



# The Criterion

NEWSLETTER of the NORTHEAST CHAPTER of the PROFESSIONAL CAR SOCIETY

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## COUNTDOWN TO LAHASKA

Early registration a must for May 19th meet, Marcy declares

Final preparations for the Northeast Chapter's first spring charity car show, to be held at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, Bucks County, PA on Sunday, May 19th, were the center-of-discussion at the winter meeting hosted by Jeff & Mary Hookway in Sparta, NJ on March 10th. With the event just four weeks away, Chapter President Bill Marcy re-emphasized that pre-registration forms should be sent to him ASAP (an extra copy is enclosed on pages 5-6) to ensure that the event runs smoothly, even if the official submission deadline is May 10th.

Calling it "a great opportunity to showcase our Chapter," Bill declared that "I would like to see a hundred cars there, with a procar turnout like we had at Lahaska last September (more than twenty vehicles out of 83, thanks to Chapter member Andy Toton's efforts on behalf of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club's Valley Forge Region). This is a terrific location in a beautiful setting just a couple of miles inside Pennsylvania, with plenty of spectators, shops and restaurants. The people in charge of the place couldn't be nicer to us - they were all 'it's free, you're welcome' and Bingo, we're off-and-running. Pass out copies of the flyer wherever you can, and be sure to tell your friends in other car clubs that the field will be open to ALL years and makes of cars and trucks - a PT Cruiser is as much fun to look at as anything else. And it's all for a good cause, with the proceeds benefitting the Port Authority PBA World Trade Center Survivors Fund." Vice-President & Activities Director Craig Stewart elaborated that "the money will go directly to the families of the 37 Port Authority police officers who were killed at the Twin Towers on September 11th. One of their representatives will be at the show, so there's no middlemen or administration costs eating into what we raise."

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Sunday, May 19th will be a very important date on our 2002 calendar, as the PCS Northeast Chapter will be holding its first charity show at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, PA. The date is a lot closer than you think, so please show your support for the show and our Chapter by sending in the enclosed pre-registration form as soon as possible. I hope that all of you will make this show the big success it deserves to be, by passing out copies of our flyer or telling your friends what they can look forward to. We have a great location, on grass, with plenty of restaurants, shops, and restrooms. Bring the entire family, since there are lots of spectator activities around the show field. Be sure to tell your friends in other clubs that this show is open to ALL cars and trucks regardless of make. And it's all for a good cause, with all proceeds benefitting the Port Authority Police PBA World Trade Center Survivors Fund.

On other subjects, there will be lots of car-related activities such as shows and cruise nights starting soon. They are lots of fun at the very least, but they also give us the opportunity to talk enthusiastically about our procars and our club. -  
**Bill Marcy**

Stewart also summarized other upcoming activities (fully-listed towards the end of this issue), placing particular emphasis on the Echelon Mall show that Harvey Schofield is staging in Voorhees, NJ on June 15th, the Cadillac-LaSalle Club National Driving Tour being hosted by the Valley Forge Region from June 11th-16th, and the Duke's Park Fire Apparatus Show in Manville, NJ on June 22nd.

He also stressed that anyone who wants to attend the Cadillac-LaSalle Club's 100th Anniversary Grand National Meet in Dearborn, MI (staged the week following the 26th PCS International in Grand Rapids) should register as soon as possible, given that the host hotel and a number of events have already sold out. Craig also encouraged anyone with ideas for activities this coming summer or fall to contact him (see the masthead on the inside cover of this issue for his address, telephone number and e-mail)

## BONFIRE CHEERS CHAPTER

The Northeast Chapter's March 2nd dinner at The Bonfire Restaurant in Paterson, NJ proved a warm, cozy respite from the rainy winter weather, Chapter President Bill Marcy recently reported to Your Editor. "This was our second year there, and we really enjoyed each other's company. In addition to myself and Lucille, the attendees included Craig & Roseanne Stewart, Mike Barruzza & Victoria Reimer, Tracy & Fred Goerlitz, Dann McCann and Sue Eisen. We had a nice, leisurely dinner with some great conversation."

## WHY NOT TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF?

Having spent the last three weeks attending press previews at the New York International Auto Show, autographing his book on the show's history during public days and summarizing the proceedings for *Old Cars Weekly* and *Women's News* the week after the show closed, one thing Your Editor has not had a chance to do is put out the call for new stories on the people and professional cars that have made the Northeast Chapter so successful since its founding in 1986. While our President Bill Marcy volunteered to be the first "Member Spotlight" in our 4th Quarter, 2001 issue, he should really be just the first of many members willing to write in about themselves, their families, their vehicles or their connection to the PCS. Your prose need not be of Pulitzer-winning quality - the literary flourishes, and if necessary the basic organization, will gladly be addressed at this end - and

you can even fax in your submission at (845) 986-6857. "Snail-mailed" photos of your procar (my computer system is still ripe for the Smithsonian, I'm afraid, so don't e-mail them) are, of course, also welcome, especially ones where it's going someplace or doing something unusual.

Posing an intriguing postscript to the photo published in the last issue of Ken Jones' Cotner-Bevington-bodied 1964 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight ambulance, Jeff Hookway has sent word that Larry Farrell has joined the Chapter with his 1970 model C-B Olds ambulance; those who wish to welcome him to the PCS can reach him at 44 Van Pelt Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303-2407 or (718) 720-0212.

## WORTH A STOP IN SCRANTON

No one who knows of Your Editor's cocoa addiction should be surprised to hear that, heading home from Scranton, PA recently, he dropped into the Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Outlet that's located off the Tighe Street Exit (#1) of Interstate 380 in Dunmore. Where this news gets interesting to PCS members is



**Not all professional cars are necessarily nightmares to park, judging from this pretty 1953 Henney-Packard "Junior" that Northeast Chapter member (and national PCS "store" manager) William Wright found near his home in Daytona Beach, FL. The story goes that he'd had his eye on it for some time, a classic case of being in the right place at the right time when the previous owner felt like selling.**





that the outlet also houses Don Clark's Miniature Memories, a truly-impressive diorama built around a massive HO train display. In addition to scratchbuilt local landmarks like the Lackawanna RR station, each of which took from one to five months to finish, this scale scene incorporates several fires, auto accidents and funeral corteges (including one for a drunk driver) incorporating scale professional cars, as well as a depiction of President Clinton's visit (complete with limousines and Secret Service vehicles) to the ship-shaped Cooper's Seafood restaurant following his father-in-law's funeral. While admission is free, any voluntary donations go to the St. Joseph's Center and the Christmas Bureau. Not only is this worthwhile attraction open all year Tuesday-Sunday from noon to 5 p.m, group tours and special hours can be arranged by calling (570) 346-2829.

## IMPERIAL'S IMPOSING, EVEN IN 1/43 SCALE

As part of Your Editor's continuing series on Models That May Rival What You Paid For Your First Real Car as a 17-Year-Old, Legendary has introduced a 1/43 scale 1956 Imperial limousine (*top left, lower right*) that's arguably worth every penny of its \$275 asking price. In addition to top-quality paintwork in maroon or black, this model faithfully captures one of Virgil Exner's greatest efforts down to its split eggcrate grille, free-standing taillights and sporty-looking wire wheels. To order, or request a free brochure, contact Dominion Models at [dominionmodels@aol.com](mailto:dominionmodels@aol.com) or P.O. Box 515, Salem, VA 24153; the phone/fax number is (540) 375-3750.

## CRITERION CLASSIFIEDS:

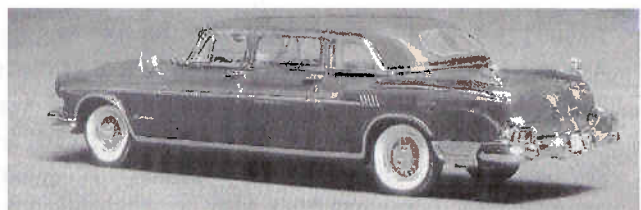
**1967 Cadillac Hearse.** Coachbuilder unknown. Body rough, engine recently rebuilt, runs and drives well. **Also selling 1983 Oldsmobile Hearse.** Coachbuilder unknown, looks and runs well. \$2,000 each. Call Rich Singer at (201) 612-1995.

**1983 S&S Cadillac Victoria Hearse.** Very nice condition. \$3,900. Dave Wilner, (732) 549-5500.

## CRITERION CALENDAR:

**May 5th, 2002 (Sun.), Pomona, NY:** Fire Museum Expo III, 11am-4pm at Rockland County Fire Training Center, 35 Fireman's Memorial Drive, off Pomona Road (accessed from 9-W or Palisades Parkway via NY 45). Features free admission, free blood pressure screening, rope rescue and vehicle extrication drills. For further info contact Matthew Mann, curator, at (845) 364-8974 or (845) 429-5928 (home).

**May 11th, 2002 (Sat.), Verona, NJ:** Verona Rescue Squad's 75th Anniversary celebration featuring 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for "best appearing privately-owned ambulance." Assemble at noon for 1pm parade, starting at Bloomfield Avenue and Elmwood Road off route 23. For further info log onto [veronarescuesquad.org](http://veronarescuesquad.org) or contact Craig Stewart at (201) 438-1757 from 7-9pm.



**May 19th, 2002 (Sun.), Lahaska, Bucks County, PA:** PCS Northeast Chapter hosts its 1st Annual Antique, Classic & Special Interest Car & Truck Show at Peddler's Village, at the intersection of PA 263 and U.S. 202. Proceeds benefit the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association's World Trade Center Survivors Fund. **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE - May 10th deadline.**

**June 1st-2nd, 2002 (Sat.-Sun.), Greenwich, CT:** 7th Annual Greenwich Concours d'Elegance and post-World War II Concours Europa, 10am-5pm at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park off Interstate 95, Exit 3 (Arch Street). Benefits the international relief organization AmeriCares. For further information call (203) 618-0460 or log onto [www.greenwichconcours.com](http://www.greenwichconcours.com).

**June 2nd, 2002 (Sun.), Newark, NJ:** Newark Fire Department muster. Contact Craig Stewart at (201) 438-1757 for further information.

**June 8th, 2002 (Sat.), Peabody, MA:** Massachusetts Antique Fire Association Meet. Contact Craig Stewart for further information.

**June 11th-16th (Tues.-Sun.), King Of Prussia, PA:** Cadillac-LaSalle Club National Driving Tour hosted by Valley Forge Region, with hub at Desmond Hotel. Features a visit to the Burn Prevention Foundation's 13th Annual Concours of the Eastern U.S. at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus on June 15th. For further info contact tour coordinators Mike & Bobbie Zimmerman at (610) 964-8455.

**June 15th (Sat.), Voorhees, NJ:** Professional Car Class at Echelon Mall Auto Show, located about 15 miles southeast of Center City Philadelphia. For further info contact Harvey Schofield at (856) 596-6599 or log onto [www.shopechelonmall.com](http://www.shopechelonmall.com).

**June 22nd (Sat.), Manville, NJ:** Ninth Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Show, 10am-4pm at Duke's Park, Dukes Parkway, accessed from U.S. 22 via Findeme Avenue south (CR 533), or Exit 13 off I-287 (NJ 28 west). "Firematic" flea market, firefighter competitions, hands-on hose play for the children. For further info contact Helen Burns at (732) 463-7445.

**July 31st-August 3rd, 2002 (Wed.-Sat.), Grand Rapids, MI:** PCS Great Lakes Chapter hosts the Professional Car Society's 26th Annual International Meet at the Grand Inn & Conference Center, 3221 Plainfield NE. Itinerary includes visits to the West Shore Services Fire Museum and the Gilmore CCCA Museum. For more information call Larry Allan at (616) 364-9632; for room reservations at \$56 PCS special rate phone (800) 445-5004.

**August 4th-11th, 2002 (Sun.-Sun.), Dearborn, MI:** Cadillac-LaSalle Club Grand National celebrating Cadillac's Centennial, Hyatt Regency Dearborn, Southfield and Michigan Aves. For additional meet information call Paul Ayres at (248) 553-2053 or Tim Pawl at (248) 683-3271.

**August 10th (Sat.), New Hope, PA:** Professional Car Class at New Hope Auto Show. For further info contact Harvey Schofield at (856) 596-6599.

**August 18th, 2002 (Sun.), Millville, NJ:** Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade's Show & Muster at Wheaton Village. Contact Diana Ford at (856) 299-9434 to register vehicles, or John Burzichelli at (856) 423-6990 for muster information.

**August 18th, 2002 (Sun.), Montgomery, NY:** Catskill Fire Muster. For further information contact Craig Stewart at [Caddyamb@aol.com](mailto:Caddyamb@aol.com) or (201) 438-1757 from 7-9pm.

**August 31st, 2002 (Sat.), Boonton, NJ:** Boonton Fire Department's 111th Anniversary Parade, starts 1:30 pm (assembly one hour prior) from Ashland Chemical Plaza, intersection of Morris Avenue & Rockaway Street. Trophies awarded to best privately-owned apparatus. For further information contact James Leonard, 314 Kelly Lane, Boonton, N.J. 07005.

**September 8th, 2002 (Sun.), New Berlinville, PA:** Liberty Fire Co./Gibson Roads Chapter SPAAMFAA's 16th Annual Fire Muster, Public Safety Expo & Flea Market at Liberty Park, North Reading Avenue. For further information phone (610) 367-7857 or (610) 369-3777.

# Spring Meet Antique Auto Show

*Sponsored By Northeast Chapter of the Professional Car Society*

At

## **PEDDLER'S VILLAGE**

Routes 202 & 263, Lahaska, Bucks County, PA

*(Directions on back)*

**SUNDAY MAY 19, 2002** *(Rain or Shine)*

Registration: 9AM to 11AM

Popular Vote Judging: 11:30AM to 1:30PM ~~~~ Awards: 3PM

All Vehicles Wishing to Be Judged Must Be On Show Field By 11AM

*Dash Plaques to First 100 Vehicles ~ No Pets or Alcoholic Beverages Permitted*  
*Pre-Registration only by May 10 ~ \$10.00 per car ~ No Day of Show Entries*

**Proceeds To Benefit Port Authority PBA World Trade Center Disaster Survivor's Fund**

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*Mail This Portion To:*

Bill Marcy, 349 Lookout Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ fee per vehicle (Payable to *Northeast Chapter, PCS*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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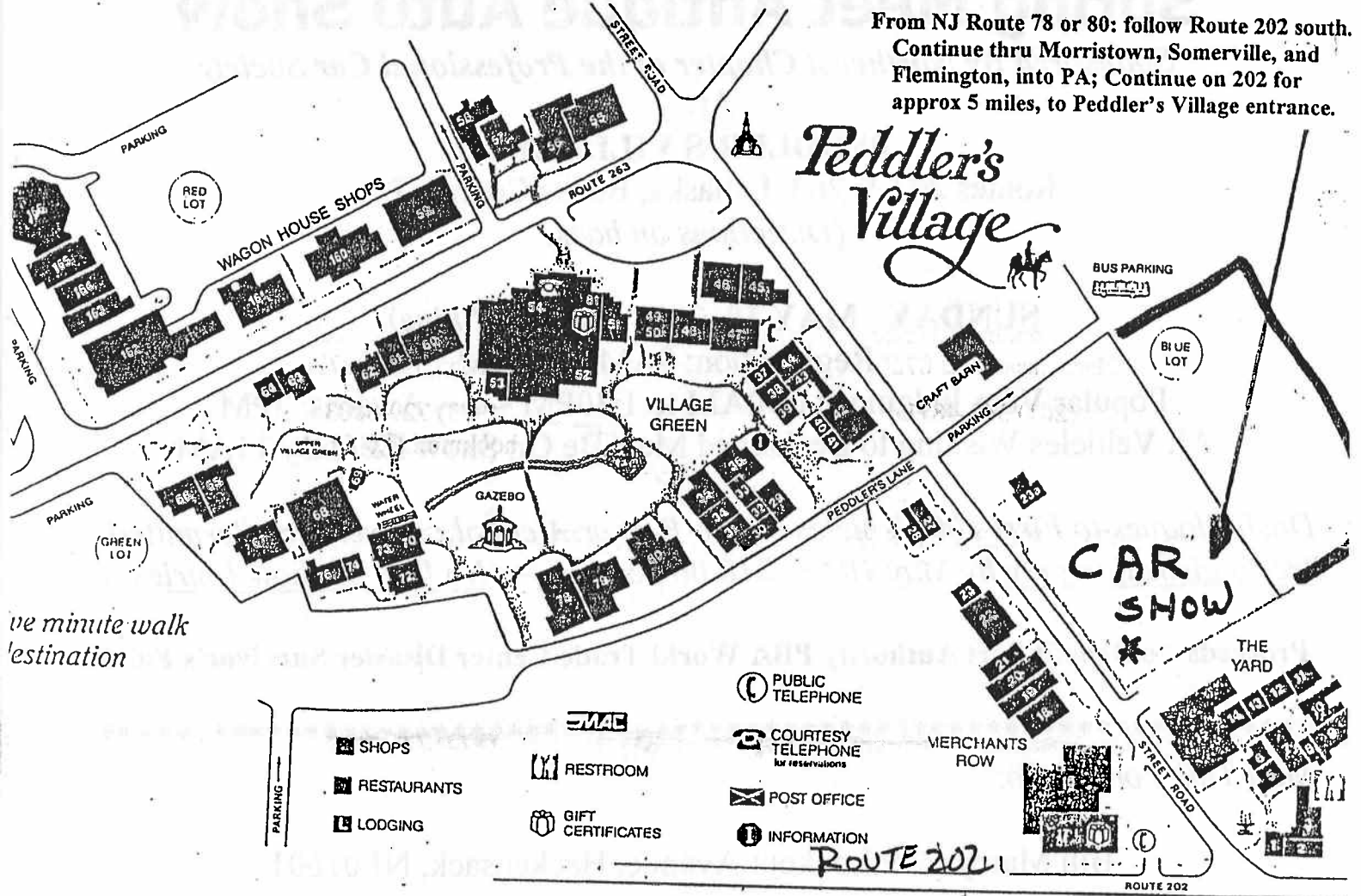
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I, the undersigned, do hereby state that my vehicle(s) currently carry liability insurance and further agree to hold harmless the Professional Car Society, its Officers, the Northeast Chapter, its Officers, and Peddler's Village for any accident, property damage, injuries, or theft which may occur to myself, my guests, or my vehicle(s) while attending or otherwise participating in this show.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

From NJ Route 78 or 80: follow Route 202 south. Continue thru Morristown, Somerville, and Flemington, into PA; Continue on 202 for approx 5 miles, to Peddler's Village entrance.

# Peddler's Village



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Given that Volvo completed its first production car exactly 75 years ago on April 14, 1927, your editor felt that this was a fine time to run this photo of a 264 TE limousine bodied by Bertone of Italy in 1979. At 220.47 inches overall it nearly 28 inches longer than the stock vehicle.

*Automobile Club of Italy*