

# MID-JERSEY REGION



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### MAY MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2011  
8 PM  
Crosswicks Community House  
Crosswicks, NJ

### APRIL MEETING

The April Meeting was held at the Crosswicks Community House on April 11, 2011. President, Jim Spence, called the meeting to order at 8:00.

The speaker for the April Meeting was Jay Rosell from Back in Time Auto Upholstery in Mt Holly, NJ. He has been in the auto upholstery business since 1968. He brought pictures of a 1954 Chrysler showing its finished interior. He also had a seat bottom from a Mustang and a custom made Model A Boat Tail Speedster seat for members to see. Jay said they also do the seat cushions for the NJ River Line trains. The present

business has been in operation for about 1 ½ years and one of their jobs recently completed was a 1937 Cord. The shop can do almost anything, but they prefer not to do boats. Jay said they have upholstery sample books as far back as the early 1960s, so this is helpful when trying to match material when a car is getting reupholstered.

After the Upholstery presentation, Carl Christiansen read the March Meeting Minutes and Bruce Bird read the Treasurers Report. Bruce went over the costs of the Annual Dinner and ran down some of the other expenses including costs incurred for the Haldeman Ford Show, the website and newsletter postage. The Installation Dinner had 49 members and 9 guests.

For Old Business, John Tiene, Jim Spence, Jim Bowers, Sid Olson and Bruce Bird met with the representative from the Shoppes at Hamilton about the upcoming Cruise Night. On the day of our first Cruise Night, it was raining but Jim Bowers, Ron Dunster, Sid Olson and Mike Dachille went out to the shopping center. They had made up "donation buckets" for donations to the annual scholarship. No cars showed up to the cruise due to the poor weather.

It was mentioned that everyone enjoyed the Installation/Anniversary Dinner.

Doug Watt said he has the Haldeman trophies on order. They will be delivered to

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Haldeman by the trophy store on the Friday before the show.

The Mayor of Robbinsville was happy with our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The club will probably get asked to do it again in 2012.

For the History Fair, we had a count of 7 participating cars at the meeting, but we need 12 – 15 cars. The event lasts until 5 pm and plan to arrive around 9 – 9:30.

There are enough cars scheduled for the Princeton P-Rade.

For the Allentown Memorial Day Parade, Ron Dunster requested members to bring pop up tents (canopies) to his house for shade for the Club Picnic. The picnic will be at Ron's house after the parade. Like in previous years, cars are needed for the Allentown Parade prior to the picnic.

For New Business, Bob Major will do a slide show of a trip he & Helen made in a Model A back in 1983.

Joe Weldon suggested we add the names of the past scholarship recipients on the "donation buckets" which we will have at the Cruise Nights.

Sid Olson made a motion to adjourn at 9:08.

## MAY MEETING SPEAKER

Member Bob Major will give a slide show on a trip he and Helen took in their Model A in 1983. That's almost 20 years ago, so let's see who aged better, Bob or the Model A!

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## CLUB CALENDAR

**May 7, 2011** – History Fair  
**May 9, 2011** – May Meeting  
**May 13, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**May 28, 2011** – P-Rade  
**May 30, 2011** – Allentown Memorial Day Parade and Club Picnic  
**June 10, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**June 12, 2011** – Haldeman Ford Show  
**June 13, 2011** – June Meeting  
**July 8, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**July 9, 2011** – Carranza Memorial Tour  
**July 11, 2011** – July Meeting  
**August 8, 2011** – August Meeting  
**August 12, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**September 9, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**September 12, 2011** – September Meeting  
**October 5-8, 2011** – Hershey Fall Meet  
**October 10, 2011** – October Meeting  
**October 14, 2011** – Cruise Night  
**November 14, 2011** – November Meeting  
**December 12, 2011** – Pizza Night Meeting

## CALLING ALL CONVERTIBLES

We have been contacted once again by Princeton University alumni to provide vehicles for the P-Rade. The date is Saturday, May 28th. Our Region has been requested to provide at least 5 convertibles from the late 1950s to about 1967. There presently are enough cars to cover this obligation, but if you want to participate, contact Ron Dunster. He also needs pictures of the cars that will be involved to send to his Princeton contact, so do it now.

## REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

**Englishtown, NJ** – The annual Spring Swap Meet and Show at Raceway Park was on April 15- 17, 2011. The weather was bad on Saturday, so by Sunday, there seemed to be more empty vendor spots than usual. The car show attendance on Sunday seemed lighter too, although it never rained.

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Ambitious '39 Chevy



1958 Pontiac Bonneville



Maybe the seller thought the upcoming Royal Wedding would motivate people to buy these British projects.

**Hopewell, NJ** – The annual Hopewell Cruise Night was on Friday, April 29, 2011. It had rained earlier, but by cruise time, things were pretty much dried up. Both sides of Route 518 were filled with cruise cars. This one gets a larger percentage of European cars due to the Lotus Dealership there.



Model T Fords



Corvette, Mustang and the Nomad Pizza's REO mobile pizza baking truck.



1936 Packard



1935 LaSalle

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A Ford mixed in with German and Italian Cars



This '46 or '47 Ford Woody was spotted behind the Lotus Dealership.

**Atco, NJ** - The Yesteryear Drags & Car Show was held at Atco Raceway on Sunday, May 1, 2011. This was open to vehicles 1975 and older but a few new Camaro owners apparently couldn't read. The show was mostly modified vehicles, but a few nice originals were on display.



1932 Ford Roadster



1935 Chevy. There was a really nice similar vintage Pontiac there also, but the owner had so many annoying signs in front of the car, it was impossible to get a decent picture.



View from the stands...



... and from the other direction.



1956 Ford

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Drag Racing Firebirds



1970s Mustang Funny Car



More Mustangs



Altered Wheelbase Chevy II

## AACA MID-JERSEY REGION CRUISE NIGHT

Our Club will hold a Cruise Night at the *Shoppes at Hamilton* on the second Friday of each month from 5 pm to 9 pm. We need some members to get there about 3:30 to set things up. Members are also needed at the conclusion to help clean up (if necessary). Let's hope the next ones have better weather than April.

**MAY 13, 2011**

**JUNE 10, 2011**

**JULY 8, 2011**

**AUGUST 12, 2011**

**SEPT 9, 2011**

**OCTOBER 14, 2011**

## HISTORY FAIR

The NJ State History Fair will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 11a.m. - 5p.m. at the Historic Village at Allaire, Allaire State Park, Farmingdale, NJ. Our Region will put on a display there and we have room for 15 cars. Plan to arrive around 9 a.m. and you will be directed to our parking area. Hopefully, members can catch a ride on that train there.

These directions are using 195 East, so if you want to use the slower local roads instead, you'll need to look at a map or use the GPS (and make sure its battery is charged if your car is 6 volt!).

Take Interstate 195 East toward Belmar, Lakewood and Shore Points. Get off at Exit 31B Farmingdale - Allaire State Park exit. Upon exiting you will be on County Route 547 North. At the first traffic light, 0.3 miles after exiting Interstate 195, turn right onto County Route 524 / Allaire Rd. A Chevrolet Car Dealership will be on the right at the corner of the traffic light. Proceed on County Route 524 / Allaire Rd. for 0.7 miles and the entrance to Allaire State Park, The

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Historic Village at Allaire and Pine Creek Railroad will be on the right.

Use this for the GPS Address:

4265 Atlantic Ave.  
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

## **THIS IS NEW & IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**

Information received from the History Fair is as follows:

The first item is a map which indicates that you and/or your organization will be located in the **Gazebo Field** [editor's note - a copy of the map is included with the hardcopy Newsletters]. Upon entering the Park, you will be directed to this area's check-in station and given your specific location within the Gazebo Field

The second item is a flyer with the letter G (Gazebo) [editor's note – this is included with the hardcopy Newsletter too]. This flyer must be downloaded/printed and displayed prominently inside your vehicle on the windshield prior to your arrival at the Park. All scheduled members of your organization must also place this flyer in their vehicle's windshield. This is an effort to help our staff expedite the morning check-in traffic flow.

Entrance to the Fair will be through the main entrance gate to Allaire State Park. Gates will open at 7:00 AM. Set-up is to be completed by 10:00 AM. Upon completion of your set-up, you will be directed to the exhibitor parking area. Break down of displays is not permitted prior to 5:00 PM.

Complimentary morning refreshments (compliments of the Officers of Allaire Village Inc.) will be provided for

exhibitors in the Snack Bar Building from 7:30AM – 10:30 AM.

## **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.



## **HALDEMAN FORD SHOW**

Doug Watt has a copy of the show flyer up on the website. Print some off and distribute them at local shows and cruises.

## **CARRANZA MEMORIAL TOUR**

This will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011. The club will tour to the monument in Tabernacle, NJ. The ceremony starts at 1 pm. Mt Holly American Legion Post 11 will reserve a place for us to park our cars.

## **WRAP UP**

By now, you must have had your car out to something, so it's in good running order. Give it some more exercise by bringing it to History Fair this Saturday. At this point, the weather looks cooperative. The month of May seems to be the month when the cruise nights start up again in earnest, so get out and about with your wheels.

Carl Christiansen – Editor

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