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# Caddy Chatter

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## CCNJ FALL CAR SHOW ISSUE NEW EDITOR FOR THE 2024 NEWSLETTER



*Classic Cadillacs and copious crowds at November's 2023 CCNJ Fall Show*

### SUN AND FUN AT RECORD- SETTING CCNJ FALL SHOW

By Tony Albarella

On Sunday, November 5, the CCNJ held its 32nd Fall Show astride the picturesque Palisades at the State Line Lookout in Alpine, NJ.

Temperatures in the mid-60's, a sun-filled sky, and an absence of the typical cliff-top breeze drew scores of day-of-show participants, Cadillac owners who were happy to sail their land yachts at least one more time before winter sets in. Coupled with our pre-registered vehicles, this turnout resulted in a record-smashing number of show attendees. By 1:00 PM we had 103 Cadillacs gracing the Lookout.

With the cars came a startling number of onlookers. I've been enjoying our Alpine shows (both fall and spring versions) for many years, and can't ever remember seeing the place so packed. The visitor lot was full all day, and the road leading into the Lookout had cars parked along its shoulder all

the way back to the Parkway. It was truly a joy to see so many people, strangers and familiar faces alike, enjoy the cars and the weather.

Adding a stellar soundtrack to the proceedings was The Golden Gup, who spun platters and engaged the crowd. Our usual crew of intrepid CCNJ volunteers manned all posts throughout the show, and we thank them profusely for that. Anthony and the board even tried out a new and, by all reports, successful system to award trophies, with first- and second-place plaques organized by decade and several trophies in various categories.

With so many spectators and participants, this issue is chock full of event photos for you to enjoy, starting on page 8. This show will be hard to beat, but let's all give it a shot...starting in spring of next year.

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD FOR THE CLUB NEWSLETTER

By Tony Albarella

It's with mixed feelings that I sit here and compose my last

newsletter as editor of the *Caddy Chatter*. I've been at this since 2011, and by my count I've pulled together 146 consecutive monthly issues without ever missing a deadline. It's nice to take a break from that pressure, but assembling the newsletter has been a source of pleasure for me, and I will miss it.

I know that Tom Pirog will do a fantastic job in this role, and I look forward to seeing him take the newsletter in fresh, new directions. I encourage you all to participate by providing Tom with all the stories and photos you can muster.

I want to thank everyone who participated with ideas, photos, and stories for the *Chatter* throughout the years, those members who run regular columns, and those who proof the issues before they go out to the membership. I literally could not have done it without all of you.

I'll see you all at the Winter Dinner, and further down the road in 2024. Happy holidays, my friends, and happy cruising!



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Anthony Vanacore,  
Director

# Director's Message December 2023

Hello Members,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we come to the end of the 2023 season, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to our beloved club throughout the year. Your enthusiasm and commitment have truly made a difference in our community.

I am thrilled to announce that our recent trip to Rutt's Hut for the elections was a resounding success. It was a pleasure to see so many of you come together and actively participate in shaping the future of our club. Your engagement and involvement are what make our organization thrive.

Our fall show at the beginning of the month had a record breaking 100 cars! It was a little overwhelming, however the club endured and overall the show was a success. If anyone has any interest in volunteering for the spring show please reach out as we'll need "all hands on deck" to ensure we have another smooth show!

Looking back on the 2023 season, we have had an incredible year filled with memorable events and unforgettable moments. From our scenic drives to our car shows, each gathering has been a testament to the passion and camaraderie that defines our club. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together.

As we transition into the winter months, I would like to remind you to save the date for our upcoming winter dinner on February 25th. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our achievements, and enjoy a delightful evening of good food and great company. You can find the flyer with all the details on page 18.

Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead in 2024. With your continued support, I am confident that this year will be nothing short of fantastic for the Cadillac Club of North Jersey. We have an array of exciting events and activities planned, which I am certain will further strengthen our bond as a community of Cadillac enthusiasts.

On a personal note, the cold weather in Mahwah has hindered my progress on my '55. However, I have taken the opportunity to remove and send out the booster and master cylinder to White Post Restoration. The total cost for this service amounted to approximately \$750. I also replaced the water pump at the beginning of the month, however I have not "buttoned it up" so I still cannot start the car.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your continued support. It is your passion and dedication that make our club the thriving community it is today.

Warm Regards,

*Anthony*



Rob Harriman,  
Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Begin. Bal. 10/28/23	\$4,003.58
Deposits	+ \$2,825.00
Disbursements	- \$576.78
Ending Bal. 11/28/23	\$6,251.80





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### **2024 MEMBERSHIP Renewal**

Annual region membership dues: \$25 individual, \$35 joint.  
(International dues: \$35/\$45 in US \$). A joint membership qualifies for two separate votes,  
& separate listings in the roster.

***Please make checks payable to: CCNJ***

**CLC National Membership Required to be a member of any CLC region or chapter.**

**CLC Member #** / CCNJ INDIVIDUAL - \$25 ☐ / JOINT - \$35 ☐ (check one)

Once a member of the CLC you will receive a membership number to place on our application.

NAME: _____	JOINT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____	CITY/ZIP: _____
HOME # _____	HOME # _____
BUSINESS/CELL# _____	BUSINESS/CELL# _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Cadillac & or LaSalle cars I own: Cadillac or LaSalle ownership **NOT** a requirement for membership.

1957	Bahama blue	6267X	Ser 62	Convertible coupe	#2
1970	Sauterne	68349	De Ville	Hard top sedan	#3

YEAR	COLOR	MODEL	SERIES	BODY STYLE	COND	1	2	3	4	5	6
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***(Model # & body style as noted on firewall ID plate)***

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| # 1 - EXCELLENT  | - Rare, trailered to shows, not driven, 95+ points   |
| # 2 - FINE       | - Excellent original or well restored – multi trophy winner  |
| # 3 - VERY GOOD  | - completely operational “20 footer” – has some wear on driver’s seat, chrome, most cars at shows. |
| # 4 - GOOD       | - A driver needing only minor work – at 20 feet obviously needs restoration to be Very Good/fine   |
| # 5 - RESTORABLE | - Needs complete restoration. Complete but may not be running                                      |
| # 6 - PARTS CAR  | - Might be running, but wrecked, rusted beyond hope or stripped                                    |

1. How did you hear about this club? If through a member, please name him/her.

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2. What would you like to experience through membership? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Are you currently a member of any other car clubs? Please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Our region tries to schedule a variety of activities in various venues and hopes you can volunteer your time and talent. Please indicate activities for which you could lend a hand.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Brunch   | - preparations, door prizes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Car show | - (planning, parking, goody bag, solicitations,                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Car Show   | - registration table, clean up etc)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parades         | - planning, recruiting, registrations, confirmations               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities      | - indoor meeting speakers, cruises                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caddy Chatter   | - write a tech column, history column, member spotlight etc        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance      | - interested in becoming an officer or serving on a committee      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity       | - Car shows, club events, general                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webmeister      | - Maintain club website, develop roster, mailing lists etc         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchandise     | - Maintain inventory, recommend, purchase & sell items of interest |

5. Are there car related sites of interest in your area which would be worthwhile venues for a cruise or club meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Are there any parades you know of that you think might be appropriate, i.e. your towns 4<sup>th</sup> of July or centennial etc \_\_\_\_\_

7. I may participate in parades. **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ Please make sure you've listed your e-mail address to allow us to notify you of parade details.

8. Speak out; please comment on the club! Do you have any suggestions?

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# 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

## Clifton, NJ — Thursday, November 9, 2023

Photos and Report by Tom Pirog

The North Jersey Region held its annual election of its Board of Directors for calendar year 2024. At an iconic North Jersey eatery on a Thursday evening, November 9th, members gathered to enjoy conversation, food and to vote. Assembled in the Grand Ballroom of Rutt's Hut were Joe Vanacore, Larry Savino, Tom Pirog, Steve Calandra, Paul De Ghetto, Lois and Rob Harriman, and new club members Frank Monte and Al Vizzzone, with his wife, Jean. Both Anthony Vanacore and Michael Cascio sent their regrets, having to miss this meeting due to strong prior commitments.

Printed ballots listed the 2024 nominees: Steve Calandra, Mike Cascio, Rob Harriman, Anthony Vanacore, Larry Savino, Joe Vanacore, Jr., and Tom Pirog. These were distributed to all meeting attendees by Lois as per the club charter. All nominees were elected to the 2024 Board of Directors for a one-year term. The general membership is highly encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process. Please consider participating next year.

Finally, a special call-out to our new club member Frank Monte, who generously picked up the check for the table. Thank you, Frank, much appreciated by all.





# AL VIZZONE'S CADILLAC COLLECTION

Story and Photos by Joe Gondor

Here are some photos of my Cadillacs to share with club members. The blue one is a 1999 Cadillac DeVille with 215,300 miles; the gold one is a 2002 Cadillac DeVille with 203,400 miles; the black one is a 2004 Cadillac DTS with 137,500 miles; the white one is a 2004 Cadillac DeVille with 87,900 miles; and finally, my silver one is a 2004 Cadillac DeVille with 179,900 miles on the body. I had the entire drivetrain rebuilt on that one because in 2019 the car was in Florida, where my parents were snow birds.

My sister was down there and wanted to drive them home, and the car kept displaying a “check the coolant” message. I told her to take it to Cadillac to get checked, but she refused. It had a bad reservoir and the water pump was starting to fail. They drove 1,500 miles and overheated five times. The car made it home but by 2020 the heads were starting to fail.

I took it to my friend to make sure I was correct about the heads and he agreed. I was going to get it repaired but my friend said that with 176,500 miles, it was not worth it. Too much wear and tear on the engine at that point. I agreed and had a new engine built to the new specs of the Northstar. Later we decided that the transmission had so many miles so why not get a new one, and I found one at Gear Head.

Finally, everything was put back together, and the end of May of this year the car hit the road. It was a lot of fun and a lot of work. I do love my Northstar engines, as they are light and powerful. I have always said if you take care of them, they will take care of you, as you can see from the high mileage all my engines have taken me.



2004 Black DTS



2004 Silver DeVille



2004 White DeVille





1999 Cadillac DeVille Engine Compartment



2002 Cadillac DeVille



2004 DTS



1999 Cadillac DeVille



2002 Cadillac DeVille



2004 DeVille



1999 Cadillac DeVille



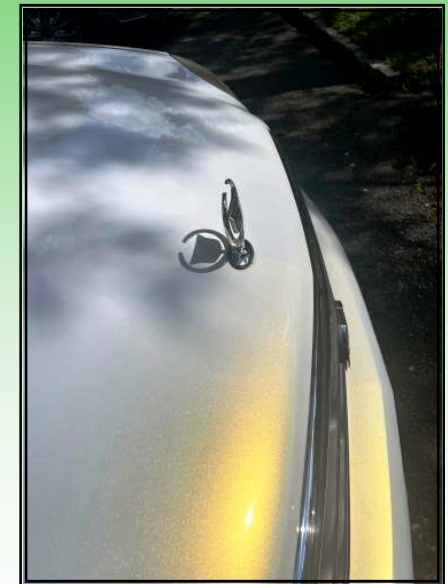
2004 Cadillac DeVille



2002 Cadillac DeVille Engine



2004 DTS



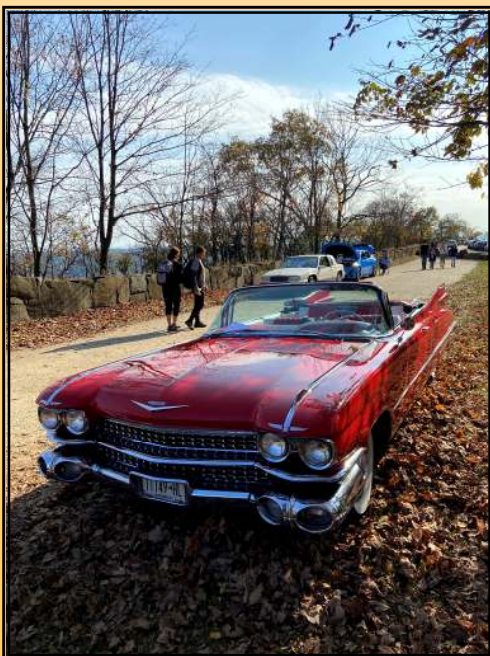
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# 32ND CCNJ FALL SHOW

Sunday, November 5, 2023 — State Line Lookout, Alpine, NJ











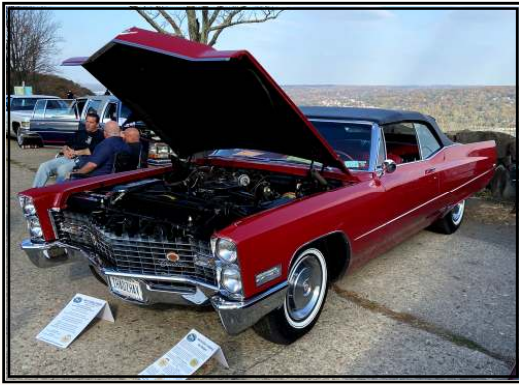








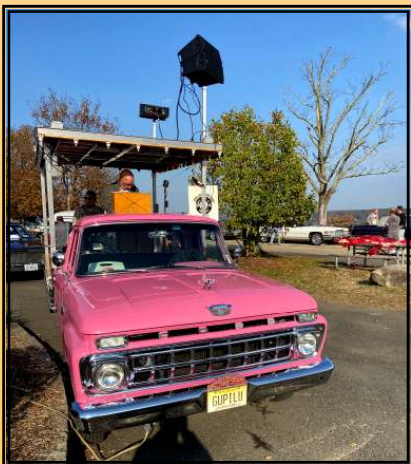




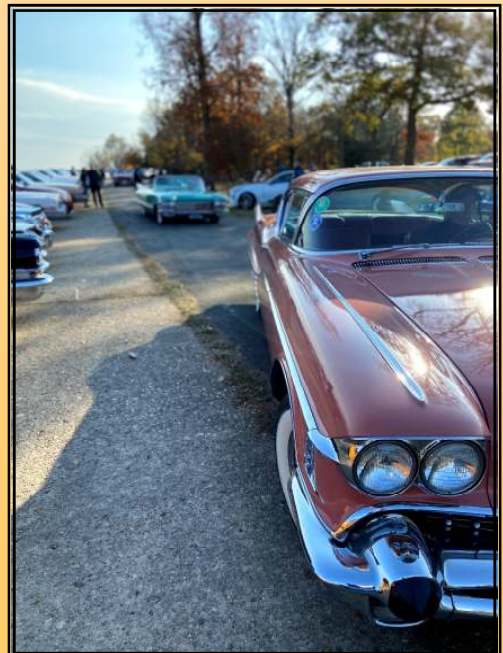
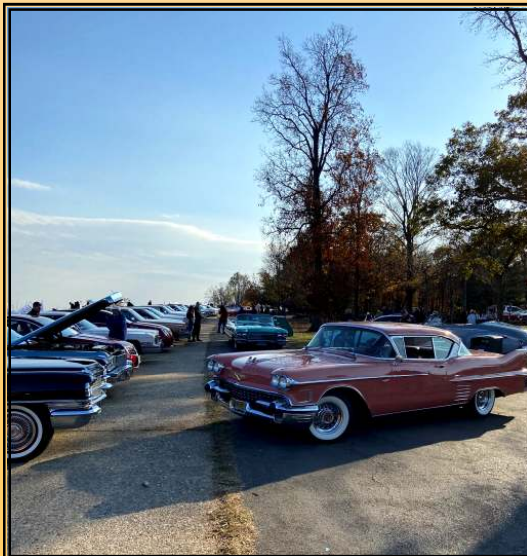
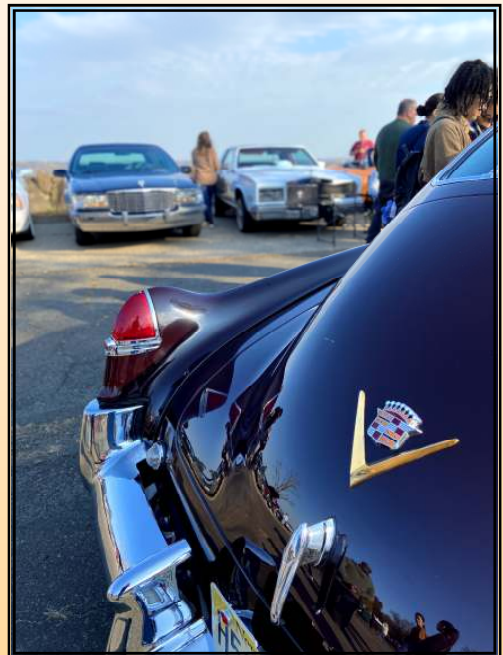
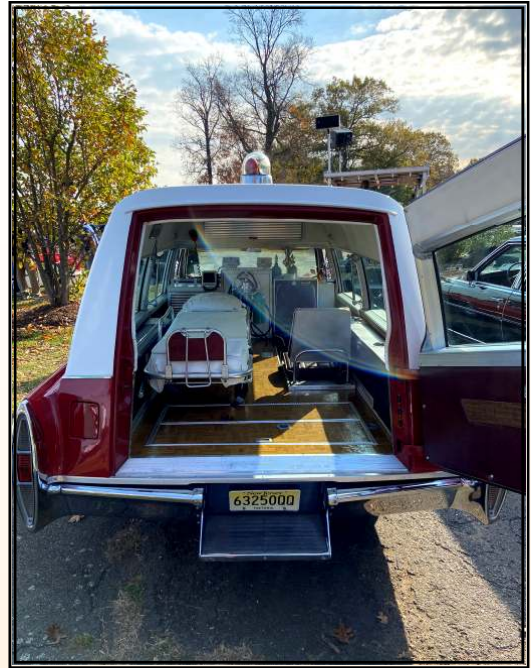
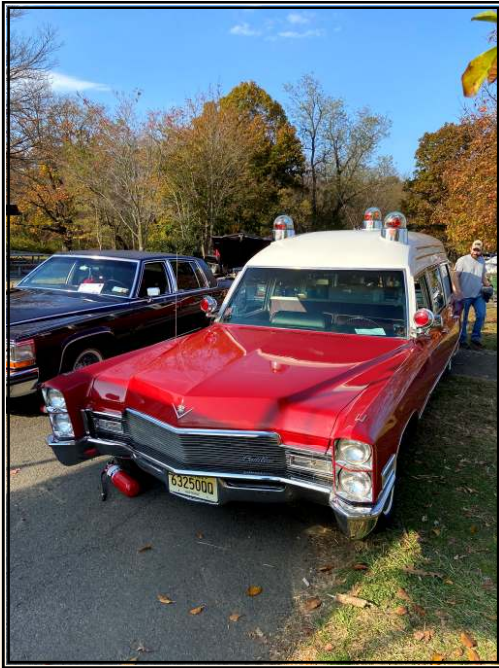




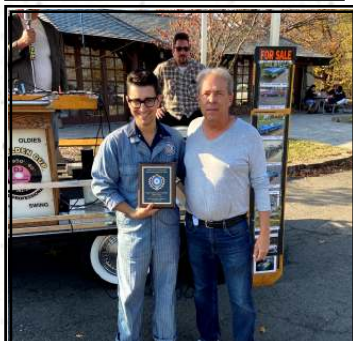












## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

1950's 2nd Place—Kevin Jasinski—1959 SDV  
 1950's 1st Place—Richard Emeson—1958 ELD  
 1960's 2nd Place—George Ahto III—1969 SDV  
 1960's 1st Place—The Raguccis—1960 SER 62  
 1970's 2nd Place—Eric DeVirgilis—1977 CDV  
 1970's 1st Place—Craig Perrotty—1970 CDV  
 1980's 2nd Place—Michelle Ahto—1985 FW BRO  
 1980's 1st Place—Peter Tufano—1983 ELD  
 1990's+ 2nd Place—Brian Kelly  
 1990's+ 1st Place—George Ahto Jr.—1991 BRO

## STATISTICAL AWARDS

Highest Mileage (195,000—White 1960 Conv.  
 Longest Ownership (39 Years) — Joe Caristo  
 Longest Distance—Eric DeVirgilis  
 Best Modified Classic—John Darpas/Gucci Limo

## BEST IN SHOW AWARD

Vinny Manganiello — 1949 Sedanette





# Welcome to our New Members

**Frank Monte, Jr. — North Bergen, NJ**

**1960 Series 62 Convertible**

**Anthony Moscatello — Westwood, NJ**

**1964 Series 62 Sedan, 1969 Fleetwood Brougham**

**Anthony Verna — Hawthorne, NJ**

**2014 XTS Platinum**

A poster for the Cadillac Club of North Jersey's Winter Dinner. It features a man and a woman in winter coats standing next to a classic Cadillac in a snowy landscape. The text on the poster includes the event name, date, time, location, and price.

**CADILLAC CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY'S**  
**Winter Dinner!**  
*Sunday February 25th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

*The Brownstone House*  
351 W Broadway,  
Paterson, NJ 07522     **\$40 PER PERSON**

JACKET  
REQUIRED  
TIE OPTIONAL

CADILLAC CLUB  
NORTH JERSEY

THE BROWNSTONE

We are once again holding our annual club dinner at The Brownstone, located at 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ. The date is Sunday, February 18, 2024, from 1 PM—5 PM.

We will have our usual open buffet, ice cream waffle bar, tricky tray, 50/50 and our club DJ, Steve Calandra, will entertain us with great music.

There will also be an awards presentation and perhaps a surprise or two. Please gather and save gift (or re-gift) items from the holidays to contribute to and participate in our tricky tray. If you have any questions, call Bill Marcy at 201-954-3159. Please make your check payable to CCNJ for \$40 per person and mail to Bill at:



Bill Marcy  
349 Lookout Avenue  
Hackensack, NJ 07601







## Membership

# 80

**New/Renewed  
Members as of  
November 30,  
2023**

*Gregory J. Della Pia*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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**20th Day of Each Month**  
**LIMIT: 4 Consecutive Ads**

**TOY  
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**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 (2309RRR) [cadillac75series@gmail.com](mailto:cadillac75series@gmail.com)



**1978 CDV** 1 owner, 45K original miles, stored in heated garage, rare Firmest Pewter with black leather and top. Paterson, NJ. \$35,000 Franklin Rich 917-836-3254

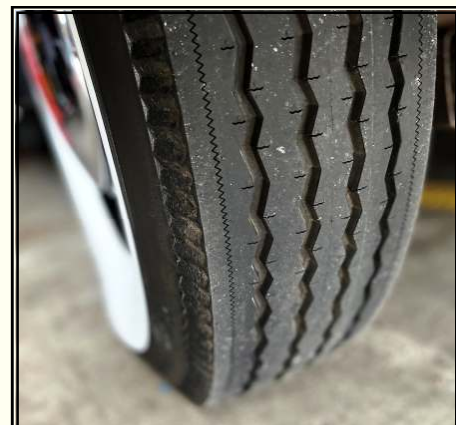


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[tectiveatty@gmail.com](mailto:tectiveatty@gmail.com) (2310RR)

**FOR SALE:** Set of four 750/16 radial wide whitewall tires, very few miles on them. Asking \$600. Biagio Seminar 347 728 5656



**1966 SDV** in good condition, needing minor cosmetics. Runs, drives well, cold A/C and 70K actual miles. Middlesex, NJ \$7,000 Jeff Hill 908-531-0601 [jhill3605@gmail.com](mailto:jhill3605@gmail.com) (2312)

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# CADILLAC SNAPSHOT IN TIME 1958

Furs by Robert, Detroit

Never before has the Cadillac car offered so many wonderful virtues—in such great abundance—as it does for 1958! There is surpassing new beauty, greater sweep and majesty of styling, and wonderful new elegance and refinement of line. There is added Fleetwood luxury, still greater quietness of operation, and improved qualities of ride. There is a great new Cadillac engine, a smoother, more responsive Hydra-Matic Drive, and a refined Cadillac Power Steering. In summary, this is a rare masterpiece in all the things that make a Cadillac . . . a Cadillac! See and drive this magnificent new Standard of the World soon.



"THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES"

*Cadillac*

Cadillac Club of North Jersey, Inc.  
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*Driving the past into the future!*



**THE CCNJ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE IS UNDERWAY.  
PLEASE SEE PAGES 3 AND 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**In observance of the holiday season, there will be no December club meeting.**

***Happy Holidays from the CCNJ!***

**Sunday, February , 2024**

**CCNJ Winter Dinner — The Brownstone — 1:00 PM—5:00 PM  
See Page 18 for More Details**

