



## Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

### DOWN THE ROAD

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### WE WILL NEVER FORGET 9/11/01

By Sal Ferlise

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, Richard Cusimano and I delivered the trophy to Engine Company #54, Ladder #4, and Battalion #9, which is located 782 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., New York City. As you may already know, all members of this Battalion died on 9/11. The Company was surprised and grateful to receive the trophy from the Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County NJ.

We were met at the firehouse door by Firefighter Andrew Sforza, who introduced Richard and me to Lt. McDonnell, Firefighters R. Berardi, and Firefighter F. Martinez. These are members of Engine Company #54. Ladder Co. #4 who were out on inspections. So, unfortunately we did not meet them; but I did get all their names as follows: Lt. Kazan, Firefighters Esposito, Mickey, Beyrer, and McLeod. Also out of quarters of Battalion #9 were Chief M. Meyers and Firefighter T. Clinton.

This was a very important day for me. As many of you already know, I am a retired Firefighter, and I just cannot understand why 343 of New York City's Bravest had to die on 9/11.

As painful as this was to their families and America in general, it was especially painful to Firefighters, retired or not. It never goes away. Once you are a Firefighter it's forever.

The Firefighters gave Richard and me NYC Fire Department Tee shirts. We were surprised and grateful to receive them.

May God Bless Our Fallen Brother Fire Fighters and their Families and keep the members of the New York City Fire Department safe.

Respectfully,

*Salvatore Ferlise*



**2011 CORVETTE RAFFLE WINNER**



And the winner is: JANET TROTTLER from Lyndhurst, NJ with raffle ticket #04335. Congratulations Janet. We wish you many happy miles. Thank you to all Museum members who helped with this 2011 fundraiser and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. We appreciate your support.

**CAR CLEAN UP CREW:**

**Ken Stalgaitis** set the pace for this important Museum activity. His persistence “saved” some donated cars and improved the appearance of the Museum Storage Garage. Along with Ken the following Museum members transformed 12 cars into attractive antique autos: Chuck Ferrara, Tim O’Rourke, Gary Stabile, Denny Derion, Ray Patnaude, Ed Yesunas, Phil Vitello, Dave DiEugenio and Dave Lange. Thank you for your time and effort to complete this task.

VAMNJ received funding this year from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, through a local history program grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

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### MAYOR GARY GIBERSON AND NICKI GIBERSON ARE TERRIFIC HOSTS:



Gary is the Mayor of Port Republic and Museum Life Member #15. He is in the photo last on the left in the back. His red tow truck is behind Walt & Shirley Piatkowski. Phil and Marie Vitello's beautiful 1928 Model T Ford is far left. The gas station has been donated to the Museum. The picnic was enjoyable with plenty of good food and good chatter. Thank you Gary & Nicki for your hospitality and another outstanding event.

### MUSEUM DISPLAY AT THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE:

New Jersey's Premier Auto Event To Benefit The Boys & Girls Clubs Of Monmouth County was held on 10/1/11. Jeff Cruz, Chairman & Founder, invited us to have a Museum display to provide information about our outstanding educational programs. John Mahoney, Ray Patnaude and Dave DiEugenio assisted in that very nice display.



Magnificent antique automobiles were on display at the most beautiful and elegant auto show of the year. Mr. Jim Caldwell of Toms River presented this stately Rolls Royce for all to enjoy. This is an example of the outstanding quality of cars invited to Hop Brook Farm, Holmdel, NJ for the Monmouth County Concours d'Elegance.

VAMNJ expresses sincere appreciation for the invitation to participate in this event.

**ALSO FROM THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE: THE 1934 DUESENBERG MODEL J**



This is said to be the finest car ever produced. The Model J was introduced to the public at the 1928 NY Auto Show. The 32 valve, dual-overhead camshaft made 265 HP. The 6.9-liter engine was designed by F. Duesenberg. It lasted until 1937. Only 481 were built. A Model J will sell for more than one million dollars

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**FOR SALE:**

1948 Plymouth Deluxe  
1967 Pontiac Firebird 400  
1947 Kaiser

1966 Dodge Polara 383  
1966 Corvair  
1940 Packard

**All cars are in the Museum garage and can be seen by appointment.**

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**Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey - 2011 Calendar**

Car Display	American Legion, 2025 Church Rd. TR 10 - 3 pm	Oct. 15
History on Wheels	Lacey Twp. High School, Lanoka Harbor 8:30 to 12	Oct. 19 (rain date 10/20)
Speaker's Bureau	Antique Auto Club of Mon. Co. Little Silver @ 8 pm	Oct. 19
Speaker's Bureau	Garden State Journalists Assoc. Red Bank at noon	Nov. 19
Veterans' Day Parade	Toms River – Line-up at Office Lounge @ 9 am	Nov. 11
300 Club Drawing	Vintage Auto Club Christmas Party 12 to 3 pm	Dec. 11

2011 Museum Board Meetings are held at the Community Center in Seaside Heights, NJ. All meetings start at 7:15 pm on the third Wednesday of every month.

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**Fun At Delicious Orchards**



**Carol Chojnacki, Treasurer of North Shore Antique Auto Club, invited all of our members to the Delicious Orchards for an antique car display and a fantastic party. She got in this Extra Terrestrial Vehicle owned by Bill Boggiano of Toms River and was last seen heading to the moon. Please come back soon because we love you.**

**God bless our troops. May they come home safe and soon.**

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