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## Director's Message:

Congratulations to all the members who were responsible for putting together the recent Tech Seminar. Not only did it take place at the fabulous and historic Binnie Motorsports Collection in Portsmouth, NH; we had over 50 members in attendance. We also have been invited to join the Springfield to Boston Foundation for the upcoming Historic Wilbraham Hill Climb in Wilbraham, MA and at the end of May, Greenwich Concours in CT and The CCCA Museum Experience in Michigan. Our season is in full motion and there is plenty of driving time to be had. Keep your tanks full and we look forward to seeing you.

—Jeff

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## Editor's Notes:

Now is the time to get your Classics ready to drive. Summer will soon be here.

— Heidi Ann

# A Hot CAN-AM Tour

## Part II

*By Jon Elmendorf*



*Canadian Parliament*

**I**n part I we had just arrived in Ottawa. The next morning we headed off on our own and toured Parliament which was next door to our hotel. What a different world than Washington, DC. The security here are Mounties and they welcomed us on the grounds, no security checkpoint, "Have a good day". After Parliament we descended down a hill by the hotel into a public market for lunch on our own.

The afternoon was spent on a private bus tour of the area with an outstanding guide. He even took us to Rideau Hall, the official home of the British Governor General. Behind that magnificent building is a small "cottage" that is the temporary residence of the Canadian Prime Minister who was having his official home restored. During the tour we got a chance to see Prime Minister Trudeau at an outside presentation, amazing the Canadians are so casual about their events.



*Ottawa, Cord in jail with our Hotel in the background.*



*Mont Tremblant Ski Village.*

The next day we drove to Montreal, a drive of 200 miles. We started out with another warm morning, lunch was at the ski resort of Mont Tremblant village. The afternoon drive was all divided highway and the temperature went from warm to hot, Bev was fine as we were traveling at 62 to 75 speeds. Once we got into the city of Montreal the expressway traffic stopped and we were overheating again. Our hotel was in the center of town in the old city on a hill, of course we got lost and had to back up a hill on a narrow dead end street. Now Bev was very hot. We found the hotel and were told to unload our bags and go to the valet parking area under the back of the hotel, well I couldn't stop and stand there as Bev was regurgitating all her coolant, so we opted to just get her to the garage. That meant with one way streets, going another block over then 1 block down the hill, and finally a block up the hill and turning down



*Down the alley we missed, the first door was a dead end and had to back out and go in the next door.*



*Group picture of all the CARavaners at the British Governor General mansion.*



an alley to an underground garage. We missed the alley turn, so up the hill again, and do the circle again. The outside temperature was now 95 degrees and our car temp gauge was out of sight. It was no problem going around the block again as we could follow our coolant trail left from the first time around! Finding the alley we went into the wrong garage door went up 1 level and had to back down and out. Finding the correct door we went down into a very constrained basement (note: the turning radius of front drive Cords are terrible) and in the maneuvering the engine quit. I tried to start Bev but the engine was locked up. Four hotel staff helped us push the car into a parking spot. Well she's parked.



*Light show in the Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal.*

That evening we had tickets to a fantastic light show in the Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal which was just a block away, and then a group dinner in the Hotel. At dinner all I could think about was the Cord's engine, what damage had I done, will we have to leave the car? After dinner I went down to the basement garage and with the engine cool, I started adding water, measuring each quart to see how empty she was. Bev took 21 quarts. Relief, at least she wasn't bone dry, Cord's hold 28 quarts. I hit the starter and she turned over, great. Checking over the engine, no coolant was leaking out. Next I checked the torque of the head bolts with my trusty torque wrench (Cords have aluminum heads) all were fine. OK, I crossed my fingers and hit the starter, Bev started right up and is running fine. Recheck for leaks, none, relief, YES!! Off to bed, it's 11:30.

The next day was a lay day with a bus tour in the afternoon and dinner on your own. Diane and I went to the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History in the morning. Cool "digs" in the basement showing parts of the old city. Also a very interesting section on ancient Egypt. We also explored the old city, what wonderful buildings.



*Crossing the Thousand Island Bridge to the States*

Today our drive was back to the States, Bev started immediately, seemed content and off we went, on yet another hot morning. We are able to get out of the city with no gridlock on the expressway and Bev is again moving at 60 to 70 on the 401, 163 miles to Alexandria Bay, NY. Wouldn't you know it, when we crossed the Thousand Islands Bridge, we had to wait in line to check into American customs. Bev decided she had had enough of Canada and left her calling card of another deposit on the pavement at the customs booth.



*All the CARavan cars at Alexandria Bay waiting while we do a boat tour of the St. Lawrence river.*

In Alexandria Bay we all took a boat tour on the river and were enthralled by the stately homes & cottages. Then we stopped at the Clayton Antique Boat Museum. Most people involved with antique cars enjoy old boats and this group was no exception. The Museum has one of the best collections of boats in the world both in the water and out. A must see. The Hotel that evening was in Clayton with dinner there.



*At the Clayton Antique Boat Museum, Pardon Me, a 48 ft. Hutchinson*



*Orbaker's restaurant after flat tire.*

Our final day was to drive to my hometown of Rochester, NY. It was another sunny warm day and we decided to modify the official route as I had some sites that I wanted Diane (my wife) to see, two other cars decided to follow along so we had our own mini-CARavan. I told the other CARavaners that I knew a great old hamburger place to stop for lunch. Well, just before we got there I hit a large pot hole and ripped the front tire. Out came the jack and torque wrench in 90 degree heat to change the tire. Our CARavan friends stayed by us, directed traffic and answered questions from the curious. Happily, after the tire change I found the hamburger place, Orbaker's on 104 in Williamson, NY, and it did not disappoint.

Our last evening was spent in a great hotel on old East Ave. in downtown Rochester, a great spot to end the tour. The final banquet was fun to see everyone gathered together and saying how much they enjoyed the tour (except for the heat!). Now that Bev was back in the States the overheating issue had stopped. I guess she did not like Canada.

CARavaning is always a joy, this one was put together by exceptional people. The places we went, hotels we stayed at, and sites we saw were great. My hat is off to the organizers, Skip, Susan, Dick and Ray. Bev our Cord made it through without the trouble truck assistance and was a blast to drive in Canada. My advice to you if you ever go to Canada on a CARavan, bring t-shirts and shorts.

Jon



*Final day Leaving Rochester Hotel.*



# Classic Car Club of America Annual Meeting

## Huntington Beach, CA – March, 2024



*View from the Hotel Balcony*

This year's annual meeting was Held in Huntington Beach, CA. It was a well thought out event and each of the meetings and activities scheduled were very well received. The following New England Region Members were present, Paul Tacy, Sarah Tacy, Natalie Charlton, Chris Charlton, Heidi Ann Charlton, Piers MacDonald. The private collections that we viewed were absolutely stunning. Thank you to our National Board of Directors for their dedication and service to our members. Thank you to the members who opened their private collections that included many classics and memorabilia.

**The New England Region is 70 Years old this year. So are the Colorado Region, Delaware Valley Region, Greater Illinois Region, and the W. Pennsylvania Region.**

*Happy Anniversary  
to All*



*Flowers at the Yacht Club*



*View from the Dining Room of Yacht Club – Thank you Steve Morton for your Kindness in sharing the club with us. The Lunch was Amazing as were the views*

## The Classic Car Club of America Scores and Standings of Regional Awards for 2023.

2023 Tarnopol CARavan Award – New England Region	9 <sup>th</sup> place – 4.3 Score
2023 Dietrich Annual Meeting Award – New England Region	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 73.0 Score
2023 Technical Award – New England Region	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 16.0 Score
2023 Steiner Grand Classic Award – New England Region	N/A
2023 Judges and Tabulators Award – New England Region	12 <sup>th</sup> Place – 2.0 Score
2023 Membership Award – New England Region	5 <sup>th</sup> Place – 95.5 Score
2023 Activities and Performance Award – New England Region	12 <sup>TH</sup> Place – 31.0 Score
2023 Bigelow Award – New England Region	12 <sup>th</sup> Place – 35.0 Score

### 2023 Publications Awards

Turnquist Award – Regions over 100 Members – New England Region	5 <sup>th</sup> Place – 69.25 Score
2023 Chuck Conrad Website Award-New England Region	6 <sup>th</sup> Place – 75.0 Score



Ruben Verdes and Ron Verschoor

National Board of Directors at opening business meeting



Ed Minnie, Alan and Nancy Strong, and guests at final awards banquet.



# New England Region Tech Seminar

was held on April 20, 2024 at Binnie Motorsports in Portsmouth, NH. The following presenters/vendors gave information about their services and products.





## Show Business:

Amelia Island and the Moda Miami Concours were held the same weekend and both were very well attended . The Best in Show cars at Amelia were a 1947 Delahaye 135MS by Figoni and Flaschi owned by Dana and Patti Mecum and a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO owned by David MacNeil.



*Best of Collection Award – ModaMiami 2024*



*1913 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, owned by Rick Brown, NH*



*1929 Duesenberg 8, Model J DC Phaeton, Le Baron owned by the Lehrman Collection*



*Neil Ryan with his 1946 Delahaye 6, 135MS, Coupe, Pourtout at Moda Miami Where it received the Best of Collection Award*



*The 1935 Duesenberg, Mormon Meteor at Moda Miami Where it received The Star of the Show Award.*



# THE NOR'EASTER

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please reach out and welcome the following new member to our Region.

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Regards,  
Elliot Friend, Membership Chair



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& Classic Car  
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