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C E L E B R A T I O N !

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since the founding of the Northeast Chapter. Craig Stewart and the late Phil Jast got together in February, 1986 and four months later the group held its first meeting at Mahlon Thompson's home in Cranbury, New Jersey. The first club roster showed 24 members with 38 cars in 3 states. Six of those members are still active in the Chapter today. Within the first year the Chapter assisted in hosting the 1987 PCS International Meet in Lambertville, New Jersey. A more complete history appeared in the last issue of the CRITERION and will not be repeated here. It is certainly a good feeling that the Northeast is still alive and well.

KUDOS!

. . . to Slim Gellings whose Siebert Ford graces our cover this month. Seems that he had an offer to make use of this rare car in a Walter Matthau film shot in part in Princeton, New Jersey and on the campus of Princeton University. The movie called "IQ" showed the car parked at the emergency entrance to Princeton Hospital. This scene appears at the end of the story. For obvious reasons the film is one worth viewing!

While we are at it a special word of thanks goes to Tony Karsnia of the Northland Chapter. Tony is the 1996 PCS International Meet host. He has been kind enough to send along a tentative list of the meet activities. Looks like things are shaping up rather nicely!

NEXT MEETING

The next Northeast Chapter meeting will be on Sunday May 19th. See the attached flyer for all the information you will need to attend.

PCS Brunch Meeting

Date - Sunday, May 19th

Place - Key City Diner, Phillipsburg, N.J.

Time - 1:00pm

Diner phone # (908)-859-2373

Food is on your own from the menu

Directions:

From N.J. & N.Y.

take Rt#78 west to the last exit in N.J. . Go approx 2-3 miles. Just after the Rt#57 interchange you will see the diner on right.

From Pa.

Take Rt#22 east to N.J. ,after passing toll plaza go approx. 2miles to Rt#57 exit(be in left lane) turn around where you can and get back on Memorial Parkway west to diner on right

C L A S S I F I E D

FOR SALE: 1968 Superior Cadillac hearse, 41K miles, suicide doors, new transmission, new radial tires, new exhaust system, dual batteries, 472 engine. Just removed from funeral service, ready to drive home. This coach is a fine example of Cadillac Commercial chassis. PRICE: \$4,000.00. Call: Jack Bonner at Dougherty Funeral Home, 2300 Trenton Road, Levittown, Pa. 19056 (215) 943-7240.

WANTED: Looking for wheeled cot for 1976 Cadillac combination. No junk, please. Bill Marcy (201) 342-4871, after 6 PM.

WANTED: 1976 Cadillac dealer album. Craig Stewart (201) 438-1757, after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 1968 Cadillac Superior full size flower car. All original fine running car and looks excellent. Taken out of service in 1995. George B. Ruth 17 Darlin Dr., Reading, Pa. 19609 (610) 678-4394.

FOR SALE: 1969 Cadillac Fleetwood 75 Formal Limousine. Recent two time PCS International Champion plus Cadillac Grand National runnerup. The best 69 in the U.S.A. \$10,500.00. Call Bill Wright (914) 266-3290 Evenings



1996 Professional Car Society International Meet Agenda

Wednesday August 14: The registration desk will be open for the "early bird" arrivals. After noon, we will form a motorcade and proceed to the General Fire Apparatus plant in Wyoming, MN, which is about 30 miles North of the Twin Cities on I-35. We will tour the General plant and have the opportunity to inspect brand new fire apparatus in various stages of completion. The fire buffs will be able to load up with literature and photograph the antique pumper truck which is on display in General's showroom.

We'll head back to the Twin Cities for some fire station and funeral home touring. The evening hours will be for relaxing at the hotel, socializing, viewing photos and slides, etc.

Thursday August 15: We'll form a professional car motorcade, complete with police escorts, and proceed to the Ford truck assembly plant in St. Paul. The Ford plant tour is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. and will last about an hour. We will then motorcade a short distance to Road Rescue, Inc. to tour the plant where new ambulances and rescue trucks are manufactured. After the tour, everyone may go on their own for lunch and an afternoon of shopping, sightseeing, or relaxing at the hotel. There will be maps available for those who do not know their way around the Twin Cities, as well as our local "tour guides." Shuttle vans will be available to take anyone not interested in participating in the Ford and Road Rescue tours to the Mall of America. (NOTE: Time at the Mall of America is also included in Friday's agenda.)

Thursday evening we will go to Boom Island in Minneapolis to board the Anson Northrup sternwheeler. We will be treated to a fabulous three-hour riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River past Minneapolis' waterfront and through the upper locks for a view of St. Anthony Falls and the James J. Hill "Old Stone Arch Bridge."

Friday August 16: A deluxe motorcoach will depart from the Holiday Inn at 8:00 A.M. and take us on a three hour guided tour highlighting Minneapolis and St. Paul's major points of interest and beautiful sights including the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul's Cathedral, Minneapolis' famed chain of lakes, downtown areas, the University of Minnesota, and much more. After the cities tour, the bus will stop at the Mall of America, where everyone will have the opportunity to eat lunch and spend the afternoon shopping and having fun at Knott's Camp Snoopy, the large, indoor amusement park. For those who wish to go on the cities tour but not spend the afternoon at the Mall of America, the bus will return to the Holiday Inn immediately after dropping folks off at the mall. There will also be shuttle service available throughout the afternoon between the Mall of America and the Holiday Inn.

The bus will return all "mall goers" to the hotel by 4:30 P.M. Everyone will have time to freshen up before the professional car motorcade to Johnson-Williams Funeral Car Service/Carey Limousine in Minneapolis. Owner Larry Dunn will give a presentation and tour of his impressive operation. A barbecue supper will be served, followed by the PCS annual business meeting. In past years, it has been possible to actually have some professional cars in the midst of the PCS annual banquet. This year, we will be able to have the annual business meeting in such an atmosphere.

Saturday August 17: Show day! Members who have brought professional cars to the meet will have an opportunity to shine them up for the Concours d'Elegance show. This year, cars will be judged under the direction of PCS Chief Judge George L. Hamlin. In order to let the serious professional car photographers in attendance have their fun, we are planning a mid-afternoon motorcade a short distance to a cemetery for a photo shoot. This particular cemetery has many photogenic locations within, suitable for funeral, livery, and rescue vehicles.

Saturday evening we will have a cocktail hour in a reserved banquet room at the Holiday Inn, which will be followed by the PCS Grand Awards Banquet. Guest speaker will be Roger D. White, M.D. of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. White is a long-time professional car enthusiast and collector who made many efforts to keep passenger-car based ambulances in production. He is the proud owner of the very last Cadillac ambulance manufactured, a 1979 Superior Cadillac.

After the awards have been doled out and the result of the silent auction in which a nice 1975 C/B Oldsmobile combination will be sold to some lucky PCS member is known, we will adjourn out to the parking lot for the traditional light and sound show.

Sunday August 18: Farewell. Have a safe trip home. The 1997 International Meet will be in Maryland hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Listed is a partial list of some of the 1996 events that the Chapter members may want to participate in: This list will be updated in the next CRITERION.

- May 11 DeSimone Cadillac , Pennsauken, NJ; annual show 10am t 3pm For application, contact Don Miller, Valley Forge Region, Cadillac LaSalle Club, 80 Village Way, Malvern, PA 19355.
- May 5 Fairfield NJ: Cadillac Club of North Jersey; annual all-Cadillac LaSalle show. American Way Mall, Rt 46 & Passaic Av.
- May 19 Ambler, PA Antique fire muster/flea market; begins at 9am.
- June 2 Newark, NJ 29th annual fire muster at Newark Fire Museum, Central & Washington Av. Newark, NJ; includes parade of apparatus; Noon to 5pm.
- Philadelphia, PA German-American fire muster For info, 215 332-7538.
- June 8 Bucks County, PA; annual Firefighters parade, Trevese, PA info (215) 357-1315.
- June 15 Lakehurst, NJ; Tri-Counties Fire Assn annual fire muster; call Candy Bennett at (908) 842-0929, or write to the association at P O Box 590, Farmingdale, NJ 07727.
- June 22 Sayreville, NJ 3rd annual fire muster & flea market at Middlesex County Fire Academy; (see attached flyer) Details: Helen Burns, (908) 463-7445.
- June 26-30 Irving , TX Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National meet.
- August 1-3 Liverpool, NY SPAAMFAA convention/muster
- August 14-18 Arden Hills Holiday Inn, Minnesota; PCS International Meet.
- Sept 8 New Berlinville, PA Muster/flea market 10am to 4pm Liberty Park, North Reading Avenue, New Berlinville, PA Info: (610)367-7857.
- Sept 21 Boonton, NJ 15th annual muster/flea market-Antique Fire Assn of NJ; To be held at Fireman's Home, Wooton Street, Boonton, NJ; Ambulance class!! Info: AFANJ, 4 Park St, Roseland, NJ 07068.

Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey

February 7, 1996

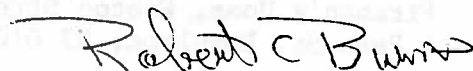
The Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey is now in the planning stage of our 1996 show.

Last year the Middlesex County Fire Academy held an Expo during April and several newsletters and calendars of events had that date mixed up with our June muster. This year when you see them both listed for June 22, it will not be a typographical error. With both shows being held on the same grounds, and both shows drawing the interest of the fire service community, our club and the staff of the Middlesex County Fire Academy have decided to combine our efforts and hold our shows as one large event. This means there will be new trucks as well as antique trucks, flea market vendors, equipment vendors, firematic competitions, kids games, a model muster, and other displays that are still being planned. Everybody will be sure to find something that interests them.

There will also be a more varied menu of items available from the caterer.

We hope that you will be able to join us on June 22nd for a show that promises to get bigger and better every year.

Sincerely



Robert C. Burns
1996 Muster Committee

Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey

MUSTER APPLICATION

Antique Fire Apparatus Muster, Competition, and Flea Market
June 22, 1996, Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville N.J.
RAIN OR SHINE

Organization/Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Contact Person _____
(If different from above)

Apparatus

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Type _____ (Pumber, Aerial, Hose cart, etc.)
(No later than 1971)

Motive power _____ (Gas, Horse drawn, Hand drawn)

Did it actively serve Central New Jersey _____ (Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, Union, Warren Counties)

Registration fee is \$5.00 per vehicle (\$10.00 muster day).

Resistration fees are nonrefundable. Proof of insurance must be with the vehicle when it enters the muster site. The muster starts at 10:00AM and ends at 4:00PM, gates open for registrants at 8:00AM Registered vehicles and transporters only will be allowed on the muster site. For further information call (908) 463-7445.

The fire apparatus I am entering will be in sound mechanical condition, road worthy as required by the State in which the vehicle is registered, and will carry Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance. I agree to hold the Antique Fire Apparatus Association of Central New Jersey and The County of Middlesex, New Jersey blameless for any liabilities I incur.

Signature _____

Return to: A.F.A.A.C.N.J. Check payable to: A.F.A.A.C.N.J.
C/O Helen Burns
771 River Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4856

Competitions held throughout the day include: Bucket Brigade, Hose Rolling, and Hose Lay/Target Shoot

We are looking for trophy sponsors. Each sponsorship will be acknowledged during the muster. Sponsorships are \$25.00 each.

I would like to sponsor _____ trophies @ \$25.00. Please include sponsor fee with the application. Trophy sponsor and apparatus registration fees can be included on the same check.



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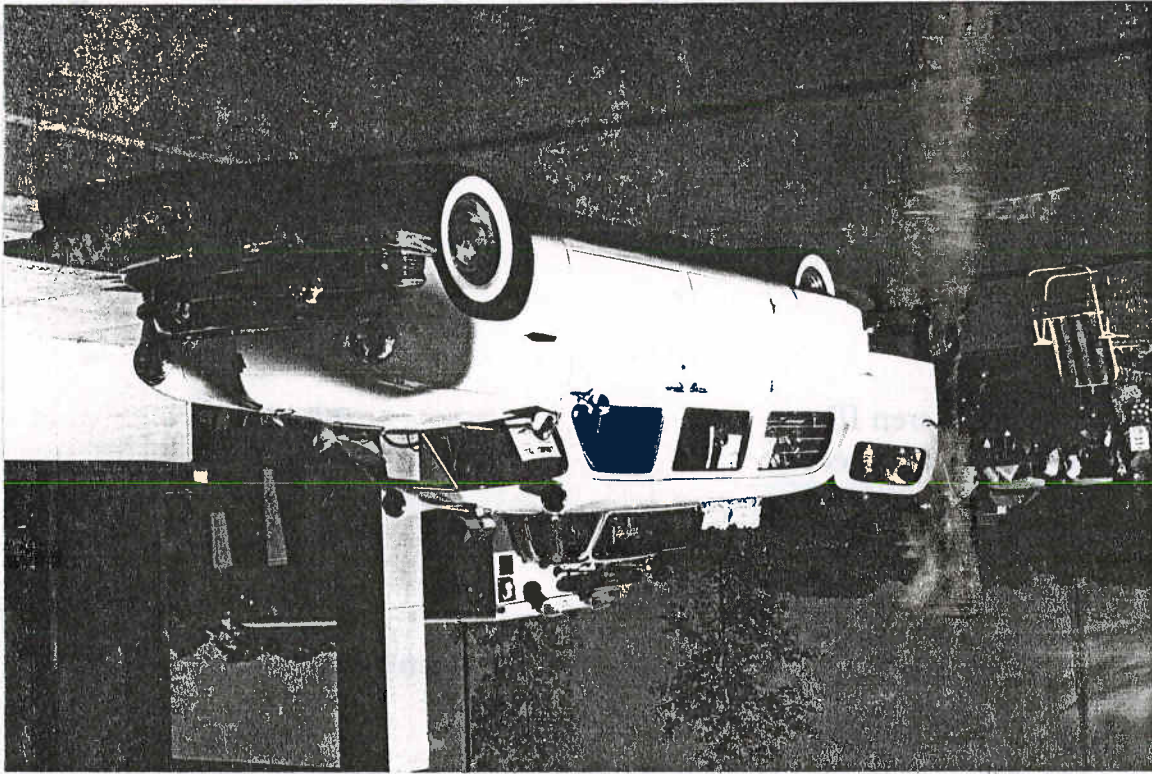
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"Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of vintage ambulances, funeral, and livery vehicles."

Slim Gellings' 1951 Siebert-Ford ambulance at recent car show in Lyndhurst, NJ.



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