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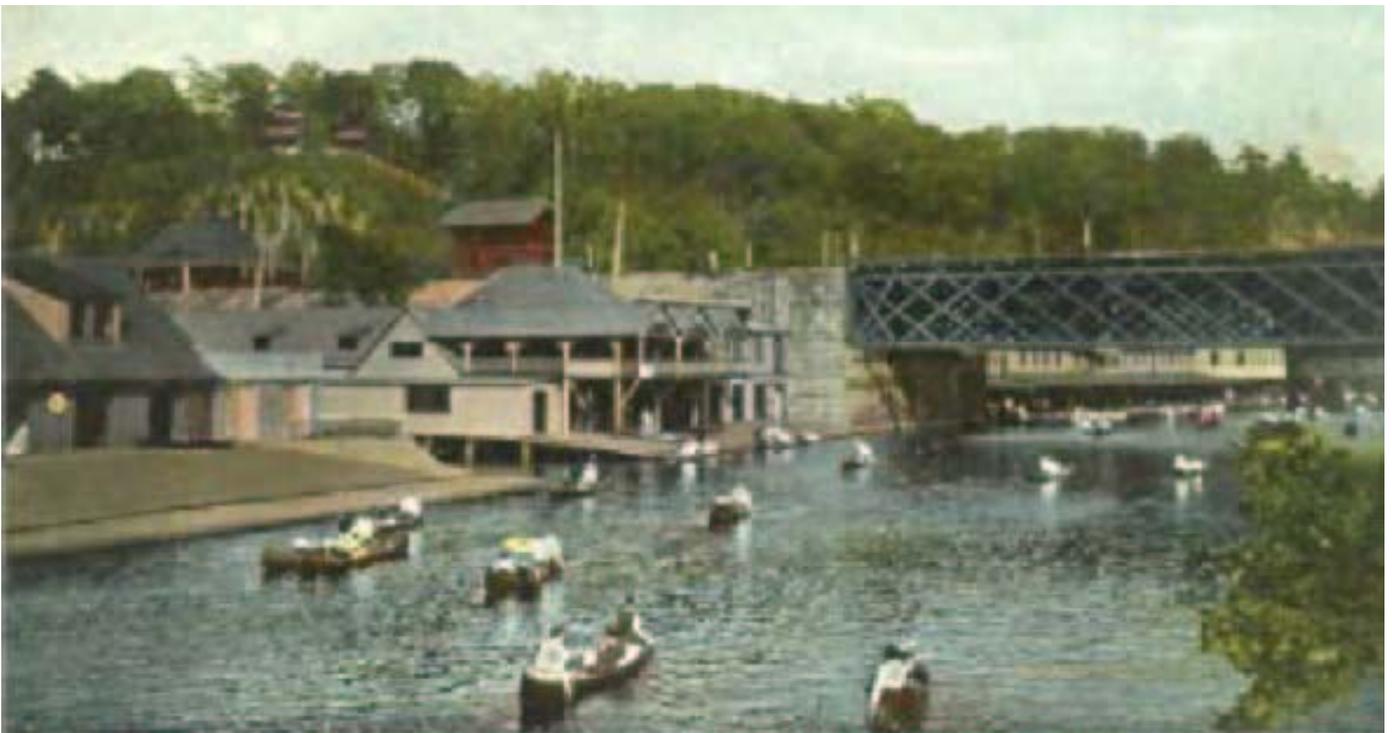
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The Sheen Collection



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After seeing today's newsletter, I remembered I had these pics saved as jpg files. The one with the Riverside Railroad Station and the Mianus River and the boathouses is a bit of a mystery to me. All I can figure out is that the RR Station used to be nearer the river. I'm wondering if the location of the boathouse on the far side of the bridge is near the end of Miltiades Avenue, where Barrie Van B. Richmond now lives and John Giddings and Robin Bruk grew up. I am open to suggestions as to the exact location of the Riverside Harbor view - just before the Yacht Club??? Not great resolution, but a slightly different view of the building you so admire. I believe that this building was destroyed by fire and the current club house was built as a replacement. The area where the building sits, is now a kind of side lawn.



PUBLIC BOAT HOUSE, AT RIVERSIDE, SHOWING RIVERSIDE STATION AND R. R. BRIDGE.

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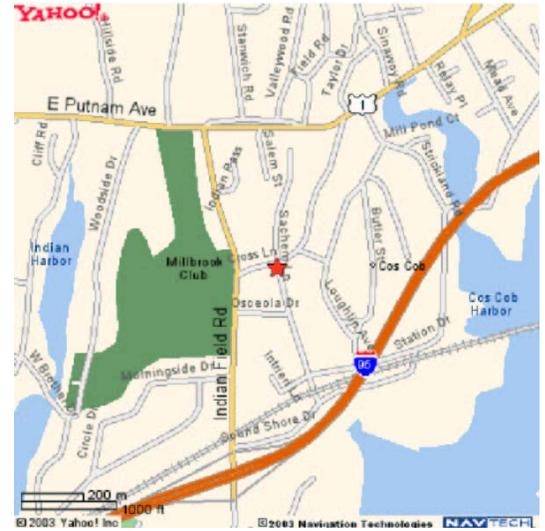
At the Cross Roads



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I believe "At the Cross Roads" is now the overgrown wooded area in Cos Cob between Indian Field Road and Cross Lane, where Sachem Lane is now . The stone arches and paths are still there. I saw this "park" for the first time just 2 weeks ago - all the snow made it easier to spot. It is behind the commercial building on the Post Road

where the Howard Johnson's (and later Louis Sherry) was. It is some kind of "nature preserve" or so a sign says.



The Davino Collection



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Okay, Gang, we are not going to go through that old ruse of Gene climbing the steep stairway to the Attic. But we will let you in on the fact that Gene doesn't live in Greenwich, the way the Header above states. He is actually way up the coast northeast of here in a town on Cape Cod. Now I don't know if the famous attic is in the house in Greenwich or the one in Massachusetts, but I can say that the collection continues to astonish me in its vast and all encompassing variety. This edition's trip takes us through the back of Greenwich and down to the Shore for a look at some of the Great homes, historic sites and wayside Inns.



JOHN W. FURBER RESIDENCE, GREENWICH, CONN.



SHOOPPER FARM - RESIDENCE OF F. S. GREEN, GREENWICH, CONN.



E. C. CONVERSE RESIDENCE, GREENWICH, CONN.





In the event that you can't remember any of these buildings or some look familiar, but you can't remember their names... I will go through the information that is printed on each, starting at the top. The John H. Flagler Residence, "Grasshopper Farm" Residence of F. E. Green, The E. C. Converse Residence (I wonder if it's the guy that made the sneakers?), "As You Like It" Belle Haven, Two views of the Putnam Cottage, The First Presbyterian Church, The Homestead Inn 1799 and the Kent House "Overlooking Long Island Sound".

Do You Remember



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On Tuesday, the New York Times ran an article about life and times on the road in Macedonia or some place in the Balkans, I can't remember the locale, but

the photo that headed the article had a 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible sitting in front of a fountain in the town square. And not too different from the one shown in the attached photograph. Maybe a little more tattered and worn... but there was one thing that caught my eye and I said... That's a great "Do You Remember".



So here goes another round of trivia from our Youth.

1. Cars wore skirts, over the real wheel and they had latching mechanisms so that they could be removed when changing the tires.
2. The janitor's at the High School used to sprinkle an "aromatic" saw dust on the floor before sweeping the corridors with 4'-0" wide brooms... The smell of the saw dust was like nothing else you could identify in "flavor, aroma or texture" It went beyond being something "normal" and was probably highly toxic and bad for our health.
3. You dressed up for school, with polished shoes and sometimes a tie. You changed into gym clothes for Gym classes and were made to take a shower after class.
4. You could always tell who had just come from gym, because their hair was dripping wet. I can't remember if we were given towels or if we had to bring them from home.
5. This one is for the Kids from Byram... Our part of Byram was called East Port Chester and the school was named New Lebanon, we were the first class to graduate from the New , New Lebanon



School which was built across the street, from the old Hulking "Fire Trap" with the Winslow Homer painting "Gulf Stream" at the end of the Second Floor Corridor. I often wonder about whether that was an original painting and worth millions. It would be just like Greenwich to have an original hanging in a grammar school corridor, outside the auditorium...

6. Trying to earn Merit Badges in Boy Scouts, one of the tasks was to "hike" from your home to Cat Rock on Glenville Road. I went with my "buddy" at that time... Barry Gedney" and we hitch-hiked up to the campsite, set up our campfire, cooked a can of beans (Campbell's Pork & Beans), packed up and hitched back home again. Of course we had to scale Cat Rock... major mole hill and nothing like Sue Lewis' Mt. Shasta.
7. In honor of the 15th of February... Daytona 500... I can remember going to Florida (by car) and driving on the beach at Daytona...

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Yes it's that time again and here I am begging for someone to write about the thing that makes this new sletter go. I am looking for a "Few Good Men and Women" that have 41 years of something to write

about for the rest of us to read... There are 130 of you out there at last count, and we have heard from about 35 of you who have done something with the last 41 years... Now I can't believe that almost 100 of you, haven't done anything during that period of time... It's impossible. You all have computers, and you all can write eMails... so take a little time the next time you "boot up", to send me an eMail that tells me that you are "alive and kicking".

Today's issue is going to be sent out by "remote administration" software. I hope that it arrives in your In-boxes as planned. When I hit the send key... I will be somewhere near Boston... I am on a Business "Road Trip" in the New England States... looking for new work... Town and Gow n... Urban Collegiate Settings. By the way, if any of you need an Architect, we are costly, but we are good... John Arbuckle said it... "You Get What You Pay For." (Special Note to John Richard Hafker... this is not really an advertisement... I haven't mentioned the firm's name)