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WINTER DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HITS HIGH GEAR FOR NEW YEAR









MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Brownstone awaits our 2023 Winter Dinner; Reminder to renew your CCNJ membership for the new year

WARM UP THE WINTER AT THE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

By Tony Albarella

As has become our tradition, the Cadillac Club of North Jersey is again welcoming in the new year with a lavish, post-holiday dinner. Also adhering to tradition, the event will be held at the beautiful Brownstone in Paterson, NJ. The date will be Sunday, February 26, allowing all of us plenty of time to block out the day on our schedules and register for the dinner.

This event is our only gathering in the off-season, winter months, and it is one you don't want to miss. The Brownstone is a marvelous hall that offers valet parking, a glamorous atmosphere, and a buffet that includes a variety of delectable dining options and sumptuous desserts. Aside from the opportunity to catch up with all your fellow carcrazy friends, the day promises festivities that include music, our tricky tray, and a 50/50 drawing.

In a change of pace and in response to your concerns, we've upgraded this year to one of the larger rooms, which has a capacity of 85 people. Our Winter Dinner is so widely anticipated (and well attended) that we've outgrown the room we typically use. This change affords us a little more elbow room, assists those wishing to socially distance, and opens up slots for more guests, so feel free to invite your entire crew.

Club membership is not a requirement, so friends and family are more than welcome to join us in this celebration of friendship and shared interests as we settle into the new year. Visit page 5 for details and mark those calendars.

REMEMBER TO JOIN US FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Tony Albarella

As we roll into the new year, please note that our membership drive, while still underway, is cruising towards its final stage. If you haven't already renewed your

membership to the CCNJ, now is the time to act to avoid missing out on any news or issues of this newsletter, the *Caddy Chatter*.

Many of our classic cars may currently be tucked away, safe from the brutal cold, the slippery streets, and the corrosive road salt, but before you know it we'll be gearing up for spring and another season packed with car club activities and events. Visit pages 3-4 for the membership forms and join up again so that you don't miss a minute of the upcoming year.



We are sorry to report that Lois Harriman's father, Frank Vander Weide, passed away in late December. The CCNJ extends condolences to Lois and her family at this most difficult time.



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Anthony Vanacore, Director

Director's Message January 2023

Hello Members,

As our 2022 season comes to a close, I want to thank you all for your dedication to this club. Not many clubs can say they've been around for over 30 years! The 2023 season is just around the corner, and I am excited to plan our monthly events including car meets, and car shows. We're already planning on going to some new spots in North Jersey! Keep an eye out for next year's calendar as we will be posting it in the near future.

We had great response to the Krispy Kreme Saturday morning cars and coffee. I'm hoping to make this a monthly make-up location. We also had a handful of people ask if we will be meeting for breakfast more next year at the Maple Valley Diner. If any readers are interested in these two opportunities give me a call on the club phone and leave a message, or shoot me a text!

My biggest goal for the new year is to ensure that everyone's voice and opinion is heard! We want to make sure that North Jersey meet-ups are accessible to everyone, old, young, and from each county. Our club is predominantly located in Northeastern counties, but if you're located more west or south let us know soon so we can plan a cruise closer to one of your favorite ice cream shops or fast food establishments (just make sure there's parking!)

Our Winter Dinner date is secured! We will be having it at The Brownstone in Paterson on February 26th from 1pm-5pm. We opted for the larger room (holds 85 people) so please come, and bring your families! It will be \$40 per person. We will be having a tricky tray, 50/50 and some great food! Music will be handled by our dedicated member DJ Steve! If anyone has any questions on directions to The Brownstone, feel free to reach out!

Lastly, for those of you interested in my '95 Cadillac Deville (previously owned by Dick Bankart), I recently found a set of seats from a junkyard. The car at the junkyard had 38k miles so I will be buying the seats and shipping them to New Jersey for around \$600. This is the first step in completing the "restoration" on this car. Once the interior looks clean and presentable I can then focus on putting on a new vinyl top and chrome rocker moldings. The car currently has 90k miles and I plan to sell it once it hits 100k miles. As a daily driver I've had no complaints. It will be a great car for the next owner!

Happy New Year!





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2023 MEMBERSHIP

Annual region membership dues: \$25 individual, \$35 joint. (International dues: \$35/\$45 in US \$). A joint membership qualifies for two separate votes, & separate listings in the roster. Please make checks payable to: CCNJ CLC National Membership Required to be a member of any CLC region or chapter. / CCNJ INDIVIDUAL - \$25 □ / JOINT - \$35 □ (check one) Once a member of the CLC you will receive a membership number to place on our application. JOINT NAME: NAME: ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: ____ CITY/ZIP: _____ CITY/ZIP: ____ HOME # HOME # BUSINESS/CELL# BUSINESS/CELL# - " Email: _____ Email: _____ Cadillac & or LaSalle cars I own: Cadillac or LaSalle ownership NOT a requirement for membership. 1957 Bahama blue 6267X Ser 62 Convertible coupe 1970 Sauterne 68349 De Ville Hard top sedan #3 YEAR COLOR MODEL SERIES BODY STYLE COND 1 2 3 4 5 6 (Model # & body style as noted on firewall ID plate) #1 - EXCELLENT - Rare, trailered to shows, not driven, 95+ points - Excellent original or well restored - multi trophy winner # 2 - FINE #3 - VERY GOOD - completely operational "20 footer" - has some wear on driver's seat, chrome, most cars at shows. - A driver needing only minor work – at 20 feet obviously needs # 4 - GOOD restoration to be Very Good/fine #5 - RESTORABLE - Needs complete restoration. Complete but may not be running

- Might be running, but wrecked, rusted beyond hope or stripped

#6-PARTS CAR

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?			
			schedule a variety of activities in various venues and hopes you can not 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 Car shows, club events, general 		
Publicity Webmeister	- Car snows, club events, general - Maintain club website, develop roster, mailing lists etc		
Merchandise	- Maintain inventory, recommend, purchase & sell items of interest		
5. Are there car related cruise or club meeting	d sites of interest in your area which would be worthwhile venues for a		
	les you know of that you think might be appropriate, i.e. your towns 4 th of		
	parades. YES NO Please make sure you've listed your e-mail notify you of parade details.		
8. Speak out; please co	omment on the club! Do you have any suggestions?		

WINTER DINNER AT THE BROWNSTONE

by Anthony Vanacore

We're excited to announce that we will be having our Winter Dinner again this year! The dinner will be held at The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ, on Sunday, February 26, 2023, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The cost to attend is \$40 per person.

Please bring items for the tricky tray portion of our dinner activities, and if anybody has any items they wish to donate which we can auction off to benefit the club, please let us know and we can hold an auction at the dinner. There will also be a 50/50 at the dinner as well.

Please note that the club has opted for the larger-sized room (capacity is 85 people) so there will be plenty of room for those who want to distance, and plenty of room for those who want to bring along their families.

Questions can be directed to Anthony or Joseph Vanacore at 201-888-8727. Email Joseph Vanacore at joe.vanacore64@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to CCNJ for \$40 per person and mail to:

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We also accept Paypal or Venmo

Just please be sure to notify Anthony or Joseph if you are using electronic payment.



SAL SANTORO

Photos and Report by Sal Santoro

Editor's Note

This reply to me from Sal dates back to the release of our November, 2022, issue of *Caddy Chatter*.

I know you generally do not publish a "Letters to the Editor" column, but Anthony's comments regarding the Fall Show in this past month's newsletter prompted me to send a few thoughts your way.

The possibility of having a ninety-plus-year-old LaSalle alongside a 2023 Lyriq certainly speaks to the wonderful diversity of the vehicles displayed at CCNJ shows. It also struck a chord with me because I love the LaSalle in my collection and am currently waiting for the delivery of a 2023 Lyriq (which I ordered over six months ago).

Since it seems as though it will be several more months before my first electric Cadillac will arrive, I jumped over to the other end of the spectrum. I was attracted by a classified ad in the latest CLC *Self Starter* for a 1928 Cadillac seven-passenger sedan. Within 24 hours of spotting the ad I flew from my home in Florida to New England where, along with my Caddy buddy Bob Walton, we drove up to Vermont to inspect this 95-year-old beauty. Needless to say, I am now awaiting it's delivery as well. One can never have too many Cadillacs!

It was great seeing Anthony, his family and others from the club at the recent Chicago Grand National. I wish the club shows and events coincided with the brief time Jan and I are up there in New Jersey each year so we could see you and our old club friends, but it hasn't happened yet. Some day, we hope.

In the meantime, if you or other members venture down to the Sarasota area you are welcome to come visit us and our collection. As they say, "Come on down!"

Finally, as a "long distance member," many thanks go out to you, to Anthony and all those who continue to keep our club active and prospering with a wonderful newsletter and so many great events.

Regards,

Sal (and Jan) Santoro



1928 Seven-Passenger Sedan, recently purchased by Sal Santoro





The 1939 LaSalle at Sal and Jan's House; Sal admiring a dealership sample 2023 Lyriq



YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

by Tony Albarella

As we enter into another new year, which historically is a time for resolutions and reflection, this seems to me an ideal moment to mention a few issues from my perspective as editor of this newsletter.

First, since several new members have joined in the last year or so, I'd like to repeat an appeal with which longtime members are familiar: a newsletter needs content, lots of content, and I could really use your help in getting it. All of you are the eyes, ears, and lifeblood of the club, and your stories, news blurbs, and photos are extremely helpful in keeping this newsletter vital and interesting.

Please take a few moments in the future to email to me, at tztony@hotmail.com, reports of anything Cadillac or car-related that you are doing or have done. I don't require anyone to put in the time and effort to research facts and write up a complete, polished, highly-illustrated piece. That's my job, and I'll take care of that to the best of my ability with whatever you can provide to me. What I *do* need is some kernels of information to use as a starting point.

If you send me just the bare bones of something you've done on or with your car, I will pull it together for an article or even a short blurb so we can share your experience with your friends and fellow members. Obviously I'm happy to run long, detailed accounts with dozens of photos, but there's room for and interest in the small stuff, too. I can run stories in half-page or quarter-page size as appropriate to the content you provide, with or without photos. You may be surprised at how just a few sentences, a date and place, and/or a photo or two can be used to cobble together a short piece for members to enjoy. Here are just a few suggestions for news items to share when you come across them:

- * Brief descriptions of any car shows or cruises you attend or have attended.
- * Reports of any Cadillacs you have bought, sold, or investigated.
- * Memories of a beloved family car or any Cadillac, classic or otherwise, you've owned in the past.
- * The story of how you got into the hobby. We haven't done a member profile in quite a while.
- * Notes on any swap meets you may have attended and what you found there.
- * Recommendations for (or warnings against) any shops, mechanics, or parts suppliers you've used.
- * Descriptions of any projects, mechanical or cosmetic, that you've undertaken on your cars(s).
- * Descriptions of any projects that you had performed by someone else, and the results.
- * Encounters with strangers who are only used to seeing modern cars and comment on your classic.

Bear in mind that these news items do not have to be recent to be of interest. There's no deadline or statute of limitations here. So if you took in a car show or cruise night back in the summertime and snapped a few photos that you still have on your phone, let me know about it. If you went to look at a car for sale, let me know how it went, even if you decided not to buy it. If you took your car in for maintenance or repair months or even years ago, tell me about it so that others can benefit from your experiences.

These member-generated tidbits are particularly important now, as the winter sets in and we "cocoon" inside, awaiting the warmth of spring and the car events that accompany it. Without car shows or cruises or the flyers and registration forms that accompany them, and lacking even club meetings at this time

of the year, there's quite a "supply chain" shortage of events to cover. This makes anything you can provide to me extra useful. Often, when someone submits an article or idea that isn't necessarily timesensitive, I hold it back to populate the pages during these sparse, winter issues. The brief editorial by Sal Santoro on pages 6-8 is an example of this.

Another factor that makes your submissions, of any size or scope, extra important is the fact that I, myself, do not make it to many club events. I work in Information Technology on overnight shifts, which wreaks havoc on a "normal" social schedule. I also live in central NJ, so with weekday traffic, it's tough for me to attend North Jersey cruises or club meetings even if I'm available. Plus, as many of you know, I do not own a Cadillac at this moment in time. My 1959 Thunderbird is beloved and I'm happily out in it (or in working on it) as much as possible during the season, but there are only so many non-Cadillac articles I can generate for a Cadillac-specific newsletter. Because of all these factors, I have to rely on my "in the field" reporters to help generate content to enliven our newsletter.

Please note, when considering submissions, that there are some things that legally we cannot run. I totally sympathize with wanting to share a Cadillac-related news article you read in the paper, a magazine, or on the internet, but unless I can contact the author and request and receive permission to reprint, we cannot legally run it in our newsletter.

The same holds true for photos, cartoons, artwork, or anything else found in another publication or from another source. We're not allowed to reprint any of it without expressed permission. Sometimes we can secure reprint rights (there's a great magazine article done on Roy Garretson that I'm keeping in my hip pocket to reprint during one of our upcoming slow months) but it's not always possible to contact the rights-holder, or receive permission even if I can get through to them.

This means we have to rely even more heavily on articles we generate and photos we take to provide our newsletter content. I sincerely appreciate and thank certain members who often attend functions and send me reports or otherwise conjure articles for the newsletter. Off the top of my head, my thanks go out to Lois and Rob Harriman, Roy Garretson, Bill Marcy, Joe and Anthony Vanacore, Lou Filardo, and Sal Santoro. If I missed any other regular or semi-regular contributors, my apologies.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank those loyal members who proofread the newsletter. I try to wrap up every issue with a week to spare in the month, then send it to a few intrepid souls who proofread it for any misspellings or errors made by me or any of the contributors. I've been editor for this monthly newsletter for over a decade now—that's more than 120 issues, non-stop, without ever missing a deadline. As the person who lays out and composes the majority of an issue, it's easy for my brain to read what I "meant" to write and miss what actually exists onscreen. The proofreaders often catch these small snafus, make me look good, and help provide you with the best possible quality publication, month after month. So my gratitude goes out to my current batch of volunteer proofreaders: Bill Marcy, Dave Carney, Roy Garretson, Joe and Anthony Vanacore, and Rob and Lois Harriman.

And my thanks goes out to you, our membership, for considering this appeal. If you've contributed before, please keep those reports, comments, stories and photos coming. If you haven't yet joined in, there's no better time than now. I welcome and would genuinely appreciate your participation.



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69 Dev Conv, Off the road for years, non-running convertible. A parts car or a total restoration. Does have a title. Must be towed. \$1,100 or B/O. Bob Pijanowski 908-358-8873 jenpij9969@icloud.com (2301)

69 CDV, Coupe DeVille in dark blue. 101,374 miles. The car looks, runs and drives well. \$13,000 or best offer. Call Chris Marchetti at 570-239-9232 for any details. Car is located in Wilkes-Barre, PA. (2301) **09 DTS,** 47K one-owner miles, senior citizen owned, garage-kept and in excellent condition. Car located in Lambertville, NJ \$12,500 OBO Scott Kushner 917-513-8015 (2301)













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THE CCNJ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE IS UNDERWAY.
PLEASE SEE PAGES 3 AND 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

In observance of the holiday season, there will be no January club meeting.

Happy New Year from the CCNJ!

Sunday, February 26, 2023

CCNJ's Winter Dinner at The Brownstone in Paterson, NJ 1PM-5PM — See Page 5 for Details

