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President's Message

by Fred Goerlitz

I hope this message finds everyone well after a long winter. Now that daylight savings has begun it's time to start thinking about getting the cars out and getting them some exercise. The chapter is planning to attend the Memorial Motor Madness show on Sunday, May 26th in Hackettstown, NJ, as well as the EMS Council of New Jersey Convention in early October. If you have any events you would like to see the chapter participate in please contact a chapter officer.

I recently attended the fifteenth annual Micro-Meet and mid-winter board meeting in Michigan. The micro-meet had in excess of 250 model professional cars on the show field the night before the event. At the board meeting a sub-committee will be established to look into allowing van and modular type ambulances into the club. A presentation was given by Ed Renstrom about the upcoming 2019 International Meet in Rapid City, South Dakota this June. Ed outlined a very interesting itinerary including tours of Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse.

Fred

Editor's Message

by Bill Marcy

With this edition of The Criterion, comes the end of six years as your editor. With limited skills, resources and a fairly small audience, I have tried to do my best to bring small stories and articles of interest to our members. I had several goals for my years as your editor and in my mind, the most important goal was timeliness, an edition of The Criterion four times a year, without exception. It was another one of my goals to keep our members interested in the hobby and in the Northeast Chapter. I also tried to share my thoughts and opinions on certain subjects relating to the professional car hobby.

It is now time for me to pass the torch to the next generation of editors of our very much loved newsletter. Our new editors need no introductions, as they are all well known to us. They will be more of an editorial staff and they will all contribute their own words, articles and points of view. In my opinion, The Criterion will benefit in a big way from their contributions. As a result, the Northeast Chapter will benefit too.

Lastly, I have to say that it has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your editor over the past six years. And I must say that without the talents of Roy Garretson and his daughter-in-law Annelise Garretson as our publishers, none of this would be possible and I thank Roy and Annelise very much for their efforts.

I will see you down the road!

Congratulations!!

A special Congratulations to our Editor Emeritus Bill Marcy on his recent appointment as a co-director of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's North Jersey Region (cadillacclubnj.org) along with Lois Harriman. I know he'll do fine work for them and make sure the PCS remains the first club C&LC NJR Region members think of when they develop an interest in Cadillac and LaSalle-based funeral vehicles, limousines and ambulances.

Newman's Ambulance Service

by Bill Marcy

Since many of our Northeast Chapter members, either serve, or have served in EMS, I thought you might enjoy a glimpse of Newman's Ambulance Service from Mobile, Alabama and some of their ambulances, both new and old. One of the current owners is Donnie Newman, who told me that his father started this company back in the Fifties.

I cannot identify any of the modern rigs and the only vintage ambulance I can identify with any certainty is the 1967 Miller Meteor Cadillac Classic 48, which Lucille and I once owned. We were actually the second owners of that ambulance. It was originally owned by the Borough of South Hackensack, NJ, it was known as 6-5-5 and it was dispatched by the South Hackensack Police Dept. The car was placed in service in August of 1967 and we bought it at a town auction around May of 2008, after years of hearing that it was not for sale.



Of the modern ambulances, there are Fords, body builders unknown. There is a late 70s, or early 80s Ford Econoline ambulance. There is a Stoner? Chevy Suburban ambulance circa 1970, a 1976 Superior Cadillac and maybe a 1952 National? Pontiac ambulance.

I apologize for not having, or knowing the correct information, but Donnie was nice enough to send the pictures and after repeated attempts to positively identify these ambulances, I decided to just go with what I had. No doubt, I will talk to Donnie again, but by then, I will no longer be your editor.



Congratulations to Jeff Hookway!

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR Proclamation

**JEFF HOOKWAY, EMT
SPARTA AMBULANCE SQUAD**

WHEREAS, Jeff Hookway resides in Sparta Township with his wife, Mary who is also a Senior Member EMT, and;

WHEREAS, Jeff began his career with the Sparta Ambulance Squad in March 1977 and has served as 1st Lieutenant, Treasurer, Captain, Board of Trustee member and CFO, and;

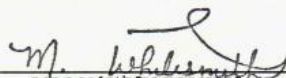
WHEREAS, Jeff is serving as Crew Chief on Sunday afternoons, and;

WHEREAS, Jeff's performance of his duties and responsibilities has been exemplary and he has gained the respect and trust of his fellow EMT's who had the opportunity to work with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that they congratulate Jeff Hookway for his forty plus years of steadfast dedicated service to the Township of Sparta by serving as an EMT on the Sparta Ambulance Squad.



In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.


MOLLY WHITESMITH
MAYOR



Progress

by Bill Marcy

As you no doubt already know, last year I talked Lucille into letting me buy this 1970 Superior-Pontiac Consort ambulance. Upon arrival, Lucille immediately told me her feelings and they were something like this; “It is a piece of junk, its cheap and ugly, I hate it, so get rid of it!” Imagine my sweet wife talking like that about this car.

Truthfully, she was not wrong. There was lots of work to be done and the ambulance was definitely not in the condition I was told that it was in. Once I gave it a bath, I talked her into going for a ride. It actually looked better, after washing it and it ran and drove quite nicely. It had needs everywhere, but I was beginning to warm up to this Pontiac.

We recently had some rust repaired and a driver-quality paint job done. It looks better already, at least to me. On the way home from the body shop, we got a few thumbs up, a few beeps and a couple of positive comments. While there are many items that need attention, we will address them one by one, as we can. But, I think we are feeling better about the car.

We are looking forward to taking this Consort to some local car shows and some cruise nights this year.



Crossover Interests

As car enthusiasts, we all have interests that extend beyond the sphere of professional cars. Please feel free to submit an article and/or photos about your car-related interests to be featured here!

Submissions accepted at: thepcscriterion@gmail.com

Fantastic Collection of 1959 Cadillacs

by Joe Puleo

I've always liked Cadillac's, even at a young age. In 1977 when I was 18, I saw a 1937 Cadillac Fleetwood advertised in the local paper. My Father and I purchased the car for \$3,750. We had the car restored and it is still in my collection. That car is obviously my favorite, but I always had a liking for the '59 Cadillac. I purchased my first '59 in 2001, a red and white Eldorado Seville. Since then my collection of '59's has grown to 17. My collection doubled last year with the purchase of an S&S hightop ambulance, and 7 low mileage '59's. None of the 8 cars ran! I purchased the ambulance in March and started a complete restoration right away which should be completed by June. The other 7 cars were from a collector in Florida, and they had not been started since the 1980's. The lowest mileage is a Woodrose Coupe with 12K miles. The car was still on original tires, exhaust, belts, hoses, and the spare tire was never used. A white Sedan deVille with 15K miles, and most of the others are under 34K miles. The cars are now all running.



Upcoming Events

May 26, 2019: Northeast Chapter at Motor Madness at M&M/Mars, Hackettstown, NJ. The PCS Northeast Chapter will reimburse the registration fee to chapter members who bring professional cars to the show. For more info contact: Fred Goerlitz

June 11-15, 2019: Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville, KY. For more info visit:
www.cadillaclasalleclub.org

July 16-21, 2019: The Pontiac Oakland Club International's 47th Annual International Convention at the Gettysburg, PA Wyndham. For more info visit:
https://secure.poci.org/POCI_Annual_Convention_Registration.cfm

August 30-September 16, 2019: The Lincoln Highway Military Convoy Centennial Tour. For more info visit:
<https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/tour/2019/>

September 15, 2019: The Shook Funeral Home Car Show at the Van Houten Avenue Street Fair, Clifton, NJ. For more info contact: Roy Garretson

October 12, 2019: Northeast Chapter at EMS Council Annual Convention at the Sheraton in Parsippany. For more info contact: Fred Goerlitz

October 22-26, 2019: The Cadillac & LaSalle Club's 2019 National Driving Tour at the Wyndham Gettysburg. For more info visit:
https://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org/m/event_details.asp?id=1008245

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