



# Cadillac Chatter



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## APRIL EVENTS BEGIN IN EARNEST LAND YACHTS DOCK AT AMELIA ISLAND



*Breakfast is served and Cads on the cliff at last year's Spring events; classics and crowds flock to Amelia Island*

### A BUSY APRIL KICKS OFF THE 2019 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON

For those of us itching to wax some chrome, drop the windows, and get our cars out into the warm sunlight, the CCNJ is playing the role of Easter Bunny and delivering a few sweet April treats.

We'll begin on April 7 by meeting at The Fireplace on Route 17 North, from 9AM-11AM, to enjoy a breakfast cruise. Break out those vintage wheels if the weather cooperates, and if not, arrive in your daily driver. No reservations are necessary so feel free to bring along family and friends.

Eleven days later, on Thursday, April 18, we'll return to Nonna's Pizza on Route 17 South for our April club meeting. This includes a special guest speaker: Joe Della, the manager of Kanter Restoration. The pizza social starts at 7PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30PM.

Another big treat arrives on April 28, as we savor our 2019

CCNJ Spring Show at the glorious Stateline Lookout in Alpine, NJ. The show will be held 9AM-3PM and further details and a registration form can be found on pages 9-10.

### ANNIVERSARY VISIT TO AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS

By Sal Santoro

Jan and I celebrated our 46th anniversary by attending the Amelia Island Concours de Elegance, held on the weekend of 3/8-3/10. I have sent along photos not only of several gorgeous Cadillacs but also several non-Cadillacs that are outrageously magnificent examples of the caliber of entrants at Amelia.

Visit pages 6-8 of this newsletter for the photos, which include a beautiful '31 452A All-Weather Phaeton owned by Mckeel Hagerty, owner/founder of Hagerty Auto Insurance, a 1948 Tucker, and several classics owned by famous rock stars.

These "Cars of the Rock Stars"

include a Porsche once owned and driven by singer Janis Joplin, a Stingray racer driven by Elvis Presley, and a Bentley currently owned and driven by AC/DC lead singer Brian Johnson, who lives in Sarasota. Brian is a fellow member of one of the auto enthusiast clubs I am in.

You will also see several shots of the 1956 Cadillac used by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson. This automobile won the award for the most historically significant vehicle at Amelia Island.

I hope you enjoy the photos, and I encourage anyone who can to attend the Amelia Island Concours, which will be held from 3/12-3/15 in 2020. It is a fantastic event which gets better and better every year.





Lois Harriman,  
Co-Director

# Director's Message April 2019

Hello Fellow Members,

It's SPRING! You know what that means! Time to get our cars uncovered, dusted, off to the garage to recharge all fluids, check the battery, wash, wax, clean the interior. Wow! Sounds like a lot of work! NO! A little bit every weekend or when you can spare some time and it will be road worthy and ready for our upcoming Spring Car Show held in Alpine, NJ.

This has been our banner show that we have at the Palisades, 500 feet above the Hudson River. It is quite magnificent! See the application to pre-register, if you wish, on page 9. How wonderful would it be if every member would plan on and come to this show. There are still some of you out there that I have never met. Hmm...kind of sad. Our calendar of events was in our February newsletter, so go and check it out again and print it out and mark on it what events you could come to.

I am sending out my plea for help for the car show. One hour is needed of your time to help with registration, membership, merchandise. It is not hard since those of us who know what to do will always be around, and it is a special time and a great way to get to know other club members. Please contact me either on the club phone (201-888-8727) or on my cell (551-444-2039). Thanks in advance!

Are you planning on going to the Grand National this year? Rob and I are going AND I think we are driving our 1963 Coupe DeVille. Facebook users will be able to watch our adventures on our club's Facebook page. We now have over 350 followers from all over the world!

Please read through the newsletter to find out what we are and have been up to. Also, if you have any Cadillac friends out there, let them know of our club and send out the invite to join in our activities and fun.

Right now it's Thursday, March 21, and I'm looking forward to tonight's club meeting, during which we will be having a speaker. I hope I will be seeing many of you out there..even with the rains that have been around all day!

See 'Ya Down The Road,

*Lois*



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Deposits +	\$538.91
Disbursements -	\$202.12
Ending Bal. 3/28/19	\$4,086.67

# FANTASTIC COLLECTION OF 1959 CADILLACS

By Joe Puleo

I've always liked Cadillacs, even at a young age. In 1977, when I was eighteen, I saw a 1937 Cadillac Fleetwood advertised in the local paper. My Father and I purchased the car for \$3,750. We had the car restored and it is still in my collection. That car is obviously my favorite, but I always had a liking for the '59 Cadillac. I purchased my first '59 in 2001, a red and white Eldorado Seville. Since then my collection of '59's has grown to seventeen.

My collection doubled last year with the purchase of an S&S hightop ambulance, and seven low-mileage '59's. None of the eight cars ran! I purchased the ambulance in March and started a complete restoration right away, which should be completed by June. The other seven cars were from a collector in Florida, and they had not been started since the 1980's. The lowest mileage is a Woodrose coupe with 12K miles. The car was still on original tires; exhaust, belts, hoses, and the spare tire were never used. A white Sedan deVille with 15K miles, and most of the others are under 34K miles. The cars are now all running.



# CADILLAC PARTS & RESTORATION'S OPEN HOUSE · DUST OFF EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th 10:30a-12:30p**

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**VISIT OUR FACILITY · VIEW PAST & CURRENT PROJECTS**  
**IF THE WEATHER'S NICE, DUST OFF THE CAD AND BRING IT**

## CPR'S Dust Off/Open House Event: Sat., April 6th

Please join us for a special event that we're really looking forward to. On Saturday, April 6th (10:30a-12:30p) we open our overhead doors to Cadillac owners and clubs to **visit our restoration facility and view underway and completed projects. [View event and RSVP here!](#)**

A couple of projects to view are two 1959 Eldorado Biarritz restorations currently underway. As well as a number of other Cads from the 50s, 60s and 70s. You'll be able to learn more about our restoration work as well as maintenance and repair services.

We look forward to seeing old friends and building new relationships. To learn more about CPR **[visit our website](#)**. Those with restoration inquiries: **call us today (845) 462-5959**.



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Join us for another great cruise year!

Our Monday cruise nights begin on May 13 and run until Monday, October 21. There will be **no** cruise night on Labor Day, September 2.

Our Halloween show will be on Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day).

During the cruise season, there will be special events. Check our Facebook page or our web site for these events.

Aviation Plaza, 653 West Edgar Road,  
Linden, NJ from 5—9 p.m.

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*Cruise for a Cause* — Supporting New Jersey  
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Trophies Awarded \* DJ Hot Rod Mike \* Giveaways

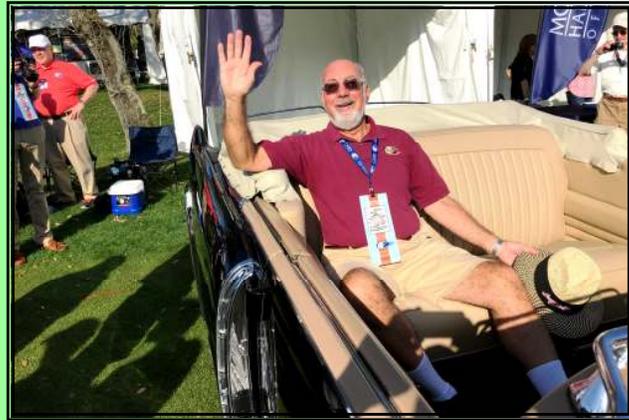
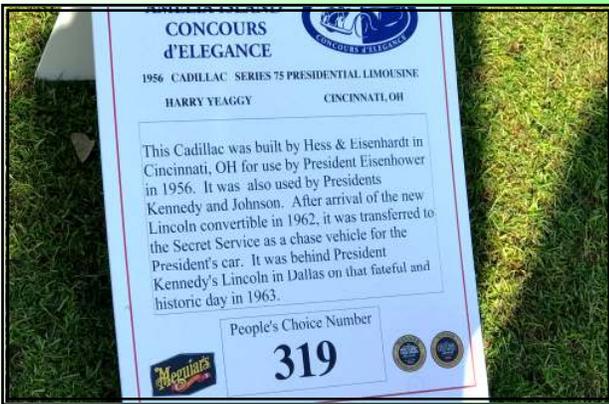
Cruise Night supported by Mayor Derek Armstead  
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**SAL AND JAN SANTORO VISIT  
THE AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS  
MARCH 8 – MARCH 10, 2019**







**THE  
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d'ELEGANCE**

**1931 CADILLAC 452A ALL-WEATHER PHAETON**  
MCKEEL AND SOON HAGERTY TRAVERSE CITY, MI

The Cadillac 452-A was announced six weeks after the stock market crash of October 29, 1929. Off to a good start with 1221 cars sold in April and May 1930, sales soon plummeted as the Depression took hold. General Motors subsequently built these cars to order with as few as 50 vehicles produced in 1935 and 1937.

The Model 452-A is powered by a 452 cid overhead-valve V-16 engine which was incredibly smooth and produced 160 horsepower. It was claimed to be the fastest accelerating car of its time mostly due to the 300 lb./ft of torque.



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**1930 CADILLAC V16  
CONVERTIBLE COUPE 4235**  
GALLERY 260 LIMITED TORONTO, ON, CANADA

On January 4, 1930 at the New York Auto Show, a crowd of 20,000 people jostled for a glimpse of the new American "Supercar," the 16-cylinder Cadillac. Until that moment only Bugatti had produced a V-16-cylinder engine and that was two eight-cylinder engines bolted together.

The Cadillac engine was the first 16-cylinder engine designed from scratch. The mainshaft of Owen Nooker, it used a 45-degree bank angle and overhead valves which allowed a narrow walk. It was also styled, with hidden wiring, polished aluminum and valve covers with brushed aluminum ridged surfaces.

The convertible coupe, Style 4235, priced at \$6,900, was the most expensive of the sport two-seat cars. This car was built as the first week of June 1930 by Chevrolet in the Detroit factory making it truly a coachbuilt car. The windshield has a 2 1/2 degree rake, riding the sleek profile and it has roll up windows and a flush fitting top. It is finished in the original colors and is one of only ten remaining.

People's Choice Number  
**366**



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**1928 BENTLEY VANDEN PLAS**  
BRIAN AND BRENDA JOHNSON SARASOTA, FL

Affectionately known as "Thunder Guts," this Bentley started life as a four-door saloon originally bodied by Freestone and Webb. After an accident in 1936 it was sent back to Bentley Motors for a rebuild. In 1939 four Cambridge University students in England drove this car to Andorra and back to England. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Brian Johnson purchased the vehicle in 2009. An avid car enthusiast and driver, Johnson is best known as the former lead singer of AC/DC and star of the television series "Cars That Rock with Brian Johnson."

People's Choice Number  
**404**



**d'ELEGANCE**

**1959 CHEVROLET STINGRAY RACER**  
GENERAL MOTORS HERITAGE CENTER STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

In 1958, newly-appointed GM design chief Bill Mitchell wanted to build a Corvette racecar capable of beating Europe's best. With the availability of Zora Arkus-Duntov's defunct 1957 SS test mule chassis, Mitchell's XP-87 was underway. Mitchell's project had to be privately financed. GM insisted that Mitchell's design have no recognizable association with the Chevy brand or Corvette name so the XP-87 name was dropped and changed to Stingray. Completed in 1959, Mitchell's Stingray was fitted with a high-compression, fuel injected 283 c.i. V-8 engine producing 315 hp and entered into SCCA C-Class competition. At the end of the 1960 season, Mitchell retired the Stingray from competition, converted it for street use and exhibited it as an experimental show car. The stunning concept was driven by none other than the "King of Rock and Roll" Elvis Presley in the 1967 film "Clam Bake." The son of an oil tycoon, Elvis drives the heavily-modified Stingray from Texas to Florida where he trades identities with a water ski instructor and hijinks and romance ensue.

People's Choice Number  
**409**



# Cadillac Club of North Jersey

"Driving the past into the future!"

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show Sunday April 28, 2019

Rain Date Sunday May 5, 2019

**9 am to 3 pm (awards at 2:30)**

**The Place: Stateline Lookout**

**Location:** Palisades Interstate Parkway, Alpine, NJ 07624

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### 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 (2004) or older will be judged by "Peoples' Choice." All Pre-WWII Cadillac's & LaSalle's enter FREE! Not limited to CCNJ members, but we would be pleased if all participants decided to join the *Cadillac Club of North Jersey*. Registration begins at 9:00am and ends at 12:00 noon. Cut off time for "People's Choice" Balloting is 1:30 PM. **No FOR SALE signs in or on show vehicles. No Consumption of alcoholic beverages at show facility.** **Please register early!**

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### FEES FOR SHOW CARS:

PRE-REGISTERED FEE: \$15.00/ ONE CAR

\$ 25.00/ TWO CARS

DAY OF SHOW FEE: \$20.00 PER CAR

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TO PRE-REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>.

### 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 No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand and will abide by "Show Rules". Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions to our Spring Show

### Stateline Lookout, Alpine, NJ

**From the Palisades Interstate Parkway (Northbound)** The well-marked exit for State Line Lookout is about 2 miles north of Exit 2. Can also be accessed from NJ Route 4 and many other roads.

**From the Palisades Interstate Parkway (southbound)** Stay in the left lane after passing Exit 3. Take the median U-turn (well marked). Use Caution, as you will need to get into the right lane immediately to exit for State Line Lookout. (The Palisades Interstate Parkway can be accessed from the NY Thruway and many other roads.)

**Questions? Need assistance? Call the Club Phone: (201) 888-8727**





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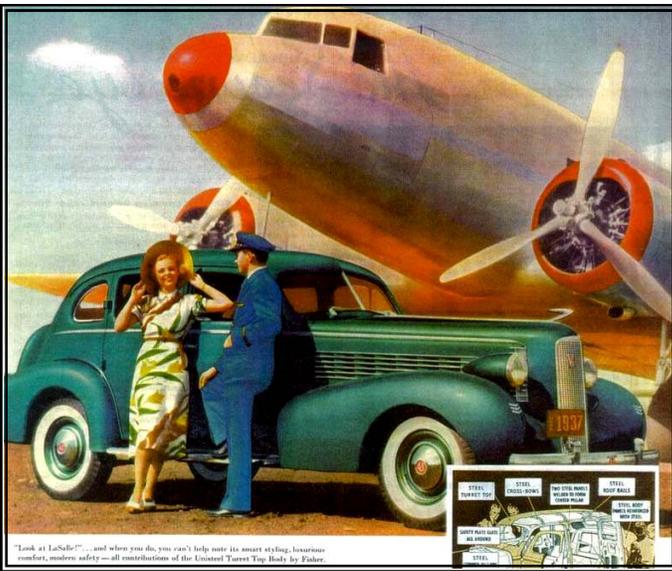


**96 ELD CP**, 56K mi, white, beige leath int in very good cond. New bat, new tires. Garage kept. Runs well. \$6,000 OBO. Debbie Scifo 609-389-5877 [debbiesc888@verizon.net](mailto:debbiesc888@verizon.net) (1904)

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**57 ELD BIA CV**, w/red interior.  
**30-39 CAD 2 or 4 door CV**, any color. Bob Williams 864-246-0318 [rflw122927@gmail.com](mailto:rflw122927@gmail.com)  
CADILLACCREAMPUFFS.COM (1904)

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**No reservations required, vintage cars welcome but not required.**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**  
**RRR's Dust-Off Breakfast at Ellery's, 701 Lincoln Blvd, Middlesex, NJ**  
**9AM-12PM, Must pre-register to attend. Call 732-629-7544 or email**  
**Bernie Cooney at [Dunbar53@optonline.net](mailto:Dunbar53@optonline.net) for details.**

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