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Caddy Corner



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The RRRCLC wishes all our members and their families a Happy New Year, 2024! It was great to see each other at our many events this past year, while having the opportunity to display our treasured automobiles. So let's welcome in the new year with a feeling of optimism that we will once again enjoy family, friends, car cruises and shows to their fullest!

“Fanwood’s (Expanded) Famous Christmas House(s)”
Brightens New Jersey
(text by Gregory Roser
photos by Gregory & June Roser)



Fanwood’s Famous Christmas House(s) are having a very successful 2023-2024 season, with the expanded display now including both our house at 83 Paterson Road and 87 Paterson Road, which I recently purchased. This season’s most asked question has been, “How did you get your next door neighbor to decorate?” The Santa visit for December 2nd was an overwhelming success, with over 350 children attending. The visitors were very generous with their donations to NJ Institute for Disabilities (NJID). Fanwood PBA Local #123 was again present giving out hot chocolate, cookies, and brownies to all the children, as well as a generous cash donation to NJID. Hot coffee was also available for the adults. The children also received a gift from Santa. Special thanks go to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, the Fanwood Borough Council, and the Fanwood Police Department for their support. Most of all, I could never do this without the support of my family, friends, and neighbors. Throughout the season more people than ever came to see the “Christmas House”.



Thank you Fabio’s,
for your 2023 donation!



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“Fanwood’s (Expanded) Famous Christmas House(s)” (Continued)

The display is promoted on Facebook and on Instagram, and on many local media sources including TapIn to and Patch. The support this season was widespread, with donations from several local businesses and many private individuals. Fabio’s Bistro in Fanwood hosted a fund raiser at their restaurant on December 13th, where they donated a percentage of their receipts for both eat-in and take-out orders. Our total donation to NJID for the season may exceed last season’s total.

Please visit our expanded display next season at 83 and 87 Paterson Rd in Fanwood, NJ, for 175ft of Christmas grandeur. There will be many new items as I have lots and lots of additional space, and some of the display will be rearranged. Donations are accepted in several ways: a lock box next to the front door at the Christmas House at 83 Paterson Road in Fanwood, online at www.njid.org, click on “Donate” and select “Roser Christmas House”, or VENMO <https://venmo.com/u/Gregory-Roser>. The Grand Lighting for 2024 is Nov. 29, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Santa will visit on Dec. 7 and all children will receive a gift.



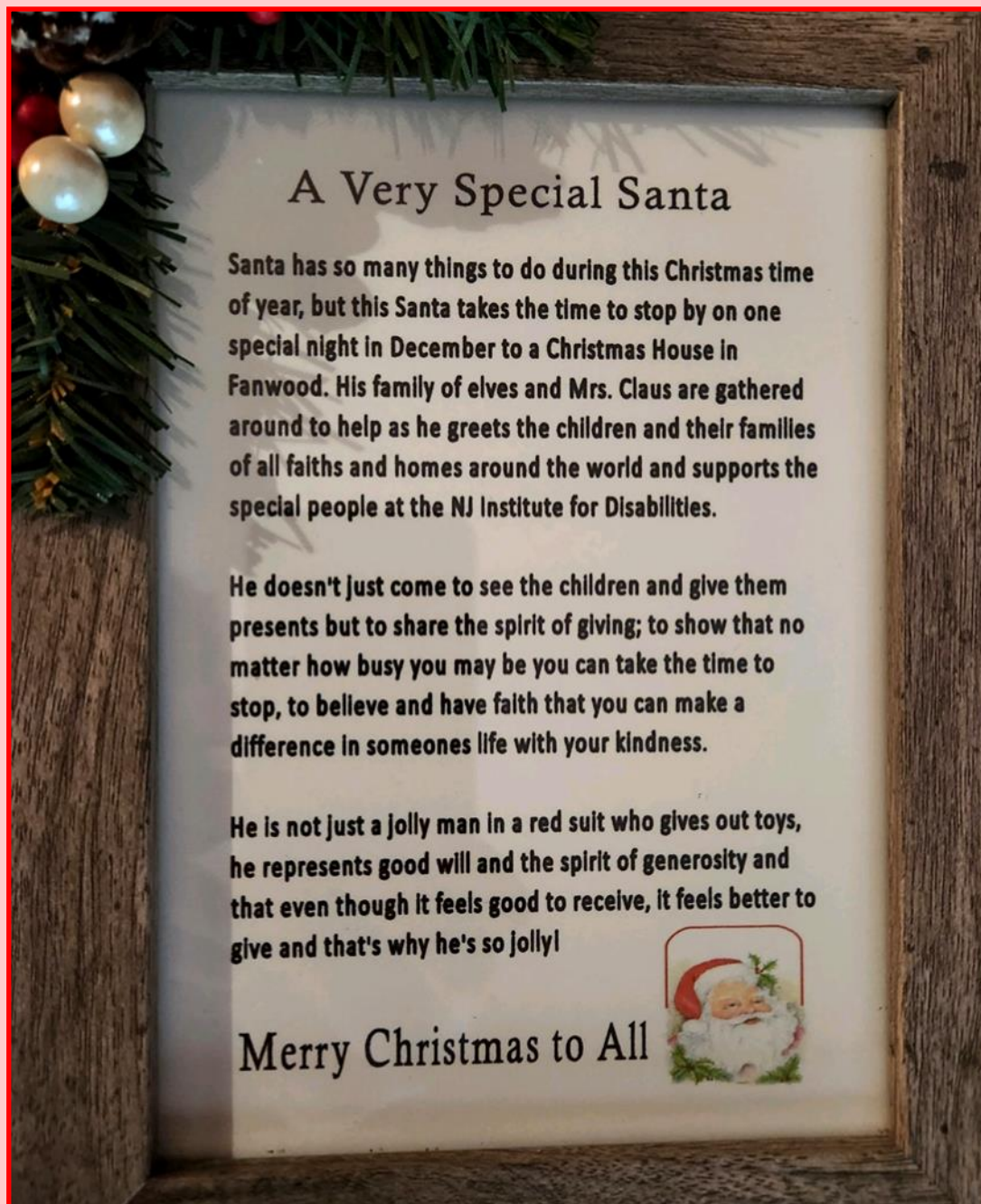
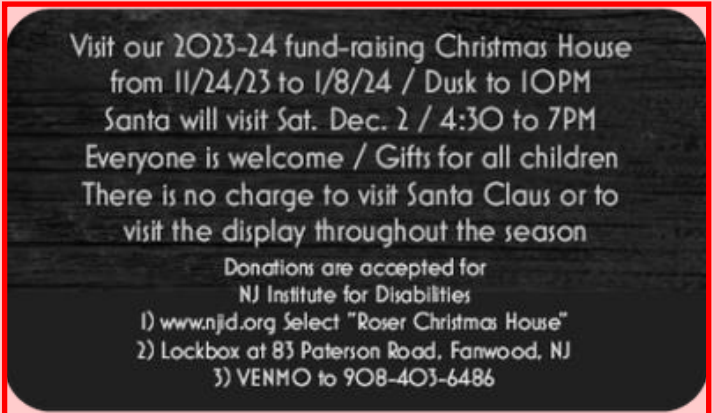
**There is never a charge to visit Santa or to view the display throughout the season. Donations will again be accepted for NJ Institute for Disabilities (NJID). The display is lit until January 8, 2024, so you still have time to visit!
Merry Christmas from the Roser family, and see you soon and in December!**

(The author is Assistant Director & Secretary of the RRRCLC, Secretary of the Galloping Hill Cruisers, and 4-term Past-President of the NJ Region AACA)



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**“Fanwood’s (Expanded) Famous Christmas House(s)”
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Raritan River Region CLC
Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Director Ted Mandalakis at 7:30PM in person and by Zoom. We proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending members: Ted Mandalakis, Jeff Montgomery, Ken Clayton, Gregory Roser, John Quattrocchi, Doug Mathewson, Rich Nalavany, and George Maslow. John Mandalakis, Isabel & Jack Lehnhoff, Mike Stinson, and new member Fred Goerlitz joined the meeting on Zoom.

Secretary Report – Greg Roser: The September minutes were printed in the October Caddy Corner. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Puleo: No report. The total in checking and savings accounts \$8184.99.

Webmaster Report – Jeff Montgomery: Jeff reported that the transition to the new webmaster Robin Mandalakis is forthcoming.

Editor Report – Jay Raskin: No report. A volunteer is desperately needed to take over for Jay, as he is retiring as Editor. Doug offered assistance.

Membership Report – Ted Mandalakis: Ted stated that we have 65 members renewed to date. Recent renewals include Tex Sorrell and Bob Ricci. Our newest member is Bill Mathias who has a 1965 deVille.

Old Business:

The Gold Coast show on October 1 was a success despite many competing shows. The preliminary estimate is that we realized a profit of \$900 to \$1100. A full report will be made at the November meeting. Continuing dash plaques was discussed and it was agreed to continue. Isabel offered to pursue giveaways such as gift cards or coupons. The 50/50 produced a \$164 donation to Tunnels to Towers and \$163 to the winning ticket. The emeritus plaques are being engraved for Bill Estes and Rich Nalavany.

The 2024 holiday dinner is scheduled for January 14 at Yesterday's on Route 35 in Hazlet. The reservation form is in the Caddy Corner. We will start regular e-mail blasts to generate interest. The deadline for reservations is 1/1/24.

There is a November 4 fund raising event at Gold Coast Cadillac for "Tunnels to Towers". Joe Piscopo will appear. Greg ordered the trophies and George will pick them up.

New Business:

The "Spring Dust Off" may be at Joe Puleo's Cadillac Corral, plans are being finalized.

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October Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

The fall Gold Coast show will be moved earlier to avoid conflict with Hershey, possibly on 9/22/24.

Doug reported that he helped at the CLC Hospitality Tent in Hershey, and enjoyed the experience working with Mike Stinson.

Mike Stinson reported an update on the 2024 Grand National in Gettysburg, PA. Both host hotels are sold out, and a third is being sought. Attendance is expected to be 500-600 cars, with 400 of those being judged. Details will be in the January Self Starter. Volunteers are needed in all areas.

Additional upcoming events include Brightview at Warren 10/22, Brightview at Paramus 10/26, CCNJ fall show 11/5, Laurel Circle 11/8, and PH Steakhouse 11/12.

For sale or wanted: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Roser
Secretary

Note: There were no monthly meetings held in November and December



SOUTH FLORIDA REPORT

By Jay Raskin

The South Florida Region's 4th Annual Cadillac Car Show at Bayview Cadillac in Ft. Lauderdale on November 11th was a tremendous success! 40 of the most beautiful, restored Cadillacs were registered to compete for 1st & 2nd place trophies in 7 different classes. Beautiful weather brought out a great crowd who really enjoyed the cars, the raffle prizes, and delicious food that was provided by Bayview!



My '56 Caddy (right) was joined by a '56 CDV



More photos on the following page

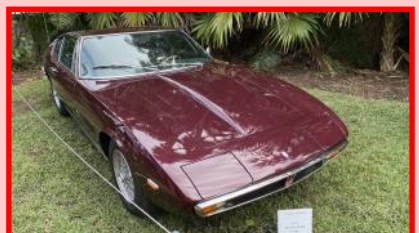
Bayview Cadillac (more photos)



Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens

Sculpture in Motion Car Show, 11/18/23

On November 18, a select group of collector cars was on display at the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in West Palm Beach. Here are the beautiful works of art that appeared at the show.



Valencia Car Club Car Show, 12/27

My wife, Janis, and I live in a community in Boynton Beach, FL called Valencia Sound. Within our geographic area are various other Valencia communities, and one of them, Valencia Reserve, holds an annual car show. On Wednesday, December 27th, their car show was held in conjunction with Family Fun Day.

Beautiful, low 70's sunny weather brought 50+ collector cars and many spectators, young and old, to this enjoyable event. I've formed a car club in my community, and it's nice to have an alliance with the neighboring communities, so that we can share in fun events such as this show! Here's a sampling of the collector cars in attendance, my Caddy being among them.





Eldorado What better credentials could a car have? The vehicle and its daily experience was a 1970 V-8 engine (300 cubic inches) in the 1970 Eldorado. The vehicle and its daily experience was a 1970 V-8 engine (300 cubic inches) in the 1970 Eldorado. The vehicle and its daily experience was a 1970 V-8 engine (300 cubic inches) in the 1970 Eldorado.



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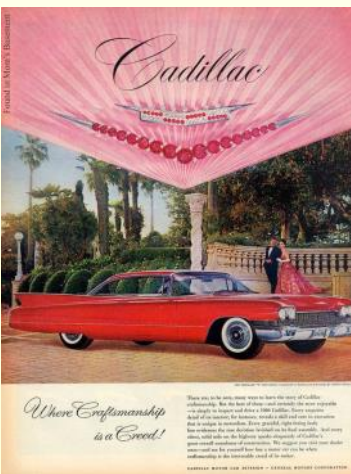
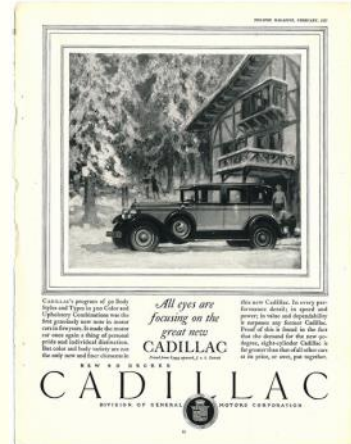
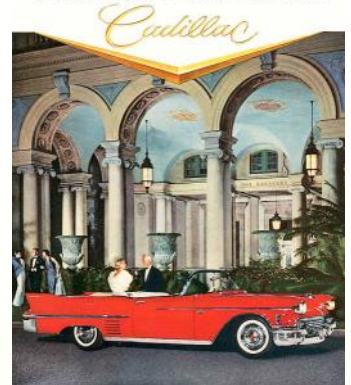
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IF ANY RRRCLC REGION MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE A NAME BADGE AND WOULD LIKE ONE FOR FREE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO JOE PULEO AT: JoeP@rrrclc.org

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Here's a Message From Club Member, Bill Wolf:

Gentlemen:

I hope to meet you all and enjoy your cars. Please consider: I am also a Rolls-Royce enthusiast, and for over a dozen years, have contributed to their magazine. More than once, car owners cooperated so I could photograph classic cars in front of NYC landmarks. I have already started writing and photographing for the Self-Starter. Any chance one of you would like to take me in your classic to NYC for a Self-Starter article? I hope to get to make your acquaintance.

Bill Wolf, Union NJ. (Don't own a Cadillac.)



bill.wolf1@aol.com

For Sale & Wanted...^{Ads} 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@rrrc.org

Ads must be received no later than the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following newsletter.

FOR SALE - 1964 Cadillac Series 75 Limo parts-many items from a parted out car. Too much to list. Mostly exterior/interior trim plus dash top and side pieces, jump seat parts and rear heat/ac units. Must take it all - need space. Photos will be available on the RRRCLC website. Make offer. I saved it all from a dumpster. It may make a return trip to one if not sold! Contact-George Maslow for both of these listings: a56cad@aol.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 existing 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.

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

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.

Thanks, Jay

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 with the details!

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

RRRCLC EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 14, 2024 - RRRCLC Annual Winter Gathering (see flyer this issue)

JANUARY 18, 2024 - Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 - Monthly Meeting

MARCH 21, 2024 - Monthly Meeting

APRIL 18, 2024 - Monthly Meeting

APRIL 21, 2024 - Visit to the Nickett Car Collection (see flyer this issue)

NOTE: Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at The Banquet Hall of St. Stephen 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





You're Invited To The Raritan River Region

Winter Gathering

Sunday, January 14th, 2024

At Yesterday's Restaurant

3153 Route 35, Hazlet, NJ - From 1:00-4:00 PM

Attendees must register in advance. Please complete the registration form below, and mail your check, made out to RRRCLC, to Jeff Montgomery, 102 Fifth St., Edison, NJ 08837-2629. Please mail your check by January 1st, so that we will be sure if we have our minimum guarantee of 30 guests. The cost per person is \$40.

Questions: Contact Jeff at 732-406-9120
or by email: jmontgomery@rrrclc.org

Day of party questions: Call Yesterday's directly at 732-264-3777

THIS WILL BE A BUFFET-STYLE EVENT, WITH A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF FOODS, INCLUDING:

Salad	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
Chicken Francese	Sausage & Peppers w' Potatoes & Onions
Shrimp Scampi	Miniature Potato Puffs
Eggplant Rollatini	Roast Beef
Penne al la Vodka Sauce	Mixed Vegetables

Includes: Unlimited Soda, Coffee, Tea, Dinner Rolls and Cake

Reservation Form

Cut out this form and mail with check

Name(s) of those attending: _____

Number of persons attending _____ **X \$40.00 = Total enclosed \$** _____

Please mail this form and your check made out to RRRCLC to:

Jeff Montgomery - 102 Fifth Street - Edison, NJ 08837-2629

IMPORTANT: Please mail this form and your check by January 1st, 2024 so that we can ensure meeting our quota of 30 attendees

Save the Date!

Multi-Club Visit to the Nickett Collection



An Afternoon of Award-Winning Antique Cars and Lunch at a Beautiful 32-acre Bucks County Estate

Scott and November Nickett invite members of local chapters of the CLC, LCOC, AACA, CCCA, and Packard Clubs to tour their spectacular collection of national award-winning antique cars at their 32-acre home in Doylestown, Bucks County. The Stinson "collection" will also be on display. Lunch (sandwiches) and refreshments will be served.

Event includes tour of their collection in a new showroom garage, display of attendees' cars, lunch, and refreshments at a picturesque, 32-acre country estate, and club fellowship! Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the views!

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 11AM – 4PM

Rain Date: Sunday April 28th

3802 Burnt House Hill Rd., Doylestown, PA 18902

This is a great opportunity to drive **YOUR** pride and joy for everyone to enjoy. Attendees' cars will be displayed in a lovely setting near Scott's garage. Limited trailer parking is available. Due to the caliber of the collection, this is an adults-only event. Organized by the **Valley Forge Region – Cadillac & LaSalle Club.**

RSVP and Payment ***must be received by April 1st (no foolin')***. Phone or email reservations ***will not*** be accepted.

Questions? Call/email Michael Stinson: michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com 267-251-8588

Mail this form with check payable to VFR-CLC to John Wood, 327 Bellevue Avenue, Penn del, PA 19047-5310

No. Persons _____ **(adults only)** **@ \$20.00 each =** **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Driving your Collector Car? (Y / N) _____ **Trailerling a Car? (Y / N)** _____ Trailer parking info will be

emailed separately.

Any mobility restrictions (stairs, uneven surfaces)? _____

Dietary Restrictions (vegetarian, gluten/sugar/salt-free): _____