



"Driving the past into the future"

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2022 Winner



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GREASE IS THE WORD AT CCNJ DRIVE-IN MEMBERS MEET AT A PAIR OF CLUB CRUISES



Club members line up to enjoy the drive-in; Tom Austin's '56 and a treat at the Montvale Dairy Queen

CCNJ MEMBERS RELIVE THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE DAYS

By Tony Albarella

Have you ever spent a summer night out under the stars, enjoying a classic 50's-themed drive-in movie, surrounded by family, friends, and other classic cars? If you attended our recent drive-in movie event you did, and for a 50's fan like me, it was the car-event highlight of the year.

On Saturday, August 5th, a few dozen cars rolled into a secluded wooded field at Demarest Farms, in Hillsdale, to enjoy a retro screening of the 1978 musical GREASE. This was our second consecutive visit to the Demarest Farms drive-in, following a similar event last year to see AMERICAN GRAFFITI. That event was so well received that we did it again, and had just as much fun the second time around.

The weather was near perfect, as a recent heat wave had broken a few days prior, and we enjoyed

comfortable temperatures and rain-free skies. It was cloudy, but this did not dissuade a party-like atmosphere as classic car owners, with friends and family packed into their rides, lined up in front of the screen.

Before the show, the Vanacores and other volunteers handed out popcorn as moviegoers visited the food trucks that supplied meals and treats. Many lined up lawn chairs to enjoy the show outdoors, while others remained in their cars for a true drive-in experience.

As dusk fell, we had a blast taking in the "pre-show" - vintage shorts and drive-in commercials that Anthony had prepared in advance. Then it was on to the screening of GREASE to complete the night.

Photo coverage of the event can be found on pages 5-7.

CADS AND CALORIES CONSUMED AT TWO CRUISES

By Tony Albarella

August also brought us a pair of car cruise club events: a club meeting at

the Montvale Dairy Queen on August 17th, and a breakfast cruise to the Maple Valley Diner on August 26th.

Special thanks to our two roving reporters, Rob and Lois Harriman, who documented and reported on both events for the pleasure of those of us who missed them. You can read the Dairy Queen report on pages 8-9, and Lois's account of the breakfast cruise on pages 10-11.

Remember to review our event schedule on the last page of this newsletter, and come on out to enjoy the latter part of the summer with your CCNJ friends. We have a trio of car-and-food cruises planned that are sure to satisfy any car (or foodie) lover's appetite.

SPECIAL EDITOR'S NOTE

By Tony Albarella

Please visit page 3 for a personal update from me, the club newsletter editor. Some changes are on the horizon and we can use your help in navigating this publication's future.



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Anthony Vanacore,
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Director's Message September 2023

Hello Members,

What a busy month August has been! As a club, we met for the drive-in, ice cream and went to the diner. I'm very happy to see that our members are dedicated to coming to our events and enjoy each other's company. While the drive-in wasn't the money-making success I'd hoped it would be, our members did enjoy it and it's safe to say that it was money well spent, as everyone who attended had a blast!

The event had me learn that I need to get a head start on next year's events much sooner, so that all of our members have ample notice to put the events in their calendars. Which brings me to the question, what is the best form of communication for everyone?

With our editor stepping down (see next page), it gives us the opportunity for new direction with our monthly newsletter. In years past we used to have a physical copy sent to our members, and unfortunately that is just not possible anymore. I would love to hear from some of you with any thoughts as far as what works and what doesn't work for you. As director I typically post our meeting spots on Facebook, and we try our best to stick to our yearly calendar so as not to confuse anyone. I urge you to please reach out, let me know if you're on social media or prefer to look at your email or our website. We can even set up text message reminders to let members know where and when the club is getting together.

I'll be the first to say that Tony has been a huge backbone to this club. We will try our best to continue tradition without him, however these are big shoes to fill! That being said if ANYONE has any interest in joining the board or taking over as editor, please reach out as we will need someone to put together these newsletters going forward. I want to personally thank Tony for his many years of service and I hope that he plans to come to the drive-in and car shows in future years as he will always be welcome!

On a personal note, not much work has gone into my '95 DeVille. She currently has 103K miles on her and I've enjoyed driving her everyday. I've put my focus on the '55 Caddy and I'm happy to say she's running on her own brand-new gas tank! Next step is getting the brakes to work and find tires. If anyone has a lead on a set of 8.20-15 bias-ply white wall tires, let me know, as they're \$380 each these days!

Thank You and I Hope to Hear from You,

Anthony



Rob Harriman,
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Begin. Bal. 7/28/23	\$6,222.36
Deposits +	\$1,055.21
Disbursements -	\$1,451.37
Ending Bal. 8/28/23	\$5,826.20

Editor's Note

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Dear Friends,

After eleven years as editor of *Caddy Chatter*, I have decided to step down. I will miss this fun and rewarding position and the opportunities it afforded me over the years to make new friends and help out the CCNJ, but the reasons I'm moving on are listed below. I will stay on until the end of the year so as not to disrupt the production of the club's newsletter, so I will not, as of yet, sign off and thank all those who helped me in this position throughout the years. That will come later. Right now, the priority is to find a replacement editor, and so the call goes out for someone to take on this important role for our club.

As many of you know, I haven't had a Cadillac in over three years, and haven't lived in North Jersey for almost thirty years. The first part doesn't really present a problem, as I admire Cadillacs as much as the rest of you and have always felt welcome to bring my current classic car, a 1959 Thunderbird, to any club events that aren't Cad-only shows. However, the distance I need to travel for club get-togethers (in typical NJ traffic), coupled with the fact that I work full-time and on overnight hours, often prevents me from attending and thereby reporting on club events. I've enjoyed the help and support (as I'm sure the new editor will) of folks who regularly attend these events, but it has been a challenge for me to coordinate schedules.

The primary reason I'm stepping down at this time, however, is time itself. I haven't had much of it free lately and other obligations are starting to demand more of it. For over twenty years I've been on the board of another volunteer organization, the Rod Serling Memorial Foundation, for whom I serve as secretary and archivist. Recently I took on the vice president role in addition to those other positions, and I also contribute heavily to that group's newsletter. This expanded role requires more of my free time than ever before, and something has to go. I've thoroughly enjoyed my decade-plus as *Caddy Chatter* editor, but the time has come for someone else to step into the role.

To that end, please contact me or Director Anthony Vanacore if you're willing to edit our newsletter. I will be happy to work with the incoming editor to make handing over the reigns as seamless as possible. To produce the newsletter, I use Microsoft Publisher, one of the programs that comes with Microsoft Office, and which many of you already have on any computers you may use (desktops, laptops, notebooks, etc.). It's a simple interface to use and the basic layout for our newsletter is already set up. Or our new editor is free to use any program and/or format of their choice.

So, please consider helping out the club – as I've done for some time, and as several other volunteers do on a regular basis, to keep the club vibrant – by taking on the role of newsletter editor. It's a great hobby for someone who is retired, or local enough to regularly attend events. Or help us by running the idea past your friends, spouses, kids or grandkids; the editor does not have to be a member of our club, just someone willing to share some of their time and creativity. Thank you and please reach out to me with any questions.

Warmest Regards,
Tony

CALLING ALL CARS! CALLING ALL CARS! Come on down



to the **SHOOK FUNERAL HOME CAR SHOW**

at the Van Houten Ave. Street Fair! 639 Van Houten Ave.
Clifton, NJ 07013



**Sunday
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
sign-in/registration begins at 10:00 AM**

No Registration Fee this year! Free Will Donations Accepted.
All proceeds will be donated to Saint Peter's Haven of Clifton!



for questions or to register:
email: ShookFuneralHome@gmail.com or
call: (973) 951-7757 and ask for Roy

**Vehicles 15 years and older are
welcome!
Don't miss the street vendors, kiddie
rides, food trucks, live entertainment,
NASCAR type R/C stock Car-Racing &
much more!**





DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Demarest Farms, Hillside, NJ — Saturday, August 5, 2023

Photos by Tony Albarella







CLUB MEETING AND ICE CREAM RUN

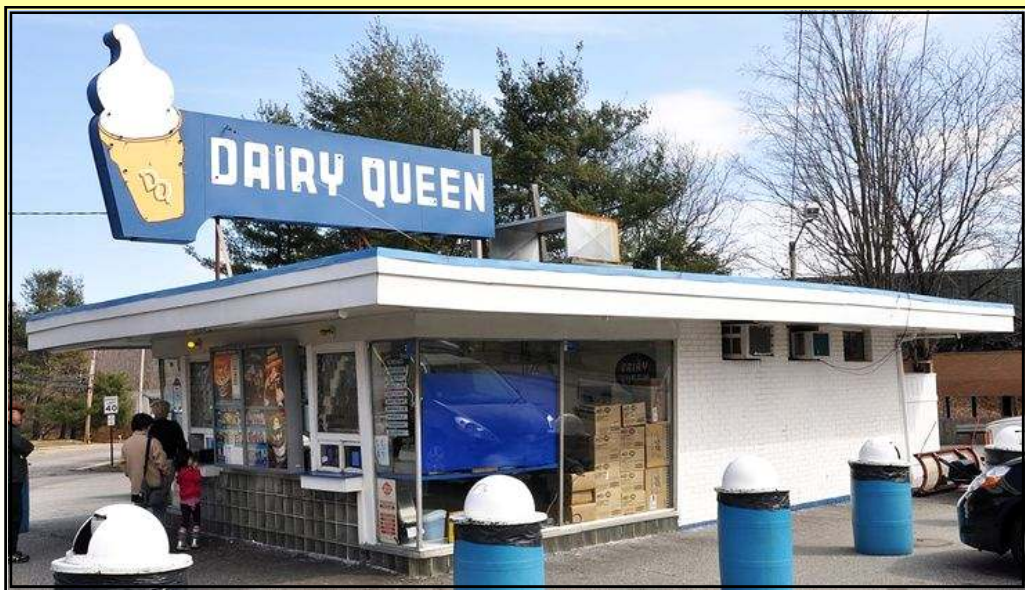
Dairy Queen, Montvale, NJ — Thursday, August 17, 2023

Photos and Report by Rob and Lois Harriman

The skies looked threatening on the evening of August 17th, but the radar indicated no precipitation in our vicinity. Due to the confusion caused by the conflicting information in the August *Caddy Chatter*, we decided that someone on the Board should show up on the originally scheduled date. (On behalf of your Board, I apologize for the last-second notification and for the confusion!)

Since the re-scheduled date turned out to be a wash-out, and we were SO looking forward to this cruise, we were very glad to get there. A half dozen CCNJ members and friends in four Caddies gathered at the pleasant destination to enjoy our favorite Dairy Queen delicacies under the most delightful possible conditions. The sun had set but skies cleared; the temperature was 76°F; and there were no bugs to spoil the fun – it was as close as possible to perfect!

Participating were Tom and Lorraine Austin with their extra-special 1956 Coupe DeVille, Franklin Rich with his family-original and exquisite 1978 Coupe DeVille, Jeff Krebs with an impeccably preserved 2003 XLR, and the Harrimans with our first purchased-new Caddy, 2004 CTS. Sorry that Mr. Krebs departed almost as we arrived, while we were in the ordering line, so we missed capturing a photo of the sporty ride. It was the best way to end a day, sweet treats and sweet rides!





A few of the participants: Franklin Rich, Tom & Lorraine Austin, and Yours Truly!



Rob's dinner Banana Split 520 Calories, followed by Lois' dinner Heath Bar Crunch Blizzard!



The Austins' glorious '56 Coupe DeVille



The Harrimans' 2004 CTS, "Carla-Too-Smooth"



Franklin Rich's '78 Coupe DeVille, on special chrome wheels





CLUB BREAKFAST CRUISE

Maple Valley Diner, Clifton, NJ — Saturday, August 26, 2023

Photos and Report by Lois Harriman

A lovely summer morning dawned and at 9ish in the morning, we gathered at The Maple Valley Diner on rte. 46 E for a wonderful breakfast, greeting and making new friends and looking at our varied cars that brought us there. It was a wonderful start to the weekend.

Those in attendance were: Steve Calandra in his 1958 Chevy Bel Air, Rob and Lois Harriman in their 2004 CTS, Joe Vanacore in his 1976 Eldorado, Anthony Vanacore in his 1995 Sedan DeVille, Franklin Rich in his 1974 Thing, Bill and Lucille Marcy in their 1999 Firebird Trans Am, Mike Cascio with his 1978 Coupe DeVille, Paul and Lenore DeGhetto with their 2014 Outback, Wally and Georgine Kaczmarek with their 1993 Al-lante, and Al and Jean Vizzone with their 2004 DeVille.

With our fifteen participants and another group of folks, we really, really gave them a run (literally) for breakfast. So no one minded with a little longer wait for food because we all chatted quite enthusiastically about all things. Please check out these photos.



Al and Jean Vizzone's 2004 DeVille



Anthony Vanacore's 1995 Sedan DeVille



Bill and Lucille Marcy's 1999 Pontiac Firebird



The Harrimans' 2004 CTS



Franklin Rich's
1974 Thing

Wally and
Georgine
Kaczmarek's
1993 Allante



Joe Vanacore's 1976 Eldorado



Michael Cascio's 1978 Coupe DeVille

A TIME TO BUY (AND A TIME NOT TO BUY) A NEW CADILLAC

Photos and Story by Dave Carney

In 1977, my father was looking to buy a new car. He was thinking of buying another Oldsmobile Cutlass, because he had a 1970 that ran so well, and it became my first car when I got my driver's license in late 1977. However, Cadillac downsized their cars the year before and the 1978 had just come out. My father did not like big cars, so I tried to talk him into buying a 1978 Cadillac, emphasizing that they are a lot smaller. He agreed and my mother and father and I went to Brogan Cadillac in Ridgewood, where we had bought our 1970 Olds Cutlass Supreme.

In those days, Brogan sold Cadillacs and Oldsmobiles. In the showroom was a beautiful 1978 Cadillac Sedan Deville, all light blue. We sat down next to the sales person and talked about the car. The sticker price was \$9,700, which was a lot of money for a new car. It was a time when Cadillacs were approaching \$10,000. My father drove my mother and I crazy thinking that he was gonna buy the car, and he almost did. But he decided to get another Olds Cutlass, which was \$3,000 cheaper. We were all very disappointed.

Fast forward, and nine years later my mother and father were walking around the Fashion Center Mall in Paramus. There they had a brand new 1987 Sedan Deville on display. My mother fell in love with the car immediately. My father said to her, "Julaine, do you want the car?" and of course my mother said yes with a lot of enthusiasm. So they went back to Brogan Cadillac and my father bought a new Cadillac 1987 Sedan Deville. It was all light blue with cloth seats.

In December, 1986, my mother and I were home when we got the call from Brogan that the Cadillac was ready to be picked up. It was snowing that day. I called my father at work and told him that Cadillac was ready and asked what he wanted to do. I was shocked when he told me to go pick up the car with my mother, so we drove to Brogan Cadillac in the snow in my 1985 Monte Carlo Super Sport. My mother asked me to drive the car home because she was too nervous. As it turned out, I was never more nervous driving a car. This is my father's brand new Cadillac, and I had to drive it home from Ridgewood to our home in Paramus in a snowstorm. My father paid almost \$23,000 for this car and I'd never driven a car that expensive before. Everything went well. I drove slow and easy and pulled the car into the garage. When my father got home from work he was very happy.

In hindsight, my father should've bought the 1978 Sedan Deville. The 1987 Cadillac Sedan Deville had the HT 4100 engine, which turned out to be defective. We had the car for ten years and got 110,000 miles out of it. When you consider that some of those engines blew out at 20-30,000 miles, we didn't do too bad.



Getting ready to leave Venice
Florida, bag contain meatball
sandwiches for lunch enroute
Venice Florida
March 1989

Here's what my father wrote on the back of this picture:
"Getting ready to leave Venice Florida, bag contains meatball sandwiches for lunch enroute." This was taken in Venice, Florida, in March of 1989, when my parents were visiting our former neighbors, who just retired to Florida.

My father John (left), mother Julaine (center), and former neighbor Frank Acinapura.



This picture was taken April, 1988, at our house in Paramus

Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club Annual Fall Meet



Behind Bank Of America Parking Lot
167 Crousel Lane, Lahaska, PA 18931

Co-Hosted with The Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC)
Philadelphia Region

DATE: Sunday, October 8, 2023, 9AM—3PM. Awards at 2:30PM

Rain Date: Sun Oct 15th.

Pre-registration MUST be received by Friday, September 29, 2023.

Open To All Years, Makes, and Models

Over 100 Cars participated last year!

Top 30 High Scores, Best Lincoln, Best Cadillac, Best of Show (any make)

For maps, directions, and a GPS address, see <http://www.peddlersvillage.com/directions>

Pre-registration fee: \$20; day-of-show registration: \$25. Please make all checks payable to **VFR-CLC**. Payment by check is preferable for record-keeping purposes. Show field opens at 9:00 AM.

Valley Forge Region Annual Fall Meet; Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Rain Date Oct. 15

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Club membership: _____

Pre-registration closes Friday, September 29th 2023

Vehicle 1: Make: _____

Vehicle 2: Make: _____

Year: _____

Year: _____

Model: _____

Model: _____

Body style: _____

Body style: _____

Trailer parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Trailer parking? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CLC Emeritus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CLC Emeritus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total remittance \$ _____

Mail registration form and payment to:

John Wood

327 Bellevue Avenue

Penndel PA 19047

267 939 5925

renopa@verizon.net

Our Lady Of Mount Virgin Church Car & Motorcycle Show

Saddle Brook New Municipal Complex 55 Mayhill Street 07663

September 17, 2023 (Rain Date: October 15, 2023)
9 AM until 3 PM Registration opens at 8 AM

Street Rods

Motorcycles

Classic Cars

American Muscle Cars

Music/DJ

Trophies

Food Trucks

**Free Admission
for Spectators**

(Donations Accepted)

50/50 Raffle

**Dash plaques for the
first 100 Entrants**

Benefiting OLMV Church & Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.

Pre Registration Form Complete and Return this form with payment

Pre Registration \$20.00 | Show Day \$25.00 | Pre Registration Ends Sept.8th

Checks Payable to: OLMV Parish Life Committee **Mail To:** 188 Mac Arthur Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make _____ Year _____

Model _____

Liability Release

Participants Release: I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages which may result in my participation in the CAR SHOW hosted by OLMV Church. I release OLMV Church, Township of Saddle Brook, representative's officials, and sponsors of any and all liability of property or personal loss to myself or said vehicle.

Signature of Entrant _____ Date _____

For More Information: Email streetmonkey999@gmail.com
or Call 1 862 571 8814



Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club Invites You To Our Annual Dealer Show At Gold Coast Cadillac



Sunday, October 1, 2023
2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

* **Pre-Registration** Fee Received Prior To 9/20/23 = \$20.00, Day of Show \$25.00

- * The first 100 registered cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque!
- * Cars selected for showroom display must be members of the National CLC
 - * Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase

*** IMPORTANT !!!**

**ALL CADILLACS AND LaSalles TO BE JUDGED BY OUR RRR JUDGING TEAM MUST BE
PRE-REGISTERED AND MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS OLD**

*All day-of-show Cadillacs and LaSalles are eligible for peer judging
And All non-Cadillacs are eligible for peer judging*

Pre-registered Cadillacs and LaSalles will be judged on originality. Non-original Cadillacs may be judged in the Modified Class. All non-judged cars will be eligible for peer-judging. Your decision of Original/ Restored Class, or Modified Class **MUST** be made when **pre-registering**. All Day-of-Show cars will be eligible for peer-judging only. *All other cars must display their dash placard to be peer judged. All winning class judged and peer-judged winning cars will receive trophies.*

* No **FOR SALE** signs may be displayed.

- * All vehicles must have a visible Fire Extinguisher - *Please* - No Exceptions
- * Registration closes at 11:00 AM, Awards at 2:30, Show will end at 3:00 PM

- Please volunteer to help judge - **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

Add'l. info: text or call Jeff Montgomery @ 732-406-9120 or e-mail: monty5131@gmail.com

ALL MAKES AND MODELS ARE WELCOME!

Raritan River Region-Gold Coast Cadillac Show Registration Form

Please remit with your check for \$20.00 made payable to the RRR-CLC no later than 9/20/23

Mail To: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street Edison NJ 08837

Name: _____ Phone: _____ e-Mail: _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model: _____

Do You Wish Your Car Judged?

- () Yes. If Yes, check one: Original/Restored () Modified ()
() No. If no, check one: Emeritus () Peer-Judged () Display Only ()

Will You Help Judge? Yes () No ()

*For your Cadillac or LaSalle to be judged, **Pre-Registration is required!***



Membership

78

**New/Renewed
Members as of
August 31,
2023**

Gregory J. Della Pia

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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RENEWAL DEADLINE
20th Day of Each Month
LIMIT: 4 Consecutive Ads

**TOY
SHOP**



Call Bill Marcy
at 201-342-4871
or bmarcy@optonline.net



1990 SDV, One owner, 117K miles, always garage kept and well maintained. Car located in Wayne, NJ. Asking \$3,500 or best offer. Brenda Aldi 862-268-5860 nwjp.sussex@gmail.com (2306RRR)



1969 DEV CONV, Not running for about three years, mechanical condition unknown, has been in garage until recently, must be towed. White, red leather, 117K miles. needs restoring. Asking \$7,500 or best offer. Car is in East Orange, NJ. (2306RRR) Call Lydia Ali 804-814-1087



2002 ELD Touring Coupe "ETC" in excellent condition. New tires, new fuel pump and more, all done in the past several months. This car truly needs nothing, just a new home. Only 86K actual miles. Asking \$6500. Contact club member Lou Filardo 973-868-0525 louielimo@comcast.net (2307RR)



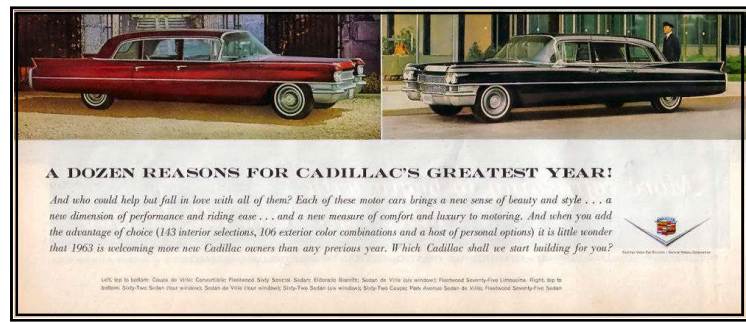
1986 SEV STS, a garage-kept, one owner with 56,314 original miles. Sold new by Brogan Cadillac of Ridgewood, the car has spent its life in Wyckoff. Although this beauty was well maintained, it has been in the garage and not driven for ten years. The car starts with a jump, but will require the usual maintenance, at minimum. Asking \$4500. Contact Charles Ras at: 201-249-7226. (2308R) CharlesJRas@msn.com



1939 FW 75 Resto-Mod has a 350 V/8 with four barrel carb, 400 automatic transmission, cold air conditioning, Diamond-back wide whitewall tires and it is in excellent condition throughout. Ready to show and go! Asking \$60,000 Biagio Seminara 347-728-5656 (2309) cadillac75series@gmail.com



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IN TIME
1963

The logo of the Cadillac Club of North Jersey, Inc. is a circular emblem. It features a blue outer ring with the text "CADILLAC CLUB" at the top and "of NORTH JERSEY, INC." at the bottom in white capital letters. In the center is a gold wreath that encircles a shield. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each with a different color and pattern: top-left is red with white horizontal stripes, top-right is blue with white horizontal stripes, bottom-left is white with red horizontal stripes, and bottom-right is gold with red horizontal stripes. Above the shield is a small, ornate crest.

Driving the past into the future!



Cars and Coffee — Krispy Kreme — 8:30 AM
247 Route 4, Paramus, NJ 07652

Club Meeting — Shake Shack — 6:30 PM
479 NJ-17, Paramus, NJ 07652

Ice Cream/Lunch Run — The After Char Broil Grill — 2:00 PM
195 US-206, Flanders, NJ 07836