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Northeast Chapter Picnic Sunday, July 17, 2016

by Bill Marcy

The Northeast Chapter has once again been invited to a picnic at the lovely home of Donna and Paul Vickery in Millington, New Jersey. We always have a wonderful time either hanging out on the huge front porch, walking around their gorgeous grounds admiring the professional cars, or just eating and chatting with our friends. If you have been there before, you already want to attend, if you have not had the pleasure yet, please come, you will have a fabulous time.

This picnic is a rain, or shine event. If we are blessed with nice weather, please bring a professional car, if you have one to bring, we love hanging around our cars and talking. In the event of foul weather, you may not wish to bring a professional car, but we will still have the picnic, either on the porch, or inside the Vickery's gorgeous home.

We request that you RSVP to Bill Marcy, no later than July 12th. We also would like everybody to bring a small appetizer, side dish, or dessert, as we have done in the past. The Vickery's will supply the burgers, hot dogs, etc. for the grill.

We will gather at, or after 2:00 PM, with the grill starting around 4:30 or 5:00 PM. The appetizers and side dishes, soda and beer will be available upon arrival. Believe me, you will not be hungry. Please come and enjoy!

Sunday July 17, 2016 at 2:00 PM **Rain or Shine!**

RSVP to Bill Marcy (201) 342-4871

Bring a small appetizer, side dish, or dessert and a professional car

Donna & Paul Vickery's Home
1434 Long Hill Road
Millington, New Jersey 07946
Phone (908) 604-7990

Photos from Previous Chapter Picnics:



*Paul Vickery's stunning 1940 Flexible
Buick ambulance*



*Members of the Liberty Corners
First Aid Squad brought their blue
& white 1972 Superior Cadillac
ambulance. Parked alongside is
Jan and Peter Grave's green 1996
S & S Cadillac Masterpiece hearse*

Editor's Message

by Bill Marcy

As we enter the months of Summer, we have lots to look forward to. There will be the usual array of car shows, cruise nights and above all else, our PCS Gettysburg International Meet, which will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Professional Car Society. The PCS 2016 Gettysburg Meet should be on your calendar.

First of all, there is the celebration of forty years of the Professional Car Society itself. This is a true milestone for any organization, let alone an organization such as the PCS, starting from a mere handful, or so, of interested people, sharing a common affection for professional cars. Who would have ever thought that the PCS would have grown to what it is today?

Secondly, what a place to host a PCS International Meet, historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania! The tours that we have scheduled, the area history and attractions and the relatively close proximity to most of our Northeast Chapter members, just add to the allure. If this is not enough, we are trying to attract as many professional cars of all ages and in any kind of condition. Obviously, we love the show cars, but in years gone by, we have been witness to non- running, rusty professional cars, prior to their restoration. One such example is Steve Lichtman's 1953 Henney Junior that today graces our Meet T-Shirts, flyers and registration forms. You will also see and visit with your PCS friends that you have known for years and make new friendships with members you have not yet had the pleasure to know. The social aspect is a huge attraction for many, with conversations that go until all hours, it is fabulous!

Please plan to attend, if you possibly can! Bring your professional car, no matter what condition it is in. Please encourage your friends to come and if they own a professional car, ask them to bring it to Gettysburg August 15 through August 20, 2016. Everyone is sure to have a wonderful and a memorable time.

See you in Gettysburg!!

Northeast Chapter Brunch

Photos & Story by Bill Marcy

On Sunday May 22, 2016, some members of the Northeast Chapter gathered at the Riverside Ballroom in historic Lambertville, New Jersey for a delicious brunch. In attendance were; Fred and Tracy Goerlitz, Roy and Nancy Garretson, Jeff and Mary Hookway, Mike and Victoria Barruzza, new member Rich Tana and of course Lucille and Bill Marcy.

There were all sorts of delicious food from breakfast delights, to omelets, delicious eggs Benedict, waffles and usual side dishes and there was also many dinner entrees including prime rib and every other dish you can think of. Usually at brunch, I tend to eat dinner fare, however today was different. I ate eggs Benedict made with smoked salmon and it was heavenly, so heavenly in fact, I ate three of them, which is surprising, because I rarely eat eggs! The other food tasted delicious too! From where we were seated, we overlooked the scenic Delaware River, which made for a spectacular background for our dining and socializing. All in all, it was a good day and it seemed as if a good time was had by all.



*Northeast Chapter members enjoying brunch L-R
Lucille Marcy, Victoria and Mike Barruzza, Roy
and Nancy Garretson*

*Northeast Chapter members L-R starting with Rich
Tana, Jeff and Mary Hookway, Tracy and Fred
Goerlitz*

After brunch, we moved to the parking lot for a closer look at new member Rich Tana's gorgeous 1996 S&S Cadillac landau hearse. And we also had an opportunity to admire Roy and Nancy Garretson's 1942 Cadillac Fleetwood 7533 formal limousine. Then it was time for us all to go our separate ways. It is my opinion that we should go back next year! If you didn't come this time, maybe you will come next time!



*To the parking lot to see Roy and Nancy Garretson's fabulous 1942
Cadillac Fleetwood 7533 formal limousine and new member, Rich
Tana's gorgeous 1996 S&S Cadillac Brougham landau hearse*

Meet Our Newest Member

by Bill Marcy

We recently met a brand new PCS member, who has also joined the Northeast Chapter. Please join me in welcoming Rich Tana to our club. Rich is a life-long car enthusiast, who loves many different makes and models of all years. Rich is in the funeral industry doing removals. Attending his first PCS event, he not only introduced himself, he also drove his recently acquired aforementioned 1996 S&S Cadillac Brougham landau hearse. Rich hopes to be at our PCS International Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania this August. Welcome to the PCS Rich, we hope you enjoy yourself! We also hope to see you in Gettysburg!



New PCS and Northeast Chapter Member Rich Tana poses with his recently acquired 1996 S&S Cadillac Brougham landau hearse in the parking lot of Lambertville Station Restaurant in Lambertville, New Jersey, May 22, 2016

Winterthur Invitational 2016

Photos & Story by Roy Garretson

On May 21st, I was invited to display my 42 Formal Sedan at the Winterthur Invitational 2016 in Wilmington, DE. This was the 10th Anniversary of the event being held at the Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library. The 4-hour trip down on Friday was uneventful as the weather was beautiful. Saturday morning was gloomy and overcast and just as I arrived at Winterthur, the rain started. Scattered showers most of the day did not keep the faithful spectators from coming to the museum, however it did cut down on the number of cars on display. A few of the cars that were on display was the only 1941 Cadillac Towncar-Landau ever made.



This mostly original car was parked in the Carriage House. It was built exactly like the custom body cars of the 30's, with a wooden frame, covered with aluminum body sheet metal. The only standard Cadillac parts used were front and rear bumpers, grill, front fenders and hood.

Another Cadillac on display (although not a professional car) was a 1918 Cadillac, owned and driven there by Irene DuPont, a member of the storied DuPont family. Irene bought the car from a salvage yard in New Hampshire while attending Dartmouth College for \$40.00, plus \$10.00 for a new battery and drove it off the lot.



Also on display was a beautiful 1957 Series 75 Limousine. My 42 was on display because the DuPont family owned one exactly like mine, although mine was shipped 20 days earlier in October 1941. I also wore my new 1940's style chauffeur's uniform which I just recently finished putting together. Though the return trip home through the rain was tiring and at times white knuckle (bias ply tires and vacuum wipers) it was uneventful and the Cadillac performed flawlessly.



Speaking of Professional Cars

by Bill Marcy

As a member of the Professional Car Society, we very often see some rare and unique cars. By their nature, all professional cars are rare. In some instances, some professional cars may seem more common than others, but even their production numbers are extremely low, especially when compared to their passenger car counterparts, some of which number in the hundreds of thousands produced, as opposed to a handful, hundreds, or at most, several thousand professional cars produced in any given model year. There are any number of Coach builders, Chassis, Years of manufacture and configuration, these are factors that make collecting professional cars so interesting. In many instances, each professional car is unique. If you are partial to a specific coach builder, or a certain chassis make, that is often going to be what helps you decide on the professional car that you would like to buy. Are you a Cadillac person? Do you like Oldsmobile, Packard, Studebaker, Lincoln? Whatever your favorite make is, you can find a professional car built from it, in most cases. If you like a hearse, then you look for a hearse. Maybe you prefer a limousine, or a service-car, maybe it is an ambulance you desire. The point is that you have choices, many choices.



Some people may not have a garage large enough for a full-size high-top ambulance, hearse, or limousine, but even they have choices! There are a number of professional cars which are based on standard wheelbase cars. A good example of this type of professional car would be an ACC Amblewagon. An Amblewagon is a mild conversion of a station wagon, which modifies certain aspects of a station wagon, so that they could be used as an ambulance, or a hearse. Typically, the modifications are on the inside, special interior lighting, accommodations for a stretcher, a beacon, a siren, but usually did not increase the size of the original vehicle. In my experience, these "smaller" professional cars have all of the enjoyability of a full-size professional car, but they are easy to drive, park and garage. And they are often reasonably priced! Other short wheelbase professional cars include 1953 and 1954 Henney Junior Packards, Flxible Buick Flxettes, Superior Pontiac Consorts, Ambulets and other conversions based on any number of standard wheelbase passenger cars. There are also flower car conversions, usually a cut-down coupe, or sedan. And if you like a small limousine, you can find the Chrysler Executive limo and sedan of the 80s and from the mid-80s, Cadillac offered the front-wheel-drive Fleetwood 75s from 1985 through 1988, which may also fit in a standard-sized garage.





So, maybe next time you are in the market for a professional car, you might consider these alternatives. In my opinion, these are realistic alternatives to owning a full-sized professional car. They offer many benefits, in many ways. It is a great way to be a member of the professional car hobby, without some of the negatives to owning a full-sized version. And I speak from experience, having personally owned quite a few full-sized professional cars and a handful of the smaller versions and I have to tell you, the standard wheelbase cars are a blast to own, drive and show! There are many ways to find a suitable professional car, too. There are all of the usual sources, such as Hemmings, Ebay and so on. But another good source is our own website www.theprofessionalcarsociety.org and our club publications. I regularly look at what is available, that is how I get in trouble, but it is the fun kind of trouble. And something to remember is that many of these cars go unsold, because the owner has priced them too high, either because they don't know, or they are looking for a fish. However, if they truly want to sell and fail, many people get discouraged and think nobody is interested in their car. Ultimately, they usually end up selling for a lower price and in this case, that is where patience and persistence really pays. I think that figuring out the type of professional car you are looking for can be very beneficial, especially when you are aware of just how many choices you actually have. Now it is up to you to go out, find your dream professional car and buy it! There is no time like the present!



Upcoming Shows & Events

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend as many of these upcoming shows and events as you can. Come and join in the fun! These shows and events promise to be enjoyable for the entire family!

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August 15 through August 20, 2016

PCS 40th Anniversary International Meet

Location: Wyndham Gettysburg Rte 30 & Rte 15 Gettysburg Pennsylvania

See info in this issue

For Info call Bill Marcy (201) 342-4871

PCS International Meet - Gettysburg 2016

by Bill Marcy

On Saturday October 31, 2015, a Gettysburg Planning Committee Meeting was held at our host hotel, The Wyndham Gettysburg. In attendance were members of the Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State, Henney and Northeast Chapters. As you can imagine, there was lots to discuss and we accomplished everything. We already had the tours in place, so that was done. We did need to price registration, tours and the banquet. In addition, we approved art work and a slogan to be used in advertising, T Shirts, dash plaques and the like. We also discussed many other aspects of our event and we are all pleased with our decisions.

Many of us stayed overnight at our host hotel and we were very impressed. The Wyndham, our host hotel, is a top-notch hotel with all of the amenities you could possibly ask for. There are gorgeous rooms, a fine restaurant, a bar, a lobby with lots of comfortable chairs to sit in and socialize, a swimming pool and fitness room, a very attentive and congenial staff and lots of eateries within close proximity to the hotel. The show field area is bigger than we have ever seen; we can hold hundreds of cars on it. The hotel staff is going out of their way to make our meet a success.

You will find a Registration Form elsewhere in this edition. Please register early! Although you do have the ability to register on line, we would prefer you to register using the form and sending a check, because by registering on line, we will have to pay fees and they add up. So, please register by mail, if you can, but definitely register!

Remember, this is our 40th Anniversary and we are pulling out all of the stops, to make this event enjoyable for you, your family and friends. And if you know someone who has a professional car, even if they are not a PCS member, please encourage them to attend our meet, hopefully with their professional car. Also, please encourage past PCS members to attend; we would love to see them again! I have personally contacted several former PCS members, who seem excited to attend and they are glad they were invited. I know you know someone, please invite them!

2016 Professional Car Society International Meet - Gettysburg

Monday, August 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM - Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:00 PM

**Wyndham Gettysburg
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, PA 17325**

Scheduled itinerary as follows:

Monday, August 15	Tuesday, August 16	Wednesday, August 17	Thursday, August 18	Friday, August 19	Saturday, August 20
Early Bird Tour of New Oxford antiques or Allentown- area funeral homes	Bus Tour to Maryland museums	Bus Tour to Gettysburg Battlefield	Bus Tour to Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum	Bus Tour to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's farm and Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War	Professional Car Society Concours De Elegance

Please visit: <https://2016pcsinternationalmeet.eventbrite.com> for all details

Have questions about the Professional Car Society International Meet - Gettysburg 2016?

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