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Letter to the Editor

Hi Cindy,

Just got through reading your latest story in the Aug/Sept issue of CCNews, great read, all your stories are enjoyable to read, just want to say, your very, fortunate to have a friend like that, most people can't say the same, and some as they get older don't have any friends at all due to them moving out of state or dieing off, as in my case, from one cancer survivor to another, keep on writing, I'm a fan!

Take Care,
Dante Mariconda

Hello Dante!!

Thank you so much for your email!! I'm so happy you enjoy my articles but most importantly, CONGRATS on being a survivor!!! Woohoo!!!! Gives us a different perspective on life, doesn't it?!

I have to agree - having a friend like my Deb is a blessing, someone who just feels like home and someone I can be my true self around (although I'm always my true self whether people like it or not lol!!!). We all need a friend like Deb!!

Thank you again for reaching out - I always love hearing from my readers!!!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and happy reading!!!

Warmest regards,
Cindy

The Viking Classic- Car Show – All Makes and Models Welcome!

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WHAT IF?,,,

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would you live that day? What would you do differently? Would your life be any better, or worse?

What if you had the power to do anything imaginable? What if you knew you were going to live forever? How about taking a peek at what life would be without sickness and injury? Would the day go smoother if there was no poverty and crime? Can you even begin to imagine what it would be like if everyone loved everyone?

We all know that these answers would mean life is wonderful, bliss and ecstasy reign supreme, happiness and joy abound and all is right with the world. Songs and books have been written about this. Movies and fantasies are made from this. We all long for this, yet: It eludes us!

Well, that is the secret behind the secret that everybody keeps saying nobody is telling you, but it's true.

We've been told since the dawn of time repeatedly, yet we refuse to listen, we refused to understand, we dismiss it as fantasy. Today is the day to face the truth!

UPANISHADS: "YOU ARE THAT", Jesus : " The kingdom of God is within you". Sufi: "You are not a drop of water in the ocean, you are the ocean in drop" Hermetic: "All is One" Tao: "Everything is the Tao in 10,000 versions", Dalai Lama : "We are all thread in the same fabric, woven into one seamless tapestry of existence."

Thousands of years of wisdom, yet we still are at odds with ourself! There is only one! When we were instructed to do unto others, as you would have them do unto ourselves that is because "there is only one!"

Does the knowing that God resides in you remove fear from your life? Will understanding that you are a part OF God bring you peace? Can the belief that all things,(therefore you and I) are God comfort you? Now that you realize that the Creator is experiencing life THROUGH YOU, will you do things differently. You should. We should. I should. I SHALL.

John 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my father and You are in me and I am in you. All are ONE. Only 1 eternal life exists, and EVERYTHING is a part of it.

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It Is What It Is With Cindy Sevell

Sometimes life hands you exactly what you are looking for. Other times, it hands you something completely different and says, "Surprise!" This particular day, I went into a client's home looking for one very important document (with explicit permission, of course). I walked out without the document but I walked out with a story worth sharing, a whole lot of gold, silver, coins, baseball cards and stamps, and the very satisfying feeling that we had just uncovered something that could make a real difference in our client's life.

Let me back up. My son Josh and I own TLC Senior Living Services and what we do is a little different from what people might initially imagine when they hear the words "senior living services." We don't simply point a family toward an assisted living community, hand them a brochure and wish them good luck. Oh nooooo...that would be far too easy AND lazy. We get super involved. We dig in. We ask questions. We investigate. We negotiate. We make phone calls. We schedule tours. We go on the tours with our clients and their families. We educate the families on all of their choices, choices they didn't even know they had. We help families figure out what they actually need instead of what they think they need. And, just a few weeks ago, we were instructed by our client to rummage through drawers in hopes of finding one missing and greatly needed document...instead we discovered a small fortune.

That last part wasn't exactly on the brochure. Recently, we had a client we helped move into an assisted living community. Because of her dementia, she was no longer living safely in her home. Her power of attorney lives out of state and there was a very important document that he desperately needed to locate. I was asked to go look for it. After being given explicit permission in writing, I did just that. After all, we do anything to help our clients.

I started looking. I searched everywhere. Still nothing. After a long two plus hours searching, I was just about to leave but something stopped me on my way out. I thought, "Wait a minute. There's one more piece of furniture I haven't checked." I opened the first little drawer. Inside were several envelopes that looked super uber important. OMG! Jackpot! I started going through them, expecting to find the document we had been searching for. Instead, I found something ENTIRELY different and completely unexpected.

Sit down for this...I found GOLD bars. Silver. First Mint coins. Baseball cards. Stamps and more. I was staring at what appeared to be a miniature treasure hiding inside a small drawer under a variety of important looking en-

velopes that didn't even contain what I was searching for. After carefully examining everything and sending pictures to our client's POA, we discovered that the gold alone was worth approximately \$65,000+. Did you read that number? I found

sixty-five THOUSAND dollars worth of valuables for my client and that was just the gold alone! How crazy is that - I had gone into that house looking for one piece of paper and came out with a discovery that could really help our client. My heart was so full and I felt like I was walking on clouds!

Underneath the excitement of the discovery was something much more important. This woman has dementia. She had no idea the valuables were there. Her power of attorney, who lived out of state, had no idea either. Had I not been the person there looking for that document, those valuables could have remained hidden in that drawer OR someone else with no morals could have taken them all. That gold represents care and security for this woman. For a senior who needs ongoing assistance, every dollar matters. The discovery didn't just make me excited because we had found something valuable. I was excited because I had found something that will help our client.

That is what we mean when we say that we put our clients' best interests first. Josh and I take what we do incredibly seriously. Seniors are one of the most vulnerable populations in our society and when families trust us to help their loved ones, we don't take that responsibility lightly. We treat our clients like family. Our slogan is, "The Company With A Heart" because we truly put our heart and soul into everything we do. We started this company to help seniors all over the United States, to do right by them, to protect the vulnerable, to make sure they get the best possible services at the best possible prices, to make sure they are happy and well cared for, to make sure they can live out the rest of their lives in a happy positive situation while giving peace of mind to their loved ones. We truly believe that when you do right by people, good comes back. We become deeply invested in the people we serve. We don't just help them find a place to live. We help them navigate what can be one of the most overwhelming transitions of their lives. Our clients' happiness is our ultimate success!

Imagine being a senior and suddenly



being told that you need to leave the home you may have lived in for decades. Imagine having to figure out what community is right for you, what it costs, what services are included, what questions you should ask and what you should be worried about.

Now imagine being the adult child who lives next door or even three states away and is trying to manage all of this while also juggling a job, children, a marriage and a million other responsibilities. It can be overwhelming. That's where we come in. We literally take people by the hand and guide them through the process from beginning to end. We have already researched and vetted out all of the assisted living and memory care communities along with the home care agencies that may be needed before the move takes place. We schedule tours and accompany our clients and their families. We ask the questions they may not even realize they need to ask. We negotiate pricing and promotions when possible and we help find money our clients may qualify for yet never even knew it.

We help families understand their options and find solutions. And sometimes our job looks nothing like what you would expect. We have helped shop for and decorate apartments for clients because moving into a new place should feel like coming home. We have traveled to help our out-of-state clients make sure they are happy and settling into their new communities. We have helped care for and even rehome pets during our client's transitions including but not limited to turtles, birds, cats and dogs. We have brought in mail for clients for months. We help families locate elder law attorneys, real estate attorneys, financial advisors, physicians, meals, movers, packers, declutterers and other professional services they may need.

And yes, I'm also a realtor of 22 plus years, so when a client needs to sell a home, I usually help with that, too. When our clients see how well we treat them, it becomes natural for them to want me to sell their house. They know Josh and I always have their best interests at heart so the trust is formed right from the beginning.

We have clients all over the United States and distance doesn't change how seriously we take our responsibility. If someone needs us, we are there for them. And here's the part that often surprises people the most...our services are completely FREE to our cli-

ents. Yes. FREE!!! I know...I can almost hear you saying, "Okay, Cindy, what's the catch?" There isn't one. Our goal is to make an incredibly complicated and emotional process easier for seniors and their families. We are compensated by the communities and agencies we work with, not by the families we serve. That means families can have an advocate in their corner without adding another bill to an already expensive situation. And that is precisely why I want people to know we exist. Seniors, and their families, shouldn't have to navigate this process alone. Their families shouldn't have to become overnight experts in assisted living, memory care, home care, real estate, elder law and senior services. You shouldn't have to know what questions to ask when you don't even know the questions exist nor do you know the world of senior living. Josh and I do. That's our job. We have been in the senior living industry a combined total of 18 plus years. We know the ins and the outs of senior living. We do the homework. We make the calls. We research the options. We negotiate. We coordinate. We problem-solve. We show up and stay by your side the entire time. And apparently, sometimes we find \$65,000 worth of gold for our clients!

Behind every senior is a story. There is a lifetime of memories, possessions, accomplishments, relationships and experiences. Sometimes there are important documents tucked away in places nobody remembers. Sometimes there are valuables hidden in drawers. Sometimes there are old photographs, letters or little things that may not have much monetary value but mean the world to someone. Our job is to help protect all of it. Most importantly, our job is to help protect our client. So, if you have an aging parent, grandparent, friend, neighbor or loved one who is struggling with living independently, please remember TLC Senior Living Services. If someone needs home care, assisted living, memory care, help selling a home, guidance through a move or simply someone who knows what to do next, call us. The sooner you get us involved, the easier the transition will be but we can help at any stage of this process.

At TLC Senior Living Services, we may not always know exactly what we're going to find when we walk through the door but we know EXACTLY what we're there to do. We are there to take care of our clients, to protect their interests and to find solutions. We treat every client like family. As always, I thank you all for reading my articles - your emails fill my heart so please, feel free to share your thoughts and stories with me. Email me at cindy@cindysevell.com anytime! Stay safe, stay cool and see you next month!



Ya know what really GRINDS MY GEARS?

Those who want to erase history and memories!

Why is it every time I put the television on, I see something on the news that shows history being erased? From monuments being taken down because they offend people to the way we have uneducated our kids in school by removing certain reading materials. What is wrong with having bad memories about history? I was brought up that you learned from mistakes! If there's nothing to learn from, guess what we're starting over again! Making the same mistakes over and over.

History will repeat itself, but in the future, nobody will be prepared for it. There will eventually be no records of what happened in the past. Yes, there were times in history that are hard to bring back into our memories, but if we don't do that, how can we prepare for something that may be worse down the road? What good does erasing people associated with slavery? The Statues, the artwork, the books?? We are not even educating our kids on past wars or even recent occurrences like September 11th.

How can history offend anyone as it was in the past and most of us were not even alive during those times. Just because people do not want any type of visual remembrance or documented history, that does not mean it did not happen. Just because you want to take down all images of slavery, statues and to erase people who hired slaves, that does not mean it did not happen. Leave those memories for us and future generations to learn from.

GRRRRR-Tom GEARGRINDER2024@gmail.com

Acronyms for Auto Racing Organizations

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By Jerry Augustine
VP of the Greater Middletown
Military Museum.

Thinking back exactly 60 years ago while serving in Vietnam with the 196th light Infantry Brigade, 3rd Battalion 21st Infantry many thoughts came up.

We were still in the process of building the Tay Ninh base camp near the base of Nui Ba-Den mountain. It was not to far from the Cambodian boarder and the Ho- Chi- Minh trail. We would be performing our missions for a full year in this horrendous climate.... not knowing if we would ever return.

First Missions **The Million Dollar Wound**

This happened during my first few weeks in Nam. While the base camp was still being developed, we began to leave on daylight patrols searching the region in close proximity to our base. This was done on a rotating basis with other platoons and would take the monotony out of filling sandbags all day and spending time in the open sun guarding the perimeter. On this particular mission my platoon lined up at the main gate near our company headquarters. It was nearing a hundred degrees. After checking one another out to see if our gear was up to par, we headed down the main road away from camp and the city. We made sure we kept our distance with one another and not to bunch up. We were always taught that it was better to lose one of us than a group all at once. This was common sense. Eventually, we trudged

through a small thick wood- line and came upon an expansive rice paddy. We spread out abreast of one another, at least ten meters, and began to cross the paddy. I was to the right of my squad leader, Sgt. John Carvalho. We began to approach the edge of the paddy and the beginning of a tree-line. All of a sudden, in front of us, about twenty meters away, emerged a VC out of a "spider-hole", and "pop", went his carbine, a distinct sound that you could tell what weapon it was. Sarge doubled over as I dove to the ground. The ground was hard and dry and not what you would expect a rice paddy to be, being in the monsoon season. The VC soldier disappeared through an exit to the rear of his enclave and no one returned fire. The VC used this form of engagement often. Just one shot could put a whole company of men down. We brought the medic up and I helped prepare the sarge to be extricated by placing his poncho under him and carry him to the arriving medevac chopper for a "dust-off". The sarge's tour was over. We later found out that the round went through one of his canteens and into his hip and wasn't life threatening. It sent him home. The term, "million-dollar wound", was heard throughout the camp the next few days. A million-dollar wound meant that you got to go home alive and is worth a million dollars to you. Would you rather have a million dollars or your life?

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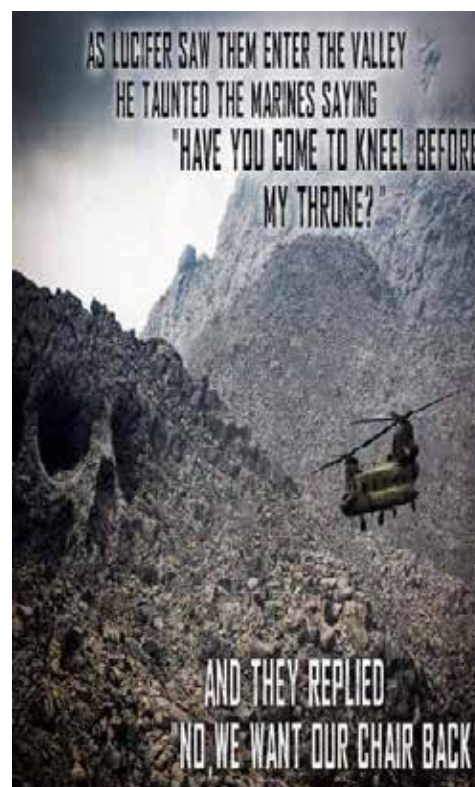
Another close call that took place during my first few weeks of my one-year tour happened on my first ambush patrol. Sgt. Ronald Figueroa, our platoon Sgt., took two squads of our platoon out by compass to a predetermined ambush site. It was a half mile from base

camp. In most cases we would stay off trails and roads. We didn't want to be in "Charlie's" gun sites and be a victim of his ambush. It was a little past dusk and Sgt. "Fig" had it on his mind to bring us to the site unscathed and return in the same condition. We all looked up to him as he was experienced and did everything right to protect our butts and always had the thought in his mind to bring us back alive. We trusted him. It was dark that night and I remember Sgt. Fig stating that we should travel through the back yards of the local hootches, in order to stay off the beaten paths. It was hot and humid as usual so wiping sweat and slapping mosquitoes was the norm. We brought along the minimum of gear with us so we could travel light and fast. It still amounted to about thirty- five pounds per man. Two canteens of water, your weapon, along with two hundred rounds of ammo packed into your web-gear, three or four hand grenades, helmet, and bayonet. We usually carried a bandolier of M-60 machine-gun ammo per rifleman too. Of- course the sergeant's R.T.O. had the twenty-five-pound PRC-25 radio with him. As we approached the back of the hamlets, we could hear a cluck or two from the dodging chickens and an occasional groan from a water buffalo. The thick grass was nearly a half foot high and the palms and shrubbery native to the area was scattered thinly throughout the yards. To the rear of the yards lay thicker shrubbery as it was up against the edge of a wood-line. No sign of a resident anywhere as there was a strict curfew in affect so no one was to be out and about after dark. I guarantee they knew we were there. After about fifteen minutes of navigating through the difficult terrain of weeds, grass, and plantings, the earth came out from under

me. I fell right down into a back-yard well. I threw my rifle to the side to protect it as I began flailing my arms. Lucky Sgt. Fig was close to me as he reached down with his rifle-butt to pull me up. I was under water, as I reached up to feel the rifle stock, while sinking quickly with that heavy weight attached to me. As he pulled me up, he grabbed the harness to my web-gear and was able to extricate me. After the shock wore off and some muffled laughter, we were on our way to set up the ambush. Needless to say, I was very uncomfortable all night being soaked, full of bugs and such, and smelling like a sewer. While I stayed awake all night, the best occurrence of all was, that no VC crossed our path.

The Island

Our turn came up to go out on a platoon sized ambush patrol. All during the day while we attended to our base camp duties, we thought about what we would face that evening. It wasn't normal protocol to have a full- size platoon go out, usually a squad or two. We all lined up at one of the gates just before dusk. Those wishing a short religious service were accommodated by a chaplain. Business as usual took over the mood as we checked out each other's gear. We headed out in single file eventually crossing a huge dried up rice paddy about a mile from camp. In the center of this huge patch of ground was an island of trees and growth about the size of a baseball diamond. Our platoon leader spread the word that this was a good a place as any to set up our ambush. We immediately circled the plot and entered its' perimeter and began to set up our NDP's. Claymores were set out as we requested to have three-man positions so we could get two hours of sleep for every one hour on watch.



Veteran's Garage

It wasn't to be. Two- man positions, was the call. There was not enough man-power to provide three-man positions, we would have been spread out too thin. It was to be a tough night, one hour on watch, one hour asleep, all through the night. One thing about these ambushes and NDP's, you become a very patient individual. While staring out into the darkness, there is plenty of time to reminisce about your past and to dream about what your future will be like. Another hot and humid night in the Nam, was to be, as we slept in our stinky, wet fatigues, whacking the bugs and mosquitoes off. One of my turns on watch was from 4-5 a.m. I was abruptly woken for it as my buddy dove to the ground and passed-out taking in his much- needed sleep. We all reacted this way. Fifteen minutes into this watch we were alerted that there was movement coming our way. We whispered just loud enough so the next position would be alerted. Claymore activation devises were picked up and at the ready. The next communication we heard was that it was only a farmer coming though accompanied by his single water buffalo. There was a curfew in affect, he was not supposed to be out at that hour. Everyone held their composure. The farmer approached right by my position. I don't know what got into me, but I reached out with my arm as the water buffalo walked past. I scraped his hide with my hand all the way down his side. It was hot and soaking wet and stunk. I am so glad, he didn't react. We let the farmer go on his way. He never knew we were there and never realized he was so close to being blown away.



Water Buffalo & Farmer



South Vietnamese village family - note: no young men



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Sound familiar?

Anyone who has lived with a dog or cat has probably wondered at some point: Does my pet actually understand what I'm saying?

The answer may be more interesting than you think.

They're Listening, Even When It Seems Like They Aren't

Dogs can learn to associate certain words with objects, actions, and outcomes. Say "walk," "dinner," "outside," or "cookie" often enough, and there's a pretty good chance your dog knows exactly what's coming next.

But our pets aren't listening only to our words.

They're paying attention to our tone of voice, facial expressions, body language and daily routines. Sometimes they recognize what we're about to do before we've said anything at all.

Pick up the leash and your dog heads for the door.

Open a particular cabinet, and suddenly there's a cat sitting at your feet.

Put on the shoes you normally wear for walks, and someone starts getting excited.

How did they know?

Because while we're busy going about our lives, our pets are busy studying us.

Dogs Are Remarkable Observers

Dogs have spent thousands of years living alongside humans, and they've become remarkably good at reading our behavior.

Think about how much your dog notices.

Your morning routine means one thing. Picking up your car keys might mean another. Certain clothes may mean you're going to work, while sneakers might signal something much more exciting.

They can even react differently to the same words depending on how we say them.

Try saying "Who's a good dog?" in your happiest voice and then in the same tone you use when discovering the kitchen trash scattered across the floor.

Same dog. Very different reaction.

They may not understand every sentence, but they're incredibly good at putting together the clues.

And Then There Are Cats...

Cats can be a little more mysterious. You call their name.

Nothing.

You call again.

Still nothing.

Then you open a can of food, and somehow a cat who appeared to be in a deep sleep on another floor is suddenly standing beside you.

Coincidence? Probably not.

Cats can learn their names and recognize familiar voices and routines. Whether they decide to respond is another matter entirely.

Perhaps that's part of their charm.

Dogs often seem to ask, "What are we doing next?"

Cats sometimes seem to say, "I

heard you. I'm considering it."

Our Routines Speak Louder Than Words

One of the most fascinating things about living with animals is how quickly they learn the rhythm of our lives.

Some dogs know when it's almost time for their daily walk.

Cats may begin waiting near their bowls before dinner.

Pets often recognize the sound of a particular car pulling into the driveway or know which family member is walking through the door simply by the sound of their footsteps.

And somehow, they always seem to know when we're preparing to leave the house.

You haven't said goodbye.

You haven't picked up your keys.

But there they are, watching you.

Anyone who has ever packed a suitcase under the suspicious gaze of a dog or cat knows exactly what I'm talking about.

We Learn Their Language, Too

The funny thing is, while our pets spend years learning to understand us, we eventually learn to understand them.

We know the difference between the bark that means someone's outside and the bark that means I need something.

We recognize the look that means the water bowl is empty.

Cat owners know that one particular meow may mean dinner while another means open this door immediately.

Sometimes no sound is necessary at all.

One look is enough.

Over the years, we develop our own language with our pets — one made up of words, sounds, gestures, routines

and countless little signals that wouldn't mean anything to anyone else.

Maybe They Understand More Than We Think

Our pets may not understand every conversation happening around them, but they understand something much more important.

They learn us.

They know our routines. They recognize our voices. They notice when we're excited and when we're quiet. They know when it's time to play and when it's time to simply lie beside us.

And after enough years together, sometimes it really does feel as though they know exactly what we're saying.

Of course, there will always be exceptions.

You can say "No!" ten times while your dog is stealing a sock or your cat is pushing something toward the edge of the counter.

In those situations, I'm fairly certain they understand us perfectly.

They're just choosing to ignore us.



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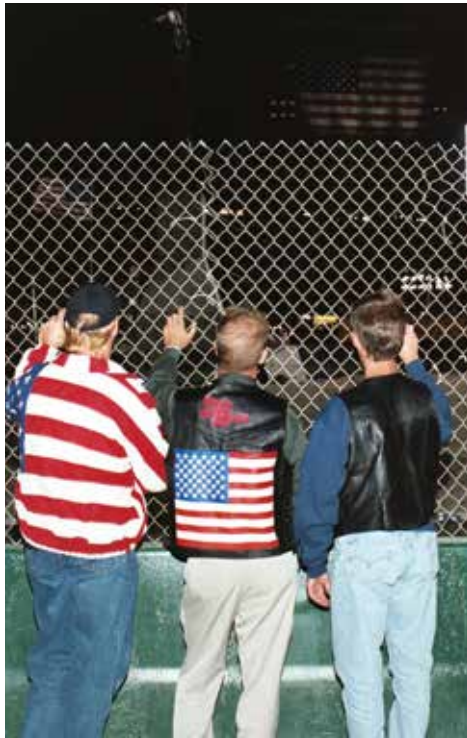
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A bell tolls, it's time to precise when terror touched us deep.
We ride again this second year with a promise we must keep.
We came from far, we came from near, we came to ride again, to
remember friends that touched us close, with a message we must send.
We will not forsake you friends, your memories we hold dear,
we ride again, we ride with heart, we ride with LOVE and care.
So until another year goes by, each day we'll grasp so sweet,
until the day we meet again, the ride we will repeat.
Remembering you so fondly and all who touched us so,
Our 31 has grown to be another 20 souls.
Red, White and Blue, our sister state and officers they send,
to lead out line to hallowed grounds and bring us back again.
No better friends could we have, as others touched us so,
this day is truly theirs my friend and only they could know.
Four hundred nineteen of their hearts, fifty-one of ours,
three thousand forty-seven souls fill heaven with it's stars.
So ride my friends, remember each, as again we ride and pray.
One day we'll meet with heavens stars, if only just to say:
We have not lost your memory friends, we've waited for this day,
we came, we rode, we knew our goal as our friends have led the way.

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Positively Speaking 9/11 Remembered

The Brilliance of Resilience

Growing up in Queens NY in the sixties was very different than growing up today. There a special sense of pride in being a New Yorker. Even as a child we knew it was special. The world viewed us in a different way than everywhere else. We had the empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. NY was home to the Yankees & the Mets. Broadway and Wall Street were world renown as was Central Park. All of that was there for me. The one thing that was being added to the metropolis while I was a kid was the towers.

They broke ground in 1966. (I was 8) and opened to the public in 73, (freshman year of high school) I was privileged to watch those babies grow up with me. From just about anywhere in Queens you could see the construction. I was always in awe of the cranes on the top. It sometimes seemed that they would be building that sucker for my entire life. Then all of a sudden it was open. It quickly became a NY institution and a symbol of everything we stood for.

From 1979 to 1985 I worked sales jobs in Manhattan for various office supply and equipment companies. Much of my time was downtown in those towers. I can recall many a hung-over morning getting off the train and laying in the plaza below on the concrete benches looking up. Never did I think there would be a day that the towers would come down. No one ever imagined such a tragedy.

Fast forward to September 2001, I was in Connecticut with my young family watching the horror on TV along with the rest of the world. It was almost personal. Surreal isn't even a good enough word to describe it. Yes, there are a handful of people I grew up with that perished. You can't be from the five boroughs and not know someone that was lost that day. Mostly my acquaintances that were there were first responders. Growing up in Queens and being 43 a whole lot of people my age were Firefighters and Police. Add my years of working down there and I'm sure there are a dozen more lost that I knew or had met but am just not aware of. Just like 7 degrees of Kevin Bacon, every-one in NY at

least knows someone who lost someone even if they didn't lose someone themselves. Suffice it to say I will never forget.

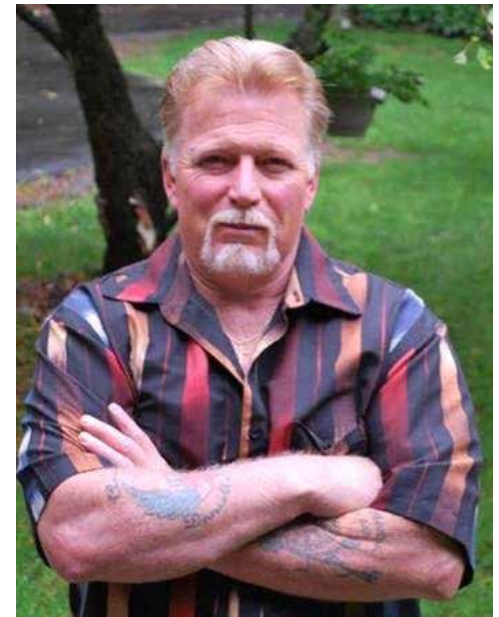
Being the author of Positively Speaking articles, I am expected to find something positive about that day. They say every cloud has a silver lining. Not this one. Some tragedies are just too devastating to spin. There was no point, no moral, no silver lining to any of it. Our country, our city, my backyard was hit a devastating blow. My heart still aches for all those lost that day, as well as the following years in the war on terror both at home and abroad, including those that are still suffering from disease due to toxic exposure at ground zero. The carnage has not yet subsided. The recent 13 soldiers that perished in Afghanistan are directly related to 9/11.

I would never say that this is the silver lining, but the aftermath did bring us together as a nation. In my entire life, and since, I have never seen so many flags on cars, lawns, lapels and buildings as I saw for the 2-3 years following 9/11. The New Freedom Tower

stands as testament to our resilience.

The terrorists tried to divide us that day and it backfired on them. 20 years later and attempts at division are happening again. This time it is not from outside but from within. Out of respect for all the lives lost in the passed twenty years attempting to keep us together as a United People, we must put our differences aside, compromise a bit, meet one another in the middle and unite once again. When we get hit, we jump back up and keep going. From what I have witnessed these past 2-3 years, we have been getting hit over and over.

I keep seeing posts on Face Book of the Towers with the words, "They said they would never forget". Sometimes I wonder why some people think we forgot. I can only assume it is because we've allowed a chasm to be dug between us as a people. With such a divide we leave ourselves vulnerable. We as Americans have been hit before and always bounce back. Look back and feel the brilliance of the resilience we experienced and draw from that. Today just as much as 2001, we need YOU



to bond with your neighbor as a United People of USA. That is the best way to honor the sacrifices of all those back then and since. So on 9/11 2021 don't recall your anger and pain, but your resilience and unity. Being united is the only thing that heals and ailing nation and we certainly need healing today.



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Laurence Scerri

They're as close to Guardian Angels
As we shall ever see
Souls resigned
Heroes defined
Three Hundred Forty Three
That morning in September
Day eleven, was to bare The
depth of hate Untimely fate A
people, unaware Dust, smoke,
ash spewed forth Choking
the light of sun Yet, within the
breath of irony Pigments of
ethnicity Had become a race
of one Gender, culture, creed
were void Towers, once proud,
fell And witnessed, did we
Three Hundred Forty Three

Take the fight to Hell
They're as close to Guardian Angels
As we shall ever see
Always remember
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Affirmed my resolve as an American Son
A day of horror, of disbelief
A Nation, A people, One in grief
Together we watched, as emotions surged
Amidst hopelessness, Heroes emerged
A Heritage of Patriots, American unity
For USA, was spelled that day, NYC
Ash and dust turned day to night
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Joe Roberto, our Lost Wheels MC member who lost his life on 9/11/01 in the attacks on the Twin Towers. He worked on one of the top floors of the second Tower to be struck by the plane. He was with us just 2 days earlier at our Poker Run. Truthfully his wife Janet had just discovered she was pregnant with their second child, but never had a chance to tell Joe. Still makes me mad that he innocently went to work that day, and they killed him! Joe lived for the Ramapo 500 and Christmas each year. It was a horrible loss! Thanks for thinking of him.



25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Tribute, We Will Always Remember

Seemingly Fearless

Christopher J. Blackwell liked life on the edge.

"He was interested in anything that was dangerous," his mother, Frances Allen, said. "He was born with no sense of fear. When he was little he would swim underwater before he would swim on top of it. My other three children were a lot easier."

A fireman for 20 years, he was assigned to Rescue Company 3 in the South Bronx. He was a specialist in collapsed buildings, and gave lectures on the topic to firefighters across the country. Like many of his colleagues, he had a genetic connection to his profession: his uncle had been a captain in the New York Fire Department. His father and a grandfather were both policemen.

When he was not on the job, Firefighter Blackwell, 42, devoted his time to his wife, Jane, and their three children, Alexandra, who is 15, Ryan, 13, and Samantha, 11. "He didn't care where we were going or what we were doing," Mrs. Blackwell said. "When he wasn't working, he wanted to spend time with the family."

He had a high-risk job, but Firefighter Blackwell "wasn't reckless," his wife said. He loved doing what he did. His mother added, "He lived and died with purpose."

Profile shared from original published in THE NEW YORK TIMES on January 27, 2002.



Collector Car Services

Some cars get you from home to your job. Others make you slow down, turn your head, and remember why you fell in love with automobiles in the first place. At Collector Car Services at 39 Miry Brook Rod in Danbury, CT, that passion is their business.

Collector Car Services specializes in preserving, restoring, and storing the cars that owners don't just drive — they cherish. The shop provides unique and specialized services on classic and modern collectible automobiles.

"We strive to make this fun for our customers," said Matt Carfo, president and owner of Collector Car Services. "It's a hobby. Our customers love to drive these cars and show them, and we strive to make their experience here a part of it."

Carfo started the company in 2021 and has quickly become part of the automotive corridor in Danbury. Carfo has been in love with cars since a young age when he watched his father restore a 1965 Dodge Coronet. Since then, he has dove into everything from go-karts

to multimillion dollar collectibles.

"As soon as I got in the industry, I knew I wanted to do this for the rest of my life and be the best at it," said Carfo.

In addition to repairing, restoring, and engine building, Collector Car Services also offers storage in their Danbury facility, which Carfo says is a vital part of the process in owning a classic and collector car.

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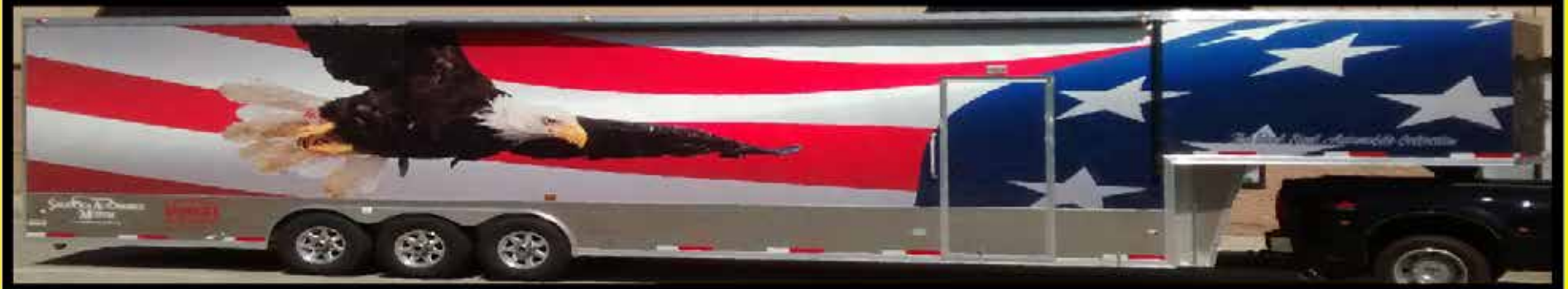
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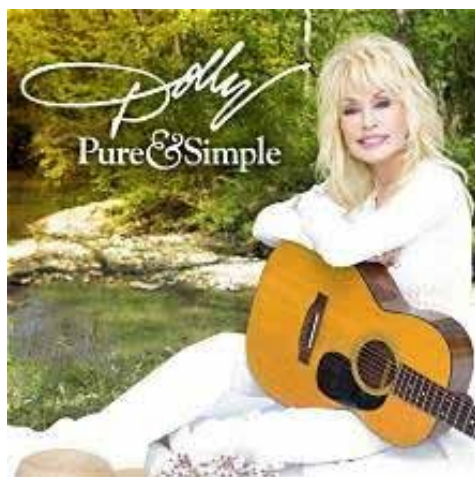
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In Memory Of America's Greatest First Lady Of All Time The Queen Dolly Parton. Thank You For The Memory's.



Dolly Parton, the singer, songwriter, actress, entrepreneur, and philanthropist who became one of the most influential figures in country music and American popular culture, has died.

Born January 19, 1946, in Locust Ridge, Tennessee, Parton was one of 12 children and grew up in the Great Smoky Mountains. After early appearances on local radio and television, she moved to Nashville following her high school graduation to pursue a music career.

Parton's breakthrough came as a regular on The Porter Wagoner Show before she launched a successful solo career in the 1970s. She went on to

become one of country music's most successful recording artists, writing thousands of songs and producing enduring hits including "Jolene," "Coat of Many Colors," "9 to 5" and "I Will Always Love You." The latter became one of the best-selling singles of all time after Whitney Houston recorded it for the 1992 film The Bodyguard.

Over a career spanning six decades, Parton sold more than 100 million records worldwide, earned 11 Grammy Awards and dozens of additional nominations, was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2022, and

received the National Medal of Arts and Kennedy Center Honors.

Beyond music, Parton built a successful career in film, starring in 9 to 5, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Steel Magnolias and other productions. She also expanded her business interests through Dollywood, the East Tennessee theme park that became one of the region's leading tourist attractions.

Parton was also recognized for her philanthropic work. She founded the Imagination Library, which has provided hundreds of millions of free books to children around the world, and donated \$1 million to Vanderbilt University Medi-

cal Center.

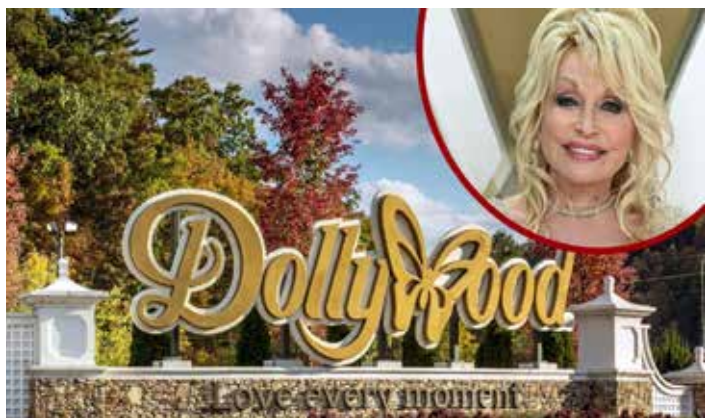
Known for maintaining ownership of her songwriting catalog and expanding her career into publishing, television, film and business ventures, Parton remained an active performer and recording artist well into her later years. Earlier this year, she celebrated her 80th birthday with new music and continued work on a Broadway musical based on her life.

Parton was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 60 years, Carl Dean, who died in 2025.

This obit was written in conjunction with ChatGPT.



In Memory Of America's Greatest First Lady Of All Time The Queen Dolly Parton. Thank You For The Memory's.



Carlisle Auctions to Help Those who Help Others During their Upcoming Fall Collector Car Auction Community Cares and Fund the Firehouse Set to Benefit with Donations and Vehicle Sales in 2026

CARLISLE, PA – Carlisle Auctions and its team love to give back, helping those who help others, and as part of the upcoming Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction, that focus remains true with two great causes set to benefit from the generosity of the automotive community. The upcoming fall auction takes place October 1-2 at the Carlisle PA Expo Center and starts at 10 AM each day. The auction, with 400+ anticipated consignments, welcomes past, present and future classics, themed hours, plus select charity sales too. They may not be the highest-dollar sales of the auction, but their impact will reach far beyond the auction block, with proceeds benefiting two great causes: Community Cares and Fund the Firehouse.

First, Community Cares will benefit from the sale of a 2007 Lincoln MKX AWD. Finished in black with a gray leather interior, the well-equipped MKX features a 3.5-liter V-6 engine, six-speed automatic transmission, intelligent all-wheel drive, panoramic sunroof, heated seats, navigation, power liftgate, chrome wheels and more. The vehi-

cle currently carries a Pennsylvania inspection and runs, drives and shifts beautifully. The Lincoln will be sold as-is, providing an opportunity to purchase a nicely optioned SUV while directly supporting Community Cares.

Community Cares is a nonprofit organization in Cumberland County, PA, dedicated to serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The organization provides emergency shelter from November through March, a daytime resource center, housing-focused case management and street outreach to help residents achieve housing stability and independence.

Beyond the Lincoln, Carlisle Auctions proudly offers a 2008 Mazda 3, which will sell and directly benefit Carlisle Fire & Rescue Services in Carlisle, PA. This Mazda is finished in black with a black interior, is powered by a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine paired with a five-speed automatic transmission. Cruise in style with power windows and locks, remote keyless entry, air conditioning, cruise control and an AM/FM stereo with CD player. This ride is sold as

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Speaking of Fund the Firehouse, this program began in the Spring of 2025 and spanning three auctions to date, has raised over \$65,000 for local and regionally local first responder organizations. Carlisle Auctions' goal by the conclusion of the 2026 Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction is to top the \$100,000 mark! With consignments still coming in, there's still time to earmark one for Fund the Firehouse along with a local first responder organization to directly support for this great program. These dollars provide support for critical elements of daily operations, including essential gear, equipment, training, resources, etc.

To learn more about Carlisle Auctions and its community-focused programs, visit CarlisleAuctions.com/community. There, a complete rundown of Fund the Firehouse, Community Cares and more is available, with details on how a vehicle donation can be made,

where those sales dollars go and who they benefit. Give to those who give back in ways that support others. In a matter of three minutes on the block, a simple donation can make a world of difference to someone, somewhere. Call 717-960-6400 today to get involved with the 2026 Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction.

Carlisle Events is a partner or producer of over a dozen annual collector car/truck events. Events are held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds (Carlisle, PA) and Allentown Fairgrounds (Allentown, PA). The season schedule includes automotive flea markets of varying sizes, multiple auctions, as well as individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, imports, tuners, and performance sport compacts. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, events hosted at Carlisle attract enthusiasts annually from all corners of the globe. More information is available at www.CarlisleEvents.com or www.CarlisleAuctions.com.

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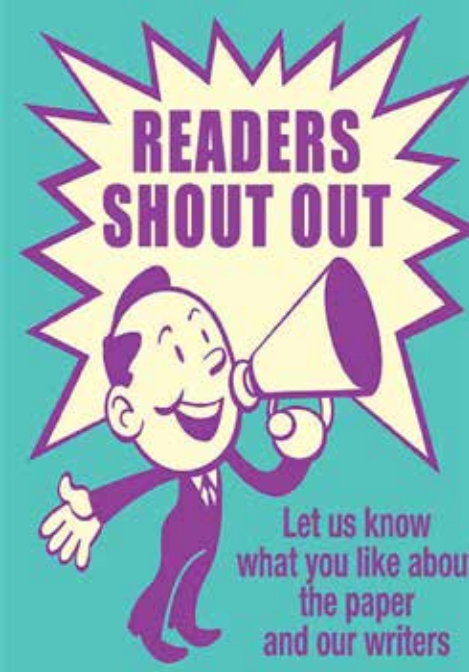
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Story and Photos by Dave Moulthrop

Bonneville Salt Flats

Since the beginning of man there has always been a need for more speed and with no better place on earth to satisfy that desire is, The Bonneville Salt Flats in Wendover, Utah. The first seven days in August marked the 78th Bonneville Nationals Speed Trials. More than two hundred entrants coming from as far away New Zealand, covered the salt deserts 3 course layout of four miles, nine miles, and nine miles. The story for this Southern Berkshire Massachusetts group of racers started about five years ago when team principal and driver, Gregg Massini had an ambition to go faster than his vintage NASCAR Modified allowed. A search on the internet would provide the perfect gas powered Lakester only to find out in a 1 PM phone call that it had sold a 11 AM that morning. While the desire never went away it kind of went into hibernation until friend and crew member, David Moulthrop, found another Lakester for sale just outside of Poughkeepsie, NY. The vehicle, which began construction in 2010 was a 750cc powered Suzuki racer built out of an F86 Saber belly tank by Randy Motooka, who by the way took the car two three record runs. The next owner to chase the need for speed was its previous owner Rob Lebel, from Syracuse, NY. Rob updated the 750 GSX to all electronic with Exo fuel Injection by Hilborn. He would make his first trip to Bonneville in 2022 only to arrive at a salt bed cover by water and a cancelled event. The following year's trip wasn't much better as he was able to set up only to have the rains come again and cancel the 2023 event.

Gregg Purchased the car in 2024 with the intent of running it in 2025 before obligations pushed that up to 2026. Massini, and Lebel, decided to make an attempt with two drivers, both passing the Southern California Timing Association rookie test.

The duo bettered their time every pass on the five days of speed runs before deciding that the record was most likely not going to be broken without a few upgrades that would not be available overnight. Gregg and Rob were however the fastest two drivers in class at over 160 mph with Gregg just a fraction faster than Rob. Plans are already in the works for the Spirit of Sheffield to make another attempt in 2027 with sponsor Joe Grossetti and Mechanic, Steve McNulty on board.

Its best summed up by a quote from land speed record holder Craig Breedlove, "There is no speed limit. There are only limits on how fast you want to go."



Dolly Parton — From the Tennessee Mountains to the Top of the Charts



Few entertainers have ever turned a life story into music quite like Dolly Parton. Born January 19, 1946, in rural East Tennessee, Dolly grew up as one of twelve children in a poor family where music was always a part of life. Her mother sang old mountain songs, and Dolly began writing songs and performing while still a child.

At thirteen, she was already performing at the Grand Ole Opry. After high school, she moved to Nashville, determined to make music her career. Her major breakthrough came in 1967 when she joined The Porter Wagoner Show. Wagoner introduced her to millions of country fans, and their duet recordings became successful country hits.

Dolly's first major solo No. 1 came with "Joshua" in 1971. She followed it with songs that would become country classics, including "Coat of Many Colors," "Jolene," "The Bargain Store," and "I Will Always Love You." Dolly wrote "I Will Always Love You" as a farewell to Porter Wagoner, and decades later Whitney Houston's spectacular version introduced the song to an entirely new generation. When I was in the Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas I would tune into the Porter Wagoner TV show and be amazed at Porter's multi-colored sparkling sequined outfit and the very young and beautiful Dolly Parton!

In 1977, Dolly crossed into the pop mainstream with "Here You Come Again." Then came "9 to 5," the enormous 1980 hit from the movie of the same name. The song topped both the country and pop charts. In 1983, she teamed with Kenny Rogers for "Islands in the Stream," another No. 1 hit.

Throughout her career, Dolly recorded more than 100 charted singles and achieved 25 No. 1 country hits. She also became an actress, businesswoman and philanthropist, but songwriting remained at the heart of everything she did.

Selected Charted Hits

- Dumb Blonde (1967)
- Something Fishy (1967)
- The Last Thing on My Mind (1967) — with Porter Wagoner
- Mule Skinner Blues (1970)
- Joshua (1971)
- Coat of Many Colors (1971)
- Touch Your Woman (1972)
- Traveling Man (1973)
- Jolene (1973)
- Love Is Like a Butterfly (1974)
- I Will Always Love You (1974)
- The Bargain Store (1975)
- Here You Come Again (1977)
- Two Doors Down (1978)
- It's All Wrong, But It's Alright (1978)
- You're the Only One (1979)
- Starting Over Again (1980)
- 9 to 5 (1980)
- Islands in the Stream (1983) — with Kenny Rogers
- Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That (1989)



Dolly Parton and Porter Wagoner

The Final Curtain

On August 25, 2026, Dolly Parton died in Nashville at the age of 80 after a brief battle with cancer. She was surrounded by loved ones.

Dolly Parton came from a little cabin in the Tennessee mountains and became one of the most beloved entertainers the world has ever known. She wrote songs about poverty, heartbreak, love, family and dreams—and somehow made every one of them feel personal.

The voice may now be silent, but the songs will never be.

**Rest in peace, Dolly.
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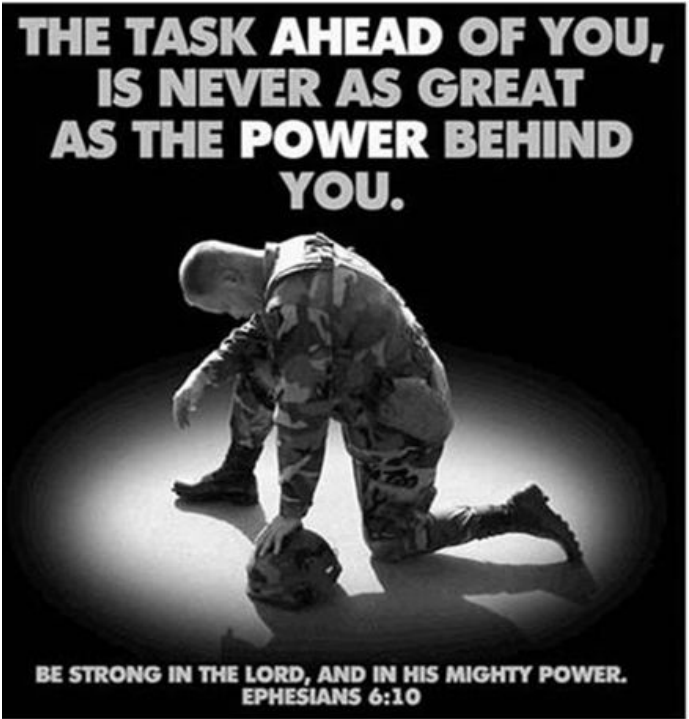
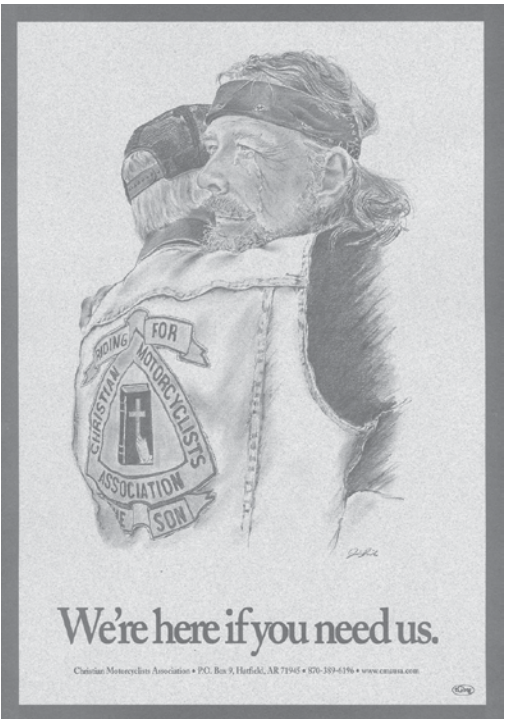
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Don Clady Request A Minute of Your Time for This Highly Motivated Cause for a Close and Dear Friend of the Connecticut Cruise News



Vinny is 11 years old, and he is one of the most special kids I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He has a heart of gold, an incredible ability to see things in ways far beyond his years, and a genuine love for the people around him. He is thoughtful, compassionate, funny, and deeply connected to his family and friends. This past year, Vinny received both the Presidential Award and the Principal Award at school—rec-

ognition that says so much about the kind of person he is. Vinny loves playing football, video games, swimming, laughing, and making memories with the people he loves. He is the kind of kid who makes the people around him smile simply by being himself.

Now, this amazing 11-year-old is facing something no child should ever have to face. Vinny has been diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor called diffuse midline glioma (DMG) with an H3 K27M mutation. His family is now facing an incredibly difficult journey of treatment, medical appointments, travel, and uncertainty. We want Vinny to be able to focus on what matters most: fighting, healing, laughing, playing, and making memories with his family and friends. Unfortunately, the financial burden that comes with this journey is enormous. His family may need to travel for treatment and medical care, while also facing lost income as they make

sure someone can be there for Vinny every step of the way.

If you know Vinny, you know how much he means to the people around him. If you don't know him yet, we hope you will take a moment to get to know this remarkable boy through his story. Every donation, no matter the amount, can help give Vinny and his family some breathing room during an incredibly difficult time. And if you aren't able to donate, please consider sharing this fundraiser. A share could put Vinny's story in front of someone who can help. Most importantly, please keep Vinny in your thoughts, prayers, and hearts. Let's surround this incredible boy and his family with love and support—and help give Vinny the opportunity to keep doing what he loves most: laughing, playing, loving his family and friends, and making memories. Thank you for standing with Vinny.



Have an inspirational story to share?

Send it to Don Clady at dccj14@aol.com. *ase* include your name and contact information.

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CARLISLE, PA – The upcoming Fall Carlisle Collector Car Flea Market and Car Corral event, September 30-October 4 at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds is about to get even more exciting as the Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction returns October 1-2 to the neighboring Carlisle PA Expo Center. With 400+ consignments expected to cross the block, the two-day auction delivers an impressive mix of collector cars, trucks and specialty vehicles spanning generations of the hobby.

Auction action begins at 10 AM Thursday and Friday, with preview hours beginning at 8 AM Wednesday, September 30 and continuing each auction morning. Bidders can participate in person, online or by phone, making it easy to join the action from wherever they are.

Among the many highlights are several premium consignments that have already generated attention in the weeks leading up to Fall auction,

including a 2023 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet America Edition, a 1970 Plymouth Superbird, a 1967 Corvette, and a 2009 Roush P-51B Mustang. From highly desirable classics and muscle cars to exceptional trucks and unique specialty vehicles, the lineup offers plenty for serious collectors while maintaining the variety that makes Carlisle Auctions so much fun.

Adding to the excitement are the auction's popular themed hours. Thursday features the All-Truck Hour, giving truck enthusiasts a concentrated selection of vintage and collectible trucks to bid on and buy. Friday follows with a 1950-and-Older theme, highlighting vehicles from the earliest eras of the collector car hobby. Both themed hours are planned for approximately 3 PM.

The auction also continues Carlisle Auctions' popular "Free Unless Sold" guarantee on eligible collector vehicles 25 years and older. Under the program, if an eligible consignment does

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Beyond the great consignments, Carlisle Auctions works to make your experience as turn-key as possible! It doesn't matter if you're consigning a vehicle for auction, celebrating a successful sale, or bringing home your newest purchase, consider SYNCN Auto Logistics to make moving your vehicle easier than ever. In fact their services extend well beyond auction weekend, so much so that their service should be thought one whenever and wherever you're moving your prized ride.

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The Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction is open to the public, making it a great destination with vehicles for all enthusiasts. For complete auction information, current consignments, bidder registration, SYNCN Auto Logistics info, and additional details, visit CarlisleAuctions.com.

Carlisle Events is a partner or producer of over a dozen annual collector car/truck events. Events are held at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds (Carlisle, PA) and Allentown Fairgrounds (Allentown, PA). The season schedule includes automotive flea markets of varying sizes, multiple auctions, as well as individual specialty shows featuring Corvettes, Fords, GMs, Chryslers, trucks, imports, tuners, and performance sport compacts. Founded in 1974 by friends Bill Miller and Chip Miller, events hosted at Carlisle attract enthusiasts annually from all corners of the globe. More information is available at www.CarlisleEvents.com or www.CarlisleAuctions.com.

With Appreciation to My Fellow Car Enthusiasts

By Judy Szablak

I would like to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful response to my articles. I genuinely enjoy writing them, and hearing from readers has made the experience even more rewarding.

Some of you have emailed or called, while others have introduced yourselves at car shows, where I am often showing my own car. I'm usually easy to find. Just look for the little yellow Mercedes - I call her Daisy.

Your kind words, thoughtful comments, and encouragement have meant more to me than you may realize.

Cars have always brought people together, and that sense of connection is one of the things I value most about being part of this community. I would love to hear from you, whether you have an idea for a future article, an interesting story you think deserves to be shared, or simply a comment about something I've written.

I'm taking a brief respite from writing the column this month, but I'll be back next month. Until then, enjoy the final days of summer and the rest of our car-show season. If you see me and Daisy at a show, please come over and say hello.

With sincere appreciation,

Judy Szablak
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Cruisin' in the Kitchen



By Dan and Kim Varano

Ciao tutti! As you read this, we will be living “la dolce vita” for a few weeks in Italy. After a 2-year hiatus from our beloved country we have decided to answer her call and return. There is just something so special about Italy, the food, the weather, the history, the wine, the gelato...and of course the cannoli. It is truly a place where we feel like we’ve come home to. We will be starting our journey in Sicily for several days and then travelling to the mainland and visiting southern Italy. We can’t wait to visit some of our favorite places and return to the excellent restaurants that we have eaten at before, and hopefully formulate some new recipes to share.

In this issue we are going to focus on Sicilian cuisine. Its somewhat different than the mainland, as it is a mix of Mediterranean cultures, blending basic Italian foundations with Arab, Greek and Spanish influences. It is famous for fresh seafood, sun ripened vegetables like eggplant and tomatoes and unique sweet and sour flavor pairings. It is famous for its iconic street foods such as arancini (fried stuffed rice balls) and cannoli. The Arabs introduced citrus, rice, saffron and sugar. The Spanish brought tomatoes and chocolate, and the Greeks brought beans, chick peas, lentils, almonds and pistachios.

Italian food is very regional, and Sicily, being the southernmost point and away from the mainland relies mostly on the island for its recipe staples. Lots of fresh fish, pasta made with semolina

flour and water, vegetables and fruit that are grown on the island like melons, grapes, tomatoes, pine nuts, pistachios and lemons.

The following recipes reflect what Sicilians would typically eat on a Sunday when there is the time to braise the meat and bake a cake. We hope that you try these out yourself and enjoy a Sicilian meal. And always remember to be kind, have fun and happy cooking!

Authentic Braciolo (serves 6)

Ingredients:

1 2-3 lb flank steak or thin sliced top round steak “for braciolo” found in most supermarkets.

6 oz prosciutto, thinly sliced
¾ cup plain bread crumbs
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
2 tbsp chopped Italian parsley
1 tbsp fresh garlic, minced
¼ cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Sauce:

2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
½ cup red wine
1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes
4 fresh basil leaves
1 tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Combine the breadcrumbs, parsley, parmesan, minced garlic, ¼ cup olive oil and salt and pepper.
2. Slice the flank steak horizontally (if using) into two or three thin slices depending on the thickness of the steak. Use a meat tenderizing mallet to beat the slices until flattened and tender. Lay the prosciutto flat on the steak slices and top with the breadcrumb mixture.
3. Roll each steak slice tightly and tie in at least 3 places with butcher’s twine to keep the roll intact.
4. In a large sauté pan or pot, pre-heated and coated with olive oil, sear the meat rolls on all sides. Remove the rolls and set aside.
5. To make the sauce, in the same pot add 1 tbsp olive oil, sliced garlic and sauté for 2 minutes. Add the red wine

and bring to a simmer for 30 seconds. Add the crushed tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper, and bring to a simmer. Add the braciolo rolls to the sauce, cover and simmer on low for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.

6. When braciolo is tender remove from the pot and cut the strings off. Slice rolls and serve over pasta.

Pasta alla Norma (serves 4)

Ingredients:

1 medium eggplant cut into 1-inch cubes
2 tbsp kosher salt
1 14 oz can tomato puree
1 clove garlic, chopped
5 leaves fresh basil
2 tbsp olive oil
Salt and crushed red pepper to taste
1 lb penne pasta, cooked
¼ cup shredded ricotta Salata cheese, (a hard salted ricotta) or parmesan

Instructions:

1. Combine diced eggplant and 2 tbsp kosher salt in a bowl and cover with cold water. Place a plate over the eggplant to weigh it down and let it soak for 30 minutes. After soaking drain and rinse the eggplant and pat dry.
 2. In a large pre heated sauté pan cook in 2 tbsp olive oil the eggplant until golden brown. Remove and place on a plate lined with paper towels to drain.
 3. In the same pan add the garlic and sauté for 1 minute. Add the tomato puree, basil, salt and crushed red pepper. Simmer the sauce for 15-20 minutes. Add the eggplant to the sauce and continue cooking until the eggplant is heated through.
 4. Serve over penne and top with the ricotta Salata or parmesan.
- Sicilian Style Broccoli Rabe (serves 4)

Ingredients:

1 bunch broccoli rabe (Italian broccoli) 1 inch of stems removed
2 tbsp olive oil, divided
1 garlic clove, thinly sliced
¼ tsp red pepper flakes
Salt to taste
¼ cup water

Instructions:

1. Cut the thick lower stems off of the rabe (about 2-3 inches) leaving the florets and leaves intact.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add 1 tbsp olive oil, garlic and red pepper flakes. Cook for 30 seconds. Add the thick stems and sauté until coated with oil. Pour in water and cook stems 3-4 minutes until almost tender. Stir in florets, leaves and salt. Cover skillet and cook another 4-5 minutes until tender.
3. Transfer broccoli rabe and its juices to a serving bowl and drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil.

Sicilian Lemon Ricotta Cake (10 slices)

Ingredients:

6 oz (¾ stick) butter, softened
1 ½ cups self-rising flour
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
2 cups ricotta cheese
3 eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
Juice of 1 lemon
Powdered sugar for garnish

Instructions:

1. Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch round cake pan with pan spray and line the bottom with parchment paper.
2. Add the softened butter and granulated sugar into a large bowl or stand mixer. Mix for 2-3 minutes until light and creamy. Add the ricotta and continue mixing on medium high for 5 minutes.
3. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, vanilla and lemon zest until combines. Pour into the ricotta mixture and incorporate on low until combined (the batter will not look smooth at this point).
4. With a wooden spoon, fold in the flour until just combined (don’t over mix).
5. Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth the top. Place on center rack of oven and bake for 40-50 minutes until a skewer poked into the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Remove the cake from the pan and dust top with powdered sugar.

*In Memory * It is with great sadness that Westchester Street Rod Association (WSRA) is announcing the passing of two long-time members and a supporting friend; John Russo, Marshal Lebow and John Segreto. These enthusiasts will be missed by not only their families, but also club members and countless others with whom they met, traveled and interacted with over their long professional and personal lives.*

In Memory of John Russo



John Russo; age 82

John was a long-time member of WSRA who owned many cars through the years and loved the Hot Rod/Muscle Car culture. The first car was a '32 Ford in 1961 that John turned into a Hot Rod. Like many car enthusiasts John moved from car to car as tastes changed. He had several Corvettes, an El Camino, a Mustang, a Cobra kit car, a Dune Buggy and his last, a '40 Ford. He thoroughly enjoyed each of his rides and the company of fellow enthusiasts.

In Memory of John Segreto



John Segreto; age 84

John was longtime friend of WSRA and avid builder of multiple cars through the years, his latest was a 48 Ford Pickup.

As an entrepreneur, John built "Rye Auto Collision" into a successful business and earned the respect of his clients and all who worked with him. His love for cars was a defining part of his life. Forever diligent, ensuring every aspect of his many car builds were impeccably designed and crafted. He shared this passion for cars with his brother Jamie and son Michael and was always ready to offer a helping hand to fellow car enthusiasts.

In Memory of Marshall Stanley



Marshal Stanley Labow; age 83

Marshall was a long-time member of WSRA - Marshall devoted his life to his passion for automobiles. From hot rods and historical Italian factory race cars to the everyday cars that kept him moving, he found joy under the hood and pride in a job well done.

Cars were more than machines to Marshall, they were stories, craftsmanship, and connection to what drove his world. He worked tirelessly for anyone who needed help with their automobile, always ready with skilled hands, steady patience, and a generous heart. If something had wheels and needed care, Marshall was there - in jeans and a black t-shirt.



Doing Good With The CT Seaport Car Club



Fernando Muñiz



By Lissa Seeberger
Director, CT Seaport Car Club
georgelissa@optonline.net

After hosting another successful car show this summer on June 7th, 2026 at Fairfield Ludlowe High School, the CT Seaport Car Club was very pleased to make generous donations to two local charities again this year. Operation Hope of Fairfield and the Fairfield Police K9 Unit each recently received donations from the proceeds of this popular car show.

Fernando Muñiz, who succeeded Carla Miklos as Executive Director of Operation Hope in June, attended the CT Seaport Car Club's regularly scheduled August meeting, where he was presented with a check for \$4,000. The club has been particularly

pleased with how much advertising and support Operation Hope has given us in promoting our car show and we are very happy to give back to our local community.

After receiving the check, Mr. Muñiz spoke of Operation Hope's mission to end homelessness and hunger one person at a time. He said "believe it or not, there are many people even in Fairfield County who are homeless and even more who are one paycheck away from being homeless. Many must choose between buying necessary medicine, buying food or paying the rent." He went on to mention that Operation Hope has 85 units of supportive housing and serves more than 80,000 meals per year to help our neighbors in need.

All six CT Seaport Car Club Board Members were present to award the donation check. Pictured here are (left to right): Henry Kutash, Treasurer; Dean Radcliffe,

Webmaster; Sal Sinardi, President; Laura Rachinsky, Secretary, Fernando Muñiz, Executive Director of Operation Hope; Matthew Kopnick, Vice President and Lissa Seeberger, Director of the CT Seaport Car Club.

Additionally, the club also presented the Fairfield Police K9 Unit with a check for \$500. The K9 Unit is a "specialized team of highly trained dogs and handlers that assist law enforcement in patrol, detection, tracking and public safety operations." The Police Officers have put on a captivating dog demonstration at our car show for the past three years, where the dogs show off their abilities to sniff out drugs or attack a criminal on command. This organization is entirely funded by donations like ours.

In the past five years, the CT Seaport Car Club has donated almost \$22,000 to local

charities.

Please consider joining the CT Seaport Car Club at an upcoming cruise. The next few are: Thursday, September 17th at 5:00pm at Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport), Thursday, October 1st at 5:00pm at Elicit Brewing Company (111 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield) and Thursday, October 8th at 5:00pm at Port 5 (69 Brewster Street, Bridgeport)

Please check our website for any weather cancellations at www.ctseaportcarclub.com under Upcoming Events - Cruises

We look forward to your continued support.

Deputy Chief F. Leo Gantert Scholarship Fund



Retired Officer (SPO) Brian Gantert came to the Danbury Police Cadets wanting to create a way to send Cadets to the Cadet Police Academy in honor of his father, Deputy Chief F. Leo Gantert. Deputy Chief Gantert was impressed by a parent who told him of the impact the (then) Explorer Police Academy had on her son. The Explorer Police Academy was replaced by the Cadet Police Academy in 2010. The Deputy Chief F. Leo Gantert Scholarship Fund was established to financially

assist Cadets who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to go to the Academy. At \$750 for the week, the Academy is beyond the ability of some Cadets to afford. The net proceeds from the Danbury Car and Truck Festival are designated for the Deputy Chief F. Leo Gantert Scholarship Fund. From Deputy Chief F. Leo Gantert's Obituary:

F. Leo Gantert, retired Danbury Deputy Police Chief, died peacefully on Friday, July 5th at the age of 91 after a long and fulfilling life.

Leo was born in Danbury, the elder son of the late Frederick and Elizabeth (Flynn) Gantert. A lifelong Danbury resident, he was a graduate of St. Peter Parochial School and Danbury High School. Leo was a parishioner of St. Peter Parish. His forty-nine year law enforcement career began after serving with the U.S. Army during World War II. Joining the Danbury Police Department in 1948 he was promoted through the ranks to Deputy Police Chief. During his tenure of many years he witnessed the growth and expansion of the department from the basement of the old City Hall to the modern headquarters of today. Leo was an active member of the Police Athletic League coaching its various youth activities. He served as the League President and on the Board of Directors until his retirement. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a current member of the

Police Benevolent Association. In 1998 he received the Civic Award from the Old Timers Association for his contribution to the city baseball leagues. Leo loved all animals especially his pets over the years, Lady, Lucy, Barney, Jake and Rascal. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed working in his yard. In addition to his wife, Lenore, of nearly 60 years, he is survived by his son, Brian Gregory and his wife, Cheryl of Danbury, sister-in-law Jean Gantert of Old Saybrook and several nieces and nephews. Leo is predeceased by his brother, William. By your participation in the Danbury Car and Truck Festival, you can be a part of financially assisting one or more cadets attend the week-long academy to fine tune their community policing skills and instill leadership skills to be used both in and outside of the Cadet Program.

Danbury Police Cadets

We're Honored To Be the 2026 Beneficiary Organization!

Join us at the Danbury Car & Truck Festival benefitting the Danbury Police Cadets, supporting cadet scholarships for NERLEEA's annual Cadet Police Academy on Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 10:00AM-4:00PM - with a rain date of Monday, September 7, 2026

The event is free to spectators, with support of local food trucks sharing food for purchase, and some of the best shops in the Greater Danbury area located in our Vendor Village. Bring the family to scope out vehicles of all makes and models. Stroll through and admire these beauties!

Don't forget to indulge in the many food trucks on premises that will have a wide selection of offerings. Enter the 50/50 raffle and shop the vendor displays of goods and services. What a great way to close out summer by spending some quality time with the family at a community event! Make it a family affair and support an important cause!

We would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters from 2025 and look forward to continuing the relationship in 2026. The funding from 2025 was used to pay full scholarships for 21 Cadets to go to the 2026 Cadet Police Academy this past July. Additionally, an additional 11 Cadets were able to attend the Cadet Police Academy with partial support from our program. Danbury was able to send 32 Cadets to the Cadet Police Academy in total this year.

Check out our gallery from the 5th Annual Car and Truck Festival below:

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Rebuilding an Icon: A Ground-Up Restoration by Corporate Motorsports

Photos by Seth A. Duryea



There's a particular kind of car that walks through the door of a restoration shop looking better in photos than it does in person. This one was that car, and it happened to be an Eleanor.

The Eleanor build is one of the most recognizable silhouettes in American car culture. A 1967 Mustang fastback reworked with the aggressive nose, the functional scoops, the side pipes, and the stance that made the car a household name. It's also one of the most

demanding cars a shop can take on, because everybody knows what it's supposed to look like. There is no hiding a bad panel gap on a car this familiar. And there was plenty to hide. Door gaps ran inconsistent throughout the car. The gap around the side exhaust was tight at the bottom and loose at the top. Wheel clearance was pinched on one side and wide open on the other. The hood sat too high on aftermarket hinges and closed against fenders that didn't match each other in height. The hood crown was off the front valance centerline, the keyhole wasn't centered on the stripe, and the front bumper ran past the bodywork on one side while changing profile across its length.

The work went in phases. Body lines and gaps came first, with panels moved and shaved to bring them back into alignment and the hood peak corrected under laser alignment.

Then function: every door opening and closing smoothly and without noise, and the sealing and windows working as they should. Only then did the car come apart. It was fully disassembled, stripped to bare metal, and prepped, with the chassis and body sealed in primer ahead of bodywork and paint. The engine bay was redone, and the engine was built in house by Competition Machining Services.

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This year the Veterans judging committee will award trophies to cars, trucks, and motorcycles. In addition, all attendees will receive a commemorative dash plaque.

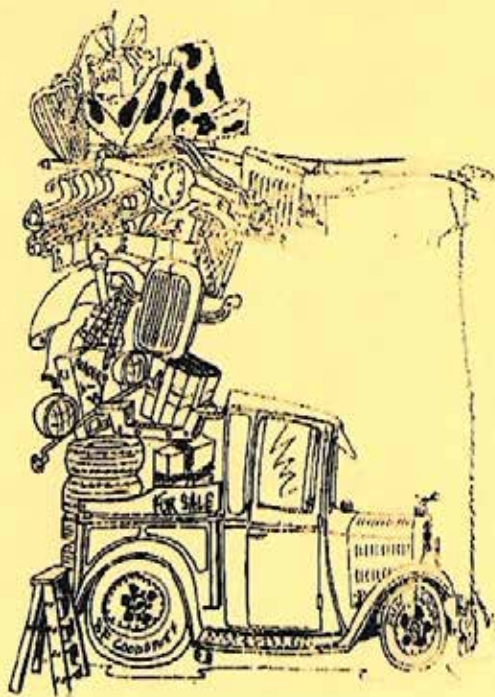
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Looking Forward to Fall Events



By Gwen and Parker Ackley

With having several car events get canceled due to much unsettled weather this summer, we are setting our sights on Fall Car Events. We look forward to days of azure blue skies, cool crisp evenings, and driving down country roads with the beginnings of vibrant foliage colors. The hot, humid days become replaced with more comfortable and (hopefully) drier weather.

Some of our motoring enthusiasts are looking forward to the many activities at Lime Rock over Labor Day weekend. There also are two Fall Driving Tours in the Catskills, "open to all cars and just for pure enjoyment," visit www.1903autorun.com for more details

on the rallies. The Fairfield County Region of the HCCA/AACA has a car tour scheduled for the end of September; see the www.fairfieldcountyregion.org calendar for updates.

In the meanwhile, we have created some of our own car events just by driving one of our antique cars out locally for others to see it. We took our 1911 Hupmobile Model 20 Runabout to lunch overlooking the water with friends, giving a car club president a shoreline ride in it.

We also stopped at a fun tag sale, where a young woman eagerly took a ride in it. We parked right outside a restaurant for dinner downtown followed by a concert in the park where many spectators got to see the car. In addition, we drove it to an automotive

themed luncheon on the Saugatuck River. The little Hupp got a lot of attention along with big smiles wherever we went.

We were invited to have it park once again at the Pequot Library's Great Lawn in Southport, CT for their Community Feast, but unfortunately it broke down the day before and it will require a lot of dismantling to determine the cause.

Fortunately our friends helped out by bringing their 1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster, a rare 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SE 35 Cabriolet, and a beautifully restored vintage Fire Truck to provide the ambience for the library's version of a pot luck dinner. The library's Executive Director, Peter Van Heerden told us that plans are already

in the works for making Velocity in Volumes (see my article in last month's Cruise News) an annual car show event next summer.

In the meanwhile, Parker will be trying to get our 1915 Dodge Brothers Touring Car in roadworthy condition after a 5-year hiatus, so that we will be able to provide the CT Cruise News readers with more of our travels. We hope to be able to give a bride and groom some memorable wedding photos if all goes well. We are also planning to attend a few car cruises, car shows, and adding to another museum's event. Perhaps we'll get to visit a cider mill, an agricultural fair with tractor pulls, or just go for a ride with no particularly place to go.



LEBANON VALLEY DRAGWAY HOSTS 2026 NHRA DIVISION 1 BRACKET FINALS

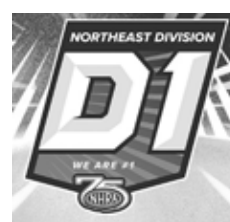
Nine Northeast Division Tracks, sent Their championship teams to compete for three jam packed days, to decide the best of the best. Multiple events ran including Race of Champions, Bracket finals Pro ET, Sportsman ET, Super Et & Bikes& Sleds ET.

Plus, they ran The Jr. Dragster & Jr. Street Division Finals. Some 17 hour days to get it all in & they did. Over 300 entries jammed the place,

with non-stop racing action. Coming out on Top of the Event was the Lebanon Valley Teams, Winning the coveted Team Champion trophy and Team Spirit award. Plus, two Lebanon Valley members won their Elimina-

tors. Was nice to see folks out in support of their local NHRA track. Bleacher decorations, mascots, and all. Great people and an incredible Track and hard-working staff. But the season is not over, with special events and weekly racing four times a week. Back for the 18th year, is the Dover Drag Strip Nostalgia Drags Sept. 25,26 & 27, Including 200mph Funny cars, Alters, Front engined dragsters, and Blown Gassers, with Big Car Show on Sunday.

Wednesday night street series continues through Sept. with racing for the whole month of Oct. See the complete Schedule at dragway.com





There's something for everyone on our stages this month at the Warner - from Blackberry Smoke's Southern rock to John Crist's stand-up comedy, a Billy Joel tribute experience, and a career-spanning night with Graham Nash. Plus, Halloween fun awaits with Hocus Pocus Live! and our Costume Shop's Walking Threads rental event. VIP packages are available for select shows, including Graham Nash and The Billy Joel Legacy. Grab your tickets and find your night at the Warner machine (only 2 exist in the world), and other surprises.

This is an all ages, family-friendly event, where new generation of youngsters are welcome and encouraged to share in the fun and positivity of The Monkees and their music!

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Info can be found on the website: www.MonkeesFanConvention.com, by emailing MonkeesFanConvention@gmail.com, by phoning (203) 795-4737, or visiting the Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/14jL-LyX9VmY/>



John Crist Live Sept 24 at 7:00 pm Oneglia Auditorium

Combining sharp wit, tactfully-unhinged stand-up and viral sketches, John Crist is one of today's most distinctive, fastest-rising comedic voices. With more than one billion video views and 8 million followers, Crist consistently ranks among Pollstar's Top 10 Global Touring Comedians. Following his nearly sold out Jokes For Humans Tour in 2025, Crist kicked off his national John Crist Live! Tour in January 2026, which included a sold-out show at Nashville's Opry House. He'll continue to bring his standup to fans across the country, announcing 25 additional fall dates for the John Crist Live! Tour. The Georgia native's latest comedy special, John Crist: Emotional Support has surpassed 4 million views on YouTube alone, with clips from the special reaching millions more.



The Billy Joel Legacy A Tribute Experience Sept 25 at 7:30 pm Oneglia Auditorium

From the producers of The Simon and Garfunkel Story and The Life and Music of George Michael comes The Billy Joel Legacy: Celebrating the Piano Man— a dynamic celebration of the legendary singer-songwriter's greatest hits, and the story of the man behind the melodies. This concert experience takes you on a journey through Billy's legendary career, from his humble beginnings to becoming one of the greatest songwriters and performers of all time. Through faithful recreation of the original music, stunning visuals, and compelling storytelling, you'll discover how his music has shaped generations and why his legacy endures.



The Walking Threads Warner Costume Rental Event Sept 26 at 1PM Warner Costume Shop

Unearth killer rental deals starting at just \$50! Don't just survive Halloween. Own it. Stop by The Warner Theatre Costume Shop and explore more than 8,000 square feet of garments for middle schoolers through adults. Costume Shop Manager Renee Purdy is ready to help you create a killer Halloween look. Don't wait until it's too late... The Walking Threads are coming. The

Costume Shop is located at 69 Main St, next to KidsPlay, and is only accessible by stairs. Not all costume pieces are available for rental.

The Phil Collins Story Oct 29 at 7:30 pm Oneglia Auditorium

The team that brought you the smash hit tour The Simon & Garfunkel Story and R.E.S.P.E.C.T. – The Aretha Franklin Story has done it again with an all-new docu-concert: The Phil Collins Story! Chronicling his remarkable chart-topping time with Genesis to his multi-Grammy winning solo career to his Academy Award-winning work for Disney, The Phil Collins Story brings the artist's distinctive music to life in a way that resonates with audiences both visually and emotionally—up close and personal. This fully produced immersive musical journey stars talent from around the world and features intricate lighting design, state-of-the-art audio and dynamic projections.

Classic Seger Rock & Roll Never Forgets Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 pm Oneglia Auditorium

Classic Seger brings their legendary tribute to Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band for one unforgettable night of rock & roll. This special performance celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Bob Seger's iconic multi-platinum albums Live Bullet and Night Moves, delivering the raw energy, heart, and authenticity of a true 1970s rock concert.

A Clay Walker Family Christmas Dec 19 at 7:30 pm Oneglia Auditorium

Rumor Has It...it's shaping up to be a Clay Walker Family Christmas. This holiday season, Clay Walker invites fans to celebrate with him and his family for a special 90-minute Christmas concert and sing-a-long filled with music, family, and holiday tradition. The evening will include some of Clay's biggest hits ("If I Could Make A Living," "She Won't Be Lonely Long," "Live Until I Die," and many more) as well as a festive collection of Christmas classics. In the spirit of the season, Clay's family will be part of the celebration, with his children joining him for select holiday favorites.

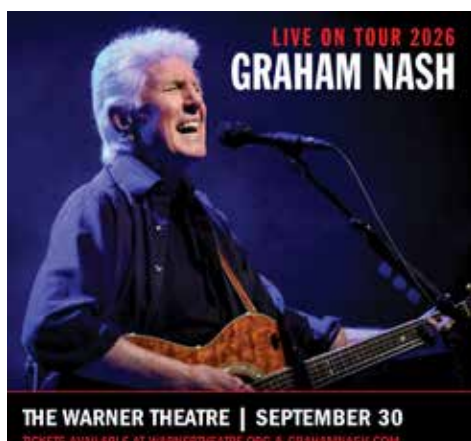
Coming Soon to the Warner

- John Crist Live - Sept 24
- The Billy Joel Legacy - Sept 25
- Halloween Costume Rental Event - Sept 26
- Hocus Pocus Live! - Sept 26-27
- Graham Nash - Sept 30
- TUSK - Fleetwood Mac Tribute - Oct 3
- Whose Live Anyway? - Oct 10
- The Phil Collins Story - Oct 29
- Behind The Scream with David Arquette - Oct 31
- Classic Seger - Nov 5
- Almost, Maine - Nov 6-15
- Comedian Bob Marley - Nov 7
- LeAnn Rimes - Nov 13
- Almost Queen - Nov 14
- Jessica Lynn's A Very Merry Classic Christmas - Nov 28
- Holiday Movie Event - Nov 29
- Nutmeg Conservatory's The Nutcracker - Dec 13-14
- A Clay Walker Family Christmas - Dec 19



Hocus Pocus Live!
An All New Parody Musical
Sept 26-27 Nancy Marine Studio Theatre

Featuring CT performance artists Summer Orlando, Bonnie Petite, and Miranda Miranda as the Sanderson Sisters! This ninety-minute family friendly production is based on the popular Disney films Hocus Pocus and Hocus Pocus 2 and includes some of the most memorable characters and scenes from the Halloween cult classics. The spell-binding event will include a Sanderson sister costume contest for a chance to win prizes! NEW VIP SEATING available - purchase them before another witch snags yours!



Graham Nash Live On Tour
Sept 30 at 7:30 pm
Oneglia Auditorium

Graham Nash will perform a career-spanning retrospective of his six decades of contributions to contemporary music. Joined by Todd Caldwell (keyboards), Adam Minkoff (bass, drums, guitar, and vocals), and Zack Djanikian (guitar, bass, drums, and vocals), Nash will take the audience on a musical journey that encompasses his years with The Hollies, CSN, CSNY, and his beloved solo efforts.



ALMOST QUEEN
A Tribute To Queen
November 14 at 7:30 pm
Oneglia Auditorium

They don't just pay tribute to the legendary band, Almost Queen transports you back in time to experience the magic and essence of Queen themselves. This deliberate four piece band is "guaranteed to blow your mind" with iconic four part harmonies and expertly executed musical interludes.

Almost Queen's impressive tribute to Queen is nothing short of breathtaking.

The band's authenticity shines through in their impeccable attention to detail and genuine costumes, while their live energy and precision will leave music fans of all ages with an unforgettable concert experience.

Almost Queen's concerts are a true testament to the band's love for Queen's music. Fans often travel long distances just to experience Almost Queen's carefully curated setlist featuring Queen's best-loved songs, like Somebody to Love, Don't Stop Me Now, Fat Bottomed Girls, and Radio Ga Ga. Almost Queen occasionally plays some lesser-known album tracks, such as Flash, Spread Your Wings, Love of My Life, as well as other hidden gems.

And of course, no Queen tribute concert would be complete without classics like Bohemian Rhapsody, We Will Rock You, and We Are the Champions! It's no wonder fans keep coming back for more, attending again and again to experience the music of Queen in a manner that only Almost Queen delivers.

TUSK BRINGS CLASSIC FLEETWOOD MAC TO TORRINGTON



Saturday, October 3rd 7:30 pm

TORRINGTON, CT – TUSK: The Classic Tribute to Fleetwood Mac will be bringing its highly acclaimed live show to the Oneglia Auditorium at the Warner Theatre in Torrington on Saturday, October 03, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

TUSK has been crisscrossing the United States since 2008, bringing all the great music of Fleetwood Mac to appreciative audiences from coast to coast. Their group chemistry, solid musicianship, and infectious energy will keep you humming long after the show is over.

The bond among the five founding members stretches back more than four decades. Two first met on a Little League baseball field. Two others became friends in middle school band and continued making music together throughout high school. Over the years, all five musicians have

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Tickets are going fast for TUSK: The Classic Tribute to Fleetwood Mac on October 03, 2026, at 7:30 pm and start at \$42.00. Reserve your seats today at warnertheatre.org/tusk-fleetwood-mac or by calling the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180.

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If your car club or organization has dates for shows, email the details to myridehv845@gmail.com or by messaging on Facebook at My Ride of the Hudson Valley.

2026 Garden Tractor Pull: Orange County Farmers Museum, 850 Route 17K, Montgomery, enter on Berea Rd., Montgomery, pulls start at 9 a.m., family friendly event, concession on site, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 24 & 25 (Trunk or Treat), Nov. 8 (awards dinner). Ocfarmersmuseum.org. 845-208-0234.

SEPTEMBER

Rods & Roses 3rd annual Car Show: Sept. 19, rain date Sept. 20, Wedekind Motors, 1595 State St., Schenectady, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., registration \$15 per car, truck or bike, 50/50, Chinese auction, top 20, 5 specialty awards, Bubby's Memorial Pick, top 10 rings. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. 518-878-0104, 352-626-2406.

Fall Carlisle: Sept. 30-Oct. 4, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

OCTOBER

Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction: Oct. 1-2, Carlisle Pa., Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, Pa. carlisleevents.com

Cruise and Bike Nights

Sunday

Motorcycles and Motorheads, Cars, Coffee and Cold Brew: Every other Sun., starting April 12, Clover Knoll Farms, 3142 Route 207, Campbell Hall, 8 a.m. start, motorcycle parking in front of Shaker Smoothie, breakfast sandwiches, \$5 hot coffee, unlimited refills, full shake bar menu, free raffle every meet up, drawing at 11 a.m. shaker-smoothie@gmail.com.

Orange County Cars & Coffee: Every other Sun., starting March 22, Newburgh Mall, 1401 Route 300, Newburgh, 8-11 a.m., park in front of O'Reilly Auto Parts, do not park in handicap or area in front of store.

Wednesday

Bear Mountain Cruise Night: Every

Wed., May-Sept., Bear Mountain Inn, 5-9 p.m., \$5 entrance fee charged by the park. Bearmountaincruise.org
Bike Night: Every Wed., The RDI Bar & Road Kill Grill, 28 Route 55, Napanoch, begins at 5 p.m., good food. therunningdeerinn.com.

Thursday

RJR Memorial Cruise In: Every Thurs., Edenville Country Store, 240 Pine Island Trpk., Warwick, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., any donation is welcome, weekly awards, music and food. All proceeds benefit the Richard Jacob Rudy Memorial Fund. RJRememorialfund.org.

Raging Knights NY Raffle and Brews Bike Night: Every third Thurs., starting April 16 through Oct., Clemson Brewery, 22 Cottage St., Middletown, 5 p.m. to close, enter for a chance to win a Yeti cooler stocked with top shelf liquor. Portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp. 845-775-4638.

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Bike Night: Every Thurs., The Garage, 25 Western Ave., Marlboro, 4:30-8 p.m., food, drinks, bikes, all bikes welcome.

Friday

Hudson Valley Hot Rods Friday Night Cruise: Every other Fri., starting May 1 through Sept. 18, 40 Brotherhood Plaza Dr., Washingtonville, 5:30-8:30 p.m., open to all makes and models. On Facebook.

Sunoco Cruise Night: Every Fri., (weather permitting), through Oct., Sunoco, 211 Goshen Turnpike, Middletown, 5-9 p.m., American made cars only.

Saturday

Mustang Club of Orange County Saturday Bi-Weekly Car Cruise: Every second and fourth Saturday, starting May 9 through Oct., Ruby Tuesdays, 41 Orange Plaza Ln., Middletown, 4-8 p.m., all cars welcome, free registration. 50/50, music, coffee, donuts, must be present to win trophy. On Facebook.

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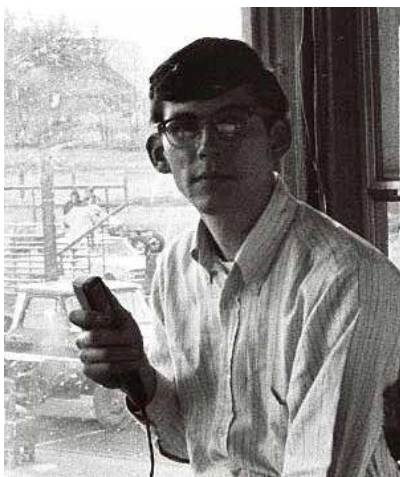
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