



The Criterion

NEWSLETTER of the NORTHEAST CHAPTER of the PROFESSIONAL CAR SOCIETY

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President's Message

Hopefully everyone is having an enjoyable summer. I know that everyone received Gregg's last Criterion about a month ago, and with this issue of *The Criterion* Bill Marcy is taking over the job of Editor. I have spoken with Bill and he is going to try to get the Criterion out on a normal schedule. Please forward any pictures and stories about any shows and cruise nights you attend, so he can put them in the newsletter. Considering the weather we had a good turnout at the Peddlers Village Show. Gregg Merksamer wrote a huge story on both the 2012 and 2013 shows in the previous issue of *The Criterion*.

I know this is short notice, but The PCS board will be discussing the publishing of 6 issues of *The Professional Car*, with one issue just being on the International Meet. The proposal is to try it for one year and make a final decision at the International Meet next year. As of right now there is no discussion about raising the dues. The people who edit the TPC have informed the board that they can do it without a problem. Please let me know your feelings on raising the number of issues from 4 a year to 6 a year. The board meeting is on Tuesday Aug 20 at 7:30 pm. Please let me know before this date.

Bill is also working on several different activities for us to do as a chapter for the Fall. There are also some cruise nights and car shows listed in the calendar of events in this issue. Fred also received a request for old ambulances for a parade next year. If anyone knows of any events our members would enjoy please forward the info to Bill or myself so we can get it out to the members.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Danny

Editor's Message

Hello everybody! It has been mentioned in the last issue of The Criterion, that Gregg D Merksamer, our past editor, has turned the editor's position of The Criterion over to yours truly. In my opinion, we should say "thank you" to Mr. Merksamer for a job well done. Gregg has been our Criterion editor for so long, many members may not realize the huge amount of effort, time and dedication he actually put into editing The Criterion.

Gregg actually is an internationally recognized author. He has brought a very high level of professionalism to not just The Criterion and our very own Northeast Chapter, but also to the Professional Car Society itself, with outstanding coverage of PCS Meets and events and also with the publicity that he has been able to get through his connections in the publications and periodical world. Truthfully, I can't say enough about Gregg D. Merksamer. Thank you Gregg for not only what you have already done for all of us, but also what you have promised to do for us in the future.

Now here is where things might get a bit dicey. On the other hand, I am not a professional author. I have no fancy college degrees. I have certainly never written professionally and I have no awards, like Mr. Merksamer has. There is no way in the world that The Criterion will ever look the same again, but I do hope to have a newsletter that will be out each quarter, on some sort of a timely schedule, that will keep our members informed about meetings, special chapter activities, shows, upcoming events and even a bit of member news. At the very least, you will be informed and know that you are part of a wonderful organization.

If you are aware of an upcoming event, or show that might be of interest to our members, please feel free to share the information with your new editor and I will see that the information gets printed in the next issue of The Criterion. And if you would like to share a story about yourself, your car, or just an interesting tidbit, please send it in! I would really appreciate any contributions to The Criterion.

As with everything I have done for the club, it will be my pleasure to serve as the editor of The Criterion. I will try to do my best, but as I said earlier, I am an amateur writer. No doubt, I will make mistakes along the way. Please don't hesitate to make suggestions, or corrections. Remember, this is your newsletter and it is my belief that it is supposed to serve the members. You may call me at 201 342 4871, email me at bmarcy@optonline.net or you may reach me by US Mail as follows; Bill Marcy 349 Lookout Avenue Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Bill Marcy

Editor

Northeast Chapter Brunch April 14, 2013

On April 14, 2013, some members of the Northeast Chapter enjoyed a brunch at The Renault Winery in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey. In addition to our members, there were also a family member and a few friends, who are not members. In addition to a delicious meal and good company, we were also treated to a tour of the winery.

Our tour guide is a very outspoken and entertaining lady named Suzie. Some of you may remember that Suzie was our guide the last time that we had brunch at The Renault Winery. She was so enjoyable that we requested Suzie to show us around again. She told us about the history of the winery and it's owners over the years. She also enlightened us on the wine making process and how wine was sold as medicine during the time of Prohibition. Then it was time to belly up to the bar for some serious wine tasting.

Suzie had us sample some different wines and even some champagne! And of course, we had crackers and fine chocolate to eat with the various wines.

We all enjoyed a gorgeous spring day with lots of sunshine, bright blue skies and temperatures in the upper sixties. If you have never been to The Renault Winery with us, perhaps the next time we go there, maybe you will join us. As always, we had a wonderful day with our Northeast Chapter friends!



L to R Joseph Buono, Rich Litton, Wayne Guy, Mary Hookway, Lucille & Bill Marcy, Jennifer Morin, Dan McCann & future bride Stephanie, Mike & Victoria Barruzza, Tracy & Fred Goerlitz



Ralph Marano Collection Museum Tour

We have been invited to visit Ralph Marano's personal museum. Mr. Marano is a well known collector of rare and unusual collector cars. He specializes in very low production cars and many Packard automobiles. In this particular museum collection are in some cases, cars that are usually seen at very upscale concours d'Elegance, such as Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, or the Greenwich Concours. There are at least two Henney Packards, one of which is a Henney Junior and the other is a car that is one of only two built! This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to see these rare automobiles up close and personal.

To anyone who may not know who Mr. Marano is, he is very well respected in the collector car hobby. He has been featured on Wayne Carini's television show Chasing Classic Cars. Although I have not met Mr. Marano personally, I have spoken with him on the telephone and he is a pleasure to talk with. He is excited about our visit and I am sure that it will be both enlightening and enjoyable for everybody.

Plans have not yet been finalized, but will be announced in the upcoming Third Quarter edition of The Criterion, so please keep your eyes open for it around the end of September.

TENTATIVE DATES ARE; SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2013, or SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2013. PLEASE MARK THE DATES!! Time, location, directions and all other important information will be in the next edition of The Criterion with sufficient time for everyone to make plans to attend. We are looking forward to a big Northeast Chapter turnout.



Here's Hoping!



The way I see it, The Criterion and the 1968 Miller Meteor Cadillac Classic Duplex pictured here, have many similarities. For openers, they both have a new caretaker. Secondly, they are both strong, solid and dependable. Thirdly, they are both at a new beginning so to speak.. And lastly, with some luck, some skill and with help from many people, it is my hope that they will both improve over time.

Where the similarities end are that the 1968 Miller Meteor needs to go to a professional body shop to become more show worthy and beautiful to look at. The Criterion, on the other hand, will require that I work on improving my skills as both a writer and an editor, this will take time. I will need suggestions and constructive criticism from you, it will be very beneficial to me and to The Criterion.

Your literary contributions will always be welcomed by me. If you have an item of interest, or a story to tell, please pass it along. If you have pictures, especially of members, or professional cars, send them to me, please. The best way to send articles, or pictures will be to email them directly to me at bmarcy@optonline.net and put For The Criterion in the subject line.

So, here we go and Here's Hoping!

Antique Ambulance Needed for Lackawanna County Heroes Day

Any members who wish to display their automobile based ambulance for the Lackawanna County (Pennsylvania) Heroes Day please contact Gerald Hetman at 570-650-1020.

The event is set for Saturday, October 5, with a tentative time of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Lackawanna County 911 Center will have a secure parking spot available for the ambulance, and free refreshments and giveaways will be available. If the owner of the vehicle is a fan of emergency services, there will be lots of other neat attractions to explore, as well as tours of our state-of-the-art 911 center.

A wide variety of emergency vehicles and equipment are on display to the public on the facility grounds, including ambulances and other EMS equipment. Various public safety and community agencies have display booths and information tables to reach out to the public.

CRITERION CALENDAR:

August 20th - 25th, 2013 (Tues.-Sun.), **Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Professional Car Society's 37th Annual International Meet, hosted by the PCS Illini Chapter at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, 6401 South 13th Street (phone 414-764-5300 or log onto <http://www.cpmilwaukeeairporthotel.com> for special \$89 nightly pre-tax room rates good for up to two people two nights before-and-after the formal meet dates). Itinerary features an "Early Bird" driving tour stopping at the Milwaukee Fire Department Historical Collection on Tuesday; a Wednesday charter bus trip to the Miller Brewing Company, the Pabst Mansion and the Harley-Davidson Museum; Thursday visits to the Rambler Gallery at the Kenosha History Center and the Hartford-based Wisconsin Automotive Museum; Friday stops at Forest Home Cemetery and the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory; and two days of pro-car exhibits at the Eighth Annual Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance on Saturday and Sunday. Register by contacting Patrick Martin at (847) 359-4945 or superior1980@yahoo.com.

August 24th, 2013, (Sat) The Sticky Wicket restaurant located on South Broad Street in the Independence Mall Shopping center will be hosting its Annual Car Show for its customer appreciation day! All car enthusiasts are invited to bring their cars out for a chance to win one of four very nice trophies and enjoy food discounts and drink specials at the restaurant as well as music, giveaways and trophies! Show time is from 10am until 2pm and any classic car or truck is welcome!

Trophies for first, second and third place cars, Trophy for Manager's Choice, Goodie bags for the first 50 car show participants, Great music and even better food, Door prizes and much, much more

September 6th - 8th, 2013 (Fri.-Sun.), **Malvern, PA:** Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, 826 Providence Road. For further info log onto www.radnorconcours.org.

September 15th, 2013 (Sun), **Hamilton, NJ**, Central New Jersey Antique Car Club sponsoring the Septemberfest event held at Veterans Park in Hamilton, NJ each year! Over 100,000 people every September file into the park for a day of fun, food, festivities and more! We have a giant car display at the main entrance to the park on Klockner Road (directly across from Steinert High School) and we welcome everyone to come have a good time with us - ALL cars are welcome! This isn't a trophy show but we have a blast at this event, there are hundreds of craft and food vendors and all kinds of activities for every member of the family! So fill the car with the entire clan and be sure to join us from 9am until 3pm - lineup begins at 8:30. Rain date is September 24

September 15th, 2013 (Sun.), **Wilmington, DE:** Hagley Museum Car Show, 10 am - 4 pm at 200 Hagley Road. For further info log onto www.hagley.org.

September 19th - 22nd, 2013 (Thu.-Sun.), **Wildwood, N.J.:** The Wildwood, New Jersey Boardwalk Classic Car Show, held in conjunction with an admission-free auction at the Wildwoods Convention Center. For further info log onto www.wildwoodmotorevents.com.

September 21st - 22nd, 2013 (Sat.-Sun.), **Millville, N.J.:** Vintage Race Weekend at New Jersey Motorsports Park, 8000 Dividing Creek Road. For further info log onto www.nj.mp.com.

September 24th - 26th, 2013 (Tues.-Thu.), **Atlantic City, N.J.:** New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association Convention & Exhibition at the Trump Taj Mahal casino. For further info log onto www.njsfda.org or e-mail estrausser@njsfda.org.

October 9th - 12th, 2013 (Wed.-Sat.), **Hershey, PA:** Antique Automobile Club of America's National Fall Meet & Flea Market. Visit www.aaca.org for further details closer to event dates.