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Caddy Corner



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2022 Cadillac Nights at Galloping Hill Are a Huge Success!

Story: Greg Roser

Photos: George Maslow and Jeff Montgomery

The perennial favorite "Cadillac Nights" at the Galloping Hill Cruisers (GHC) Linden, NJ cruise nights were well attended again this year, though overall cruise night and car show attendance seems to be down this season.

The July 11 event had approximately 100 Cadillacs and 400 vehicles overall. CLC members in attendance included Gregory Roser/1976 Sedan deVille, John Quattrocchi/1977 Sedan deVille, Bob Rankin/1963 Series 62 coupe, Jeff Montgomery/1955 Coupe deVille, Ted Mandalakis/1964 deVille conv. (Best in Show winner), Ken Clayton/1978 Coupe deVille, George Maslow/1968 Eldorado, Rich Nalavany/1947 Series 62 conv., Bill Estes/1990 Brougham, Artie Koestner/2008 DTS, Chuck LePoidevin/1991 Brougham, and Bob Ricci/1955 Series 62 sedan. Andrew Monahan was driving Bob Rankin's 1995 Corvette. Ted Bank also attended, riding with Bill Estes. *(continued on following page)*

2022 Cadillac Nights at Galloping Hill *(continued)*

The August 15 attendance was down a bit, with approximately 75 Cadillacs and 350 vehicles overall. CLC members in attendance included Gregory Roser/modern, Bob Rankin/1963 Series 62 coupe, John Quattrocchi/1977 Sedan deVille, Ken Clayton/1988 Brougham, Patrick Dolan/1973 Coupe deVille, Jeff Montgomery/1976 Fleetwood Brougham, Artie Koestner, 2006 CTS, Bill Estes/1990 Brougham, Bob Ricci/1955 Series 62 sedan & 1990 Sedan deVille, and George Maslow/1968 Eldorado. Ted Bank rode with Artie Koestner and Ted Mandalakis rode with Bob Rankin. Rich Nalavany drove his 1976 Mercedes-Benz.

This year's events were sponsored by the Raritan River Region CLC and Al Papetti. With sponsorship, these events will be continued next year.

Gregory Roser / Asst. Director & Secretary RRRCLC, Secretary & Trophy Chair GHC



More photos on the following page

2022 Cadillac Nights at Galloping Hill *(continued)*



Congrats to Ted for Best in Show for his '64 deVille convertible!

Raritan River Region CLC Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Director Ted Mandalakis at 7:45PM at Ted's home and by Zoom. There was no Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending members: Ted Mandalakis, Greg Roser, Jeff Montgomery, Nick Medici, John Quattrocchi, Ken Clayton, Bob Rankin, George Maslow, Patrick Dolan, and Rich Nalavany. Jay Raskin and Jeff Hookway joined the meeting on Zoom.

Secretary Report – Greg Roser: The June minutes were sent out by Jay in an e-mail blast. There was no region meeting in July. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Report – Joe Puleo: Joe was not in attendance but submitted a report. Total income \$787.17, total expenses \$250.00, total balance in checking and savings \$8212.54. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Webmaster Report – Jeff Montgomery: Jeff reported that everything is updated including the calendar. Members' car photos are encouraged.

Editor Report – Jay Raskin: Jay reported that October is the next Caddy Corner issue. The publication will be delayed until after the Gold Coast show. Greg will submit an article and about the two Galloping Hill Cruisers Cadillac Nights. Photos have already been submitted.

Membership Report – Ted Mandalakis: Membership renewals were sent out in June. Ted reported that we have 57 renewed members, 3 not renewing, and 8 still open.

Old Business:

The AMCOMC event at Joe's garage was Aug. 13. Ken Clayton attended.

A reminder for the Cadillacs and Coffee dates for 2022 was made. The August date has been changed to August 20th.

Cadillac Nights at the Galloping Hill Cruisers Monday cruise nights were July 11 and August 15. Greg reported that both events were well attended by RRRCLC and other area Cadillac clubs. A full report will be in the October Caddy Corner.

The Tri-Region event at the AACA Museum in Hershey is Aug. 21st.

The RRRCLC 20th anniversary article will be submitted to the Self Starter.

Gold Coast update:

Ted confirmed the date of Oct 2nd with Bill Camastro and the flyer is completed.

Jean Marie is contracted as the DJ.

Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase.

Leftover 20th anniversary shirts and mugs will be offered for sale.

The dash plaques are ordered.

Help is needed for set-up and clean-up.

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August Meeting Minutes (*Continued*)

To date, 16 cars are pre-registered.

Vehicles displayed in the showroom will be years ending in "2", 1942, 1952, 1962, etc.

We will have one more meeting before the show for final planning.

New Business:

Cruise night at St. Stephen Church is Friday Sept. 9. Pre-registration is required.

CCNJ "Drive In" is Sept. 10 in Hillsdale.

NJ Memorial Veterans Home car show is Sept. 11 in Menlo Park.

Joint VFR/LCOC Peddler's Village show is Oct. 16.

Greg told the story of his "Keys locked in his Cadillac", and how car people always come to the rescue.

For sale or wanted: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Roser

Secretary

Raritan River Region CLC meeting minutes – September 15, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Director Ted Mandalakis at 7:30PM in person and by Zoom. There was no Pledge of Allegiance as we met in the church cellar.

Attending members: Ted Mandalakis, Gregory Roser, Jeff Montgomery, Nick Medici, John Quattrocchi, Ken Clayton, Bob Rankin, George Maslow, and Rich Nalavany. Joe Puleo, Patrick Dolan, John Mandalakis, and Jeff Hookway joined the meeting on Zoom.

Secretary Report – Greg Roser: The August minutes were sent out by Jay in an e-mail blast. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Report – Joe Puleo: Joe reported total income \$385.00, total expenses \$528.57, total balance in checking and savings \$8068.97. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Webmaster Report – Jeff Montgomery: Jeff reported that everything is updated including the calendar. There have not been many hits on the page.

Editor Report – Jay Raskin: Jay was not in attendance but reported that October is the next Caddy Corner issue. The publication will be delayed until after the Gold Coast show. Greg will submit an article and about the two Galloping Hill Cruisers Cadillac Nights. Photos have already been submitted.

Membership Report – Ted Mandalakis: Membership renewals were sent out in June. Ted reported that we have 60 paid members, 3 not renewing, and 7 still open.

Old Business:

A reminder for the Cadillacs and Coffee dates for 2022 was made. The final date is Sept. 17 at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

The Tri-Region event at the AACA Museum in Hershey was Aug. 21st. A few RRRCLC members attended.

Gold Coast update:

Jean Marie is contracted as the DJ.

Jeff reported that more than 30 cars are pre-registered, with several additional members registering at the meeting.

Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase.

Leftover 20th anniversary shirts and mugs will be offered for sale in addition to other merchandise..

The dash plaques were ordered and received.

Help is needed for set-up and clean-up.

Vehicles displayed in the showroom will be years ending in "2", 1942, 1952, 1962, etc.

Emeritus plaques have been ordered by Ted.

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September Meeting Minute (Continued)

Lastly, re. Gold Coast:

The checklist will be reviewed with Bill Camastro.

Ted thanked all who attended the Sept. 9 cruise night at St. Stephen Church.

The RRRCLC anniversary article will be published in the November Self Starter.

The joint VFR/LCOC show is Oct. 16 at Peddler's Village.

New Business: Name tags have been ordered for Barry Rosenberg, Tom DeGaglia, and Joe Palumbo.

For sale or wanted: Nick has wheels, etc. for sale

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Roser

Secretary

Editor's Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, we did not hold a monthly meeting in July.



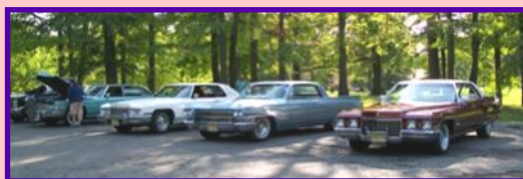
Coffee, Donuts & Cadillacs

Photos: George Maslow and Jeff Montgomery

Several RRCLC members gathered at Roosevelt Park in Edison on September 17th for one of our scheduled Coffee, Donuts and Cadillacs gatherings. By all accounts, it was a very nice outing! Coffee, donuts and caddy chat were the order of the morning.

Attendees included:

**George Maslow
Bob Rankin
Jeff Montgomery
Patrick Dolan
Tim Schuh**



A Visit to the Nethercutt Auto Museum

Story/Photos: Jay Raskin

My wife, Janis, and I went to Los Angeles in July to spend time with our daughter and her husband, and had the opportunity to visit the Nethercutt Auto Museum in Sylmar, CA, located about 10 miles north of the Hollywood Hills. The town of Sylmar is a quiet town, nestled in the San Fernando Valley, and the Nethercutt complex is the crown jewel of the city.

Back story: In 1956, J.B. Nethercutt (1913–2004), the cofounder of Merle Norman Cosmetics, purchased two cars: a 1936 Duesenberg Convertible Roadster and a 1930 DuPont Town Car, needing refurbishing. The DuPont restoration, which Nethercutt thought would take a few weeks, instead took 18 months and over \$65,000. By 1958, his rebuilt project claimed its first prize — the coveted “Best of Show” award at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California.

In 1971 the San Sylmar estate was constructed; a 6 floor, 10-story tall penthouse tower in Sylmar, Los Angeles connected to a Merle Norman manufacturing plant. The first two stories of the tower; the Lower and Grand Salon, feature the most expensive vehicle collection of the family, with the Grand Salon being inspired by 1920s-30s New York City luxury car grand showrooms.



In the early 2000's, the Collection expanded and constructed a new 40,000 square foot display building directly across the street which was separately called the Nethercutt Museum. The building also contains the Nethercutt Automotive Research Library and Archive, which is considered one of the greatest in the world. In comparison with the Collection which requires reserved guided tours, the newer Nethercutt Museum is openly self-guided.

On our visit, we only did the free self-tour of the Museum, since we did not pre-arrange for the guided tour of the separately-housed Collection. We will do that on our next visit! However, the approximately 125 cars we did see were absolutely astounding, stunning, breath-taking, etc.!

As I own a '56 Caddy convertible, I personally prefer classics from the 50's and 60's. It appeared as though 80 percent of the cars we saw in the Collection ranged from the 1910's – 1930's, and I have to admit, they were all beautiful works of art.

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The Nethercutt Museum *(Continued)*

The cars were arranged in about 12 long rows, and there was one row of Rolls Royces alone! There was a very nice representation of classic Cadillacs, many from the 30's. The restorations of all the cars were second to none, with every one a seemingly 100-point car!

There were a number of long-defunct models that I was unfamiliar with, such as De Dion, Cunningham, Knox, Alco, Matheson, White, etc. I found it interesting to discover these lost marques.

I was impressed with the provenance of several vehicles in the Collection, which were formerly owned by politicians and celebrities such as Marjorie Merriweather Post, Tim Allen, Rudolph Valentino, actress Constance Bennett and C.B DeMille (the car was used in the movie, "Sunset Blvd.")



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The Nethercutt Museum *(Continued)*

As if the cars alone were not enough, there was an endless row of display cases featuring antique headlights, hood ornaments, and model cars, among other amazing collectibles.

I'm eagerly looking forward to returning next summer, and will definitely arrange to go on the Collection tour. I wholeheartedly recommend visiting this showplace if you travel to southern California!



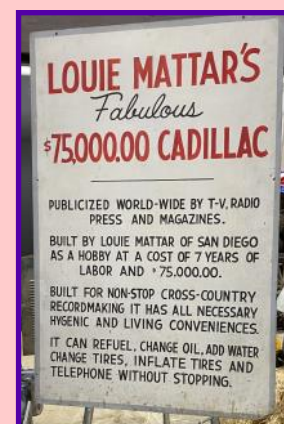
1997 EV 1 Electric Coupe!

San Diego Automotive Museum

Story/Photos: Jay Raskin

During our visit to LA, we spent a few days in San Diego, and visited the auto museum, which housed a great collection of classic autos, and motorcycles. There was one car there, a 1947 Cadillac, which was customized when new by Louie Mattar, that was one of the most incredible cars I've ever seen! He converted the car to a virtual home-on-wheels, with a trailer filled with reserves of gas and water that enabled him to travel from San Diego to NY and back, without ever stopping! Please look for Louie Mattar Cadillac on Youtube for some great videos, or click on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_afls7cBJXA



CLC Northeast Inter-region Meet

Photos: Jeff Montgomery and George Maslow

The second annual CLC Northeast Inter-Region Meet and Show took place at the AACA Museum Saturday August 20 and Sunday August 21st. The event was spearheaded by Michael Stinson, Director of the Valley Forge Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Our fellow RRRCLC member, George Maslow, took home a first-place trophy for his beautiful '68 Eldo (right).



Here is a message and beautiful montage that was kindly forwarded to us by NJ-AACA's Abe Platt.

I received the attached from Bernie Cooney's sister Carol the other day in a PM on face book and thought that since Bernie was a beloved member of both the RRR-CLC and NJRAACA, I would convert it into a word document, see attached. If you think it appropriate, please share with the members of both clubs.

I thought you would like to know Bernie has been laid to rest along side his mother and father. It took a while, but now he can rest. I am sorry it took so long. my own son passed away on Nov. 28. that took a lot out of me. My daughter had surgery the day Bernie passed, she needed to recover. Other family members came down with covid, there was the winter holidays and cold weather. In the spring my daughter and I found Bernie's parents grave and started making arrangements for his burial. My daughter put an antique caddy in with Bernie's ashes. His little service was beautiful, with Deacon Joe giving Bernie the church blessings.
Carol



Remembering Bernie



AMCOMC Car Corral Show at Joe Puleo's Garage

Photos: Jeff Montgomery

On August 13, Joe Puleo once again opened his doors to car enthusiasts far and wide, to host a car show and garage tour. Guests included members of the Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County, and members of the RRRCLC and NJ-AACA, who were invited courtesy of Abe Platt. Many attendees drove to the event in their antique automobiles. A fun day was had by all at Joe's magnificent 23,000 square foot showplace.



Congratulations to our RRRCLC Grand National Participants and Winners!

After two years of delays, the 2022 Grand National in Lombard, Illinois was a great success! CLC members from around the country were thrilled to a return of the great annual gathering!

Primary Division Winners

1st Place: Jeff Montgomery, 1976 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance Sedan

1st Place: Michael Stinson, 1976 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham

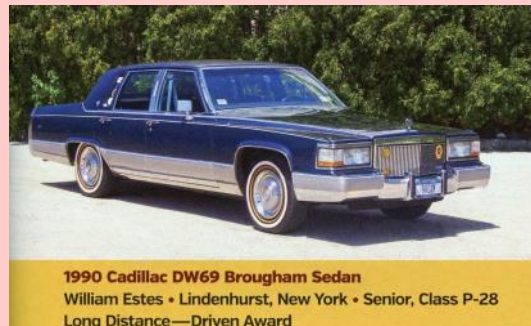
Senior Award: Bill Estes, 1990 Cadillac Brougham Sedan

Senior Wreath: Tom Pirog, 1999 Cadillac Fleetwood Limited Sedan



1993 Cadillac CD69 Sedan de Ville
Nick Medici • Dunellen, New Jersey

**Nick made the trek to the GN and registered
his car as "Display Only"**



1990 Cadillac DW69 Brougham Sedan
William Estes • Lindenhurst, New York • Senior, Class P-28
Long Distance—Driven Award

PAST PRESIDENTS' PRESERVATION AWARDS

Jeff Montgomery, 1976 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance Sedan

Michael Stinson, 1976 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham Sedan



SOUTH FLORIDA REPORT

By Jay Raskin

Ragtops Car Museum, Lake Worth, FL

On August 4th, I, and 6 other members of our CLC South Florida Region visited the “Ragtops” Museum in Lake Worth. It was a great time viewing a dozen cars, along with all the auto memorabilia, books and accessories. A very enjoyable morning was followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.



Here's a Message From Club Member, Bill Wolf:

Gentlemen: I am relatively new to the club, and before I could become even a bit active, the pandemic hit.

When this is done, I hope to meet you all and enjoy your cars. Please consider: I am also a Rolls-Royce enthusiast, and for over a dozen years, have contributed to their magazine. More than once, car owners cooperated so I could photograph classic cars in front of NYC landmarks. I have already started writing and photographing for the Self-Starter. Any chance one of you would like to take me in your classic to NYC for a Self-Starter article? I hope to get to make your acquaintance.

Bill Wolf, Union NJ. (Don't own a Cadillac.)

bill.wolf1@aol.com



FOR SALE: Quality oak and framed glass display case for sale: 71" x 19 1/5" x 36".

Asking \$350.00 Call Richard Nalavany: 908-591-9883
Item is in Watchung, N.J.



For Sale & Wanted... ^{Ads} **For Sale & Wanted**

These ads are **FREE** to Region Members, sorry no photos. Advertisers are asked to immediately notify me upon the sale of an advertised item. To place an ad, e-mail Jay Raskin at JayR@rrrclc.org

Ads must be received no later than the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following newsletter.

FOR SALE - 1964 Cadillac Series 75 Limo parts-many items from a parted out car. Too much to list. Mostly exterior/interior trim plus dash top and side pieces, jump seat parts and rear heat/ac units. Must take it all - need space. Photos will be available on the RRRCLC website. Make offer. I saved it all from a dumpster. It may make a return trip to one if not sold! Contact-George Maslow for both of these listings: a56cad@aol.com

PARTS FOR SALE- Halogen Bulbs & Sealed Beams- See and be seen with our great new halogen bulbs. Almost TWICE the light as conventional bulbs - Will fit your existing socket - Hardly any additional drain on the battery - For all 6 & 12 volt cars from 1920 onward. Please call Bill Hirsch at 1 800 828 2061 and ask for Eric or e-mail: info@hirschauto.com

PRODUCTS FOR SALE- CUSTOM LEATHER KEY CASES – From the late 1930's to the early 1970's, many car dealers gave small leather key cases to both new and used car buyers. I have produced a line of replica key cases which are modeled after those giveaways and which are appropriate for any classic car. Each key case can be customized with the owner's initials. Contact Hugh Dyer at hugh_rpm@msn.com or (908) 359-7122 for a product flyer and order form.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: immortalize your car with an eye-catching Laminated Poster. These are made to order by a professional Graphic Artist. You have a choice of background colors, fonts and logos. These impressive posters are 24" X 18" and are offered to our members at a discounted price starting at \$150, copies can be had for a mere \$60. For further information contact Jennifer at 908 284-1660 or email: jennifer.stas@gmail.com

Your Stories Are Urgently Needed.....

Just a reminder.....I will need more member stories to keep the newsletter entertaining. Story ideas can include restoration or project stories, car stories, maintenance or repair articles. Just about anything car-related is acceptable and welcome. Also, don't forget to let me know if you acquire a new car and to send over some photos.

Thanks, Jay

Gregory J. Della Pia

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What's Down The Road?

Do you have an idea for a Raritan River Region meet or know of an event we could participate in?
Contact Nick Medici, 732-968-7562 or e-mail: NickM@rrrclc.org with the details!

~ A FULL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE IS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR REGION ~

RRRCLC EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 20, 2022 - Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER 17, 2022 - Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER 15, 2022 - Monthly Meeting

JANUARY 19, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 16, 2023 - Monthly Meeting

NOTE: Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at The Banquet Hall of St. Stephen Church, 609 Lane Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 unless otherwise noted above.

Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.



Your Car Photos Are Needed

Webmaster Jeff Montgomery is in the process of repopulating the website Member Gallery and is putting out a call to all members for photos of their



Cadillac Club of North Jersey

"Driving the past into the future!"

31st Fall Car Show
Sunday November 13, 2022

10 am to 3 pm (awards at 2:30)

**Location: State Line Lookout at
Palisades Interstate Park, Alpine, NJ 07624**

SHOW RULES: **(All cars must have a fire extinguisher)**

Open to all Cadillac & LaSalle vehicles. Peoples Choice Awards. Vehicle placement begins at 10:00am and ends at 11:30 am. No FOR SALE signs in or on show vehicles. No Consumption of alcoholic beverages at show facility.

PRE-REGISTERED FEE: \$20.00

TO PRE-REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN Nov 6th.

Day of Show cars are also Welcome, Fee: \$25.00.

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: _____

To Pre-Register via PayPal: fill out form at Cadillacclubnj.org/show-Registration or

Send payment via PayPal (friends and family) to cadclubnj@gmail.com. Remember to send your info along with payment. *You can also pay via Venmo @cadclubnj*

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

2. What would you like to experience through membership? _____

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

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.

___ Winter Brunch	- preparations, door prizes
___ Spring Car show	- (planning, parking, goody bag, solicitations,
___ Fall Car Show	- registration table, clean up etc)
___ Parades	- planning, recruiting, registrations, confirmations
___ Activities	- indoor meeting speakers, cruises
___ Caddy Chatter	- write a tech column, history column, member spotlight etc
___ Governance	- interested in becoming an officer or serving on a committee
___ Publicity	- Car shows, club events, general
___ Webmeister	- Maintain club website, develop roster, mailing lists etc
___ 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? _____

6. Are there any parades you know of that you think might be appropriate, i.e. your towns 4th 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?

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