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## **SOME SUN, MORE FUN AT CCNJ SUMMER PICNIC THE CCNJ SPRING CAR SHOW REVISITED**



*Members gather at the Slinn lake house for a picnic; Cads line up along the Palisades during our 2018 Spring Show*

### **SPECIAL GUEST CRASHES SLINNFEST 2018 CLUB PICNIC**

On Sunday, July 22, Bill and Laura Slinn were gracious enough to again host the CCNJ summer picnic at their lake house in scenic Hewitt, NJ.

The weather cooperated, for the most part, and several members enjoyed a day of good food, outdoor fun, a boating excursion, and the company of a group of their friends. An unexpected guest dropped in, but I won't spoil the surprise; see pages 7 & 8 for the report and photos by Lois.

### **A SECOND LOOK (THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS) AT THE CCNJ SPRING SHOW**

By most accounts, the club's Spring Show was a smashing success. Held on April 29, 2018, at the top of the beautiful Palisades in Alpine, NJ, the show featured weather that was comfortable and dry, even if it was as cool as the cars that were present. A large turnout of spectators and participants enjoyed the day viewing and talking about dozens of majestic

Cadillacs; numerous models were in attendance to represent the brand in vintages that spanned several different decades. Our invaluable volunteers made everything run smoothly and efficiently, and the club even turned a profit on the event.

Our good fortune, however, does not end there. Due to the generosity of lifetime CLC member Gregg D. Merksamer, who attended the show, we now have the opportunity to revisit the day.

Gregg was gracious enough to take the time and expense to mail your editor a letter of thanks and a CD filled with images that he captured during the Spring Show. The May issue of *Caddy Chatter* provided coverage of the show, which featured photos taken by your editor, but Gregg's practiced eye captured a whole different aspect of the cars and the people in attendance.

Gregg, you see, is a car show veteran, and has attended and documented more than a few CLC Grand Nationals. He is also the

publicity chair for the Professional Car Society.

In addition to snapping numerous photos, many of which can be found on pages 3-6, Gregg also sent Dave Rubin a report on our show to run in the CLC's Two Rivers Region chapter publication. A copy of that article, which includes Gregg's account and mention of some of his personal favorites from the event, is reprinted in this issue for the enjoyment of our members. And stay tuned for a future issue containing Gregg's photo coverage of another wonderful Caddy event, the Two River Region's Saturday, May 5th, get together with Hudson County Buick and Olds Club at the Brewster, NY, campus in Green Chimneys.

Should you spot your car in Gregg's photos and want a copy of the full-size, high resolution version that Gregg supplied, let me know and I will happily send it to you. On behalf of the CCNJ, I thank Gregg for his devotion to the hobby and his generosity in sharing memories of our 2018 Spring Show with us.





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# Director's Message August 2018



Bob Schles,  
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Hello Fellow Members,

What have you been up to with your classic vehicle? We have had our '63 CDV out to a few events, but we are looking forward to Saturday, August 25th, when we're going to the Whiskey Bar & Bistro cruise. This will be the first one this year that we can attend. I hope we will see a lot of you all there!

WOW! August already. The time goes by so fast and then the time for our cars to be out and about are over once again for the year. Some years you can get by with driving them when it's not so nasty with snowy weather. Or perhaps weather does not stop you. I would like to see your thoughts on this in a future issue of this newsletter.

The board is in the planning stages for the Fall Show. I again am asking in advance for a lot of help. I will be having my second knee replacement the beginning of October, so I may again be AWOL. It does take a village to make it work. Thanks in advance for all your help.

See 'Ya Down the Road,

*Lois*

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# The Cadillac Club of North Jersey's State Line Lookout Spring Show

By Gregg D. Merksamer

Though I doubt temperatures got much higher than the low-50s, I would estimate around 25 to 30 Cadillacs were displayed in a long, dramatic row against the stone wall overlooking the Hudson River from an awe-inspiring height. The oldest car in attendance, I believe, was Clifton, NJ, Funeral Director Roy Garretson's 1942 vintage Series Seventy-Five four-window formal limousine—closely rivaled by the 1947 five-passenger Series 62 sedan that Sarah and Robert Schles brought from Suffren, NY, along with their adjacently-displayed 1964 Eldorado Convertible.



As a four-door hardtop fan (my first car was a 1972 Sedan DeVille my mom gave me when she got her new 1979 about the same time I got my driver's license), I was irresistibly drawn to the first-year 1956 model Sedan DeVille shown by Bill Jung. I also got a big kick out of the minutely-detailed diorama displayed on the radiator shroud of Viktor and Beverly Tkaczenko's 1962 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible, showing how forlorn the car looked when Viktor found it in Teaneck, NJ, back in 1999. The display even included a 1/25 scale cardboard box roughly labeled "PARTS FOR 62 CAD. CONV!"







I was also much taken by the period-epitomizing “loose pillow” tufted velour upholstery in Bill Slinn’s 1977 Coupe DeVille d’Elegance from Chestnut Ridge, NY, and the intimate, traditional dignity of Louis Filardo’s dark blue 1978 Series Seventy-Five limousine, which just had its window tinting taken off to further distance it from today’s garish superstretches.



San Mateo Red paintwork with white leather seating, a white convertible top and period correct double-stripe whitewall tires (from Diamondback) made the 1970 De Ville convertible displayed by Joseph and Carol Pasquale of Mantaloking, NJ, another standout at Point Lookout. Sadly, the Lakewood, NJ, restorer who took this beauty down to bare metal following its 2012 estate acquisition and finished it most improbably within a year is planning to retire just as soon as he finishes a second ‘70 De Ville droptop in brown for Joe Pasquale.

One photo I had to take once I noticed the possibilities was a shot of Joe Pasquale’s San Mateo Red ‘70 De Ville convertible reflected in the mirrored sunglasses of Frank Hering.













# ***“Slinnfest 2018” Club Picnic — 7/22/2018***

**By Lois Harriman**

The day dawned again on iffy weather, but that never stops the Cadillac Club of North Jersey. For the most part it did not rain; little spritzes here and there, and when almost done for the day it started raining in earnest. Everyone got home safely. The food was wonderful. Rob Harriman again volunteered to be our chef. Great burgers (with or without cheese) and hotdogs! It was pot luck so everyone brought something.

Those in attendance were: our hosts Bill and Laura Slinn (THANKS AGAIN FOR OPENING YOUR HOME TO THE CLUB!!!), Rob and Lois Harriman, Bob and Sarah Schles, Dick Bankart, Paul DeGhetto, Hildegard Horvath, Mike and Michael Cascio, Mark Montanti, and a special guest, “Yogi Bear!” We all were sitting and eating and chatting when Sarah mentioned that someone was swimming in the lake across from Bill’s dock. No one thought anything of it until Sarah again mentioned that the swimmer looked funny. We all got up to look and lo and behold, there was a bear swimming in the lake and hanging around a pontoon boat, a couple hundred feet from us. He then had his fill and got out of the water and went his way.

Bill gave a short voyage in his boat to those interested. I will add it was not a three hour tour. HAHA! It was a very enjoyable time with Cadillac friends.











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