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Editor's Message

by Bill Marcy

As you read this message, Spring has arrived. I love Spring, because it is a time of renewal and hope. The flowers are soon to bloom, the birds are singing and the car show season will soon be upon us. I don't know about you, but this time of year makes me very happy.

This year promises many car shows, cruise nights and special events for car hobbyists. And there are many opportunities to show our professional cars and to talk about our cars with the general public. I really enjoy talking with people and answering their questions, especially young people, whenever the opportunity presents itself to speak with the younger generation about the car hobby, it is important to remember that with the right inspiration and encouragement, they will be the keepers of the flame, the ones who will keep our hobby alive after we are gone. Always remember when you first got interested in the hobby and the folks that encouraged you, very likely you can inspire someone's interest in the hobby, please don't miss these opportunities.

We have many things to look forward to this year. Coming right up, we have a Northeast Chapter Brunch at Lambertville Station in Lambertville, New Jersey, see more in this issue.

This year 2016 is the 30th Anniversary of the Northeast Chapter and the 40th Anniversary of the Professional Car Society itself. We have our 40th Anniversary PCS Int'l Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania August 15 through August 20, 2016. And of course there are local shows and events throughout the year, stay tuned for details. Most importantly, please be a part of the fun! Participate, with, or without a car, but come and enjoy!

PCS Micro-Meet 2016

Story & Photos by: Fred Goerlitz

The Michigan Chapter's Annual Micro-Meet was held Friday, February 26 and Saturday February 27, 2016 at Brady Smith's large garage and home to his scale model collection in Swartz Creek, Michigan (outside of Flint). The event commenced Friday evening at Redwood's Steak House. The food, as usual, was wonderful. It should be noted that Redwood's is very near the Holiday Inn that was our host hotel for the 2009 International Meet. After dinner the group headed to Brady's Garage Mahal for an evening of socialization.



Saturday morning was sunny and cold when we arrived at the Garage Mahal for the main event, the PCS Micro-Meet. There were several model professional cars on display in various scales. TPC editor Walt McCall was the guest speaker this year and showed a slide presentation of professional cars from the late John Hadley. The 2016 meet committee made a presentation on the upcoming International Meet in Gettysburg complete with musical selections from the Civil War. At the conclusion of the meet we adjourned to dinner followed by the Winter Board meeting at our host hotel, The Wingate by Wyndham in Grand Blanc.



I encourage those that have never attended a micro-meet to put in on your bucket list. Although short in duration, it is a worthwhile event to see friends and break up the winter blues.



Northeast Chapter Brunch: May 22, 2016 at 1:00 PM

On Sunday May 22, 2016, the Northeast Chapter will get together for a brunch at the beautiful Lambertville Station Restaurant located at 11 Bridge Street Lambertville, New Jersey 08530. We will overlook the scenic Delaware River, as we dine and enjoy fellowship with our friends. The brunch offers everything from standard breakfast fare, to Belgium Waffles, Omelets and Eggs Benedict, to salads, all sorts of entrees, specialty dishes and of course, a variety of delicious desserts. You also get a complimentary glass of Champagne. There are also coffee, tea and soda included. The price is \$29.95 plus tax and gratuity, so it totals about \$37 per person. It is a beautiful and historic town, the restaurant very special and the scenery is fabulous! Please join your Northeast Chapter friends for a wonderful time. You must RSVP Bill Marcy at (201) 342 4871 so we have a head count, no later than May 16, 2016. We sure hope to see you there!



Member Spotlight: Mary & Jeffrey Hookway

by Bill Marcy



Anyone who has attended a Northeast Chapter event, or meeting, most likely already knows Mary and Jeffrey Hookway. They were two of the first PCS members I met, when I attended my first Fall Northeast Chapter meeting, back in 1993. And since then, I truly do not remember a meeting, or a Northeast Chapter event that they were not in attendance. Mary and Jeff are the heart and soul of our chapter. Mary has been our chapter secretary for as long as I can remember and Jeff is not only our Northeast Chapter membership chairman and treasurer, he is also the PCS membership chairman, a monstrous job. If you need help anywhere, they are there. Whether it is helping to run an event, or an International Meet, they are there. It all started back when Mary met Jeff on a blind date. Mary was going to college in NYC at the time and her roommate in college had her come to her house for the weekend. Little did Mary

know, but her friend had a life-changing encounter awaiting her. Mary and Jeff will celebrate 28 years of marriage this year. That is what I would call a very successful blind date, wouldn't you?

Mary grew up in East Aurora New York and Jeff in Morristown New Jersey. Subsequently, Jeff and his family moved to Sparta, New Jersey, where he and his mother became EMTs and volunteered on the Sparta First Aid in 1977. After they were married, Mary also became an EMT on the same squad in 1991. Along the way, Mary and Jeff bought a 1967 S&S Cadillac high top ambulance. Somehow, this rare and top-of-the-line ambulance has not been seen at any PCS events. Apparently, after driving this big beautiful ambulance home, Jeff began taking it apart, with restoration in mind, but has not been able to do the much needed repairs, so the ambulance sits and waits for a miracle.

About five years ago, Mary and Jeff bought a house in Lafayette, New Jersey, with more property to build a multiple car garage on, which they have done. In their garage sits a white 1966 Cadillac deVille convertible and outside sits the 1967 S&S ambulance, just hoping that a strong gust of wind will push it into the new garage. In closing, I have to say that Mary and Jeff are great people, if for any reason you do not know them, you should. Not only are they wonderful assets to our club, they are great friends and fabulous ambassadors of the Professional Car Society.

A Note From Jeffrey Hookway: "I have been collecting ambulance miniatures probably since I was first an EMT. My collection is now in excess of 250 miniature vehicles plus other items. My problem got worse after joining the PCS in 1989. I recently made an effort to identify, catalog, and photograph each item. Not a small effort -- I now have six plastic totes of items! I have taken advantage of the album area on the Northeast Chapter's website. So if you have some downtime and want to browse my collection, go to www.pcsnortheast.com and click on the Photo Gallery."

Here's a brief sampling of Jeffrey's collection:



Northeast Chapter Spring Meeting

by Bill Marcy

Although the weather forecast for our March 20th Chapter Meeting was threatening snow, the officers decided in true Northeast Chapter fashion to hang tough and hold our meeting, as had been scheduled. And as a result of the power of positive thinking and a bit of good fortune, we were all rewarded with a nice day. Members of the Northeast Chapter gathered for the first time at The Fireplace Restaurant on Rte 17 in Paramus, NJ for a 1:00 PM meeting. Many of us arrived early and stayed outside in the parking lot chatting and enjoying each other's company. Shortly before 1:00 PM, everybody outside went inside, where we would have our meeting.

Attending members were; Fred Goerlitz, Victoria and Mike Barruzza, Mary and Jeffrey Hookway, Jen Moren, Daniel McCann, Gregg D Merksamer, Paul Vickery and Lucille and Bill Marcy. Of course there was the usual reading of The Minutes from our November 2015 meeting, Treasurer's Report and the like. But, there was much discussion of the Flint Micro-Meet and BoD meeting, as well as our official PCS Websites, of which there are currently two; www.professionalcarsociety.org and the newest site www.theprofessionalcarsociety.org and how these websites may benefit the future of the PCS. We also discussed a possible sponsorship of a 1941 Lincoln ambulance owned by the AACAA Museum, which may appear on our Gettysburg Meet show field on Saturday August 20, 2016. We discussed the 2016 PCS Gettysburg Meet and all of the relevant aspects of it. We also decided to hold a Northeast Chapter Brunch in historic Lambertville, NJ, overlooking the picturesque Delaware River, on Sunday May 22, at 1:00 PM, more on this elsewhere in this issue. As you can see, we had a lively meeting and we ate lunch as we did it, seems like it worked out well.

For Sale

1990 Ford E350 Braun slant side box, Diesel, fully equipped, everything included!
\$1500

1991 Ford E350 Horton, Diesel, fully equipped, everything included!
Asking only \$2500

Both ambulances were taken out of service about a year ago. Batteries are dead and may need replacing.

1997 Crown Vic Police Car, fully equipped
\$2500

For more info, please call Gene Brown at 610-597-2283

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!

April 24, 2016

Rain Date: May 1, 2016

Cadillac Club of North Jersey hosts its 25th Annual ALL Cadillac/LaSalle Show

Location: Stateline Lookout 2 miles north of Exit 2 of the Palisades Interstate Parkway in Alpine

New Jersey

9AM to 3PM

Pre-registration: \$15 or Day of Show: \$20

For more information call (201) 888-8727

Cadillac professional cars welcome!

May 15, 2016 Rain or Shine

North Jersey Auto Show 38th Annual hosted by the Restored Rusty Relics car club

Location: Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road Lot C Paramus New Jersey

8AM to 3PM

Pre-registration: \$15 or Day of Show \$20

For more information call (201) 384-7661

ALL cars and trucks 1991 and older are welcome

May 22, 2016

Northeast Chapter Brunch

Location: Lambertville Station Restaurant 11 Bridge Street Lambertville New Jersey

1PM sharp

Champagne Buffet Brunch \$29.95 + Tax and Gratuity per person

See info in this issue

MUST RSVP to Bill Marcy (201) 342-4871 by May 16, 2016 for purpose of an accurate number of attendees

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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During the winter season, the Micro-Meet is King
for car collectors and car lovers alike.