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President's Message

by Fred Goerlitz

As the end of 2018 is rapidly drawing to a close, I wanted to reflect on this year's chapter events and give you a preview of 2019.

Chapter members attended several events this year including the Annual Memorial Motor Madness show in Hackettstown, the Shook Funeral Home car show in Clifton, the EMS Council of NJ Antique Ambulance display in Parsippany as well as the International Meet in Detroit and other events as well. These events are the best opportunity to display your vehicle and educate people about it.

On November 17th we held a chapter meeting at the Flemington-Raritan Diner on Rt. 31 in Flemington. It was attended by 7 members. Although the group was small, several important tasks were attended to. We have decided that we will concentrate on 3 events in the next year, the M&M show in May, the Shook Funeral Home show in September and the EMS Council Display in October. If anyone has any other events, they would like to attend please let one of the officers know. We discussed at length having our own show as we have done in the past but decided against it at this time.

Elections were held and the chapter officers for 2019 will remain the same.

Lastly, I want to thank Bill Marcy for serving as newsletter editor for the past several years. Bill has done an admirable job of keeping the membership informed of events as well as providing interesting articles to keep our appetites whetted until the next event. For the foreseeable future, the role of newsletter editor will be shared between the officers with help from Rich Litton and Gregg Mersksammer.

Fred

Editor's Message

by Bill Marcy

As some of you may already know, I will be retiring as your editor of our Northeast Chapter newsletter, The Criterion, effective after the first quarter of 2019 has been sent out.

I remember telling a group of Northeast Chapter members at a brunch at The Renault Winery, that although I was not a professional writer and I had little formal training, I was naive enough to think I could do it. When it is all said and done, I would like to think it was a successful effort, after all, we did get a newsletter out every quarter, without fail.

During my time as editor, we had two different members willing to be our publisher. First was E Blake "Ted" Collins, who was our publisher for many years. When Ted retired from publishing, I was in a panic to find a replacement publisher and that was not easy. Somehow, I convinced Roy Garretson and his lovely daughter-in-law Annelise to become our new publisher and the transition was barely perceptible.

I imagine that the same will be true for our next, yet to be found editor. I have no doubt that we have many talented members, who could easily take over the reigns as editor of The Criterion.

By the way, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your editor. It was a great time for me, looking for stories, taking pictures and other related duties. Now the time is here for someone else to take over, I know you can do it and the Northeast Chapter will be better for it. Change is good!



Welcome New Northeast Chapter Member!

Please welcome...

Carl Slotter of Egg Harbor City, NJ!

Welcome to the Northeast Chapter, thanks for joining us!

EMS Council of NJ 2018

by Fred Goerlitz

On Saturday, October 13th several Northeast chapter members attended the annual EMS Council of NJ (formerly the NJ State First Aid Council) convention in Parsippany. There were six ambulances in attendance: Paul Vickery's 1940 Flexible Buick, Rich Litton's 1965 Superior Pontiac, Jeff and Mary Hookway's 1966 Superior Cadillac, Liberty Corner First Aid Squad's 1972 Superior Cadillac, Steve and Helen Ahlstedt's 1976 Superior Cadillac and Fred and Tracy Goerlitz's 1976 Superior Cadillac.



Joe Puleo's 1959 Fleetwood 7533 Limousine

by Bill Marcy

This gorgeous 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood 7533 formal limousine is owned by Northeast Chapter member Joe Puleo. Joe is a collector of 1959 Cadillacs, he has a number of others, including a 1959 S&S Cadillac hightop ambulance, which is in the process of a nut and bolt restoration. We are going to see photos of Joe's ambulance in the next edition of The Criterion, if it gets completed on schedule, keep your fingers crossed!

Following is a description of the limousine in Joe's words. Series 7533 9 passenger limousine with divider window, 690 produced. This car was ordered with many options including factory air suspension, and it still works. Chad Oolman restored the car around 2009. The interior is all original except the carpeting. The rear seat was preserved in like new condition by a clear plastic seat cover that has now been removed.

Photos of this gorgeous 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood 7533 formal limousine courtesy of owner Joe Puleo



For Sale



This fender-skirted 1962 Ford Falcon, being offered for sale at Dawson Motors in Warwick, New York, got a festive dusting of snow yesterday morning - just in time for Christmas though it had all melted away by midday. – Gregg D. Merksamer

Vintage NYPD Police Cars

by Bill Marcy

Yes, I know, we are not a police car club, nonetheless, I thought some of our members might enjoy seeing some of these NYPD beauties.

Sometimes things just happen, for no rhyme, or reason, you make a connection with someone and something interesting happens, such was the case here. A gentleman called me to inquire whether my 1970 Superior-Pontiac ambulance would be available to do a wedding for a good friend of his. When I inquired as to why my ambulance for a wedding, he explained. He is a thirty plus year member of NYPD. His friend is an NYPD officer marrying a nurse. It seemed appropriate to have a vintage NYPD 1966 Chevy Biscayne police car and a vintage ambulance, for the purpose of taking photographs of the bride and groom posing with the cars. I liked the idea!

It was real short notice, but I did what I could to make the Pontiac available to them, but we just could not make it happen. As we spoke, I found out that Michael, the man I was talking with, was in charge of maintaining the vintage NYPD police cars. I asked him if he had any photos he could send to me. He said yes and you will see the treasure trove he sent me. In addition to the photos, there are also a few links to videos of these cars that have been included in the email.

We have permission to share everything here. It is my hope that you will take the time to enjoy the images and videos. My sincere thanks to Michael Gorgia of the NYPD. As a side note, I tried to arrange a tour at the NYPD garage, but I was told that it just can't happen, due to security concerns.





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