

MID-JERSEY REGION



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OFFICERS

President----- Jim Spence
Vice President---- John K. Tiene
Secretary----- Carl Christiansen
Treasurer----- Bruce Bird
Director 1 Year--- Larry Myers
Director 2 Year--- Jim Bowers
Director 3 Year--- Mike Dachille

JANUARY MEETING

Monday, January 10, 2011
8 PM
Crosswicks Community House
Crosswicks, NJ

DECEMBER MEETING

The December Meeting was the annual Pizza Night. It took place at Scotto & Crimani Pizza in Yardville. Although there was no formal meeting, Larry Myers announced the 2011 Officers and they were approved:

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Larry Myers	1 Year Director
Jim Bowers	2 Year Director
Mike Dachille	3 Year Director

Sid Olson said he could get Hess trucks (still in boxes). Members felt that they could be used as trophies at the next Haldeman Ford Show. Sid can get additional trucks, but not in boxes, and he will look into that further.

John Tiene said Ron Dunster had just undergone double bypass surgery and he is now home recovering. Jim Spence said Paul Molz also had been recently hospitalized and Paul said he was happy to be at Pizza Night.

CLUB BUTTONS



Buttons with our Region's Logo are available. Get yours at the next meeting. The cost is \$3 for 1 button or \$5 for 2 buttons.

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Mid Jersey Region dues for 2011 are now due. The annual dues are still \$10. If you didn't pay Bruce at Pizza Night, send them to our Crosswicks P.O. Box address listed elsewhere in the newsletter.



National AACA Dues are also due. The annual membership fee is \$35. Either renew online or use the form from *Antique Automobile* magazine.

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REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

South Amboy, NJ – A Toys-for-Tots event took place at Wayne's Speed in South Amboy on Sunday, December 5, 2010. It was pretty cold for a car show, but the Marines came away with a good quantity of toys.



Car Line Up in front of Wayne's Speed



More in the back lot



1950 Ford



1946 Ford



1970 Boss 302 Mustang



1941 Plymouth

R.I.P. - 6 FLAGS FACTORY OUTLET CRUISE

For over the past 10 years, many of our members, along with an abundance of other area car people, could be found at the 6 Flags Factory Outlet Cruise Night. These were held on the last Friday of the month from April – September. This Cruise was run by the Fossils Car Club and they should have received a Nobel Peace Prize for the location. Where else could the guys go with their cars and have their wives shop at the same time? For us Trenton area people, it was a quick buzz down I-195, usually only with the minor traffic hassle of mixing it up with the Great Adventure Park traffic when exiting the Interstate. Since cars came from a wide area, there was a broader variety of vehicles to admire compared to some of the smaller cruise nights. Early on, it was always easy to find a parking spot due to the large size of the parking lot. As the event matured, it got harder to find spaces due to its popularity and the fact that some jerks

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started saving spaces for their cronies. There was nothing more annoying than to see an open spot, drive down to it, and then find a lawn chair reserving it for someone. Then having to maneuver the car back out to the main driveway and avoid slow moving oblivious spectators added to the aggravation. However, these irritations were minor compared to the fun of participating in this large monthly cruise.

According to the Fossils' Newsletter, the building manager for the Outlet added new stipulations for 2011:

1. Hold the cruise night on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. (not on a Thursday or Friday).
2. A total of 300 vehicles would be allowed at the Cruise.
3. The site fee would be \$1,000 dollars per cruise night.
4. The club must sign a term sheet and license agreement form.

After being presented with these new requirements, the Fossils membership voted to end the cruise. So, that closes out another cruise night, which really had become more of a summer tradition. Thanks to the Fossils Car Club for running it as long as they did!

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CALLING ALL CONVERTIBLES

We have been contacted once again by Princeton University alumni to provide vehicles for the P-Rade. According to the University's website, next year's reunion will be held May 26 – 29, 2011, so assume that the P-Rade will be Saturday, May 28th. Our Region has been requested to provide a total of 5 convertibles from the late 1950s to about 1967, but having a few more than the minimum would be better. Contact Ron

Dunster if you can take part. He also needs pictures of the cars that will participate to send to his Princeton contact, so plan now.

GET WELL SOON – RON DUNSTER

Ron Dunster has recently had double bypass surgery and is now home recovering. The membership of Mid-Jersey Region wishes Ron a speedy recovery. Get well soon Ron, before long you'll return to being as sharp as the fins on your '59 Cadillac!



CAR CALENDAR

- January 10, 2011 – January Meeting**
- January 14-16, 2011- Allentown, PA - Auto-Mania 2011 at the Agricultural Hall Allentown Fairgrounds**
- January 29 – February 6, 2011 – Philadelphia Auto Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center**
- February 14, 2011 – February Meeting**
- February 18–20, 2011 – Atlantic City Auction etc.**
- March 14, 2011 – March Meeting**
- March 25-27, 2011 - North East Rod & Custom Car Show at the Greater Phila. Expo Center 100 Station Ave, Oaks, PA**
- April 11, 2011 - April Meeting**
- May 9, 2011 – May Meeting**
- June 13, 2011 – June Meeting**
- July 11, 2011 – July Meeting**
- August 8, 2011 – August Meeting**
- September 12, 2011 – September Meeting**
- October 5-8, 2011 – Hershey Fall Meet**
- October 10, 2011 – October Meeting**
- November 14, 2011 – November Meeting**
- December 12, 2011 – Pizza Night Meeting**

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JANUARY MEETING SPEAKER

Steering Wheel Bob will be a guest speaker at our January 2011 Meeting. Obviously, he will discuss steering wheel restoration. According to his website:

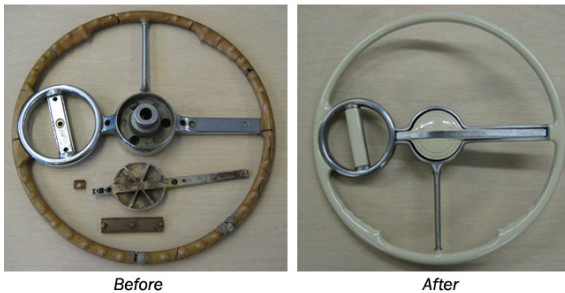
With over 40 years restoration experience and numerous CCCA and AACA National First Prizes under his belt, Bob Monetti has perfected a system of steering wheel restoration that brings rare and tired old wheels back from the brink. The result is a concours quality wheel with improved structural integrity.

They are a full service steering wheel restoration service for your Antique, Classic, Truck, Custom, or even your boat. They also restore (and in many cases can reproduce) dash knobs, shift knobs, and garnish moldings. For more info, go here:

<http://www.steeringwheelbob.com/index.html>

Check out his work:

1940 Chevrolet "Spinner" Wheel



SPEAKERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Our incoming President, Jim Spence, is interested in getting Speakers for our monthly meetings in 2011. If you have any ideas for Speakers, bring them up at the next meeting or contact Jim. It would be better to talk to the potential Speakers first to see if they would be interested in making a presentation.

WRAP UP

For anyone looking for a New Year's Resolution, how about attending more club meetings in the New Year. The dates for the 2011 meetings are listed on the previous page, so mark your calendars now. Need a cure for the "mid-winter it's too cold for car shows" blues? There is an indoor event listed for January, February & March, so getting out to one or more should help. Could not find a confirmed date for the 2011 Cowtown flea market, but it's probably March 27th. Try some of the indoor events to help get you through the Winter. Happy New Year everyone!

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Here's hoping the Club has a "Trophy Year" in 2011!



THE END

