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ANNUAL CCNJ DINNER HELD LATER THIS MONTH JOE VANACORE CONJURES UP SOME BLUE MAGIC



Scenes from a prior club holiday dinner at The Brownstone; former and current owners of "Blue Magic"

CCNJ DINNER HEATS UP THE WINTER MONTHS

By Tony Albarella

Well, it appears that the mild weather of last November and December is long gone, and we're stuck shivering through the stark, icy days of the heart of the winter. While this means that we likely have a few more months to endure before we can comfortably cruise around in our classics, we can still enjoy our friends and our club at the upcoming annual "After the Holidays" club dinner.

The dinner is scheduled for later this month, on February 27, 2022. Anyone willing to attend is most welcome, and if you've been

to one of these festive feasts at The Brownstone in the past, you know you're in for a treat, culinary and entertainment-wise. Just sneak a peek at the photo below, highlighting the scrumptious buffet banquet from one of our dinners in the past!

Beyond the food, the afternoon promises a lot of fun. Listen to music arranged by our own Steve Calandra, catch up with all your CCNJ friends and their families, shop the tricky tray, witness our awards ceremony, and more.

This all takes place at The Brownstone, located at 351 West Broadway in Paterson, NJ, from 2PM-6PM. Please remember to bring along an item or two for the

tricky tray table, to benefit the club and increase the range of gifts to make it fun for everyone.

The cost is \$35 per person and everyone is welcome. Make checks payable to CCNJ and mail them to Bill Marcy, 349 Lookout Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. If you have any questions, reach out to Bill directly at 201-342-4871.

A 1973 ELDORADO FUELS AN ONGOING FRIENDSHIP

By Tony Albarella

Not only has Joe Vanacore stepped up to join the club's board of directors, he also supplied us with a wonderful tale involving a classic convertible Cadillac and the resulting camaraderie that the beautiful land yacht launched when it sailed into Joe's life.

Check out this inspiring story on pages 6-10. And while you're at it, send me your own stories of car acquisitions and/or repair and restoration adventures. I know you have them, and I know fellow members would love to hear them!





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Anthony Vanacore,
Director

Director's Message February 2022

Hello Members,

As I write to you I'd like to reflect on the Cadillac projects I have worked on recently. For those of you who remember Dick Bankart, I was given the opportunity to purchase his 1995 Sedan DeVille with just over 80k miles. I purchased the car at the end of October. Over the course of the last few months I've slowly worked on getting the car back to it's original shape in remembrance of him.

The hood ornament and trunk emblem were fading, and I was able to find nicer examples on eBay as well as the driver's side auto-dimming mirror. For those of you with late 80's or newer Cadillacs, there are tons of online resources to find factory part numbers for just about any part you need. Using this knowledge can save you a good deal of money. (Example: a '95 DeVille mirror was for sale for \$100 used, and an '02 Eldorado mirror was also for sale used for \$30.) If you know the part number, you can determine that it's the same mirror! If anyone is interested in any of these resources, please let me know.

Next month I hope to find a reputable upholstery shop to redo the simulated top. My goal is to have it done exactly like the original, which has been a bit of a challenge, as many shops do not want to put in the effort. If anyone has any shop recommendations, shoot me an email.

Lastly we had our board meeting recently and I am excited for all the upcoming events we have planned. As always check your emails or our Facebook page for any last minute changes for club events. With the closing of The Fireplace in Paramus, we are still experimenting with where our "home base" will be monthly. (Anyone with suggestions please reach out!)

I hope to see all of you at the upcoming winter dinner!

Your Director,

Anthony



Cadillac Club of North Jersey

CLC North Jersey Region Schedule of Events 2022



Date		Day	Time	Event	Address
Feb	27th	SUN		CCNJ Club Winter Dinner - The Brownstone	351 W Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522
Mar	10th	THU	6:30PM	Club Meeting - River View East	455 River Dr., Elmwood Park NJ 07407
	26th	SAT	9:00AM	Breakfast Cruise - Maple Valley Diner	1116 US-Route 46 West, Clifton, NJ 07013.
Apr	14th	THU	6:30PM	Club Meeting - River View East	455 River Dr., Elmwood Park NJ 07407
	24th	SUN	10:00AM	Spring Car Show - TENTATIVE	State Line Lookout Alpine NJ 07620
May	1st	SUN	10:00AM	Spring Car Show rain date TENTATIVE	
	12th	THU	6:30PM	Club Meeting - Shake Shack	479 Route 17 South, Paramus 07652.
Jun	9th	THU	6:30PM	Club Meeting - Rutt's Hut	417 River Drive, Clifton 07014.
	21-24			CLC Grand National - Chicago	
	29th	WED	5:00PM	Bear Mountain Cruise -	Meet on Palisades Parkway
Jul	14th	THU	7:00	Club meeting / Ice Cream Run - Dairy Queen	125 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Montvale 07645.
	24th	SUN		Club Picnic TENTATIVE	
Aug	13th	SAT	8:30AM	Cars & Coffee - Krispy Kreme	247 Rte 4, Paramus, NJ 07652
	XX			Club Drive-In Movie Night - Demarest Farms	244 Werimus Rd, Hillsdale, NJ 07642
Sep	8th	THU	6:30PM	Club meeting - Pizza Town	89 US-46, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
	17th	SAT	2:00PM	Ice Cream/lunch run - The After Char Broil Grill	195 US-206, Flanders, NJ 07836
Oct	13th	THU	6:30PM	Club meeting - River View East, NOMINATIONS	455 River Drive, Elmwood Park , NJ 07407.
	XX			Fall Car Show TENTATIVE	
Nov	10th	THU	6:30PM	Club meeting - River View East, VOTING	455 River Drive, Elmwood Park , NJ 07407.
	XX			Club Bowling - Bowlero in Fair Lawn	22-22 Maple Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

In Memory of CCNJ Former Member

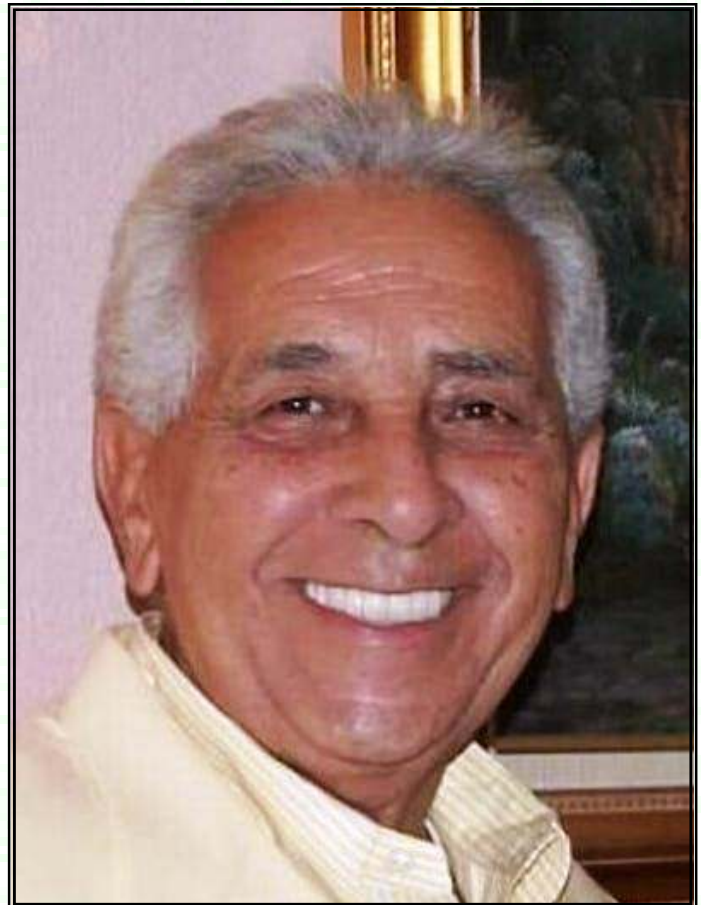
Benny Caputo

Caputo, Benjamin, “Benny,” age 82, of Fair Lawn, entered into eternal life on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Born in Prospect Park, he was the youngest of 6 children, he lived in the very home that his father used to bring each family member over from Tricarico, Italy, one by one, by opening Caputo’s Restaurant to fulfill the American dream. Benny married Francene of Clifton, NJ, 46 years ago and in 1975 they had two daughters, Gena and Jennifer.

Benny was a painting & staining contractor by trade and worked throughout Northern Bergen County with some of the most prestigious builders. He took great pride in his work and was often called in to the most beautiful homes for his skill and precision. As a young teen Benny had a gift, his beautiful voice; known by all, and he was trained by world renowned opera singer. He often practiced with his daughters on his “player piano” in the living room, entertaining friends and family any chance he got.

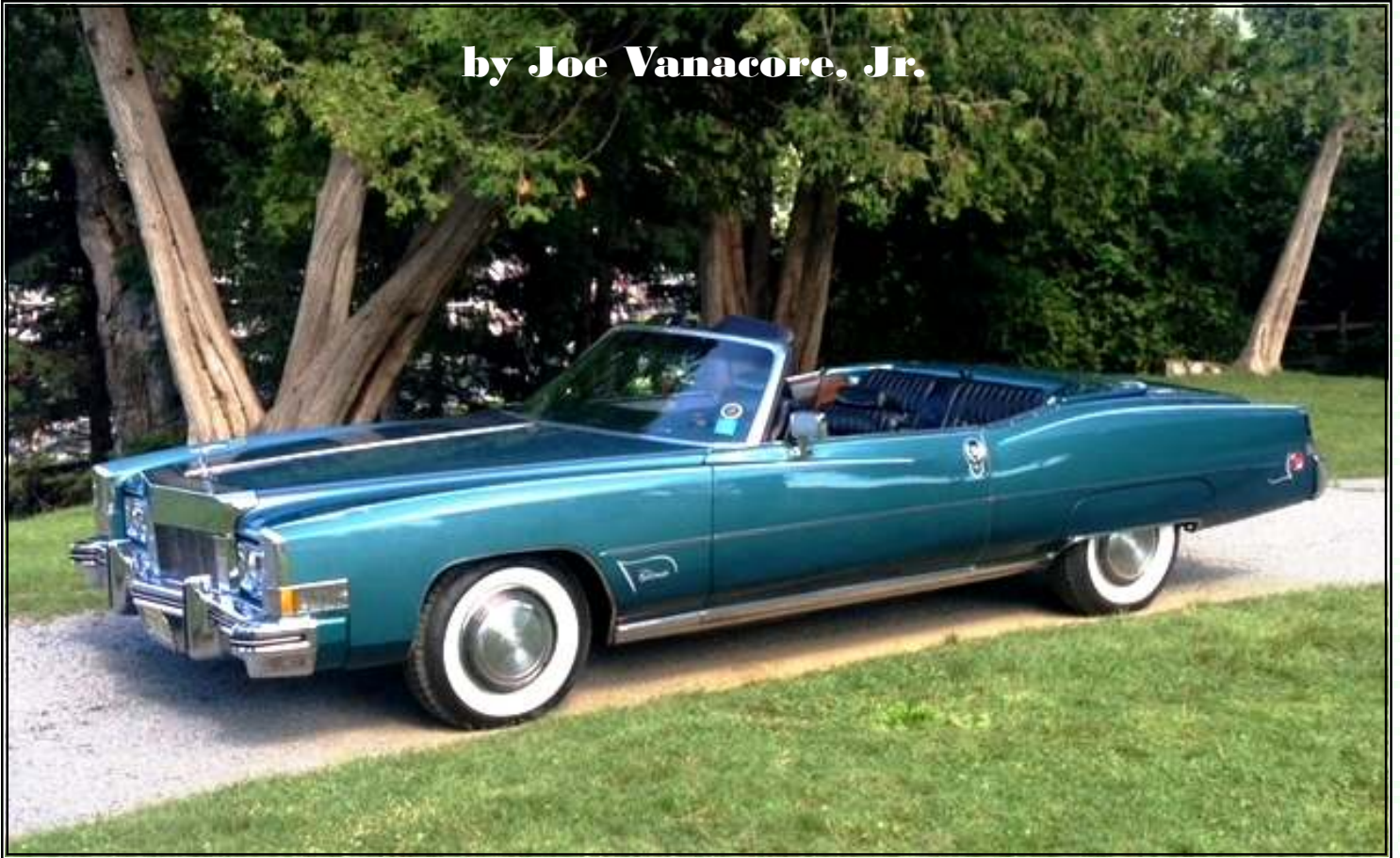
You could always find Benny in local hangouts, grabbing a pack of cigarettes, a cup of coffee and lottery tickets, wearing his starched white t-shirt, “dungarees” and Penny loafers, driving in one of his many cars with his million- dollar smile. He enjoyed his weekend trips to Atlantic City with his family, where he was a well-known patron of Harrah’s, where you would find him at the Roulette table betting on 17 black.

His greatest treasure was his children, and in the past twenty years he beamed with pride in support of his daughters as they started their own families and thrived by spoiling his six grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Theresa Caputo, sisters Julie and Mildred, and brothers Rocco, Vincent and niece Phyliss. He is survived by his beloved wife, Francene; daughters, Gena (DeVirgilio) her husband Dino; Jennifer (Ambrosio) her husband Frank; his sister Mary Chrisler, nephews Michael and Vinnie Caputo as well his six grandchildren, Gianna, Frankie & Anthony (Ambrosio), Julia, Victoria and Livia (DeVirgilio). Benny was entombed at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum in Totowa. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Benny's memory may be made to <https://www.thejustintimefoundation.org/donate> or the St. Jude Children's Tribute Program.



A REMEDY FOR FEELING BLUE

by **Joe Vanacore, Jr.**



“Blue Magic” goes top down to the 2014 Cadillac LaSalle Club National Show in Lake George

I lost my dad back on July 11, 1991. At the time of his funeral, my brother-in-law mentioned that he had a Cadillac for sale. I immediately reacted and said to him, “Don’t sell it, I will buy it.” My dad had always mentioned to me when I showed interest in purchasing an old Cadillac that I had to buy Buchie’s car (Buchie being a nickname for Thomas Fatato). This led me to my purchase of my 1973 Cadillac Eldorado Fleetwood Convertible in Garganey Teal, paint code 39.

After the funeral toward the end of July, I drove out to Fairfield, NJ, to pick up the car, resulting in one of the saddest and happiest moments of my life. I test drove the car for about two months and I completed the deal with my brother-in-law, who was the second owner—he purchased the car in September, 1991, from Thomas Fatato. I realized that this is a stress reliever once I took her out for a ride with the top down, and I could foresee many happy days to come; cruise nights, car shows, joining the NJCC at Rivera’s cruise night that Bob Walton started, parades, and my first CLC show in Long Island, NY, followed by my second show in Lake George.

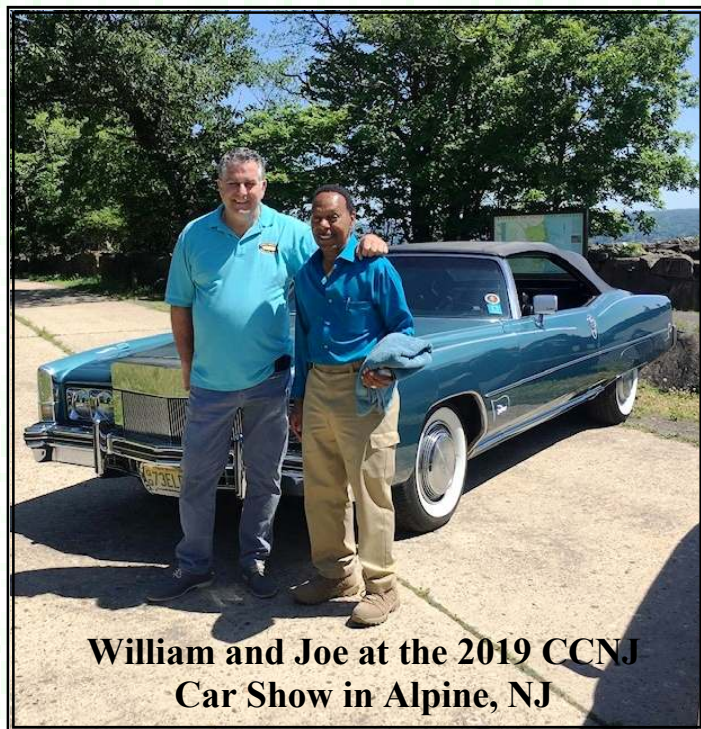
The night of arrival at the Lake George CLC National show, my son Anthony and I were polishing the '73 Eldo when we started talking about the first owner, William Cuvilje, and wondered if the car ever had a super fly package, which was big in the early 70's. We entered the CLC Grand National show, met a lot of nice people, and enjoyed the weekend. Having copies of the original title and paperwork to a car does help, which was how Anthony looked up William Cuvilje on Google. By surprise, his name came up, and William was still living in the Bronx.

So here it is, September 14, 2014, when Anthony put together the invite to William and his daughter, Galen, to meet us at The Shook Funeral Home show. I immediately knew it was William when he approached the car; I not only saw the surprise in his face to see his car that he had not see in over thirty years, he also gave himself away by wearing a teal shirt that perfectly matched the color of my '73 Eldorado. William was accompanied by his beautiful daughter Galen, and we got to know each other and took some great photos. It was the start of a new friendship that included several other car show meets and a lunch in the Bronx.

William had brought a couple of trophies he had kept that he won at previous car shows and a set of orange fur dice that was hung from the rearview mirror back in the day. William also shared a cherished picture of his wife sitting on the car next to him, along with front, side and rear photos of the car as he originally ordered it from Dick Gidron Cadillac in the Bronx. Dick Gidron Cadillac took delivery on February 13, 1973. Willy named his new Eldorado beauty "Blue Magic."



William Cujilve and his daughter, Galen



**William and Joe at the 2019 CCNJ
Car Show in Alpine, NJ**

William ordered custom options, such as the “Godfather Crest” door handles, a black convertible top with a black leather interior (Garganey Teal usually came with a white top and interior), and luckily the passenger side remote mirror. William then went on to let us know that he requested Dick Gidron Cadillac to send the car out to the Gleisner Coach Work Corporation in Connecticut for the super fly accessories, including front chrome grill; front chrome fender ends; Superfly headlights; rear chrome trunk belt straps; chrome rear taillight housing; and a simulated leather winter top.

We met up again at a Clifton Parade and then at the CCNJ Palisades show back in 2019. The most touching moment for me was when William, Anthony, and I met up for lunch on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. To our surprise, we learned that William, who usually donates his tax return to a needy family, had decided to give that year’s tax rebate to Anthony so he can put it towards his project car. What a gracious moment for Anthony and I. Unfortunately we all experienced COVID and that put an end to almost two years of car shows. We will have a get-together again at some 2022 car shows and hopefully our friend William will attend with us.



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For the traditionalist what could be more tempting than sidemounts and runningboards? Yes, they are available. The most unique alteration conceivable.

Other Appointments:	Exterior	Interior
	Opera Lights	Reading Lights
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The '73 Eldorado before and after installation of the quad headlights.

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William, Joe, Anthony, and “Blue Magic” at the 2019 CCNJ Alpine car show



William and a few admiring bystanders examine the ‘73



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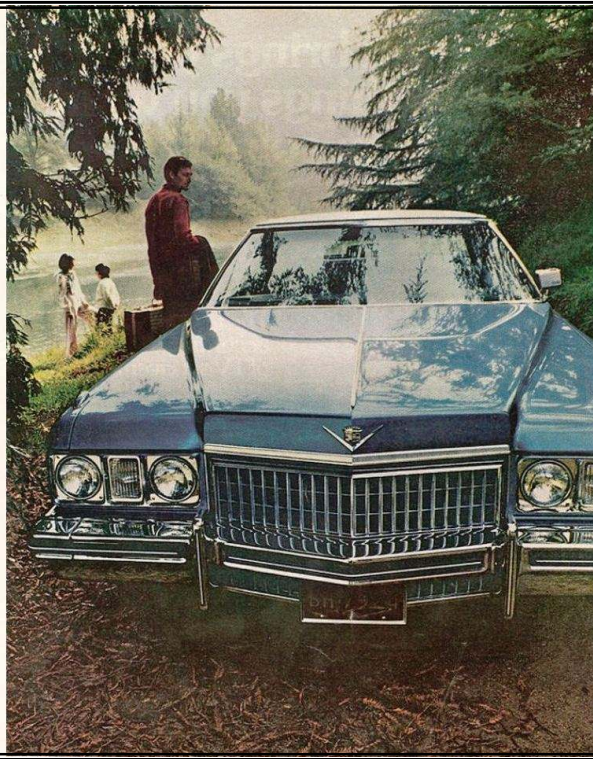
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in Paterson, NJ 2:00PM-6:00PM — See Front Page of
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