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# CCNJ BREAKFAST CRUISE SPRING CAR SHOW ROLLS UP ON APRIL 16



Members and Cadillacs attend the 3/9 club meeting (photos 1-2) and 3/25 breakfast cruise (photos 3-5)

#### BREAKFAST CRUISE AT THE MAPLE VALLEY DINER By Tony Albarella

While February's CCNJ Winter Dinner marked the first major event of the 2023 season, it was, by necessity, an indoors, non-car gathering. By late March, with spring already showing signs of having sprung, we enjoyed a hybrid approach: meet for an indoor meal, then visit the parking lot for a look at the cars.

Members met on March 25, 2023, at the Maple Valley Diner for a 9AM Breakfast Cruise. We had a good turnout for a brisk and overcast day, with five modern (but naturally gorgeous) Cadillacs to admire, along with a '65 Corvair, courtesy Steve Calandra.

Those in attendance included Anthony and Joe Vanacore, Rob and Lois Harriman, Bill and Lucille Marcy, Steve Calandra, Paul De Ghetto, Larry Savino, me and my daughter, Alyssa, and two of Steve's friends from his Corvair club, both named Joe (I didn't catch their last names).

We didn't luck out with the best of all possible weather; it was a dreary, cold day, and Alyssa and I actually hit a light squall of snow on the ride up from Woodbridge. But we all thoroughly enjoyed the morning, chowing down on full diner-style breakfasts and catching up with friends we haven't seen in a while.

By the time we made it out to the parking lot, the skies had cleared a bit, and we were able to take some time to look over and discuss the assembled autos before heading our separate ways. Photos of the event can be seen on pages 7-9.

#### TWO WEEKS OUT FROM THE SEASON'S FIRST CAR SHOW By Tony Albarella

While our winter dinners and our breakfast cruises are important opportunities for members to connect, things really hit high gear when our vintage iron starts hitting the road and we're able to enjoy our spring show. The 32nd installment of this event takes place on Sunday, April 16th, so we have about two weeks to tune up and shine up our Caddies before showing them off.

The show's location is the everpopular State Line Lookout in Alpine, NJ—a place that attracts hundreds of members and spectators with its spectacular view and easyto-access onsite amenities. Show time is 10AM-3PM, and we suggest that you arrive early so that your Caddy can enjoy a full day of being shown off and voted upon. We also encourage members to volunteer to help with show chores like set-up, parking, registration, and breakdown, so that all attending members have a chance to enjoy the show.

See all the details, including the pre-registration form, on pages 3-5, and tell all your Cadillac-owning and Cadillac-loving friends about our big show. The first official day of spring was nearly two weeks ago, but for us, spring doesn't arrive until April 16. Come enjoy it with us!



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Director's Message April 2023

Hello Members,

Anthony Vanacore,

Director

**D**id you start waking up your baby for the season? Are you wrapping up any final touches from winter projects? I would love to hear about it! Recently my father and I started up the cars in our fleet, making sure they're ready for our car show on April 16th. It always seems like the project list never ends with an old car, but when we reflect on what the car may have looked like on "day one," I imagine we all can be proud of what we've accomplished in this club!

We had two events since last month. Our first Thursday meet at Rutt's Hut in Clifton was well attended by our members. It was still too cold and too salty for anyone to bring their classics, but we had a group of "modern" Caddies, all in white, lined up for the cause. We also had our first breakfast cruise at the Maple Valley Diner. They were happy to have us and set up a long table of ten for all our members to sit together. Some of Steve's friends from the Corvair Club came with a Cadillac ELR, which was a real treat to see. Cadillac only made the ELR (a hybrid coupe) for two years and it is a very sharp-looking car!

Our next meeting is at Lodi Pizza, which is a new spot for our club to check out. It was recommended to me last year so I'm looking forward to trying somewhere new!

Lastly, for those of you who are following along with my 1995 Deville projects, there are no major changes, other then the level ride pump failing! I had replaced it last year, along with the shocks, and I presume that it had failed at some point in the winter as I no longer hear the pump engage (relay and fuses are still good). Luckily it is under warranty, so I'll be replacing it for the cost of shipping.

I hope to see some of you at our spring show. We will need help with this event, so if you're reading and would like to give a hand with parking or

registration, give me a call, leave a message, or shoot me a text! The weather currently looks like it's in our favor for the 16th and hopefully it stays that way!

See You All Soon,

anthony





Cadillac Club of North Jersey

"Driving the past into the future!"

### 32nd Spring Car Show Sunday April 16, 2023

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 April 9<sup>th</sup>.

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 <u>cadclubnj@gmail.com</u>. Remember to send your info along with payment. You can also pay via Venmo @cadclubnj (as a friend.). As a friend the club will not incur a service fee.



## **DJ Services Provided by The Golden Gup!**

## Directions to our Spring Show

## State Line 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

## **CCNJ CLUB MEETING AT RUTT'S HUT-MARCH 9, 2023**







## WE FOOLED AROUND AND FELL IN LOVE by Bill Marcy

I hope you don't mind me altering the title of the song by Elvin Bishop from the Seventies, "I Fooled Around And Fell In Love," but I couldn't help myself, since that is exactly what happened.

As some of you may know, I have a passion for vintage professional cars, mostly ambulances and limousines, and we have owned quite a few of them. So, one day, while looking through Craigslist, I spotted an ad for a 1968 Cadillac ambulance with three terrible pictures, a matching description and a ridiculous asking price of \$40K. I thought to myself, *this guy needs my help*.

Since there was no phone number in the ad, I emailed the seller and asked him to give me a call. When he called me, I explained that I had some knowledge about these cars and that I could probably help him sell it. He invited me to come see it and we could talk. I told him that I had no interest in buying it. Famous last words.

It turns out that this ambulance came from Athens, GA, therefore it is very solid, unlike other ambulances I have owned. Not to say it is perfect, but the more I looked, the more I liked it. Lucille was liking it too. On the way home, she suggested we should buy it. Interesting, right?

Well, I listed it on Hemmings, and within a couple of weeks there was an offer from a very

interested buyer. We negotiated a price and Lucille said, let's match the offer and buy it ourselves. Being who I am, I told the potential buyer of my wife's intentions and he said that he did not mind if we bought it instead of him. Mind you, we paid strong money for it. On top of which, we will probably spend thousands more doing minor cosmetics and mechanical maintenance.

At the end of the day, this is perhaps the best ambulance we have ever owned, but it is never going to be perfect. However, we are very proud to be the caretakers of a fully-equipped 1968 Miller Meteor Cadillac Volunteer ambulance. You might say that we are in love with it!



# BREAKFAST CRUISE AT THE MAPLE VALLEY DINER MARCH 25, 2023































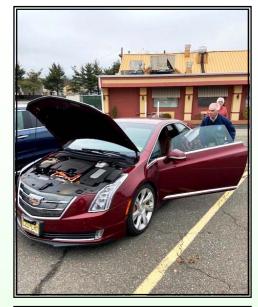






















# In Memory of CCNJ Member



# **Carol Buono**











**C**arol T. Buono (nee Fardin), age 89, of Garfield, NJ, peacefully passed away on March 16, 2023. Carol was an active joint member with her daughter Lisa Buono at the time of her death. Born in Passaic, Carol lived in Clifton for 22 years, settling in Garfield 67 years ago. She graduated from Clifton High School and then from St. Mary's Hospital Nursing School, Passaic, in 1955. She was a dedicated registered nurse for over 38 years and retired in 1983 from Mountainside Hospital in Montclair. Carol was also a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Virgin RC Church, Garfield.

She is predeceased by her loving husband of 50 years, Frank Sebastian, in 2007, her parents, Roger and Henrietta (nee Pavan) Fardin, her sister, Evelyn Wescott and husband Ralph, her sister-inlaw, Katherine "Babe" Buono, her in-laws, Sebastian Buono and Katherine (Quentz) and her son-inlaw, Philip Serio. She is survived by her three devoted daughters, Lisa C. Buono, Lora Buono-Tyler and husband Brian Tyler and Lynda Buono, two cherished grandchildren, Leah and husband Enoch Andoh and James Serio and wife Shaza, a great-grandson, Malakai Andoh, her dear and favorite brother, Roger Fardin (Livia) and niece Lynn (Bart), and nephews Roger and Neil (Deanna). She is also survived by many friends, especially friends of her children who she grew to know and love over the years like her own: Bert, Pat, Paulette, Andrew, Lavinia and David, Karen, Sue Ellen, Rita, Donna and Robyn. Special thanks and gratitude to her caretakers Nino, Mireya, Nurse Mary, Maria, Tammy, Nona, and Ani. Carol will ever be remembered and admired for her unbounded kindness, her quiet and selfless demeanor, and the powerful impact she had on so many. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Carol's funeral was held on Monday, March 20, 2023. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Saddle Brook, NJ.





## Memories of Mom and Dad from Lisa Buono

Mom and I joined the club in the early 2000's, after my dad suffered a stroke and could no longer drive. Prior to taking ill, he used the 1987 Brougham for weekly jaunts with golf buddies out to Farmstead for their Saturday sunrise tee-off time-the trunk fit several golf bags with ease. Our first exposure to the CCNJ was a car show at Brogan in Ridgewood, where the car was purchased and serviced. We wanted to take care of the car for dad and occasionally drive him around in it, so joining the club to learn from others seemed like a smart thing to do. And was it ever; I learned a lot about tending to an older vehicle from all of the super helpful members of the club, and mom really enjoyed attending the shows before her Parkinson's Disease made that too difficult.

She attended shows in Franklin Lakes, Paramus, Clifton, and her favorite was at The Hermitage. She loved the site, which was particularly nice in the fall, and loved cruising in that car. Mom enjoyed a last drive in it on a warm, sunny Saturday in 2022, when she was still steady enough on her feet to get in and out of a car with confidence.

Mom always felt closer to dad in that car. And couldn't hold back from critiquing other drivers' bad moves on the road when out for a ride! Best of all, she looked forward to the monthly Caddy Chatter and read it from cover to cover until her illness made that difficult. The Brougham brought her joy and new friends among the members of CCNJ, including old friends like Horace DiTecco, who was one of dad's grammar school classmates.

At mom's funeral, we used the Brougham as car Number One, immediately following the hearse while carrying mom in procession to her final resting place. Who needs a limo when we had dad's car, which is so much better?

I plan on keeping the car for a while and continuing membership in our fine club, in honor now of both parents:

# Frank and Carol Buono

Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club Invites You To Our 10th Annual Dealer Show At Gold Coast Cadillac Sunday, April 23, 2023 2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755		
* <u>Pre-Registration</u> Fee Received Prior To 4/18/23 = \$15.00, Day of Show \$20.00		
* First 100 <mark>pre-registered</mark> cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque! * Social distancing and masking will be enforced as per applicable NJ COVID-19 regulations * Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase		
* We urge you to <u>pre-register</u> . See new judging rules below:		
* IMPORTANT III ALL CADILLACS AND LASAIleS TO BE JUDGED BY OUR RRR JUDGING TEAM MUST BE <u>RRE-REGISTERED</u> AND MUST BE 2013 MODELS OR OLDER! All day-of-show Cadillacs and LaSalles will be peer judged All non-Cadillac and LaSalle makes will be peer judged All non-Cadillacs and LaSalles will be judged on originality. Non-original cars may be judged in the Modified Class, or cars may be Display Only. Your decision of Original/Restored Class, Modified Class or Display Only MUST be made when <u>pre-registering</u> . All Day-of-Show cars will be Display Only. To be judged, <u>pre-registered</u> Cadillacs & LaSalles MUST be 2013 models or older, and MUST display their judging sheet. All other cars must display their car number to be peer judged. All winning class judged and peer judged winning cars will receive trophies. * No FOR SALE signs may be displayed. * All vehicles must have a visible Fire Extinguisher - Please - No Exceptions * Registration from @ 9:00 through 11:00 AM, Awards @ 2:30, Show will end @ 3:00 PM * Please volunteer to help judge - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! Ad'l. info: text or call Jeff Montgomery @ 732-406-9120 or e-mail: <u>monty5131@gmail.com</u> Directions: From Garden State Parkway South, to exit 105, merge onto NJ-35 Etoward NJ-35/Eatontown Long Branch 2.2 miles, Take the State Route 35 ramp 0.2 miles. Merge onto NJ-35 S/Kings Hwy 1.8 miles. Make a U-turn at W Park Ave, Dealership will be on the right 0.2 miles. Gold Coast Cadillac 2123 Hwy 35 _ (Kings Hwy), Oakhurst, NJ 07755 - Phone: 877-288-1920		
ALL MAKES		
Models Welcome :   Raritan River Region-Gold Coast Cadillac Show Registration Form   Please return with your check for \$15.00 made payable to the RRR-CLC no later than 4/18/23   Mail Your Check (Made Payable To RRR-CLC) To: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street Edison NJ 08837   Name: Phone: e-Mail:		
YearMakeModel:		
Do You Wish Your Car Judged? Yes() No() ~ Will You Help Judge? Yes() No() CADILLACS & LASALLES PLEASE CHECK ONE: Your car is: Original/Restored() Modified() For Display Only() Emeritus Class Display()		
For your Cadillac or LaSalle to be judged, <u>Pre-Registration is required!</u>		

# 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COLLECTIBLE CAR SHOW



Note NEW LOCATION! Nielsen Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram

175 NJ Route 10, East Hanover, NJ

With a Swap Meet & Vendors

(Show open to all cars, trucks, and motorcycles) SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 (Rain or Shine)

Sponsored by:

New Jersey Region of The Antique Automobile Club of America



Gates open at 9:00 A.M. Judging Starts at Noon



Spectator Donation \$3.00

Vehicle Pre-Registration: \$15.00 - Day of Show \$25.00 No charge for pre-1928 vehicles if pre-registered



10' X 20' Vendor Spaces: Pre-Registration \$20.00 - Day of Show \$30.00 Car Corral 8' X 20' \$20.00 – Day of Show \$30.00



1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies in 17 classes Special display class for original, unrestored cars (AACA HPOF)



All 17 Classes Will be Judged!



Additional awards for the best '1923 & older', and 1973 vehicles <u>A UL approved fire extinguisher is required for entrance to show field.</u>

For Registration and Vendor Info:

Vince DeLisi, 326 East Oak Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057 Tel: 908-803-1570 (cell & text); email – vincentdelisi@comcast.net Show Info: Pete Cullen - 973-650-2957; oldcarz57@aol.com

> Additional show details, as well as forms may be found at: www.NJRegionAACA.com



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