthday banner, under which gathered family and friends yelling "Happy Birthday," and thus it was obvious to Jeremy that a special day lay ahead. Leslie even set up a bunch of tables filled with Jeremy's automobile memorabilia. A wonderful day was had by all, and congratulations once again to Jeremy, and to Leslie for her magnificent efforts in planning this wonderful event!



**Jeremy's parents  
were on hand for the  
festivities!**



**Caddy Cake, Caddy Cake  
Baker's Man....**

## **The Magic of Radio** **A Special Feature By Bernie Cooney**

Radio station WDVR FM is one of a myriad of Public Broadcasting Stations one can hear when doing scenic drives along the Delaware River. Located in the heart of Delaware Township, WDVR FM entertains the motorist who appreciates things that are a few steps from banal.

For more than 15 years, Barbara Zentner has hosted “Tin Pan Alley” on WDVR. Currently her show runs from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. The music that Barbara plays include hits from the 1890’s, World War I patriotic favorites, Roaring Twenties, Big Band and patriotic World War II hits we all remember, with Sea Chanties and Tea Time British music to round out her program. You can say Barbara enjoys the unusual.



On Sunday November 12, 2017 Barbara’s program will contain the above-mentioned music, but the theme will be different.

In 1919, freshly home from World War One, the United States Army organized a large convoy of vehicles from the newly organized Army Motor Vehicle Corps. At the turn of the last century a new invention appeared: A motorized vehicle. A horseless carriage. New things are not always met with welcoming arms. A rich man’s toy! A fad! Of no practical use was often heard. The Army felt strongly that the Army Motor Corps was the future of Army transportation. Sorry, Dobbin.

On July 7, 1919 a convoy of 81 Army vehicles of all sizes and makes, along with close to 300 people (of all ranks) attempted to drive from “The Ellipse” alongside the White House in Washington D.C. to Lincoln Park in San Francisco California mostly via the new Lincoln Highway. This task was not to be taken lightly.

On November 12, 2017, yours truly will attempt to interpret this feat. Back in the day, radio was the a family’s window to the world. It is fitting that something that transpired almost 100 years ago be presented in this storied medium.

Come join Barbara and me for a special live presentation of Tin Pan Alley, “The Magic of Radio – 1919 Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy”

*(Continued on following page)*



**“This is where the work is”**

**You may have seen the pictures – now hear the story!  
Barbara Zentner’s Tin Pan Alley, Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

**Listen on:**

***WDVR, 89.7 Delaware Township, and WPNJ, 90.5 Easton.***

***Also serving Trenton on 96.9 and Mt Bethel/Warren on 95.9***

**Optional addition:**

***You can also hear us on the Web at <https://www.pennjerseyradio.org/wdvrfm-radio/>***

***Click on the little arrow at the top of the home page to listen to the station.***

**It promises to be a thrilling ride!**

**Bernie**

## **For Sale & Wanted..<sup>Ads</sup> For Sale & Wanted**

These ads are **FREE** to Region Members, sorry no photos. Advertisers are asked to immediately notify me upon the sale of an advertised item. To place an ad, e-mail Jay Raskin at [JayR@rrrclc.org](mailto:JayR@rrrclc.org)

*Ads must be received no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.*

**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](http://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](mailto:hirschbill@aol.com).- Bill Hirsch

**FOR SALE** - 1965 Thunderbird Special Landau Coupe, a special edition release by Ford in '65 and one of only 4500 produced. Finished in the striking combination of Emberglo with Parchment vinyl roof and interior. The car has traveled 109K miles, equipped with power seats, power windows (including vents), reclining passenger seat with adjustable headrest, power antenna and trunk release & more. Asking \$16,500 OBO. For further information contact Ray Koziol, 908-963-9517 or e-mail: [koziolr@comcast.net](mailto:koziolr@comcast.net). Car is located in Southern NJ.

**FOR SALE** HESS and OTHER PETROLEUM RELATED MODEL TRUCKS FOR SALE Collection of 33 HESS trucks and 17 other petroleum related trucks for sale. I would prefer to sell as a 50 piece lot for \$400.00, but will sell HESS and other gasoline tankers individually for \$20.00 each. The smaller truck banks are \$10.00 each. The trucks range from 1991 to 2010. The collection includes Exxon, Sunoco, Amoco, Texaco and Gulf. All are in excellent condition in their original boxes. A complete detailed list will be e-mailed or snail mailed upon request. Contact RRRCLC member Gregory Roser at 908-403-6486 or [g.rosier@verizon.net](mailto:g.rosier@verizon.net)

**FOR SALE** -1979 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 4-door door sedan. A good-running car. Asking \$3,500. For photos and information please call Sue Schmidt at 973.625.9345 or email Sue at [susmail@verizon.net](mailto:susmail@verizon.net)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hugh_rpm@msn.com) or (908) 359-7122 for a product flyer and order form.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE:** immortalize your car with an eye-catching Laminated Poster. These are made to order by a professional Graphic Artist. You have a choice of background colors, fonts and logos. These impressive posters are 24" X 18" and are offered to our members at a discounted price starting at \$150, copies can be had for a mere \$60. For further information contact Jennifer at 908 284-1660 or email: [jennifer.stas@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.stas@gmail.com)

### **Your Stories Are Urgently Needed.....**

**Just a reminder.....I will need more member stories to keep the newsletter entertaining. Story ideas can include restoration or project stories, car stories, maintenance or repair articles. Just about anything car-related is acceptable and welcome. Also, don't forget to let me know if you acquire a new car and to send over some photos.**

*Gregory J. Della Pia*

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## What's Down The Road?

Do you have an idea for a Raritan River Region meet or know of an event we could participate in?  
Contact Nick Medici, 732-968-7562 or e-mail: [NickM@rrrclc.org](mailto:NickM@rrrclc.org) with the details!

~ A FULL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR REGION ~

**OCTOBER 1, 2017** - Gold Coast Dealer Show (Rain date: October 15). See flyer in this issue

**OCTOBER 4-7** - HERSHEY

**OCTOBER 19, 2017** - Monthly Meeting

**OCTOBER 22, 2017** - CCNJ Fall Car Show. Rain date: 10/29. See 2-page flyer in this issue

**OCTOBER 29, 2017**– Car show at Mountain View Park, Middlesex, NJ. See flyer in this issue.

**NOVEMBER 05, 2017**- RRR 15th Anniversary Party! - See flyer in this issue

(No Monthly Meeting held in December)

**JANUARY 18, 2018** - Monthly Meeting

**FEBRUARY 15, 2018** - Monthly Meeting

**MARCH 15, 2018** - Monthly Meeting

**APRIL 19, 2018** - Monthly Meeting

**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.



## Your Car Photos Are Needed

Webmaster Jeff Montgomery is in the process of repopulating the website Member Gallery and is putting out a call to all members for photos of their cars. To have your car added to the gallery e-mail Jeff your photos at [JeffM@RRRCLC.org](mailto:JeffM@RRRCLC.org).





*Cadillac Club of North Jersey  
North Jersey Region of the C.C.N.J.*

**2017 Fall Car Show**

**Sunday October 22, 2017**

Rain Date of Sunday October 29, 2017

9-3 pm (Awards at 2:30)

Location: *The Hermitage National Historic Landmark, 335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423*

**Show Rules: All cars MUST have a fire extinguisher**

Open to all Cadillac & LaSalle vehicles. Cars less than 15 years old are for display only. Cars 15 years old (2002) or older will be judged by "People's Choice". **All Pre-WWII Cadillac's & LaSalle's enter FREE!** Registration begins at 9:00am and ends at 12:00 noon. Cut off time for "People's Choice" Balloting is 1:30pm. **No FOR SALE signs in or on show vehicles. No Consumption of alcoholic beverages at show facility.** CCNJ will not be held liable for any mishap on the show field. *Please Pre-Register Early!*

**There will be a fee of \$5.00 per person for spectators that are not in show cars.** This will benefit the Museum.

**Fees for SHOW CARS:**

Pre-Registered Fee: \$15.00/one car.      \$25.00/two cars.

**DAY OF SHOW FEE: \$20.00 PER CAR.**

**TO PRE-REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN October 13th,**

**TO:**

*Cadillac Club of North Jersey*

*174 Brown Ave., Prospect Park, NJ 07508*

**Checks should be made payable to C.C.N.J.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY, STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature that you understand the above rules:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driving Directions:**

Route 17 (north or south) to Hollywood Avenue exit. Bear left after exiting. Take Hollywood Avenue west to Franklin Turnpike, turn right onto North Franklin Turnpike and go ½ mile to The Hermitage on the left.

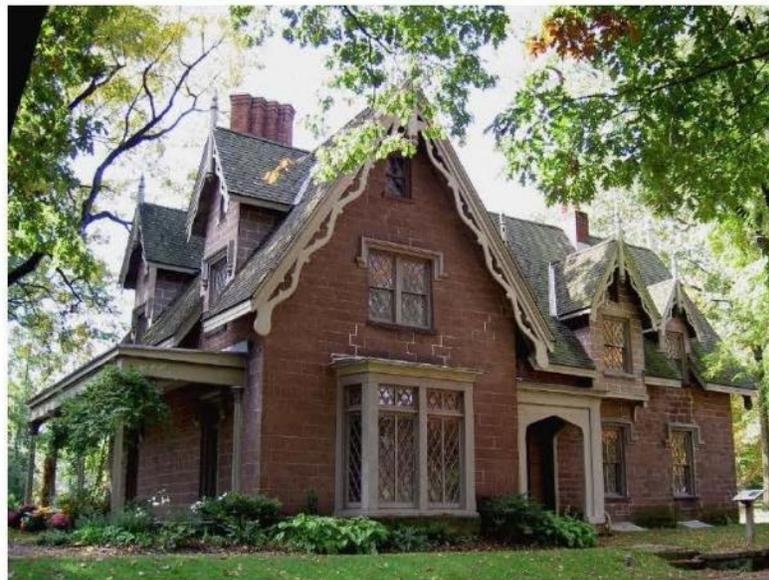
Garden State Parkway to exit 165, go west 1/3 mile on Ridgewood Ave. to Route 17 North on right. Follow the directions above.

New Jersey Turnpike to exit 16W to Route 3 West, exit at Route 17 North and follow directions for Route 17.

Route 287 to Route 208 South, exit on Ewing Avenue and turn left onto Route 502 E right at the traffic light (Franklin Avenue). Franklin Avenue becomes Wyckoff Avenue. Turn right onto Franklin Turnpike in Waldwick. The Hermitage is on your right.

From New York City take the George Washington Bridge to Route 4 West to Route 17 North, follow directions for Route 17.

For more info please call the Club Phone 201-888-8727



***This is the second page of the CCNJ 10/22 Event Flyer***

# Car & Truck Show & Food Truck Festival

Sponsored by

**Middlesex Elks Lodge #1488**

**Mountain View Park Rt. 28, Middlesex Borough**

**Sunday October 29, 2017 11 am to 4 pm**

**Vehicle Registration from 9 am to 11 am**

Bring your Antique,  
Classic, Modified or Stock  
Cars, Hot Rods, Light  
Trucks or Motorcycles.



A Variety of Food Trucks will  
be on site offering food and  
drink for the whole family.

For Event Info contact Dan Erickson

(908) 242-7100 or at Erickson1228@gmail.com

For Car Show Info contact Abraham Platt

(732) 752-6341 or abeplatt@aol.com



All proceeds from this event will go to the charitable  
causes supported by the Middlesex Elks Lodge, the  
Veterans fund, Children with special needs, the Army  
of Hope, to name a few.

Registration Form --- Please Print Clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration: \$15.00 Day of Event Registration: \$20.00 Pre-Registration must be received by October 25, 2017  
Make Checks Payable to: The Middlesex Elks, Lodge 1488, 545 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, NJ 08846



**Announcing**  
**The Raritan River Region**  
**15 Year Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sunday, November 5th, 2017**  
**At The Mansion Twenty Belvidere**  
**20 Belvidere Ave., Oxford, NJ**  
**From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
**Buffet Luncheon - \$35.00 Per Person**

It's hard to believe but 15 years have passed since the formation of the Raritan River Region. Such an auspicious anniversary requires a gala celebration and that is exactly what we are planning for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our anniversary celebration will take place at Twenty Belvidere a magnificent mansion built for the Scranton family of Scranton, PA in the 1800's and now owned and operated by region members Darren Muso and Chris Pozarycki. This beautiful building serves as an event venue extraordinaire and also offers overnight accommodations for the most discriminating traveler with 8 lavishly appointed bedrooms. An event locale such as Twenty Belvidere commands a high rental fee that is commensurate with the accommodations provided and this would normally have placed Twenty Belvidere out of our reach but thanks to the graciousness of Darren & Chris, they have waived the fee as a gift to the region on our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our sincerest thanks to them both for their kindness and generosity.



So mark your calendars and be sure to join us for this buffet luncheon celebration of the RRR's 15th Anniversary!



**Raritan River Region 15th Anniversary Celebration Registration Form - RSVP by 10/28/17**

Name(s) of those  
 In your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ -X- \$35.00 each = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Your Check (**MADE PAYABLE TO RRR-CLC**)  
**TO: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street Edison NJ 08837**  
**Please RSVP no later than 10/28/17**