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# Caddy Chatter



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## HOLIDAY BANQUET OFFERS WINTER RESPITE "INDOOR CAR SHOW" IN FEBRUARY



*A sumptuous dinner at The Brownstone House, a packed auction house at Scottsdale (see Mike Cascio's report on page 4)*

### RECORD TURNOUT MARKS STELLAR HOLIDAY BANQUET

The club's annual "After the Holidays Banquet" took place on January 25th. This event is typically our first gathering of the year and is held in the lull that follows the holiday season. With little "car related" stuff to do in the heart of an East Coast winter, the banquet presents a welcome opportunity for members to catch up with each other. See page 3 for more banquet photos.

The setting for this year's dinner was the lovely Brownstone House in Paterson. This reception hall, popular for weddings and parties of all varieties, proved an ideal location for our banquet. From the valet parking to the ornate setting—not to mention a varied and utterly delicious buffet table—The Brownstone scored high marks with everyone in attendance.

The result was a holiday dinner that boasted record turnout. Over fifty members arrived to enjoy the festivities. DJ Steve Calandra, who does such a stellar job at car shows

and other events, provided great tunes throughout. After a luscious dinner, we enjoyed our CCNJ cake, followed by a second dessert—a waffle bar, which was graciously provided by Roy and Nancy Garretson, who could not attend due to business but wanted to join their club friends in spirit. We're very grateful to them...for everything except the extra pounds.

Another highlight of the banquet was our traditional tricky tray. Members brought dozens of great items to raffle off and in turn went home with some fun new treasures. We also held a 50/50, the proceeds of which will be donated to a charity in support of victims of the recent fire that devastated several blocks in Edgewater, NJ.

Our dinner also featured an awards ceremony. The Member of the Year Award went to Lou Filardo. As evidenced by Lou's attendance at so many of our events throughout the year, the honor was richly deserved.

Editor Tony Albarella was the proud recipient of the Charles Hannah Cup. This award, given "In

Recognition of Those Who Exemplify the True Spirit of the Cadillac Club of North Jersey," was resurrected after a two-year absence. Previous recipients include:

1997—John Casiello	1998—Robert Walton
1999—Gerald Meisel	2000—Robert Ducharme
2001—Richard Bankart	2002—Viktor Tkaczenko
2003—Paul DeGhetto	2004—Gary Lucchesi
2005—Robert Harriman	2006—Paul Willson
2007—Bill and Lucille Marcy	
2008—Gus Constantinou	2009—Michael Cascio
2010—Tom Moliterno	2011—Dave Carney

### "INDOOR CAR SHOW" FEATURED AT NEXT MEETING

On Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, the club meeting will include an indoor car show at The Fireplace. Attendees are invited to display their model cars to compete for a trophy in one of two categories: Cadillac and Non-Cadillac. Bring your best models (but no more than five in each category). Come on out and show us your stuff!

The pizza social begins at 7pm, meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Please note that this year our meetings and cruises at The Fireplace have been moved to Thursday evenings.





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**The board of directors has OK'ed moving our Wednesday cruise night and club night to Thursdays for one year. Many of our members cannot attend on Wednesdays so we are changing the day. Mark your calendars!**

### *A Note to the Membership*

The Club sends its sympathies to Richard and Linda Sroka on the passing of Rich's Stepmom. Also, past member Hank Shibilski passed away in November. Sympathies to his wife Liz and family.



Lois Harriman,  
Director

### *Director's Message—February 2015*

Hello Fellow Members,

I wanted to start off my message by saying what a wonderful time we had at the Brownstone this past Sunday. Seeing each other after a bit of time is really nice, as is getting caught up on families, cars, etc. Nancy and Roy Garretson wanted to attend but could not because of the service they provide for grieving families in the area. They in turn provided the dinner with an exceptional addition to our dessert: a "waffle bar" with ice cream and all kinds of toppings, courtesy of the Shook Funeral Home! WOW! You really missed out if you did not come. Nancy and Roy, thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness—you were missed!

Our "Member of the Year" is someone who comes to almost every event; all our parades, car shows, and even last year helped organize a mini car show for the senior folks at Van Dyke Assisted Living in Hawthorne. He is Lou Filardo! Thank you, Lou, for all that you bring to this club. Also this year we brought back the Charles Hannah Award for someone who, as the trophy says, exemplifies "...the True Spirit of the Cadillac Club of North Jersey." This honor goes this year to none other than our *Caddy Chatter* editor, Tony Albarella. Thank you, Tony, for expanding our newsletter and making it one we look forward to reading every month.

I would also like to take a moment and thank the many in the club who offer support; financially, in word, and in deed. You folks are a help to me with kind words of support and with your help in running the car shows, taking care of all the back work to make a parade a success, coming early this past Sunday to help set up for the dinner, and sending articles to Tony to place in the newsletter. It is very hard to keep the club vital without the help of its members. And I want to thank the members who have volunteered their home to us for a future picnic. I will be in touch!

Please look and read through this newsletter as it contains so much info for the year ahead. If you have any suggestions or words of wisdom please contact me. I'm looking forward to an exceptional car year ahead!

See 'ya down the road,

*Lois*



Rob Harriman,  
Treasurer

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Begin. Bal. 12/28/14	\$4,834.67
Deposits	+ \$3005.00
Disbursements	- \$2999.42
Ending Bal. 1/28/15	\$4,840.25





## The CCNW "After the Holidays Banquet"



Lou Filardo accepts the Member of the Year Award



Tony Albarella is awarded the Charles Hannah Award



Director Lois Harriman MCs the banquet



DJ Steve Calandra spins the platters



# My Trip to Scottsdale, Arizona

By Michael Cascio



I recently enjoyed a five-day trip to Scottsdale, Arizona, where I represented our region at the winter meeting of the CLC National Board. I arrived on Tuesday, January 13th, at around 11:30am Mountain Time. The flight took around five hours. Airfare is pretty reasonable, with a round trip running between \$250-\$320. A reasonable price to get away from the winter chill.

I stayed at the Scottsdale Plaza Hotel/Resort. The grounds are so large that golf cart service is provided between the main lobby and all of the rooms. Prices for goods and services are pretty high in the area, comparable to prices in our area.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday I attended the Barrett Jackson, R&M, and Russo and Steele auctions. The quantity and quality of Cadillac and LaSalle cars at Barrett Jackson was quite poor. Some decent purchases can be had at Russo and Steele. I really liked this 1949 Series 61 Club Coupe (seen below) that was for sale. It sold for a little more than I would have been comfortable with: \$60,500!



There is no doubt that Barrett Jackson is the place to sell vehicles, as prices here can be double the retail price seen elsewhere. Russo and Steele has some decent buys and is a more friendly auction to walk through.

On Saturday, the board of directors meeting was held from 8am-3pm. Many subjects were discussed, including future locations for grand nationals and national driving tours. There are some changes in the CLC judging system coming, and it is my belief that they will bring a positive improvement to the current system.

Saturday evening I attended a cruise night a mile from the hotel. There were around 1,000 cars present. It was sunny that day with a high of 74 degrees. That's Dave Rubin (below, left) at the cruise at sunset. What a great way to end my trip out in sunny Arizona. I came back to Newark on Sunday, January 18th, at 1:30pm EST to a huge downpour. Oh well, here is to next year!





## *Cadillac Club of North Jersey/North Jersey Region*

### *Calendar of Events 2015*

#### February –

19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday “Indoor Model Car Show” Prizes to be awarded in two categories. 7pm pizza social, 7:30 club meeting and car show.

27<sup>th</sup> – 3/1 – On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Classics in Atlantic City, we will gather as a group at the Fireplace by 7am to leave asap to caravan down for the day. Call Lois Harriman ASAP on the club phone and leave a message. 201-888-8727

#### March –

19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7pm pizza social, 7:30 club meeting with Bob Schles speaking about TV Specialty Vehicles and Cars of Cuba. Come on Out!

Watch for news on the RRR Dust off Brunch!

#### April –

16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7pm pizza social, 7:30pm club meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Our Spring Car Show at the Palisades

#### May –

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Rain Date for Spring Show at the Palisades.

- Rhinebeck car show, watch for further details

21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 7pm club meeting, outside weather permitting.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday Whiskey Café gather around 6pm at the Café

#### June –

6-7<sup>th</sup> Concours d’Elegance at Ramapo College Benefit. Watch the newsletter for more info.

9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Ice Cream Run, Montvale, meet there at 6:30pm.

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Bear Mountain car show, meet there by 5:30pm. If fills very quickly.

18<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm club meeting. Outside weather permitting.

24-27<sup>th</sup> Grand National, Wisconsin.

27<sup>th</sup> Saturday Whiskey Café 6pm at the Café.



July –

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Boulder Run Cruise, Wyckoff. Meet there at 6pm.

10<sup>th</sup> Friday Boonton Cruise at Walmart in Boonton, fills fast get there by 5:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Wendy's Cruise, Rte. 23 North, Wayne, meet there by 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm club meeting, outside weather permitting.

25<sup>th</sup> Saturday Whiskey Café 6pm at the Café.

August –

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Motor City Dream Cruising and Collections Tour, 2015 CLC National Driving Tour, Hosted by the Motor City Region

(see the February newsletter for more info and registration form)

13<sup>th</sup> Thursday Ice Cream Run, Apple Gate Farm Montclair, 6:30pm.

20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm club meeting, outside weather permitting.

22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Whiskey Café 6pm at the Café.

September –

11<sup>th</sup> Friday Ridgewood Chamber of Commerce Annual Car Show 6-9pm Location: Memorial Park at Van Neste Park, Ridgewood, NJ

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Van Houten Ave. Street Fair and Car Show. More info to follow.

17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm club meeting, weather permitting outside.

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Whiskey Café 6pm at the Café.

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday CCNJ Fall Show. Watch for more details.

October –

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rain date for our fall show.

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Columbus Day Parade, Nutley/Belleville. Watch for details in the newsletter.

15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm pizza social, 7:30 club meeting, nominations.

November –

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Veterans Day Parade, Clifton, Watch for more details in the newsletter.

19<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm pizza social, 7:30pm club meeting, voting for next years board of Directors.

December –

Looking into an event. Stay Posted!!!!

Please remove this calendar and place on your refrigerator or in a prominent spot so you don't forget your club events!

# Motor City Dream Cruising and Collections Tour

2015 Cadillac & LaSalle Club National Driving Tour

**August 11-15, 2015** Hosted by the Motor City Region

**Deadline for On-Time Registration is July 19, 2015**

## Registration Form



Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s) and city/state of each guest (minor children; include ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Car: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date/Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ CLC Member # (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** \$50 for driver, spouse and minor children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$65 for registration mailed after July 19, 2015 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Fees:** \$50 for guests and their spouse \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$65 for registration mailed after July 19, 2015 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Daily Fees:

**Tuesday 8/11:** Pre Tour Events (no meals included): Henry Ford Museum \$17 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

See Henry Ford Museum OR Greenfield Village Greenfield Village \$22 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday 8/12:** GM Heritage Center & Edsel and Eleanor Ford House \$65 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday 8/13:** Port Huron: Lighthouse & Museum \$60 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, 8/14:** Meadowbrook Hall & Stahl Collection, Banquet at Hotel \$65 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, 8/15:** Post Tour - Terry Adderly Collection & Woodward Cruise \$5 per person for Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(no meals included) \$35 Parking/Display fee per Car at Woodward Dream Cruise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daily fees include all activities, as well as lunch and supper unless otherwise noted. Breakfast is on your own.  
Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Registrants will be provided a detailed, day-by-day information packet,  
including driving directions. Members and guests participating, but not bringing their own car, will pay full registration fees.

**Tour Lodging - Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan • \$99-\$119 plus tax, per night • [www.somersetinn.com](http://www.somersetinn.com)**  
(Please mention the Cadillac & LaSalle Club when making your own reservations - Group ID# 2649)

Pay using **PayPal** or Mail this form with your check made payable to:

**Motor City Region CLC Driving Tour 2015 - 1614 Rockfield Dr., Troy, MI 48085**

Questions may be directed to Tour Chairman Bruce (Chip) Iceman at [drivingtour2015@gmail.com](mailto:drivingtour2015@gmail.com) or 248-703-2119

(See page 2 for event details.)



# 2015 Driving Tour Registration Notes

## Hotel – Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan

This is a hub and spoke tour, we will be staying at the same hotel each night. Please see the registration form for the contact information. Please do not use other online services, we have rooms blocked and may not get credit for your reservation.

**Important Note:** This tour is during the week of the Woodward Dream Cruise, this is the largest one day automotive event in the world, rooms will be hard to find, please reserve early.

The hotel has plenty of onsite parking for your trailer and rig if you choose to do so. Hoses, buckets, towels and water will be provided by the hotel at no charge. You will need to supply your own cleaning products.

## Tuesday

This Pre Tour event is for people coming into the area for the first time or not in a long time. The ticket price for Greenfield Village is \$22 per person. This includes our own parking area and entrance to the grounds. If you would like to do the Museum instead, it would be \$17 and parking will be in the general lot. We will need to know your preference before hand. Dinner is on your own. We will provide a list of recommended restaurants within the area of the hotel for every price range.

## Wednesday

Departure 8:30 am

We will visit the GM Heritage Center, owned by General Motors and featuring past cars and trucks, experimental and show cars. The Center is not open to the public except in groups. Next, we are on to the General Motors Tech Center, which is not open to the public, our sponsor will take us on a rare tour inside the grounds. We will lunch at and tour the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, then take a scenic drive back to the hotel. We will have dinner and see the sights along Woodward Avenue as the Dream Cruise event begins to take shape. Lunch and dinner are included in the price as are all events.

## Thursday

Departure 8:30 am

Our longest drive will be on this day as we travel along Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River to Port Huron. We will lunch on the shore of the river where Canada is just a stones throw away. Visit Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum of Classic Autos in Marysville and the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse at the juncture of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. Following the Museum and Lighthouse visits we will travel back to the hotel, stopping at the Troy Historic Village for ice cream and treats. Dinner will be near the hotel with plenty of time afterward for shopping or to head back to Woodward Avenue.

## Friday

Departure 8:30 am

We will drive the nearby grounds of the Cranbrook Institute before we head up to Meadow Brook Hall, the former Dodge Mansion. After the tour we will have lunch and visit The Stahl Collection. Returning we will have our banquet at the hotel.

## Saturday

Departure 8:30 am

This is a post tour event for those that would like to stay for the Woodward Dream Cruise. You may tour a private collection of cars that few can rival. It takes up two buildings and will be a highlight. This event may be attended for a cost of \$5 per person.

For those that would like to take in the Dream Cruise we have rented a parking lot so you can come and go as well as display your car. It is at a local restaurant, so we have food and facilities handy. The cost of this event is \$35 for the cost of 1 car to park in the lot. There is no per person charge, there is no food included in the cost. We have limited spots available first come first served. The Dream Cruise concludes at 9 pm, the spot is yours for the entire day.



## 79 Renewed CCNJ Members as of January 22, 2015



*Welcome*

**Robert Choma**  
**West Milford, NJ**  
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*Gregory J. Della Pia*

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## Classics in Atlantic City — Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>

The CCNJ is planning on gathering before 7am to caravan down for the day. Much walking is involved. We need a head count for tickets, so please RSVP as soon as possible. \$25.00 per person. Cut off date is February 7th.  
Call Lois Harriman on the club phone 201-888-8727, leave a message.



## CLC Membership Requirement

The By-Laws of the National Cadillac & LaSalle Club require all region members to maintain active membership status in the National Club. This protects all members by providing insurance coverage through a national policy with J.C. Taylor. Each year, the CCNJ is required to submit our member roster for compliance review. Our chartered status as a Region can be revoked if we do not maintain compliance with this requirement.

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club offers many benefits, including the award-winning monthly magazine, *The Self-Starter*, participation in national events, and award eligibility at regional events. See all the various national membership options and dues schedule in the National Membership Directory, or through the CLC website and national office phone, email and postal addresses below:

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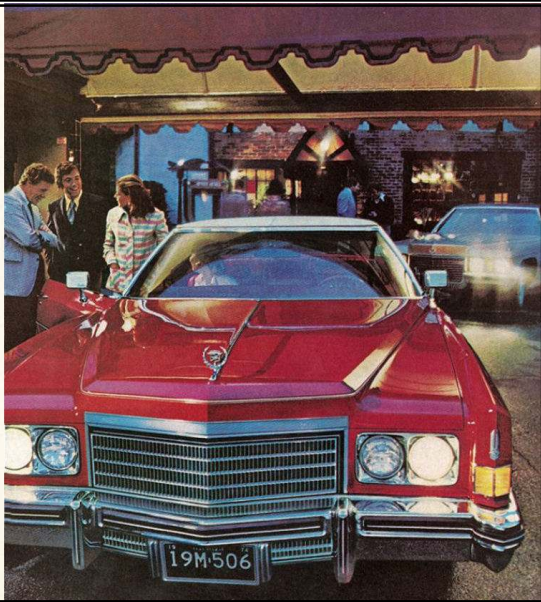
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- ⇒ **Thursday, 2/19:**    **Club meeting and “indoor car show.” Car models on display can win awards in one of two categories. Pizza social at 7pm, meeting and car show at 7:30pm. Held at The Fireplace.**
- ⇒ **Sat., 2/28:**        **Classics in Atlantic City—We will gather at The Fireplace at 7am and caravan down to Atlantic City for the day. The cut-off date to RSVP is 2/7. Call Lois Harriman on the club phone ASAP and leave a message.**