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### NEXT MEETING

The September (757th) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains  
**8:00 PM September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



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## *A Message from the President September 2022*



Here I am winding down my 4<sup>th</sup> term as NJ Region President, and will be donning my "Executive Recruiter" hat yet again. Bob Kelly has informed me that he will be stepping down as the Clothing Chairman at the end of 2022. Bob has done a great job revitalizing the store with new shirts and hats. Long time Accessories Chairman Duffy Bell has stepped down from his job. I have the accessories in my possession and will be taking a full inventory. It includes region badges, key chains, and other items. I hope to combine these two positions into one, making a new "Clothing & Accessories Chairman". I will be actively recruiting a new chair for this job in the coming months. If you are interested please contact me. I assure you that the transition will be a smooth one.

Our region member highlight for this month goes to Vince DeLisi and Jerry Peck. Vince has taken on the monumental task of chairing the 2022 Glidden Tour, something of this magnitude he has never done before. Jerry as Assistant Chairman and Tour Chairman has been working side-by-side with Vince to make the very first NJ Region hosted Glidden Tour a success. They have assembled a dedicated group of volunteers and have covered every detail. I, as your President, have been on the outside looking in as far as the tour management is concerned, but Vince and I have had several conversations and lunch meetings to keep me fully informed. I am confident that the tour this month will be an overwhelming success. Vince joined the region in 2014 and at his very first meeting volunteered to be the new Registrar for the Spring Meet. He has since taken on the job of Participation Points Chairman. Jerry joined the region in 2011 and was Region VP in 2017 and President in 2018 and 2019. He is also the Trophy & Awards Chairman. Both of these men are to be applauded for their dedication to the club.

June & I recently retired as the Hospitality Chairs at the Philadelphia Annual Convention. We served for 5 years from 2016 to 2020, ending right before Covid. This year while June was recovering from surgery our friends at JC Taylor took over full responsibility for hospitality. With the convention being moved to Virginia for 2023 and likely not returning to Philadelphia, it is no longer practical for us to handle the job. We enjoyed hosting all those years, and met many new AACA friends in the process. The entire convention committee has been dissolved, with a new direction being taken by AACA National. Watch for updates in the coming months.

Thanks to Pete Cullen who chaired yet another successful region picnic last month. Pete has chaired this event for decades. Members brought side dishes and desserts, but the balance leaned toward abundant desserts. Maybe next year we can encourage more salads & side dishes.

I am always available to speak to you about your concerns and suggestions. I am retired so I can be reached at any time before 9PM. I look forward to hearing from you. (Special thanks go to Dick Bettel who rescued me when I locked my keys in the car on the region tour on Aug 13.)

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



This month brought us to the annual Summer Tour. Check out the pictures later in this newsletter, especially Paul Wolfmeyer & Kathy Bagley playing the organ at the Sackett Harbor Presbyterian Church! Dick Stephens, of the Church, encouraged them to play, and what a recital it was. Afterwards, at Tex & Linda's house, Kathy played their pump organ to the delight of all, especially Linda.

The speedometer broke in the Lotus on the way to Summer Tour (parts unobtainium) and then I compounded that by blowing up the universal joint and driveshaft to pinion key on the Ford (also partly unobtainium). Das Awkst Fescht registration allowed me to substitute the registered Ford with the Lotus, which left me driving route 78, using the tach to judge my speed. This car show is always a treat to the senses. So many cars, so little time, but no available parts for either of my cars. Wayne Tuck & Ray Fischer gave me a couple of leads on the parts for the Ford, and I was able to put the Ford back together properly. So far, so good—it's still running! Still don't know how fast the Lotus is going.

Next came the two picnics: Sarah, Bryan & Larry's picnic and tour and the annual club picnic, back to back with plenty to eat at each, giving me time to talk to many of the NJRAACA members I don't often see. I had plenty of time to talk to Greg on our private tour to Fanwood. I also had a great time at Abe's car show at BrightView and Carol & Joe's car show @ Warren Haven!

We still have the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade to look forward to, Carol & Joe Durna's and 3 more of Abe's Automobile Enjoyment Events, and the Glidden Tour. Let's all get out and enjoy at least one or two events each month. The event chairs work very hard and would appreciate your presence.

As of this writing, I still need a vehicle for the next issue. A couple of paragraphs about how you came to possess your 4 wheeled baby, with lots of pictures. Although a portrait shot is best for the front cover, I'll work with whatever I have. Just get the article to me at [njraacaroadmapeditor@gmail.com](mailto:njraacaroadmapeditor@gmail.com).

Finally, this is your newsletter. Please send short write-ups, lots of pictures and let everyone know what you have been up to.

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### OCTOBER MEETING

The October (758<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on Rt. 53 in Morris Plains  
**8:00 PM October 6<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**This is during HERSHEY WEEK**



# upcoming EVENTS



## NJ AACA EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1: NJAACA 757th Meeting 8:00 -10:00 PM  
 Sept 5: So Plainfield Labor Day Parade; Abe Platt 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM;  
 Sept 7: Boonton Care Center, Abe Platt 11:30AM - 3:00 PM  
 Sept 11: Veterans Memorial Home; Edison NJ Abe Platt 12:00PM - 4:00PM;  
 Sept 17: Brookdale Sr. Living, W. Orange, Abe Platt 11:30AM - 3:00 PM;

### OCTOBER

- Oct 2: Autumn Outing--Hunterdon Hills Playhouse;  
**CANCELLED**  
 Oct 6: NJAACA 758th Meeting 8:00 -10:00 PM  
 Oct 14-16: Fall Follage Tour (Lukan's); Pete Cullen & Anthony Cecala  
 Oct 22 9:00AM; Fall Mystery Tour; Bill Pritchett; (it's a mystery!)

### NOVEMBER

- Nov 3: NJAACA 759th Meeting and Old Timer's Recognition 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### DECEMBER

- Dec 1: NJAACA 760th Meeting and Holiday Dinner 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM;



## NATIONAL AACA EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 10-16 Sentimental Tour - Gettysburg, PA  
 Sept. 18 Staten Island Region's 45th Annual Car Show & Flea Market - 2 Teleport Drive, Staten Island, NY (See flyer in this issue)  
 Sept. 18-23 Reliability Tour - Shepherdsville, KY  
 Sept. 25-30 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® - New Jersey Region, Princeton, NJ

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 4-7 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA.  
**Change:** Flea Market set-up is Monday with the show date on Friday.  
 Oct. 15 Exmore Town Park Auto Show Part VI Exmore, Virginia. Contact Roy @ 757-442-4843, rb55ford55@yahoo.com





# upcoming EVENTS



## LOCAL EVENTS

### Cruise-In this Summer

5/10 - 10/18 Galloping Hill Cruisers Every Monday Night (except Labor Day) 5pm - 9 pm Aviation Plaza 601 West Edgar Road (Rt 1) Linden, NJ (See Greg Roser for add'l info)

5/7 - Sept.22 Garden State Street Rod Association TGI Fridays, (Blue Star Shopping Center) 1701 US 22, Watchung, NJ 07069 (See Jack Diana for add'l info)

### September

9/10/2022: 12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831

9/10/2022: Hazlet PBA Local 189 3rd Annual Car Show & Festival 1776 Union Ave, Hazlet, NJ 07730

9/10/2022: St John's Baptist Church 16th Car/Motorcycle Show Higgs Park 70 Oregon Ave, Ewing, NJ 08638

9/10/2022: Eastampton Car Show  
Buttonwood Park, 7 Knightsbridge Road,  
Eastampton, NJ 08060

9/10/2022: Knights of Columbus Car Show & Blessing of the Autos 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

9/10/2022: Ship Bottom Vol. Fire Company 100th Anniversary Car Show W 10th Street, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008

9/10/2022: Friends of the Monroe Senior Center 12 Halsey Reed Rd, Monroe, NJ 08831

9/11/2022: Vintage Auto Club of Ocean County 42nd Annual Classic Car Show 1000 Bay Blvd. Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

9/11/2022: Washington Twp Fire Dept. 26th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show 701 Ridgewood Road, Twp of Washington, NJ 07676

9/11/2022: Boys & Girls Club of Clifton Car Show 1255 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07012

9/11/2022: HOT RODS FOR HEROES Show Address 301 Shore Drive, Highlands, NJ 07732

9/15/2022: Texas Roadhouse Car Show 2105 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ 07733

9/17/2022: Neshanic Station Car Show 11 Elm Street, Branchburg, NJ 08853

9/17/2022: Hamilton Elks 4th Annual Car Show 1580 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

9/17/2022: 24th Annual New Jersey Z Car Club Show Event Bridgewater Nissan, 1400 Route 22 East Bridgewater NJ 08807

9/17/2022: Historical Society of West Windsor Classic Car & Truck Show Bernt Midland Blvd., West Windsor, NJ 08550

9/18/2022: Joey's Fund Charity Classic Car Show 19 Vervalen Steet, Closter, NJ 07624

9/18/2022: All American Car Show Queens City Marina, 525 Second Street, Beach Haven, NJ 08008

9/18/2022: Nutley Rotary Car Show 343 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110

9/18/2022: 45th Annual Open Car Show 950 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

9/20/2022: TGIF Cruise Night/Car Show 1001 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ 09957



9/24/2022: Sentimental Cruisers & Barnegat Rec - "See you in September" Car & Truck Show  
Brackman Middle School Barnegat, NJ 08005

9/24/2022: St. Gregory Knights of Columbus 2022 Car Show 4620 Nottingham Way Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

9/24/2022: HTLC Annual Fall Festival and Car Show 508 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

9/24&25: Chester Oktoberfest, Chester Chubb Park, P J Ehmann 11:30AM - 3:00 PM Chubb Park, Rt 24, Chester (See flyer P. 15)

[http://www.njcruisenews.com/chester\\_lions\\_oktoberfest](http://www.njcruisenews.com/chester_lions_oktoberfest)

9/25/2022: Peapack Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department 8th Annual Cars and Coffee Show Main St., Peapack, NJ (See flyer P. 25)  
[http://www.njcruisenews.com/peapack\\_gladstone\\_fd](http://www.njcruisenews.com/peapack_gladstone_fd)

9/25/2022: Wayne UNICO Annual Car Show 475 Valley Road, Municipal Parking Lot, Wayne, NJ 07470

9/25/2022: 1st Annual AMCOMC Endless Summer Car Show 235 Rumson Road Little Silver, NJ 07739

## October

10/22/22 22 Britfest - MGCCNJ.org

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# CELEBRATIONS

By Brenda Zimmerman, NJ AACA Region #1238

## Birthdays

6 Roy Konwiser	16 Maureen McCann
13 Ellen Konwiser	18 Bill Pritchett
14 Carol Durna	18 William Young
16 Lillian Anderson	

## Anniversaries

17 Bill & Annabelle Wilmer	56 years
29 Mike & Diane Manganello	37 years



The US Post Office has announced a new stamp series just in time for all our Holiday Cards. The new series, called the "Pony Cars Forever," is available in sheets of 20 from the Post Office (\$12.00); eBay (\$18.95/free shipping) and Amazon (\$32.99/free shipping). The series consists of a 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 302; a 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T, the 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28, the 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 GT and the 1969 AMC Javelin SST.

## New Members

**#1687 Lawrence V and Sally Ann Savino**  
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The Savinos have a 1967 Cadillac Deville Convertible. He also listed some of his interests. I am a NYS hunting instructor. I am also a NRA Certified pistol, rifle and shotgun safety instructor. I am a member of the NCRS and was training to be a Judge with them. I enjoy repairing anything I can find to fix.

# 76<sup>TH</sup> Revival AAA Glidden Tour®

## New Jersey's Revolutionary Roads

September 25 – 30, 2022 - Princeton, New Jersey

### Planned itineraries of the

#### 76th Revival AAA Glidden Tour ®

##### Sunday, Sept. 25th

Princeton/Princeton University self-directed tours of the University and surrounding town. Followed by a barbeque.

##### Monday, Sept. 26th

A lecture at a local college theater entitled, "Ten Crucial Days of the American Revolution", followed by a tour of Bucks County, PA.

Covered Bridges, Barns and Stone Homes

##### Tuesday, Sept. 27th

Visit Washington Crossing on both sides of the Delaware River, which includes presentations, movies and touring a colonial village.

##### Wednesday, Sept 28th

We'll tour Monmouth Battlefield and nearby sites. A historical interpreter will detail both battles.

##### Thursday, Sept. 29th

Roebing Museum's contribution to major bridges will be explored, followed by lunch aboard the battleship USS New Jersey.

##### Friday, Sept. 30th

Enjoy Princeton Battlefield and Morven Museum, then finish our tour by driving the Millstone, followed by our closing banquet



### Tour Contacts

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### REGISTRATION

Registration begins on May1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2022, or until filled, with a 175 car limit. Hotel Details will be included in the confirmation email. Applications will be available on:  
NJ Region website: <https://njregionaaca.com>  
and the VMCCA website: <https://vmcca.org>



For cars manufacture prior to 1943 as originally built, only safety modifications permitted

### History

New Jersey played a central role and critical role during the Revolutionary War. In fact, George Washington and his armies spent over a third of their time here. Nearly 300 engagements occurred in New Jersey, more than the combined total of all clashes within all of the remaining 12 original American Colonies!



## NJ REGION AACA Minutes August, 2022, #756

The 756<sup>th</sup> NJ Region AACA meeting was held in person at the East Stroudsburg VFW and called to order at approximately 12:00 P.M. by President Gregory Roser, who led members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests and New members in attendance:** Brian & Sarah Pritchett brought a horde! Tom, Pat, & Brooke Fehley (1992 Chevy Pickup), Kevin Orlik & David Boyd (passengers, Brian Pritchett's 1950 Oldsmobile), Jerry Cirka & Alison Kelly (modern).

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by John Quattrocchi to accept the Secretary's minutes from the July meeting; Abe Platt seconded this motion, and all members in attendance were in favor with none opposed.

**Correspondence, Sarah Pritchett:** None.

**Treasurer's Report, Tim Schimmel:** A motion was made by Abe Platt, seconded by Brian Pritchett, and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

### President's Report, Gregory Roser:

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1. "Thank you" to all who attended today at this great location, despite the distance from home. Special thanks to Pete Cullen, chairman of this event, and to all who brought side dishes and desserts. The cost for the main meal has been paid by the Region.

**Activities, Paul Wolfmeyer:** Activities were reported by President Greg Roser as VP Paul Wolfmeyer was running late.

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1. Abe Platt is chairing a few events (please contact him if interested in attending):
  - a. 8/21 Brightview Senior Living, Warren: need minimum of 10 cars in order to receive full donation. 12:30 P.M. assembly and show will be from 1-3:30 P.M. with lunch, an ice cream truck, and a DJ provided.
  - b. September 5<sup>th</sup> South Plainfield Labor Day Parade- a minimum of 12 cars is required for our participation. We will be in the front and our cars will be announced. We will receive a \$400 donation. We currently have one car, and a convertible or open-top car is needed to transport the Grand Marshall.
  - c. 9/7 Boonton Care Center
  - d. 9/17 Brookdale West Orange
2. 8/28, Warren Haven, Chaired by Carole Durna. It will run from 12-3 P.M. Please contact Carole if

you are interested in attending this event. The center will supply lunch, but as always, she will provide extra goodies. The picnic area is shaded, and the directions will be printed in The Road Map.

3. 9/1 is our next Region meeting here at Morris Plains VFW.
4. 9/25 is Chester Oktoberfest
5. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (October) has been canceled due to the theatre being closed. Brenda Zimmerman, chairperson, will be stepping down after next year's event.

### Glidden Tour, Vince DeLisi & Jerry Peck:

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1. Jerry has all the tours under control.
2. "Glidden Gazettes" and tour books are almost ready.
3. One-hundred-seventeen cars and two-hundred-fifty people are expected to attend; there are more passengers.
4. Volunteers are needed for Registration (Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza).
5. Budget is in good shape (Suds Reddy in charge).
6. All tour masters were thanked for their hard work and dedication.

### Fall Foliage Tour/Lukan's Farm Resort, Pete Cullen:

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1. This event was once in danger of being canceled due to lack of participation/interest; however, the minimum number of cars has been met, so it is on! There are 11 cars signed up in total.
2. Pete will be working on this event as soon as today's picnic is over. Contact Pete if you have any ideas for tour stops.

**Sunshine Report, Sarah Pritchett:** Al Danner had kidney stones; Ron Peles has been diagnosed with cancer and is not doing well at all. Cards will be sent out.

**50/50, Bob Smith:** In Bob's absence, member Anthony Cecala pulled tickets for the drawing. Congratulations to the following winners!  
Jan & Nellie Eyeran, Vince DeLisi, Alex & Barbara Soultanis, Jan Eyeran, Patricia Fehley, Pat Quattrocchi, Betty Allen, Anthony Cecala, & Sarah Pritchett!

**Next meeting will be held** Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at Morris Plains VFW.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Pritchett #1404S, Secretary





# 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass

**Carol & Rick Weingart**

The story of how my wife Carol and I came to own a 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass started 55 years ago when my father-in-law presented Carol with a Green 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass as a graduation gift. At the time, I was stationed at McCoy AFB in Orlando, FL at the time a sleepy little town in the middle of Florida (not so sleepy now but 54 years ago it wasn't much). McCoy AFB is now Orlando International Airport. A year after Carol's graduation, we got married and headed to Florida in the Oldsmobile pulling a U-Haul. For the next two years, we drove the Oldsmobile all over Florida to Miami, Kennedy Space Center, MLB spring training games and back to New Jersey. We kept the car for 6-7 years, but eventually it came time to think about a bigger car or station wagon as we were ready to have baby #2. So, we parted with the Oldsmobile and moved on.

Fast forward...years 48 and 2017 is coming up and it will be 50 years since we hit the road to Florida in Carol's 1967 Oldsmobile. I hit it out of the park for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a 1962 Buick Electra 225, Convertible so how was I going to top that? Looking back at albums, I see the Oldsmobile on the beach in Daytona, in front of deco hotels in Miami, and spring training games for the Dodgers and Yankees. We brought our daughter home from the hospital in the Olds. I decided for our 50th wedding anniversary, I would find that 67 Oldsmobile or one just like it.



I started a quest for THE CAR with the search focusing on: Aspen Green, black interior and vinyl top. I thought how hard could it be to find a car that was one of Oldsmobile's most popular models as thousands were produced. I had looked for the Oldsmobile for her Birthday with no luck, so I prepared for a long search. I joined the Oldsmobile Club of America and advertised monthly looking for a 1967 Aspen Green Oldsmobile coupe with vinyl top but nothing happened. I guess it wasn't out there. I got calls about red, yellow and different shades of green, and fellow car enthusiasts would tell me just repaint the car, but that is not the plan I had in mind.



The outlook was looking bleak, and here it was December of 2017 and I had less than a year to go, when I received a call from Brian Anderson, an Oldsmobile Club member in Minnesota, telling me he has the Oldsmobile I am looking for. The car was in a storage garage with bad lighting, but the color looked good. Brian said we would have to wait for the snow to melt to get it outside. Brian had bought the car 10 years earlier in California in hopes of reselling it. When the snow finally melted he got the Oldsmobile outside and sent more pictures. It was the one - correct color interior and the Green I wanted, but it did not have a black vinyl roof. I knew I could put vinyl on so I bought the car.

In July of 2018, I made arrangements to ship the Oldsmobile to Somerset Hills Classics in Bernardsville, New Jersey to have it checked out and put the vinyl top

## 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH PLAINFIELD LABOR DAY PARADE

Monday, September 5, 2022

10:30 AM (Line-up and Check-in) Parade kicks off at Noon

on. We were down to crunch time with only weeks to go. Our plan was to go to a Somerville Cruise night and have the car on the street for the presentation, but rain cancelled that event. Then my wife decided she wanted to go to Florida for our anniversary, so now we are down to one week. My son and daughter come up with the plan for a family dinner before we left for Florida. We went to the Stirling Inn located in Stirling. A family friendly place for kids, and a lawn area to park cars. My son-lawn drove the car to Stirling and parked it away from where we were sitting. While Carol was distracted, I drove the



Oldsmobile right up to where we are sitting so she could see it, the rest, as they say is History. Pictures show it went over very well, and we are having so much fun in the same car we drove 50 plus year ago.

After getting to know the Oldsmobile we discovered it was assembled in Fremont, CA, and came with an Anti-Pollution system. We also realized that after 50 years the front seats and carpet were worn and deteriorated to the point where they needed to be replaced with new original carpet and upholstery. The headliner, door panels and rear seat upholstery were in good shape, as was the dash and steering wheel, which did not have a mark or scratch. The dash lights were replaced with LED lights which made a huge difference from the old bulbs for night driving.

A real surprise was when the carpet and upholstery were being replaced and under the seats was a perfect set of California Black and Gold License Plates.



The Oldsmobile was featured in the short film "Night of the Living Richards" as a spoof on Night of the Living Dead which had a Pontiac and the Oldsmobile was used as part of the spoof. The Movie can be found on U-Tube.

Submitted by Rick Weingart #1513

We have been invited to the annual Labor Day Parade in South Plainfield, and they will provide a donation of \$400 to the NJ Region for our participation. **In order to receive that donation, we need to have 12 or more antique vehicles, including one open-top vehicles to receive the donation.** The open-top vehicle will carry the Honorary Grand Marshall. The Parade Theme is "PARADE AROUND THE WORLD". There are awards for parade entries and one of them is Best Antique Vehicle.

Please let me know which vehicle (year, make, model) you will be driving so that they can announce your vehicle as it passes the reviewing stand.

Dick is driving the Model A as a rolling speaker.



We are to assemble at 10:30 AM at the South Plainfield P.A.L. Recreation Center, 1250 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. The parade kicks off at Noon

and we will be at or near the front of the parade. Immediately after the parade, we can display our antique vehicles at the Veteran's Memorial Park at 327 Elm Street (behind the South Plainfield Senior Center). They will provide us with some spaces for our vehicles. Directions will be provided to reach the display area without interfering with the parade that is still proceeding. Come join your fellow NJ Region Members. Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact me (see below). If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319 to confirm day of event activity. There may or may not be a rain date as that has yet to be determined.

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# 1959 Hillman Minx



**Minx being delivered to Doug Bragg in Maryland**

This is the story of a funny little car that belonged to several members of the New Jersey Region. The story actually started for me back in the 1990's when I was contacted by Doug Bragg of Baltimore, Maryland. His first car had been a 1959 Hillman Minx "Special" back when he was high school and he was looking for another one. I gave him some possible sources and suggested that he subscribe to Hemmings Motor News. A few years later Doug located a car being sold out of a large car collection in the Hamptons of Long Island. Given the timing and location, I always wondered if it had been part of Henry Austin Clark's old museum. Doug told me that when he got the car it was covered with tree sap and required extensive cleaning to get through the sticky goo. He also said that the car had originally come from West Virginia. Doug did a great deal of work on the car, even going to England to obtain a complete, new brake system. This included wheel cylinders, a master cylinder, lines and relined brake shoes. Not content with one Hillman, Doug purchased a 1962 Minx "1600" sedan and then a 1960 Minx convertible (but with a 1958 engine), a 1958 sedan for parts and finally an immaculately restored 1959 Hillman Minx Deluxe sedan from a retired Hillman



**The Minx at Doug's house**

dealer in Montreal, Canada. The Canadian fellow even had all of the original decals installed on the car. Doug was instrumental in founding the "Hillman List" on the internet and built a garage to house his growing collection of Hillmans. Then sadly, tragedy struck. Doug was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer and only given a short time to live. Even though he had good medical coverage, he still needed some money. As the 1959 Minx Special was his favorite car, he offered it to me for \$1,000. I had recently sold my 1973 Plymouth Cricket (which was the American version of the Hillman Avenger) so I had an empty spot in my old car garage. I bought the car and trailered it back to New Jersey. Unfortunately, although Doug had done much work on the car it still needed many things done to it. The most vital being new front and rear window rubber. I was able to source new (recently made) rubber from Scott's Old Rubber in Australia. Unfortunately Doug had worn through the paint in trying polish the car so a local paint

shop did a respray for me in the original black color. As a side note, I arranged for Doug to sell the 1959 DeLuxe sedan to another friend of mine (and Hillman nut) Craig Burlingame of Seattle. I took the car to a number of British car meets and noticed that the oil pressure fell off once the car was warm. This was not an un-common problem in Hillmans (and Sunbeam Alpines) and was caused by a worn out spring in oil pressure relief valve. An afternoon's work allowed me to convert the oil pressure valve to an adjustable one and the oil pressure was back to where it should be. In 2011 I joined the



**In front of my house the day Earle picked it up**

New Jersey region and quickly became friends with both Earle Genges and Mat Varzi. Earle was the old fellow who looked like Santa Claus and had a number of very collectable old cars. He had a rather beat up MG Magnette sedan, a very nice Triumph TR6, a restored Willys Jeepster, a Triumph 2000 roadster and an unrestored Jowett Jupiter. He and I ran into each other at the various British car shows throughout northern New Jersey, including the New Jersey Triumph club's show in Hillsborough, just down the road from Earle's house. Earle fell in love with my 1959 Minx and offered to buy it from me many times. Finally I succumbed as he really liked the car. I sold it to him for \$2,000 which represented a loss to me because I had put much more than that into it (the paint alone cost that much). Earle enjoyed taking the car to local shows and it was even at the last Automatic Switch Company show of the New Jersey Region. Unfortunately I did not know that Earle, like Doug before him also had terminal cancer. Earle had pancreatic cancer and died about a year after I sold him the car. Earle's estate was handled by New Jersey Region member Matt Varzi. Matt sold off Earle's house, cars etc and donated the money to charities that Earle had named. The Minx went to a buyer in Connecticut. This fellow quickly flipped the car to a buyer in California. Unfortunately I do not know what happened to the car after that.



**Me and Earle when I came over to his house to do an oil and filter change**

Submitted by: Jan Eyerman NJAACA#1459



## NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

12:30 to 4:00 PM



Location: 132 Evergreen Road, Edison, NJ (732) 452-4258.

On Sunday, September 11, 2022 (National Grandparents' Day) we are scheduled to conduct our Fourth Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Veterans at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. This is an event to honor and appreciate the sacrifices made by these veterans to keep this country safe. The Supervisor of Recreation, Christine Caratozzolo, will again be our hostess for this event. The NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park is located at 132 Evergreen Road, Edison, NJ 08837; (732) 452-4258. Our arrival is scheduled for around 12:30 PM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the east side of the facility, prior to the main parking lots. The car display is from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Since we participate in this event for our military veterans, we have asked our friends in the Central Jersey Military Motor Pool as well as any NJ Region members with military vehicles to participate. In 2021 we had 38 antique vehicles including two military jeeps participating. Christine and I would like to exceed that number in 2022. We will be provided with lunch while the veterans, accompanied/assisted by family members and the facility's staff, venture outside to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. Our friend DJ "Hot Rod" Mike will again be providing the music as he has for the previous three events. As they did in past years, residents, family, and staff will be selecting their favorite vehicles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA and other car clubs as well as the members of this community. Please let me know by Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Caratozzolo with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com). If the weather is threatening, please contact me on my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 18, 2022.

I will need a couple of helpers to assist in parking vehicles for this event, and, since Ms. Caratozzolo has asked that we handle the voting process for people's choice again, we will need to collect and count the votes cast. As in the past, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be presented. I have included both the 2022 WISH LIST and the 2022 CLOTHING ROOM WISH LIST for the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo

Park and ask that you consider making either a monetary or material donation to the Veterans' Home (See page 21) for either or both of these lists regardless of whether or not you participate in this event. However, I do encourage you to participate.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

### *DIRECTIONS:*

From US Route 1 North or South: Take the Exit for Parsonage Road north (Menlo Park Mall).

Proceed north on Parsonage Road (County Rd 627) to Oakwood Ave. Turn right onto Oakwood Ave.

and proceed to the entrance to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home ground (big sign on side of road).

Evergreen Road is just before the sign. **DO NOT TURN ONTO EVERGREEN ROAD.** Turn right onto the entrance road just past the Big Sign and follow the drive around the front of the facility to our designated area, which will be to the left of the Big American Eagle at the front of the complex. Turn left as you pass the Eagle and proceed straight to our assembly area. From Route 27 North or South: Turn right or left onto Parsonage Road south (Menlo Park Mall). Proceed south on Parsonage Road (County Rd 627) to Oakwood Ave. Turn left onto Oakwood Ave. and proceed as above.

Respectfully Submitted

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

## Brookdale West Orange Senior Living

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM



We have the OND Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents and staff of the Brookdale West Orange Senior Living facility, 520 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052 (973) 325-5700, to Saturday, September 17, 2022, which is the last day of National Assisted Living Week. We have been requested to participate in this event by the Claire Bridge Program Manager (Memory Care Unit), Mariam Andalibi. We have a history with Ms. Andalibi on conducting Antique Automobile Enjoyment Events at other facilities since 2017. Our arrival time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the rear of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 until 3:00 PM. We will be provided with lunch as a thank you for our participation while the residents, their families, the staff, and the public walk around to look at our beautiful antique automobiles. There will be music and other activities for all to enjoy. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please note that **Brookdale West Orange will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Please let me know by September 13<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Andalibi with an idea of





how many people and cars we can expect. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com). If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319 to confirm day of event activity. The rain date for this event Sunday, October 9, 2022. Thank you for your participation.

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

#### DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. I-287 (North): Take Exit 39 to NJ Rt 10 East (Mount Pleasant Ave.). Continue on Rt 10 to Prospect Ave. Turn right at the traffic light onto Prospect Ave. The Brookdale facility is on the left. Turn left into the drive with the blue and white Arden Courts sign. Brookdale and Arden Courts occupy the same campus. Proceed to the rear of the Brookdale building which is on your right as you drive in.

From Rt. I-287 (South): Take Exit 40A to Parsippany Rd. South (Rt 511). Continue to NJ Rt 10 East (Mount Pleasant Ave.). Turn right onto Rt 10 East and follow the directions above.

From Rt. I-280 (East or West): Take exit 8A or 8B onto Prospect Avenue and proceed south to the Mount Pleasant Ave. / Prospect Ave intersection (traffic light). Continue on Prospect Ave. to the Brookdale facility, which is on the left. Turn into the drive with the blue and white Arden Courts sign. Proceed to the rear of the Brookdale building which is on your right as you drive in.

From Rt. I-78 or NJ Rts 22, 24 & 124): Head to "The Mall in Short Hills" and take JFK Blvd north to NJ Rt 10. Turn right onto Rt 10 and proceed as above (I-287 North directions).



## Lukan's Farm Resort Hawley, PA

October 14-16, 2022: This year's annual "Fall Foliage Tour", featuring a stay and four meals at Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA is again scheduled for the weekend after Hershey. At this writing, all 11 rooms are spoken for, and Lukan's is completely booked. As Lukan's other rooms may have a cancellation, we are setting up "standby" for the weekend stay. We are in the process of finalizing the tour stops for Friday and Saturday, so if you wish to join us at the first tourist stop on Friday, the first day of the tour, please drop me an email at [oldcarz57@aol.com](mailto:oldcarz57@aol.com) so I can add you to the excursion. We are looking forward to another interesting, if not relaxing, fall weekend with our fellow Region members! Pete Cullen (NJAACA #1140) @ 973-650-2957 [oldcarz57@aol.com](mailto:oldcarz57@aol.com) and Anthony Cecala (NJAACA #1507) @ 973-214-6653 [tat2scout23@gmail.com](mailto:tat2scout23@gmail.com)  
Fall Foliage Tour Co-Masters

## Boonton Care Center

### (Fallsview Rehabilitation & Nursing)

Wednesday, September 7, 2022;  
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM



The NJ Region AACA website was contacted by Ms. Trish Wilz, Director of Recreation at the Boonton Care Center, a Fallsview Rehabilitation & Nursing facility, requesting that we present an Antique Car Show for their residents. I visited and spoke with Ms. Wilz to obtain details and view the facility. We discussed setting up a date for an Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the residents and staff with lunch being provided to the antique vehicle owners. Our arrival time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area located at the front of the facility. The car display is from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. We will be provided a BBQ lunch at Noon and the residents will have their lunch at 12:30 PM.

Please let me know by September 5<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Wilz with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. **Please also note that the Boonton Care Center will provide a donation to the NJ Region for our participation.** Please note that this event is not open to the general public. Face masks may be required for all participants and must be worn at all times if required except when eating lunch.

Please be mindful of these requirements. Thank you for your participation.

Come join your friends, and the residents and staff of this nursing facility. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email [abeplatt@aol.com](mailto:abeplatt@aol.com). If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity. Day of event mobile phone (732) 433-5319.

Submitted by:

Abe Platt, Event Chair #1524

#### ADDRESS & DIRECTIONS:

The facility is located at 199 Powerville Road, Boonton Township, NJ 07005. It is on the west side of Powerville Road halfway between the Boonton Municipal Building and the Boonton Township Fire Department. Look for the sign at the edge of the driveway and you will see the facility behind a large white historic building.

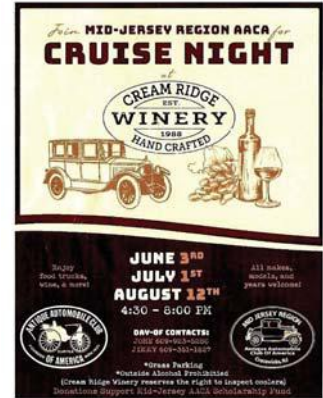


## Oktoberfest and Car Show

September 24th & 25th

Chubb Park, Rt 24, Chester, NJ Sunday September 25th is "NJ Region day" and is a points event. Bring your Children & Grandkids, there is lots to see and do. Great food & drink, Live music, etc. You will receive a dash plaque, plus food coupons worth \$10.00. Do not forget your lawn chairs. See flyer on page 15.

Questions call: P.J. Ehmann 908-876-4800



## ? FALL MYSTERY TOUR ?

Bill Pritchett; (it's a mystery!)

October 22 (Rain or Shine)

On Saturday, October 22, rev up your engines because we will be off on another adventure. This will be an indoor venue so you do not need to worry about the weather. This time of year should be great for leaf watching. Make sure you have a full tank of gas as we will be driving through the countryside. This year's clue is "last minute again". Bring some cash with you to pay the admission (\$10 or under TBD).

We will meet at the Hampton Diner, 36 Hampton House Rd (Route 206 N), Newton, NJ 07860 (973-383-1550) and leave around 10:00 am.

After a drive through the country to our destination, we will be going to my friend's house on the lake for lunch. Please bring your lunch and your chairs to sit on his spacious deck. Some of you may have been there previously. The lake has been drained and refilled so the water will not be the same as your last time there. You will be able to purchase food if you do not want to bring a lunch. In case of rain, his house will accommodate 60 people so come join us.

If you have any questions, please call me at 908-534-9069. Day of tour please call me on my cell phone at 908-581-0411.

Directions: The Hampton Diner is about 13 miles north on Route 206 from I-80, exit 25. It is about 1/2 mile on the right side after you pass ShopRite. Bill Pritchett (NJAACA #963) Event Chair

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## Donations for previously homeless Veterans

living in the Section 8 Housing at the Lyons VA Hospital complex. In addition to gently worn clothing items and personal care products, their needs include such simple everyday items as paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, laundry detergents (liquid & pods), cleaning products, hand soap, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Abe Platt is collecting any of these items at our monthly meetings. Abe will also make arrangements to collect donations at your home or at his home. Abe's home number is (732) 752-6341.

Give a man a woman; he will be happy for the night.

Give a man a woman who loves cars; he will be happy for life.

Bobbi Bettel

## Anniversaries/Birthdays

With all the changes due to Covid and other interferences, I would like to update the records for all members who would like to have either their birthday and/or wedding anniversaries in the Road Map. I only need the date of the birthday, month and day. For the anniversary, please give me the date and year.

Thank you,

Bill Pritchett NJAACA #963 908-534-9069  
[njaaca@gmail.com](mailto:njaaca@gmail.com)



# Chester Lions NJ Charitable Foundation, Inc.



## Car Show and Oktoberfest

September 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Noon until 8:00 p.m.

Chubb Park, Rt. 24, Chester, NJ

Family Fun, Games, Great Food, Friendship



**Classic, Muscle, Modified, Customized Vehicles, and Motorcycles. All Years to Present.**

You are invited to display your vehicle in a special parking area at our annual Oktoberfest fundraiser.

**Free** admission to Oktoberfest and food coupon provided for those who show their cars or trucks.

Come spend the day with us and enjoy German food, beverages, and live band music. Need not stay all day.

Please arrive early by 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact **John** at **1-973-543-4680**; or mail checks to:

**The Chester Lions NJ Charitable Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 126, Chester, NJ 07930**

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Email: [chesterlionsclubNJ.com](mailto:chesterlionsclubNJ.com) Website: <http://www.chesterlionsclub.com>

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS Oktoberfest EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO WORTHY CHARITIES

Please contact Dr. John LeFand at 1-973-543-4680 for more information

**CAR ENTRY FEE** (per-registration): \$15.00 per day/per car

**CAR ENTRY FEE** (at the gate): \$20.00 per day/per car

### INCLUDED IN ADMISSION

FREE ADMISSION to Oktoberfest (Driver and one {1} guest) \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 value

Free food coupon \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 value

DASH PLAQUES • 50/50 RAFFLES DURING BOTH DAYS • TROPHIES AWARDED 4:00 PM

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I am committed to: Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle(s) Year/Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Brake Rotor Replacement

We will conclude our ongoing series on brake system work by discussing disc brake rotor replacement in some detail. First, some important points: While disc brake pads are designed to wear out (actual service time depends greatly on driving habits, however, a good generalization is that a typical set of pads will last between 10,000 and 40,000 miles), it is NOT necessary to replace the brake discs or rotors every time the pads are replaced! If a repair shop recommends rotor replacement, you are well within your rights to ask why. The rotor wear surface will show some groove marks, which are completely normal. The concern is, how deep are those grooves? A simple rule-of-thumb is to check whether a fingernail catches on a groove. If not, then it is likely that the rotor is still serviceable. If a fingernail does catch, then some more precise measuring is called for. The most important measurement is overall rotor thickness. It is required that a number representing "minimum thickness" be stamped somewhere on the rotor. If a micrometer measurement reveals that the rotor has worn to a point less than this minimum thickness, it must be replaced.

What about rotor resurfacing or machining? When I started my professional automotive career in the 1970s, rotor machining was a very popular service repair. However, two things have changed since then. Forty years ago, rotors were thicker, so that machining a few thousandths of an inch from them was unlikely to make them too thin. The other big change over the last half-

century has been the flip-flop in the parts/labor ratio. When I was a pup, labor was (relatively) cheap and parts were pricey. Today, it's the opposite. My own suggestion is that if your car's rotors are worn, replacing them with new is the better option over a resurfacing repair, and may not cost any more money than the machine shop work. When you're ready to replace rotors, the brake



caliper must be unbolted from the car. Look at any disc brake assembly photo and you will see that the caliper "straddles" the rotor; it must do so for the pads to clamp on the disc. On fixed caliper systems (pistons on both sides of the caliper), the entire caliper is unbolted and swung out of the way. On floating or sliding caliper systems (piston or pistons on only one side of the caliper), the main portion of the caliper is unbolted and swung out of the way AND the caliper bracket must be

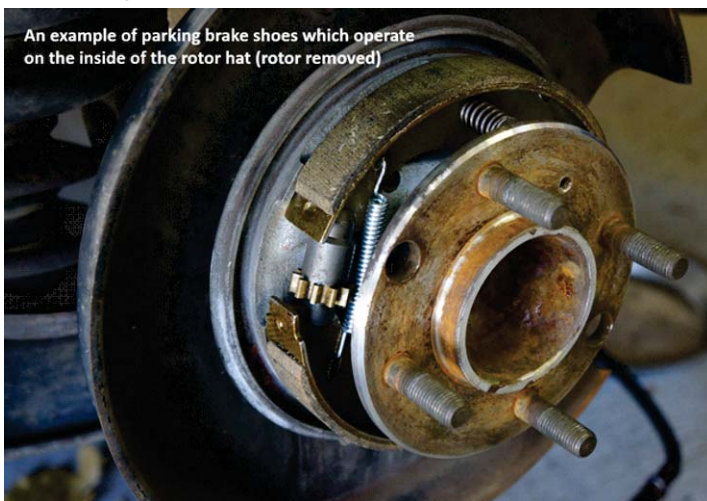


unbolted and removed.

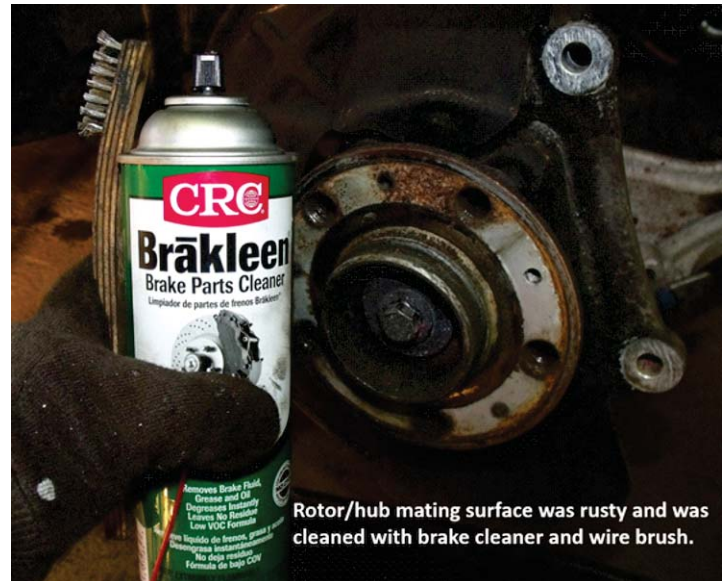
Don't make this rookie mistake: **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DISCONNECT THE HYDRAULIC BRAKE LINE FROM THE CALIPER WHEN REPLACING THE ROTOR.** As you line up your tools to



perform the job, before you unbolt the caliper, have at hand a piece of mechanic's wire or some strong bungee cords. I keep some old wire clothes hangers at hand, which I have cut to various lengths and have pre-bent hooks into their ends. When you unbolt the caliper, do NOT let it hang by its hydraulic line or hose! Swing it upward and use the wire/bungee cord to suspend the caliper from a suspension component. If you have undone the hydraulic line, you'll need to bleed the system, a totally unnecessary part of the job. With the caliper out of the way, on some cars, the rotor will pop right off. Some vehicles hold the rotor in place with a small set screw; be careful, as that set screw may be hidden by rust or dirt. If the rotor does not come off by hand, use a hammer and make some light taps around the center, or "hat", which can dislodge any corrosion that may be holding the rotor in place. Many cars have a parking brake assembly consisting of a set of brake shoes operating on the inside of the rotor's "hat". I have had cases where such a parking brake mechanism has rusted badly, making it extremely difficult to remove the rotor. I've had to use the BFH to get the rotor off. But be careful – you don't want to damage the parking brake, wheel bearing, or axle assembly. In a worst-case scenario, spray some rust-busting solvent around the area and give it a few hours to penetrate.



With the caliper out of the way, on some cars, the rotor will pop right off. With the old rotor off, it's time to install the new rotor. And here's another Best Practice: before installing it, clean the contact surfaces with brake cleaner or a similar solvent. New rotors are coated with a film to protect them from rusting during shipping and storage. You want to remove that film from both sides before mounting it to the car.



As the repair manuals love to state, "assembly is the reverse of disassembly". But first, use a wire brush to remove any rust build-up on the mating surfaces. Reattach the set screw holding the rotor in place. Reinstall the caliper and bracket. I'm sure those mounting bolts were very tight when you removed them; they must be equally tight on reinstallation. It's a good idea to look up the torque spec for them and use a torque wrench. Some techs like to use a locking fluid on the caliper bolts, although I have personally not seen the need for that if the bolts are torqued correctly. While reinstalling the caliper, depending on whether you are servicing the pads at the same time, take the time to lubricate the sliding pins; it's best to use a specific brake lubricant for that job. And of course, keep that lube off the rotor contact surfaces!

When starting the car for its first drive after rotor replacement, the same warning applies as when the pads are replaced. While the car is in Park (or in neutral with the parking brake applied), pump the brake pedal a few times until you feel a hard firm pedal. Try to avoid any hard brake pedal applications for the first several hundred miles. Let's hope you don't need to replace the rotors again for many tens of thousands of miles!

**Next time: we will examine a car's steering systems.**







## NJ Region Summer Tour

NY Finger Lakes, Northern Area  
July 28th to August 1st, 2022

Once again, we were able to muster up 10 member families to conduct a 2022 NJ Region Summer Tour! The group consisted of 21 people traveling in six classic cars and four modern vehicles, and over the five day tour, we managed to schedule 10 official stops, traveling a distance of about 725 miles roundtrip from the opening breakfast diner and back to the NJ state line at the Delaware Water Gap. Each day provided beautiful summer weather, and to the knowledge of the tourmasters, there were no mechanical issues for the tourists!

Bill selected another great host hotel for us, a Homewood Suites. Each of us had a full apartment set up! Every day started with a great breakfast in the lobby, prior to departing for each day's touring from the convenient location. Preliminary plans are to revisit this location for the 2023 Region Summer tour! Here is a rundown of the daily activities:

**Day 1 – Thursday:** After meeting in the Mt. Bethel Diner, our first stop was the Central New York Living



History Center in Cortland, NY. The Center is a three-in-one set of divergent museums: (1) the Brockway Museum which housed many trucks produced by the Brockway Truck Company, originally located in Cortland, NY; (2) the Homeville Military Museum, a collection of Military items spanning the Civil War through the Gulf War, local



history, and model railroad layouts. A Vietnam War-era tank, a Jeep, and a GMC transport truck from the Korean War, as well as a wooden Thompson boat made in Cortland are also included; and (3)



Tractors of Yesteryear Museum, antique tractors and farm equipment from the Central NY Tractor Club. Also featured in the agricultural display is "Grandma's Parlor" which is a rural living area that showcases early items that were seen in parlors,





kitchens and households across early America.

**Day 2 – Friday:** A busy day. First, we took a scenic 1 hour ride to the Auburn NY Welcome Center with its



exhibition titled “Seeing Equal Rights in NYS”. Harriet Tubman, who was instrumental in helping



lead slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad was a centerpiece of the exhibit. We also visited U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward’s house. Seward signed a treaty with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for \$7 million (approximately



two cents an acre). Seward was also a target of the plot to assassinate Lincoln and top governmental officials. He was attacked on the same night, at

approximately the same time, as the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Still in Auburn, we went to the Willard Memorial Chapel which was designed and built between 1892-1894 by Tiffany and Co. The Chapel is believed to be the only



complete and unaltered Tiffany chapel known to exist. Included in the interior are 14 opalescent windows, a rose window, a large figure window of Jesus and Peter, nine Mooresque styled chandeliers, memorial tablets of glass mosaic tile and gilt bronze, furnishings of oak inlaid with metal and glass mosaic, a ceiling with gold leaf stencils and mosaic flooring. The tour of the Chapel was followed by a leisurely drive to Skaneateles. The 44th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show was



being held on the beach, and we wandered around looking at the festival offerings. Docked along the pier were quite a few midcentury boats including a 1932 Chris-Craft Model 300, a 1955 Penn Yan Sealiner and a 1955 Wagemaker Wolverine. After lunch, we all boarded the Judge Ben Wiles tour boat for a narrated one hour ride on the lake. Afterwards, a one hour scenic drive back to the hotel.

**Day 3 – Saturday:** Another 1 hour scenic drive brought us to Sacketts Harbor, where we visited the United Presbyterian Church. The original buildings (built in 1819) were destroyed by a fire in the village in 1843; a second building was destroyed by fire in April 2, 1899. A new building was constructed on the same site, cornerstone laid September 5,





1899, and dedicated August 2, 1900. It was built of brick to minimize damage in case of another fire in the village. A tower was built to house 10 chimes and the village library. By 1920, the library had



outgrown its space and is now located next door. We had two musicians in our fold, who took advantage of the opportunity to play the original pipe organ in the church, to the pleasure of all! After a quick tour of the village and self-guided tour of the Sackets Harbor Battlefield we enjoyed a picnic buffet lunch at the vintage family home of Region members Tex and Linda Sorrell, where Kathy Bagley played their antique pump organ to the delight of Linda Sorrell. As if we didn't have enough crammed into this day, we all went to Sorrell's cottage on Lake Ontario to enjoy a dip in the lake (which was warmer than the pool at the hotel!). A



quick change back into our clothes, and it was back to the hotel, then Tully's in Liverpool for dinner.

**Day 4 – Sunday:** Off on a scenic 45 minute drive to Oswego, where we toured the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum. A rather thought provoking example of generosity coupled with total thoughtlessness. The 982 men, women and children refugees who had been in concentration camps and escaped had been specially selected for the trip during WW2. They were families and survivors with skills that could help run a camp in America. The refugees were from all parts of Europe, had little ability to communicate with each other. It took the group two weeks to cross the ocean aboard a troop transport ship made for American soldiers, with bunks that



slept six stacked on top of each other. Half of the ship was full of wounded soldiers. The ship first pulled into New York harbor to the sight of the Statue of Liberty. After that symbol of freedom, however, there were other symbols awaiting them. A train, reminder of the ones bound for Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, carried the refugees north to a decommissioned military base at Fort Ontario. Barbed wire fences and military personnel greeted them at the fort's barracks - their new home. In juxtaposition to these sights, the "guests" of President Franklin D. Roosevelt were given food, shelter, an education and were accepted by the people of Oswego. Eventually, most decided to petition to stay in the United States. Next, the group walked over to visit the rest of the Fort Ontario State Historic Site, a star-shaped fort built on the ruins of



three earlier fortifications which were the site of three French and Indian War and two War of 1812 battles. The current fort dates to the early 1840's with 1863 to 1872 improvements. There are two guardhouses, a powder magazine, a storehouse, enlisted men's barracks, an Army office building and unfurnished officer's quarters, videos, exhibits, underground stone rooms with embrasures for firing guns or missiles and ramparts featuring magnificent views of Lake Ontario.



The H. Lee White Maritime Museum at Oswego contains displays on shipwrecks, old captain logs, and the old 1881 Fresnel light lens from the Port of Oswego lighthouse. The Museum's main facility was converted from a grain elevator that formerly rested on the northern end of the structure. The building has a steel frame, tile walls with a smooth



stucco exterior finish, and a plaster finished interior, the floors are concrete in construction. The museum is that its built right on the water, so when you are inside, it actually feels like you are on a ship. The museum is home to the U.S. Army Transport LT-5 Major Elisha K. Henson, a critical ship from World War II. Built in 1943, it was at the Normandy invasion in WWII. Her mission was to be a supply ship for the forces that were going out onto the shores. However, our guide pointed out the "downed plane" symbol on the smoke stack indicated that this ship was the only LT-5 to have shot down an enemy plane.

We were able to tour the 1927 Derrick Barge, which served as a work boat on the New York State Canal System, for almost 60 years. This barge did everything from repairing locks to ensuring other



boats had the supplies they needed. The Derrick itself can actually lift its own weight. The technology, is actually still used today.

**Day 5 – Monday:** On the way home, we stopped at the Norwich Auto Museum. With over 170 classic



and vintage cars and 28 motorcycles on display in 5 climate-controlled buildings, what's not to love. They have classic cars from the 20's to the 60's,



including some that Brooke sat in. Handmade Muscle cars including street rods and rat rods; a Pre-War Collection of electric, steam and combustion engines; a Post-War Collection from the late 40's through 1980's; Franklins, made from 1902-1934, including the 3rd one ever built and the







last one off the line. The “Made in New York” section showcasing O-we-go, Pierce Arrow and a Chenango Camper; Vintage Motorcycles and WWI and WWII Airplane Engines. If you love classic and



antiques cars, take the trip. It’s only around 188 miles from Parsippany! Well worth your time.

Tourists participating in this year’s tour: Roger and Kathy Bagley, 1987 Cadillac; Dick and Bobbi Bettie, 1965 Lotus; Pete Cullen and Anthony Cecala, 1993 Chevrolet; Craig and Vonne Kunz, 1966 Oldsmobile; Brian, Sarah and Brooke Pritchett, 1995 Pontiac; Paul and Helen Wolfmeyer, 1990



Chrysler; also Joe and Carol Durna, Bob and Pat Kapral, Greg and Joan Newell, and William and Gayle Stroeh travelling modern. Unfortunately, Duffy Bell, Al and Sue Danner, and Bill and Bette Pritchett originally planned to join the tour, but were not able to join in the tour this year. This tour made for a wonderful extended vacation weekend! Hope

you will consider joining the 2023 Tour, which might again be a return to explore additional attractions in the northern Finger Lakes area.

Pete Cullen, Jr. (NJAACA #1140) and Bill Pritchett (NJAACA #963) Event Co-Chairs

Photos by Roger & Kathy Bagley Dick & Bobbi Bettie, Anthony Cecala, Yvonne Kunz, Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer, Brian & Sarah Pritchett and Carol & Joe Durna.

**Day 4 - The Kunz’s alternate tour** As there was a Music Festival adjacent to the fort in Oswego that day, Yvonne and Craig were concerned about the crowds, they took a ride around Oneida Lake instead. First stop was at a lake side park in Cicero. Next stop Verona Beach. They saw antique cars along the road all day long. A return to the Train Museum at Central Square to visit the inside of the station and the train cars. Only open on Sundays. Amazing place! The Kunz’ next stop was at Fort Brewerton to check out that fort and the lighthouse,



and got treated to some local entertainment. Apparently the local kids like to jump off the RR bridge. According bystanders, the kids will sometimes climb to the top of the bridge and do back flips into the water. Oh, to be young and fearless. Next to the last stop - the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse. They also did some train watching.





## Revival Car Tour & BBQ

Saturday, August 13th:

On Saturday, August 13th fourteen members and a few friends joined Larry Solomayer, and Brian & Sarah Pritchett at Manville Dunkin' Donuts for a



lovely drive to Buccleuch Mansion (pronounced "Buck-loo"), a house built in the 1700's that saw



some action during the American Revolution as tourists today can see some remnant musket and



Buccleuch Park! The docents, led by Curator Katie Brommer, did such a wonderful job of retelling the story of the Dey and other prominent families that once lived within the mansions gorgeous walls



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which houses some of the original items belonging to those families, including a chair that General George Washington once sat in. Other prominent visitors include Alexander Hamilton, General Horatio Gates, John Hancock, Brigadier General Thaddeus Kosciusko, and even British General James Grant used the home as his headquarters during the British occupation. After the tour members took a leisurely drive back to Sarah & Brian's house in Manville where they were joined by a few other region members, family, and friends for a relaxing picnic where hopefully everyone left with full bellies and quenched thirst. The following



saber marks in its floors and banisters- hidden right in the middle of New Brunswick's beautiful





members were in attendance for one or both portions of this event (noted in parentheses): Larry Solomayer #1280 & Sarah Pritchett #1404S (passenger), 2000 Lincoln, Brian Pritchett #1404, Bob Abbott #1430 & guest Kevin Orlik, (passengers), 1950 Oldsmobile 88, Greg & June Roser #1398 & Bette Allen #1523 (passenger), 1990 Cadillac Brougham, Suds Reddy #1535, 1988 Cobra, Dick & Bobbi Bettie #1416, 1930 Ford, Daniel Ungar #1631, 1933 Pontiac, Mark & Barbara Pfunke #1655, 1938 Packard 8 convertible sedan, Guests Chris, Stef, Adeline, Mikayla, & Zacahary Hosgood, modern, Ed & Debbie Symonds #1292, 1955 Chevy Belair (tour only), Roger & Kathy Bagley #1477, 1978 Corvette (tour only), Abe & Anne Platt #1524, 1988 Mercury Cougar LS (picnic only), Bob & Barbara Petrich #795 1999 Plymouth Prowler (picnic only), Carole & Joe Durna #1335, modern (picnic only), Duffy Bell #966, modern (picnic only), Bill & Bette Pritchett #963, modern (picnic only)

Submitted by Sarah Pritchett

Pictures: Dan Unger, Bobbi Bettie, & June Roser



I first arrived a about 9am with the modern sedan loaded with all the picnic supplies, and to place a few 'Car Show' signs along the route, to help guide attendees to the VFW. Shortly after, I returned in my Mustang, and met past President Jerry who arrived early in his Catalina, to conduct a special meeting with the Region's Glidden planning team.

The crowd started rolling in a bit slower than usual this year. By 11:30am, I counted almost 60 people seated at the tables ready for the business meeting to begin. President Greg was able to conduct a much abbreviated business meeting. And then the big rush to the food line. I'll try to manage that a little better next year! But there was plenty of food and beverages for everyone.

## Annual Region Picnic & August Meeting

August 14, 2022

Wow, what a beautiful day for this year's Region Picnic! The East Stroudsburg VFW pavilion



provided a great destination for the Region to provide its membership the pleasure to meet in the foot of the Poconos for the third year in a row, to hold the 58th annual event. Your chairperson of 18 years really appreciates this venue as the VFW staff of chefs provide well prepared BBQ staples to the members on demand.

My request for members to bring their favorite side dishes/desserts to share was heeded, but it was obvious that this group favors desserts! I counted 59 members and guests in attendance, and 23 vintage automobiles in the parking lot.



Anthony and Carol organized a modified 50/50 in Mr. Smith's absence, and besides two lucky winners, we had 11 consolation drawings for the 'highly decorative' table center pieces. By 1:30pm, everyone had their fill of food and desserts, and were heading to their cars with additional chatting in the parking lot before their rides back to New Jersey.

Also, thanks to a few of the spouses for sticking around to help me set up and then clean the tables. I was the last car out at 2:45pm, with another fun picnic in the archives!

Pete Cullen, Jr. (NJAACA#1140)  
Picnic Chairman



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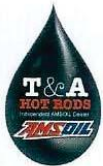
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