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President's Message

by Fred Goerlitz

Well, spring has finally sprung! It's a good time to get your professional cars out of hibernation and ready to be enjoyed not only by you but by people viewing them at shows and other events. I hope everyone has an enjoyable spring and I hope to see everyone at some of the events our Activities Director has planned. I have listed 2 below and there is more details about them in this issue of the Criterion.

The M&M show will be the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 28th). The registration form is available at www.hackettstownrotary.org or with this newsletter. Last year there were more than 500 cars here in Hackettstown. It is a great show every year.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter we will be dining at the Walpack Inn in Sussex County. The food alone is well worth the drive and the scenery along the way is spectacular. This is an event not to be missed.

Fred

Editor's Message

by Bill Marcy

In this issue, you will read an article and maybe two, if it comes in before this edition of The Criterion goes to bed, on the special professional car display at the America On Wheels Museum in Allentown, Pa on May 8th. This special display was arranged by PCS member Nicos "Nick" Elias of Allentown, Pa.

Also in this edition, you will see our schedule of upcoming events. These events include several car shows that we will try to attend as a group. We have a Northeast Chapter Lunch, which is written about elsewhere in this edition, and we also have the PCS Int'l Meet in Missouri. Please participate whenever you can, even if you don't own a professional car. Just have fun!

As I have previously stated, the Fourth Quarter 2017 Edition of The Criterion will be my last, as I intend to retire from my position as your editor. To be sure, I have loved and enjoyed being your newsletter editor for nearly five years. It has brought me great joy, to write about a number of subjects and hopefully you have enjoyed an article, or two, along way. But, it is time for a new editor, with new ideas and a new style of writing. It is not difficult and it is rewarding. So, please consider taking over the reins, your efforts will be appreciated.

NORTHEAST CHAPTER LUNCH at WALPACK INN, JUNE 11, 2017 at 1:00PM

The Northeast Chapter will be getting together for a lunch at the beautiful Walpack Inn in Walpack Twp. New Jersey. This lovely restaurant is located in the picturesque Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and is surrounded by lush vegetation and wildlife. The setting is a sight to behold. The

Walpack Inn is a beautiful restaurant and has a menu to satisfy all tastes and budgets. Everyone can order whatever they desire. If you are looking for a light lunch, or a gourmet meal, you can order exactly what you would like. I would appreciate an RSVP by June 4th, so that I can arrange seating with the Walpack

Inn. We will sit together and enjoy good conversation, while we enjoy fine dining and admire the surroundings. Please join us, if you possibly can, it is sure to be one of our most scenic and delicious lunches ever!

The Walpack Inn is located at 7 National Park Service Road
Walpack Township, NJ 07881

RSVP to Bill Marcy 201-954-3159 by June 4, 2017



America on Wheels

by Nick Elias

On April 8, the America on Wheels car museum in Allentown, PA was hosting an event called "Remembering Camp Crane: 100 years later." Camp Crane was established during the first World War in Allentown as a training camp for the U.S. Army ambulance service. Member Nick Elias met with the museum staff previously and they invited members of the PCS to display our vehicles just outside the museum. If the display was well received, they said, they will consider inviting us to show some of our vehicles inside as part of a 6-month rotating special display. The museum offered those of us displaying cars free admission for the day. The day was perfect & sunny; we had 8-9 vehicles on display outside with Jeff & Mary Hookway standing by with a banner and details about the club. Members attending were the Hookways, Nick, Mike & Vicky Barruzza, Gregg Merksamer, and members from nearby Mohnton Professional Car Club (Shawn, Richard, Sarah and Nikki.) Thanks to all who attended to make it a fun day!



Upcoming Events

May 21, 2017: North Jersey Auto Show at Bergen Community College, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM This is a fabulous show sponsored by the Restored Rusty Relics antique car club. This show raises thousands of dollars for charity and has been doing so for nearly forty years. Last year, they had nearly five hundred cars and trucks on the show field. It is a wonderful show, worthy of your consideration. If we get a few professional cars, we can park together. [Click here for the flyer and registration form.](#)

May 28, 2017: Memorial Motor Madness Car Show, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mars Chocolate High Street Hackettstown, NJ; Sponsored by Hackettstown Rotary Club [CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION FORM](#)[Click here for the flyer.](#)

June 11, 2017: Northeast Chapter Lunch at Walpack Inn 1:00 PM until ?: 7 National Park Service Road Walpack NJ 07881; Restaurant Phone 973-948-3890; Bill Marcy 201-954-3159 or bmarcy@optonline.net

July 20-22, 2017: PCS International Meet
Hampton Inn Lebanon, MO; for info: kennethhowe@earthlink.net

September 15th-17th, 2017: 11th Annual Hemmings Concours d'Elegance at Charles R. Wood Park in Lake George, NY The Concours will have a Featured Class for Pre-1980 Professional Vehicles during Sunday's main Concours, plus a Saturday "cruise-in" open to all from 8 AM-on. **NOTE THESE DATES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CHANGE OF VENUE FROM SARATOGA SPRINGS, ARE ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN INITIALLY REPORTED!** Any PCS member who wants to seek an invite for one of the dozen-or-so Sunday slots should send photos and a brief write-up on their car to Matthew Litwin at Hemmings Motor News Concours, 222 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201; phone Matthew at [800-227-4373](tel:800-227-4373), extension 79649; email concours@hemmings.com; or visit www.hemmings.com/concours

September 17, 2017 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Shook Funeral Home Car Show at the Van Houten Avenue Street Fair Calling all cars! Calling all cars! Street vendors, food, petting zoo, pony rides, live entertainment and music! Contact Roy Garretson at (973) 951-7757 or ShookFuneralHome@aol.com for registration and any questions

Classic Car Maintenance 101

by Bill Marcy

Spring and warmer weather have finally arrived! After a long Winter sleep, it is time to begin to wake our cars from their long slumber. It is very beneficial for the cars and the enjoyment of them, to wake them properly. Look for leaks of any kind, first and foremost. Since older cars have slight leaks, there are several key things to keep in mind. A small amount can look like a lot, when you see it on the concrete floor of your garage. If it is oil, transmission fluid, or gear oil from the rear end, it may not be cause for alarm. Very often, when a car sits idle, there will be seepage, due to shrinking seals and gaskets. Often, when you begin to use the car once again, seals and gaskets will swell and stop seeping. But, you should check your fluid levels, to be sure that you are not significantly low, meaning, any measurable amount. Where you should not take chances, is when you see coolant, or brake fluid. These items are not to be taken lightly. For example, coolant on the ground will mean you could have a leaky radiator, a leaky water pump, or a leaky hose. This can cause overheating and can definitely leave you on the side of the road. If you see brake fluid on your garage floor, you may have a leaky master cylinder, wheel cylinder, or a leaky brake line. Fix this immediately, as it is dangerous and could potentially cause brake loss and even an accident.

It is always recommended that you change the oil and filter in your classic car, a minimum of two times per year, regardless of how many miles you have driven the car. You should change your radiator coolant every two years. You should change your brake fluid every five years. Batteries do not seem to be reliable after four, or five years, so if it is over four years old, you should consider buying a new one. And this is a big one, if you run radial tires on your classic car, you should know that after five years, regardless of the miles they have gone and even if they look like new, you need to replace them, period. There have been a number of cases, where a seemingly good radial suffered a blowout, while driving and at least a couple of times, the car was damaged, or destroyed. I had a heated debate with someone, who told me I was wasting my money buying a new set of radials, when they appeared barely used. Upon removing the old tires, we discovered that they were rotten on the inside. I knew they did not feel like good tires, by a slight wobble when driving, but I was told that I was being extravagant. I sure was happy to ride in the car with its brand new radials.

Of course, I realize that many people will have different opinions about servicing a classic car that is what makes the world go around. And obviously, you will never prevent every problem; I am proof of that, as I have been stuck a few times on the road. Some people will not spend the money, when they feel it is unnecessary to do so and some of these items can be expensive. But, if you enjoy your classic and plan to own it for a while, these maintenance items are money well spent. They will help to ensure that your car starts, runs and stops safely and properly. They will ensure your car is dependable and will increase your driving pleasure.

In short, your classic car will return the favor. So check your fluids, change your oil, check your battery, tires and brakes and you will enjoy many miles of cruising pleasure.



For Sale

1968 Superior Pontiac ambulance, looks good, runs well, lots of work done, Protect-O-Plate and history, many pictures.

Asking \$18,500, or reasonable offer.

Please call Bill Marcy (201) 342-4871



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