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LAZING ON A SUNNY (AND SUNDAY) AFTERNOON THE CAR THAT NOBODY WANTED



Cads spotted at an impromptu car cruise trip; Bill's unwanted CDV, a few of the Cads at the Shake Shack

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT A CAR CRUISE

By Tony Albarella

On Sunday, May 15, with errands and house chores completed by morning, my family and I found ourselves with a free afternoon. My girls are now in their mid-20's, but for some reason still enjoy hanging out with their old-fogey parents; car shows and car cruises have been family-favorite events since they were toddlers, so we decided to take one in.

The forecast called for a warm and rain-free day, so I jumped on the trusty internet to see if I could find an afternoon or evening car cruise. Lo and behold, I discovered one at the Brunswick Square Mall, on Route 18 in New Brunswick—a locale that is only about twenty minutes from my house. The four of us piled into the '59 T-Bird and off we went.

There are three things I really like about car cruises.

First, typically there is no charge to attend, either for a

participant or spectator, even though most offer the same attractions as a pay-to-enter car show: Oldies music, trophies, vendors, and food trucks.

Second, there is often a wide variety of vehicles to enjoy, encompassing all makes, models, and eras. Usually one can enjoy stock, custom, vintage production cars, modern exotics, and hot rods all mixed together.

Third, cruises are usually shorter than a car show, and do not require an all-day commitment.

All of these factors were in play on that Sunday. There was no admission charge, a wide range of cars showed up, and the show ran from 3PM-6PM, so everyone was home before the sun set. We all enjoyed a few hours of sun, tunes, and classic cars. I met some interesting people and our 'Bird took home a trophy. It was a relaxing day and a fun, spontaneous family event.

Some photos I took can be found on pages 9-10. Naturally,

since Cadillacs are of particular interest to CCNJ members, I took several shots of the two Caddies present: a 1972 Coupe DeVille and a mid-eighties Allante convertible.

Do you ever attend local car cruises or shows outside of our CCNJ-sponsored events? If so, let me know about it and snap a few photos to share with members.

A CADILLAC IN SEARCH OF AN OWNER

On pages 6-8, Bill Marcy enthralls us again this month with the story of one of his recent automotive acquisitions. This one is all about an acquisition that no one wanted to acquire! Thanks Bill, as always, for the interesting and enjoyable tale.

LOIS REPORTS ON THE CCNJ MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Thanks to the diligence of Lois Harriman, even those of us who were not present can enjoy the May monthly club meeting at the Shake Shack in Paramus. See pages 3-5 for Lois' detailed report and photos.



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Anthony Vanacore,
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Director's Message June 2022

Hello Members,

This month has been crazy busy trying to get our 1970 Fleetwood ready for the CLC Grand National. I removed the radio and had it serviced by a local repair shop recommended by a member. I also removed the original headliner and cleaned it in hopes of reducing the "old" smell in the car. Next step is to fix the air conditioning and hopefully we will be road worthy!

Our last meet at Shake Shack I was pleased to see some of our members come out to enjoy the weather and good food. THIS month we meet at Rutt's Hut on June 9th. I hope to see you all there!

In the future we are planning on having a potential Drive-In Movie Night in Hillsdale, NJ. The plans are still up for discussion with the board. However it would be helpful to know how many members plan to attend this event so please reach out if you plan to come! Thanks.

Your Director,

Anthony



Rob Harriman,
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Begin. Bal. 4/28/22	\$6,650.36
Deposits +	\$65.00
Disbursements -	\$29.02
Ending Bal. 5/28/22	\$6,686.34

CLUB CRUISE AT THE SHAKE SHACK

By Lois Harriman

Our “second Thursday” club meeting on May 12 was a very nice evening. Rob and I arrived and met with Steve Calandra and Dave Carney, who were inside partaking of the delicious food. Others arrived when they could. A quick, informal meeting took place, then we went outside to check out the cars.

Not pictured is Dave Carney’s 1993 Sedan, which was having some work done. Also along for a Cadillac ride was Mike Cascio, Sr., and Anthony’s girlfriend, Kelly. We all had just a lovely evening, listening to each other’s Caddy stories and helping each other out with advice. Consider coming out next month, when we gather at Rutt’s Hut in Clifton. YUM!



Rob and Lois Harriman’s newly acquired 2010 DTS.



Patrick Dolan's 1973 Coupe DeVille



Anthony Vanacore with his dad's 2006 DTS (in a beautiful red), and Rob and Lois Harriman's



Another view of the three Cadillacs mentioned above



Steve Calandra's 1990 Chevy Celebrity Wagon



Franklin Rich's 1978 Coupe DeVille

SECAUCUS MEMORIAL PARADE

By Lou Filardo

Three CCNJ members participated in this parade: Keith Scaglione with his 1965 convertible, Lou Filardo in his 1977 Coupe, and Kevin McGovern in his 1970 Eldorado.



THE CAR NOBODY WANTED!

By Bill Marcy



As some of you may know, I have taken over the ads for The Toy Shop since Dick Bankart's passing in 2021. My approach is a bit different than Dick's was, because I try to encourage people towards reality, especially when it is about pricing. Some people may feel that this is not part of my job, but I do.

When I took over, one of the first listings that was already there was a non-running 1984 Coupe DeVille for \$4,000, without a picture. So I called the seller and I encouraged him to send me a picture and to consider lowering his price. So, he sent me a picture and lowered the price to \$2,950. A month later, he asked me how much I thought he might be able to sell the car for. I told him that although it looks nice, there are concerns by many regarding the HT4100 engine, and the fact that the car was not running was the kiss of death. I further told him that by looking at the picture, I felt the car would run again, but it would cost maybe a thousand dollars to do that and then it may have problems.

Several weeks later, he offered me the car for free, to which I immediately said yes. When Lucille and I drove to White House Station to collect the papers, we were pleasantly surprised to see a very well-cared for, white coupe, in a nice garage. Wow, even the original medium blue velour interior looked and smelled fresh, right down to the Cadillac floor mats. It turns out that his father bought this car new in South Carolina and came to NJ in 1993 with 83K miles. During the following twenty years, the Cadillac was lovingly maintained, used sparingly and kept in a garage. Just before his father's passing in 2012, there were many repairs performed, with all of the receipts. With 125,671 miles on the odometer, it sat for ten years.

Stan Bielen, the original owner's son, told me that this Caddy was his father's pride and joy. He was thrilled to give the car to Lucille and me, with the hope that it would run again and be enjoyed.

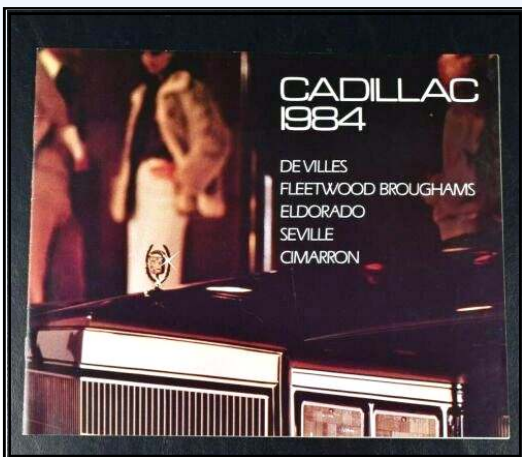
When my skeptical mechanic saw and inspected the car, he was impressed with what he saw. Within two days, he had drained the gas tank and cleaned it and installed a new fuel pump, screen, a new sending unit, new battery, and fluid and filter changes. Now she purrs like a kitten.

The car then made a thirty mile ride without a problem. We will be installing a new set of tires and doing a few minor cosmetic touchups and a nice detailing come the spring. I can't say that I woke up one day, dreaming of owning a 1984 Coupe, but I will say that the style has aged well and it looks beautiful to us.

Who knows what the future will hold for the Caddy, but it is off to a very good start. I have thanked Stan Bielen profusely for the gift of his dad's beloved Coupe De Ville. We have promised him that if we still hav the car, we'll drive back to his home and take him for a ride in the warmer weather, perhaps even take him out for lunch.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill submitted this article to me over the winter. He subsequently sold this '84 Cadillac to a new owner back in April. The "car nobody wanted" is not only back on the road (thanks to Bill), but now back in the hands of somebody who indeed wanted it.



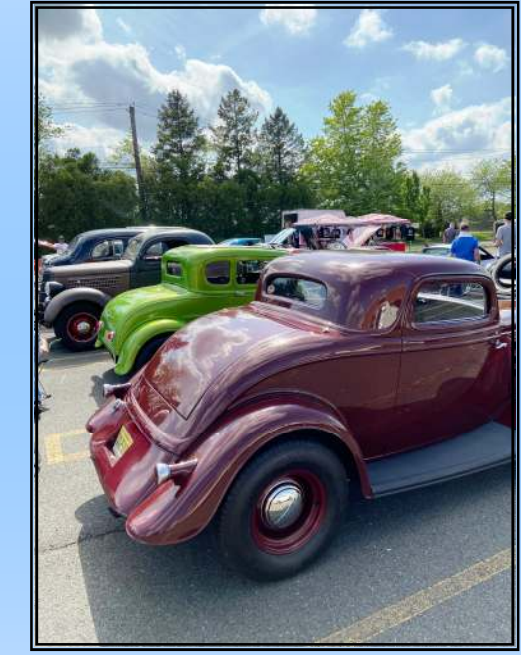




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East Brunswick, NJ







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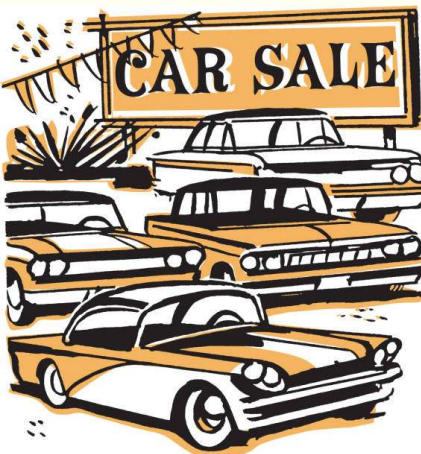


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Thursday, June 9, 2022

**CCNJ Club Meeting at Rutt's Hut — 6:30 PM
417 River Drive, Clifton, NJ 07014**

Tuesday, June 21—Saturday, June 25, 2022

CLC Grand National in Chicago

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**Bear Mountain Cruise
Meet on the Palisades Parkway**