



# **Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey**

## **DOWN THE ROAD**

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### **BLAST OFF TO 2008**

**Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. It will be at the Community Center, 1000 Bay Blvd. Seaside Heights, NJ. All members are invited for a brief meeting, door prizes and a just for "FUN PIZZA PARTY". There is no charge. Please call 732-286-0916 so we know your coming. Exciting things are happening. Come and find out all about them.**

### **2007 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR**

- Russell Patterson, PLS, completed the Museum Survey & Conceptual Development Plan.
- Allen Robinson, Architect, AIA, completed Museum Blue Prints, First & Second Floor Plans.
- We expanded the Museum Auto Fleet to 28 cars.
- We increased our membership to 200 total members.
- We improved our 1956 Cadillac donated by Arnie Rich Family.
- Presented a Museum display at the 2007 Atlantic City Show.
- Presented a Museum display at the 2007 Vintage Automobile Club Of Ocean County Show in Seaside Heights.
- Participated in "Shore Dreams For Kids" in Seaside Heights.
- Received our fifth Tourism Grant from the Ocean County Freeholders.
- Received our first Grant from the Ocean County Cultural Heritage Commission.
- Museum Lifetime membership plaque now shows sixteen (16) Lifetime Members: Gary Stabile, Ann Stabile, Ralph Simon, Lewis Bond, Grace Ross, John Casiello, Gary Murphy, Robert Murphy, David DiEugenio, Mary Schwankert, Emil Binz, Gary Garland, Edward Yesunas, Vince Tieto, Gary Giberson and Jean Babilya.
- The Fund Raising Committee posted the highest revenue in Museum history. Tax Form 990 details are available on our website.

**2007 (Continued)**

- Increased Club Memberships to include The Buick Club of America, The Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County & North Shore Antique Automobile Club.
- Received a major contribution from The Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County.
- Prepared a beautiful 1965, 289 Mustang, for our 2008 Raffle.
- We upgraded our website: [www.vintageautomuseum.org](http://www.vintageautomuseum.org)
- Expanded and presented the “History On Wheels” program to Southern Regional High School, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, St. Dominic’s Elementary School, Holy Family School and Harley-Davidson in Lakewood.
- Adopted our Museum Policy Book to comply with federal, state and local regulations for public institutions.
- The Museum Sponsorship Program increased by 72%. We now have 28 sponsors.
- We introduced the Museum Speaker’s Bureau and made presentations to Brick Rotary Club, Beachwood-Berkeley Rotary Club, Corvette Express Corvette Club, Buick Club of America and North Shore Antique Automobile Club.
- We are on a mission to secure a building for the Museum, ASAP.

IN MEMORIAM



We celebrate the life and contributions of long time Auto Club and Museum member, and our friend, Emil Binz. Emil was the President of the VACOC and a Life Member of the VAMNJ. He was an avid antique vehicle enthusiast and a long time supporter of antique car programs in Ocean County. The Binz family honored his wishes by donating his 1972 Mercury Comet to the Museum. We thank them and extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Wilma and his family and friends.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU BECOMING POPULAR**

Chairman of the Education Committee, Dennis Derion, is pleased to announce that community groups are finding out about our programs and inviting our members to talk about various topics concerning antique automobiles and about Museum plans. Anyone interested in scheduling a program should call the Chairman at 732-341-3582.

**CHRISTMAS 300 CLUB RAFFLE IS ANOTHER WINNER**

Tim O'Rourke, Chairman Of Fundraising, expresses his thanks to all Museum members and friends who participated in the 2007 300 Club "Fun Raiser".

This years winners are:

1st Place: NICK CALCARS - Beachwood, NJ

Consolations: AL MAY

LAUREN RULE/DOUG

G. J. ROSELLI

JOSEPH ELIOPOULOS

SAL B. and RUDY R.

Congratulations. Enjoy your winnings.

**Christmas Party**

Thank you to Ralph and Mary Ann Simon and to the VACOC for another outstanding party. We have the best Vintage Automobile Club anywhere. The setting was right. The food was good. Santa was super and the friendship was priceless. No one does it like we do.

**History On Wheels**

We expanded our program to include businesses as well as schools. Our final presentation was at the Harley-Davidson Dealership on Rt.70 in Lakewood. We had a good show; good food, good weather and we gained a new Museum Sponsor. Welcome H-D.



Ann and Dave at Harley-Davidson

**C. I. A.**

The Museum has established a relationship with CARS IN AMERICA. They pay owners to put cars in the Movies and Special Events. CIA requested cars to flank the front doors of the Mansfield Hotel in New York City for a Grand Re-Opening. Mike Wagner provided his 1927 Buick and a 1931 Franklin for the event. It was an exciting adventure. If you want your car considered for future events call us at 609-713-4310.

**MUSEUM ROAD TRIPS**

We traveled to the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pa. for a private meeting and tour by Executive Director Pat Foltz. It was most informative and entertaining. We recommend the visit to all our members. Details and directions can be found at [www.aacamuseum.org](http://www.aacamuseum.org) .

The Plumbo Buckley Antique Car Foundation & Museum was a fantastic surprise. Museum member Harry DeVerter made arrangements and led us to an exciting display in South Jersey. We saw Mercers, Mercedes, an Invicta, Cords, a Pierce Arrow, and much more. Mr. Victor Plumbo treated us like personal friends as we enjoyed a relaxing visit into the past.



Mayor Gary Giberson's Display was another fantastic experience. Gary's enthusiasm was an inspiration to all of us. He became a Life Member of our Museum on the spot. Welcome Gary Giberson. His unique 1931 Garage is in the photo on the left.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MESSAGE**

May 2008 be your very best. For the troops now deployed far from their homes, everyone here at the VAMNJ prays for your safe return to your families and friends.