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It is with great sadness that I inform everyone that Potomac Region Member Americo "Mario" Oliveira recently passed away. When I first bought my two 1965 Cadillacs in 1996, Mario was the first person that I met who shared the Cadillac fever. A relationship that started out as business soon became one of deep friendship.

It was also through Mario that I met Alex Figueroa. Alex and I spent countless days and nights hanging around Mario's shop in Laurel, MD just shooting the breeze about Cadillacs and life. We also took occasional road trips to shows in Carlisle & Hershey, PA, as well as to a Cadillac auction in Saluda, VA. We were the **Three Cadillac Amigos** way before we became involved with the Potomac Region. Mario had a work ethic and passion for life that I try to emulate everyday. Our sincerest condolences go out to Emelia Oliveira and family.



**Mario & Vince at the
2003 Capitol Cadillac / CLC
Potomac Region
Fall Car Show**

Words can't truly describe how proud I am of our Region! The **Eldorado Extravaganza** surpassed even my expectations. Every year was represented except for 1963 and 1965 (**we had nine '64 Eldorados**). I have received over 25 emails and/or phone calls since the show (pages 2-3). Special thanks to Daniel Jobe & Capitol Cadillac, Diane & Henry Ruby, Kim Mills, Derrick Fisher, Jim Govoni, Sandy Kemper, Richard Sils & Shelley Chadick, Barbara Cummings, Michele Hauf, Stephen J. Kirkwood, Jim George, Bob Fangmeyer and everyone who worked the show.

Vince Taliano

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ELDORADO EXTRAVAGANZA



On behalf of everyone at Capitol Cadillac, I would like to congratulate the Potomac Region on what obviously was a record breaking Car Show this past Sunday. You could not help but notice all of the hard work and planning that went into the **Eldorado Extravaganza** and I truly believe that the Region has set a new standard which won't soon be surpassed. Capitol Cadillac is truly blessed to be associated with such a fine organization and we are looking forward to continuing our long tradition.

Daniel Jobe

President
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[Editorial Note: Thank you Daniel. Without your support and generosity, none of this would be possible. We are the envy of the CLC Community because of your dedication to the club and the hobby. Everyone was extremely appreciative of the hospitality shown to them at Capitol Cadillac by you, your staff and our fellow members. Many have indicated to this was the best show that they have seen in years and some said that it surpassed a Grand National. I have included over 10 "Letters to the Editor" from the car show in this issue. Thanks again for everything and we look forward to 2007.]

Just want to congratulate you and your committee, along with Capitol Cadillac, on the wonderful job you all did putting on the Potomac Region's **Eldorado Extravaganza**. Certainly all bases were covered. The Cadillac dealership was just ablaze with beautiful Cadillacs and LaSalles, certainly a sight to behold. Dave McHugh and I had a lot to talk about on our return trip to Pittsburgh. Ideas from your show will be incorporated in future Pittsburgh Region shows. Again, congratulations on a job well done.

Lee Herbermann

CLC Southeastern Region VP
Pittsburgh, PA

I'd like to thank you again for all of your hospitality yesterday during the show. The weather held out beautifully, and the crowd was fantastic. We'll look forward to writing up the story for **Hemmings Classic Car** magazine, and I'll be in touch!

Mark McCourt

Associate Editor
Hemmings Motor News

Yesterday was sensory overload. We feel like we just returned from the Nationals. What a Show!!

Art & Jan Archambeault

Harrisburg, PA

I just want you to know what a wonderful time Donna and I had at the car show. I really didn't expect to win an award. Every car there was a winner. It was a sea of stunning cars. You, your club and Daniel Jobe did a wonderful job. It was the best car show I have ever attended.

Sal & Donna Buffa

Liverpool, NY



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Let me join the chorus of folks singing the praises of the Potomac Region. Your **Eldorado Extravaganza** can only be described as SPECTACULAR! The region has definitely set the standard by which all other region shows will be measured. The planning, the invitation, the pre-publicity, the layout, the awards, and the concept were flawless - my congratulations to the entire Potomac team for a great event. You are truly lucky to have such a hard working membership and a generous sponsor in Daniel Jobe.

Pat Caruso

Green Brook, NJ

What a great day it was! The weather was perfect and again the **VFR AND THE RRR REGIONS** did manage to walk away with not only awards but a lot of new friends to add to our list of traveling buddies. Thanks for all of the hard work that you do for the Potomac Region.

Barbara & Bud Coleman, Mike & Vicki Barruzza, and all the other VFR and RRR members

This show was the best of the best and in many cases better than a Grand National!! Thanks for all you hard work in putting together a **SHOW OF SHOWS**.

Bob Crimmins

Manalapan, NJ

I just want to congratulate you and everyone who had a part in producing one of the best shows I've attended in quite a while. I was there early, and it seemed to me that everyone was very well organized, and looking forward to a great day. I'm proud to be a member of such a fine club. Thank you all for everything you do to make us all welcome.

Don Miller

Malvern, PA

Great show, as usual!!

Dan Reed

Hamburg, PA

www.danreedillustration.com

Dave and I want to thank you for all the hard work your region did to organize such an enjoyable event. At one point, I just stopped, stood there, looked at the sea of Caddys and started laughing. I couldn't believe all the cars that were there and they were still rolling in. Thank you for the warm hospitality and great day of Caddy memories.

Dave & Dora Forry

Manheim, PA

I am proud to have been part of that SPECTACULAR Show! Thanks for all your time and effort. With all those other beautiful and historic cars there, I feel fortunate to have been able to participate, let alone compete.

Bob Applegate

Rockville, MD

The show was just great. I don't know of any club that could pull off such a stupendous event. It was great to see all of the guys and some ladies that we only see at the club meetings and to renew old fellowships.

George Boxley

West River, MD



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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Nov 4	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Central PA Region 1st Annual Fall Show	Brenner Cadillac Harrisburg PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
Nov 4	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Central VA Region 2nd Annual Car Show	Moore Cadillac Richmond VA	Chip Lamb at 804-357-4926 or chip@wmsbrg.com
Nov 20	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	White Flint Mall Rockville MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or eddieamendo@comcast.net
Dec 2-3		East Coast Indoor Nationals	Timonium Fairgrounds Timonium MD	www.eastcoastindoornats.com or David Cohen at 410-628-6262
Dec 17	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	3rd Annual Potomac Region Holiday Gala	Hilton Silver Spring MD	Steven Sisson at 301-299-9665 or sissonse01@cs.com
Jun 20-24 2007		CLC National Driving Tour Lower Hudson Valley Region	Hudson Valley NY	Dave Rubin at 845-225-5990 or sjzr5@optonline.net
Aug 1-4 2007		CLC Grand National Meet Peach State Region	Savannah GA	Michael Posey at 770-487-5512



Stay tuned for information on the 3rd Annual Holiday Gala.

Plans include live music.



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OCTOBER 16, 2006 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

MINUTES: Regular Region Meeting

PLACE: Silver Diner, Merrifield, Virginia

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Director Vince Taliano

ATTENDANCE: Randy Denchfield, Derrick Fisher, Jim George, Jeff Gurski, Sandy Kemper, Steve Kirkwood, Lee Peterson, Dan Ruby, Henry & Diane Ruby, Harry Scott, Bill Sessler, Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick, Richard Sisson, Steven & Margo Sisson and "Woody" Woodruff.

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Vince announced that *Old Cars Weekly* featured our Fall Show on the cover of its October 12 edition. Also, he spoke to Vern Parker who said that he will send a copy of the "Cadillac Alley" photo [*Caddie Chronicle*, October, 2006, p.8.] to GM. Vince reported that he spoke to PR member Myron Pauley who is recovering well from surgery. In addition he learned that Valley Forge Region member David Rothman, who many PR members know, is also recovering from surgery. Sadly, however, Vince noted the passing of PR member Americo "Mario" Oliveira.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the September meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the October 2006 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the September, 2006 meeting to date. Harry Scott reported that the Region's income was \$615.93. The total expenses for the same time period were \$716.53. The checking account balance as of the meeting was \$3,907.24 and the Certificate of Deposit principal was \$5,214.79.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Richard Sisson reported that the membership is at 194, plus Lee Peterson, in attendance tonight. We have several prospects from the Rockville show. Other members added the names of potential members.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

1. **Upcoming Events:** Steven Sisson strongly encouraged Potomac Region participation at both of the following shows:

- **Central PA Region Fall Show, Brenner Cadillac, Harrisburg, PA, November 4**
- **Central VA Region Fall Show, Moore Cadillac, Richmond, VA, November 4**

Steven also commented on the following:

- **Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade, Silver Spring, MD, November 18**
- **East Coast Indoor Nationals, Timonium, MD, December 2-3**



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2. **CLC-PR Fall Show (*Eldorado Extravaganza*), October 22, 2006:** There was extensive discussion about the Show including: Saturday Night Dinner head count & name tags; Ladies Choice Award; walkie-talkies; DJ; registration packet stuffing; dash plaques; Commemorative Program; awards program speaking points; lunch tickets and trailer parking. Vince passed around a sign-up sheet to obtain commitments to work for specific periods of time from members. Over fifty-five cars are pre-registered-an unprecedented amount. Henry reiterated that the Eldorados will be parked in the showroom, the apron in front of the building and the service lanes. There was discussion about changing the judging classes for Eldorados to balance the number of vehicles in each class. It was decided to retain the classes as advertised.
3. **CLC-PR Fall Tour, Saturday, October 28, 2006:** Steven reminded everyone about this Tour. It will start at Turkey Run Park and proceed to the Mt Vernon Estate along the George Washington Parkway. He added that there have been many changes to the Mt. Vernon in recent years and it will be an interesting destination for this Tour.
4. **CLC-PR 2006 Holiday Gala:** Steven announced that this event will be similar to last year's successful party. It will be held on December 17, 2006 at the Hilton in Silver Spring. The menu will remain the same. There will be live musical entertainment.
5. **Recent Events:** Steven reported on several of the recent shows and events in which members participated. Notably, many members attended Hershey. But special accolades go out to Rita Bial-Boxley who served at the C&LC tent. There was a good representation of Cadillacs, about two dozen at the Rockville Show. Lastly, Steven said that the Wings and Wheels Show in Topping, VA was exciting because of its many and varied activities.

OLD BUSINESS: National Driving Tour: Sandy reported that they are in the process of collecting information from the National chairpersons of National Driving Tours held in recent years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potomac Region elections: Nominations have been received and every nominee has been contacted. One position, Assistant Regional Director, has no nominees. Dan Ruby offered to serve in that position and by general acclamation his name will be on the election ballot. The Ballots will be distributed later this week.

Possible Maryland meeting place change: Henry Ruby checked the Silver Diner on Rockville Pike to see if it would work to replace the White Flint meeting place. But the Rockville diner only has booths and is not conducive to a meeting setting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 20, 2006 at White Flint Mall, Rockville, Maryland

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.



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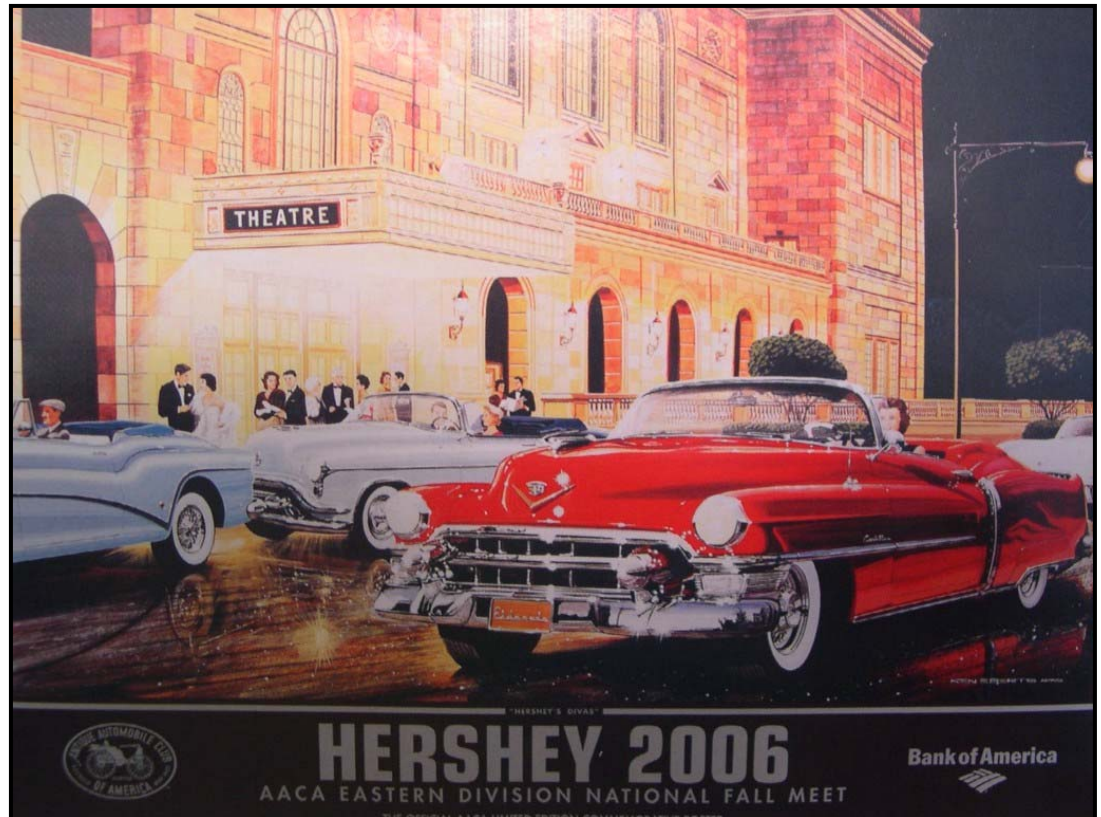
HERSEY 2006 BY RITA-BIAL BOXLEY

How ironic it was to see a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado featured on the 2006 Hershey Limited Edition Poster just two weeks before our scheduled

Eldorado Extravaganza.

Definitely a good omen!

Our annual traditional trip to the fair grounds at Hershey, PA started on Tuesday morning. As always the case, I packed more than we needed to wear, but with Hershey and its climatic changes, one needs to be prepared. The brochure sent in



advance, along with our car corral stickers, stated there would be a few minor changes, which turned into major changes and disappointments for some of the Hershey attendees. However, all of us have learned to live with these decisions. After all, we realize that everything is not going to run smoothly with an event of this magnitude.

We were anxious to get to Hershey to place our cars in the car corral. George (GB) drove his 1976 Eldorado Convertible and I drove the 1979 Eldorado Biarritz, both very nice cars priced fairly. We arrived at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel to find out they are under new management, but they had our room reservations correct. The room had a wonderful view overlooking the mountains. After unpacking and settling in from the drive, we dined at Bob Evans across the street from the hotel, which is a good place to go for a hearty meal. Frankly, I was frazzled and tired after the long trip. We settled in for a movie and had our much needed rest.



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On Wednesday morning, the first day of the show, we awoke to a great day with temperatures in the 80's. When we arrived at the Hershey grounds and parked the cars on the car corral, I went to the CLC hospitality tent. I was glad to volunteer for a few hours. This put me in contact with some of the members that we only see at Hershey. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintances. If you have never volunteered for the hospitality tent in the past, I suggest giving it a try in the future. It's a great experience and you meet many interesting people.

Visitors stopped in from all over the globe. The hospitality tent had

an ample supply of cold drinks and munchies. Some of the foreign visitors were pleasantly surprised and pleased with our hospitality. They were anxious to show us pictures of their Cadillacs and informed us of their restoration projects. A few of them were looking for various parts and we were able to send them in the right direction to accomplish their mission.



CLC Hospitality Tent
Source: CLC Website

The big changes this year in Hershey was not only the fact that it didn't rain all four days, but the placement of the cars on the car corral, which constituted a hardship for some of the more senior members, especially the handicapped. I am mature enough to realize that the planning authorities did not purposely set out to inconvenience their patrons, but a person had to walk, walk, and walk some more to get to a field that was not more than a few minutes away. After walking over the fences that someone else had pushed down, I went to the fields to see what items I could purchase. The vendor stands were on one side of the road and the car corral was on the other side of Hershey drive. The major inconvenience was the car corral location was on one field with the continuation of it on another field. The first car corral area had more traffic than the other car corral area. Why you may ask? The answer is simple. Once people looked at one car corral, they were not walking those extra steps to see the other cars, which happened to be on the grassy field and mired in mud after the rain.

Now I would like to accentuate the positive aspects. Just about all the vendors were located on pavement. Thus it was easy to find the parts for whatever car a person may have. However, my personal view is that it appeared to be more and more car toy vendors than ever before. ***Could this mean the Hershey event is leaning more towards toy cars than the real cars and parts?*** As we all know, these old car parts are desperately needed by fellow enthusiasts and restorers. This is what made this event so great in the first place.



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After a good dinner and a brisk walk Wednesday evening, we noticed that the "Bumper Boyz" were just getting back from a day on the Hershey field. All of them looked exhausted (the Bumper Boyz are a group of guys from California that are seen at just about every meet along the East Coast). They come with tractor trailers and vans loaded with all sorts of sparkling chrome bumpers for every type of car.

Thursday morning, one was awakened by a 20 degree temperature change. Thursday evenings are always a treat for us. We have dinner at the Hershey Hotel with our friends Daisy & Walter Wary and Harry Scott. The Warys are members of the Metro Region CCCA. Walter and GB became good friends when GB's 1930 Cadillac 353A began to sputter in the Adirondack Mountains in New York State on the Lake Sagamore Driving Tour hosted a few years ago by the Metro Region CCCA of New Jersey. Walter was the senior person who showed GB how to get the most out of the seven cylinders that the car was operating on by advancing the spark. As usual, the Hershey Hotel's atmosphere was superb and the food was gourmet. An added feature was the fact that the dinner coincided with our wedding anniversary. At nightfall on Thursday, it rained. That's right, you guessed it.

By Friday morning, the mud was back, as usual. The rain stopped later in the morning but the remainder of the day was overcast and chilly. However, some brave souls attempted to walk the muddy field of the car corral, but they quickly became discouraged and left. Cars and trucks were sold, but I don't think as many found new homes as in past years. Some prospective buyers may have been a little reluctant to get down on their hands and knees to inspect the undercarriage of a car that was mired in mud. During the day on Friday, most of the ladies shopped at the outlets and had to walk back to the car corral. Since the shuttle service to the outlets had been discontinued a few years ago, the ladies have quite a walk back to the fields. Maybe the outlets would find it to be a great asset if they had their own shuttle for next year (a friendly suggestion). There were shuttle buses to take you to the Hotel Hershey, the Hershey Gardens, and the other fields, but not the outlets. Friday evening, GB, Harry Scott, and I met other friends of ours. We all piled into GB's 1976 Eldorado Convertible and cruised to Leed's restaurant. They have an all-American cuisine and the wait staff is prompt and courteous. When leaving, we saw fellow Potomac Region members Richard, Steven & David Sisson having dinner. We sat down and chewed the fat (figuratively) with the guys about car stuff, naturally.

Saturday Morning was cool but no rain. That in itself was a blessing. We headed off to our space at the car corral, but alas neither one of our cars sold. We stayed on the car corral most of the day. By then, the weather had changed and it became quite cool and crisp. Sadly by noon when we observed the vendors packing up their merchandise and most of the cars that were on the car corral and the car show fields were heading back to their destinations, we realized that the Hershey experience for 2006 would soon be history. Congratulations to Richard Sills who won a Second Junior with his 1981 Cadillac Fleetwood.

On Sunday morning we left at 7:00 AM. Our cars were driven back to Maryland and GB placed them in their respective places in the toy box. Hershey is always a special event for us car buffs to anticipate. The weather is unpredictable and the arrangements of the fields and car corral are always a challenge. In spite of all our trials and tribulations, we thoroughly enjoy the Hershey experience. So until next year, I wish all of you happy motoring!



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2006 FALL CAPITOL CADILLAC / CLC POTOMAC REGION CAR SHOW

ELDORADO EXTRAVAGANZA: 1953-1966

BY SANDY KEMPER

**PHOTOS BY PAT CARUSO, BOB CRIMMINS, ALEX FIGUEROA, DAVE & DORA FORRY,
JACK MCCLOW, R. SCOT MINESINGER, AKSEL OLESEN, DAN REED
AND MICHAEL VEILLEUX**



**Eldorado Owners after receiving their Certificate of Appreciation
from Daniel Jobe and Vince Taliano**

The last car had hardly left the parking lot of Capitol Cadillac at the end of last year's Fall Show when the plans for this year's ***Eldorado Extravaganza*** began in earnest. Each known Eldorado owner in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast was sent a personal invitation to attend. Press releases were prepared and several major automobile publications were contacted. Flyers were distributed at our successful Spring Show at Capitol Cadillac and other car shows throughout the area. And Potomac Region members attending the Grand National in California in June made it a point to tell other Cadillac aficionados about the event.



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Gilded Cadillacs to fill Eldorado Extravaganza

The "Cadillac" of Cadillacs, the Eldorado, will be celebrated by the Potomac Region of the Cadillac-Lafayette Club (CLC) during its 2006 Fall Car Show. The Eldorado Extravaganza event will be held at Historic Capital Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD, Oct. 22.

In order to achieve its goal, representation of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s is required. The club hopes to assemble at least one example of each Eldorado built during the previous Cadillac model's model-year period. If the club succeeds, it will be the largest gathering of model-year-specific Eldorados ever in the mid-Atlantic area.

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not-Atlantic and northeastern parts of the country of the event and intend to show their cars to a much broader audience. It is hoped that interested owners will receive a comprehensive display plan and other information for their participation. Participating Cadillacs will be judged.

and all Cadillac enthusiasts are welcome to view the cars on display.

The CLC Potomac Region was established in 1989 and has chapters in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Capital Cadillac is a historic dealership that first opened its doors in Washington, D.C., in 1974. In 1979, it was moved to its present facility in Greenbelt, MD.

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With this advance publicity, it should have been no surprise to Director Vince Taliano and Car Show Coordinators Henry & Diane Ruby that a considerable number of telephone calls and a flurry of emails began to besiege them by early October. But then, the October 12, 2006 issue of **Old Cars Weekly** featured the **Eldorado Extravaganza** as the headline article on its front page! An unprecedented number of pre-registrations followed. Among them were twenty-five Eldorados with all but two of the featured years represented. The enthusiasm was building!

Barbara Coleman, **Valley Forge Region**, arranged for a tour of nearby Annapolis, Maryland on Saturday, October 21st. Conducting a VFR event around our Show was a compliment to us and guaranteed that some fine Cadillacs from Pennsylvania and New Jersey would be in attendance.

Continuing what has become a tradition, Past CLC President Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick welcomed over 40 out-of-town guests and Potomac Region members to a dinner on the Saturday night before the Show. The parking lot of the Holiday Inn – Greenbelt was an exciting preview of what was to come with over a dozen vintage Cadillacs parked outside of the restaurant.

At Capitol Cadillac on October 22nd, the Sunday morning dawned gray skies, but moderate autumn temperatures. Excellent weather for a car show. As Potomac Region members began to set-up tables, tents and banners, Mark McCourt from Hemmings Motor News arrived from Vermont (via a nearby hotel) to cover our Show. Before long, the automobile trailers and Cadillacs and LaSalle's of every vintage started to pull in. It wasn't even 8:00 AM yet! It was going to be a good day. Diane Ruby and Kim Mills suitably handled the owners who had not pre-registered. Steve Kirkwood, Michele Hauf, Sandy Kemper and others greeted the pre-registered participants at the hospitality tent, handing out registration packets, along with copies of Potomac Region literature. Our "Show Field" marshals, Derrick Fisher, Jim Govoni and Henry Ruby directed the onslaught of vehicles to appropriate parking locations. Meanwhile Vince Taliano shuttled between the registration tables and the parking locations answering numerous questions and welcoming many of the attendees.



A welcomed site at any car show,
the Hemmings Classic Car Van



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By eleven o'clock, the sun had broken through the clouds and 101 Cadillacs and LaSallees were in attendance. And over half a dozen pre-registered cars had not arrived. This was our largest turnout ever. What a spectacle! There were a substantial number of cars from other regions & states. In fact, our last five awards were won by cars from five different states. A true testament to the scope of the event!

The showroom was filled with 1950's Eldorados framed on one end by Bart Mitchell's stunning 1953 (Brooklandville MD) and Frank Pinola's remarkably original condition 1959 Biarritz (Harrisburg PA) at the opposite end. In between were Richard Sisson's 1954 (Potomac MD), Bob Crimmins' 1955 (Manalapan NJ), Sal & Donna Buffa's 1956 Seville (Liverpool NY), John Spargo's 1957 Biarritz (Fairfax Station VA), Henry & Diane Ruby's 1958 Biarritz (Temple Hills MD) and Marc Tuwiner's 1959 Biarritz (Annapolis MD). In the middle of



1950's Eldorados filled the showroom

the showroom was Stephen J. Kirkwood's 1958 Brougham (Falls Church VA) and tucked around the corner were Mary & Buddy Brill's 1958 Biarritz (Irvington VA) and Frédérique & Olivier Le Ber's 1957 Biarritz (Bethesda MD). Each year in the 1950s was well represented with show stopping Eldorados.



1960's Eldorados on the apron

Outside, on the apron, and in the service lane were the 1960's Eldorados, which included **NINE** 1964s. Starting in chronological order, the sixties were represented by Francene Flesch's 1960 Seville (Guilford CT), Bernie Cooney's 1961 Biarritz (South Bound Brook NJ), Steven M. Tuck's 1962 Biarritz (Midlothian VA), Bruce A. Bell's 1964 (Bowie MD), John Corrado's 1964 (Silver Spring MD), David & Linda Ciccarella's 1964 (Altoona PA), Albert R. Cowling's 1964 (King of Prussia PA), Charles Dodd's 1964 (Baltimore MD), Gary T. Elder's 1964 (Chevy Chase MD), Bob Fangmeyer's 1964 (Derwood MD), Larry & Ilene Lesiger's 1964 (Haddonfield NJ), Steven Sisson's 1964 (Potomac MD), Richard Castiello's 1966 (Potomac MD) and Craig Perrotty's 1966 (Reading PA).



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To mark this very special show, every registered owner received a full color commemorative show program highlighting the history of Cadillac Eldorados and featuring a personalized description of each 1953-1966 Eldorado pre-registered for the show. In addition, the Eldorado owners received a framed certificate of appreciation for participating.

Continuing the tradition of our Shows at Capitol Cadillac, we had music and a PA system provided by DJ Mike of Music Madness. The Greenbelt Lions Club, a charitable service organization, sold coffee and doughnuts in the morning. O'Brien's Pit Barbecue, always popular with the crowd, furnished sandwiches, sides and soft drinks in the afternoon. Several favorite vendors, among them Dan Reed Illustration and Ken Visser Photography, set up displays showcasing their talents. However, an added feature for this Show was that Potomac Region member Chris Cummings was signing copies of his newly published book, ***"The Cadillac That Followed Me Home: Memoir of a V-16 Dream Realized."***

As three o'clock drew near, just about all of the attendees crowded into the showroom to listen to the venerable Richard Sills announce the winners. Richard began by recognizing the surprising number of CLC National Officers and Directors in attendance: Treasurer, Larry Lesiger and Southeastern Region Vice President, Lee Herbermann, as well as Directors Jack McClow, Bob Crimmins and Randy Denchfield. Importantly, however, Richard extended the Potomac Region's utmost thanks to Daniel Jobe & Capitol Cadillac and to all of the Eldorado owners who brought their cars to the show. The crowd acknowledged their efforts with a hearty applause of appreciation.

Judging for this Show, as for every current Potomac Region show, was by People's Choice. And the voter turnout percentage would be the envy of politicians. Over three-fourths of the eligible voters submitted completed ballots.



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Starting with **Class A (1902-1940 except V-12 and V-16)** George Boxley's 1940 Series 75, Seven Passenger Sedan (West River MD) won honors. In **Class B (1927-40 LaSalle)**, **Washington Times** "Out of the Past" writer Vern Parker (Vienna VA) won First Place with his 1939 4 Door Sedan, with **Valley Forge Region** members, Bud & Barbara Coleman (Malvern PA), second in their 1940 5019 4 Door Sedan. Third place was awarded to Aksel Olesen (Potomac MD) and his red 1937 Series 5019 Sedan.

Byron Alsop's beautifully restored 1936 Series 85 V-12 Convertible Sedan (Oak Hill VA) won the award in **Class C (1930-1940 Cadillac V-12 & V-16 only)**. **Central PA Region** members Art and Jan Archambeault (Harrisburg PA) and their 1949 Series 62 Sedan won First Place in **Class D (1941-1949 Cadillac)**, certainly making their trip from Harrisburg Pennsylvania worth the effort. But Potomac Region member Randy Denchfield (Chevy Chase MD) won the Second and Third Place prizes. Of course, Randy had increased his odds by managing to get three fine automobiles to the Show.

Because of the rearrangement of the usual judging categories to accommodate the Eldorados and the large number of entries, **Class E (1950-1959 Cadillac, excluding Eldorados)** was highly competitive. Emerging above the others to obtain First Place was another **Valley Forge Region** car, the 1953 Series 62 Convertible entered by Jerry & Mary Parnes (Ardmore PA). Jerome Gross (Silver Spring MD) won Second Place in his brilliant red 1956 Series 62 Convertible and Clarke Ansel (Alexandria VA) won Third Place with his superb 1956 Sedan DeVille.

The next three Classes were set aside for Cadillac Eldorados only. First Place in **Class F (1953-1958 Eldorados only)** went to Bart Mitchell's exquisite Azure Blue 1953 Eldorado. Second Place awards were given to Sal & Donna Buffa for their Bahama Blue 1956 Eldorado Seville and to Richard Sisson for his black 1954 Eldorado. Similarly, the Third Place honors were awarded to two cars: Mary Brill's 1958 Eldorado Biarritz and Steve Kirkwood's 1958 Eldorado Brougham. In **Class G (1959-1962 Eldorados only)**, Frank Pinola's Persian Sand 1959 Eldorado Biarritz (**Central PA Region**) won top honors, with Second Place shared by the 1960 Eldorado Seville of Francene Flesch and the 1962 Eldorado Biarritz of **Central VA Region's** Steven Tuck. Third Place went to **Raritan River Region's** Bernie Cooney for his 1961 Eldorado Biarritz. The Eldorados of 1964 dominated the awards in **Class H (1963-1966 Eldorados only)** and there were many splendid examples. David and Linda Ciccarella rose above the others with First Place in their 1964 -- David performed nearly all of the restoration work on his immaculate blue Eldorado by himself. Second Place went to John Corrado and it was no surprise that Third Place was tied among three 1964 cars, those of Albert R. Cowling (**Valley Forge Region**), Charles Dodd and Steven Sisson.

Class I (1960-1968 Cadillac w/o 1960-66 Eldorados) was another highly competitive class. We are finding that more and more beautiful 1960's Cadillacs are attending our shows. First Place went to **Central PA Region's** Dora & Dave Forry (Manheim PA) with their black 1964 DeVille Convertible. Second Place went to Brian Staffone's black 1962 Sedan DeVille with bucket seats (Mt Airy MD) and Third Place went to another **Central PA Region** car, the 1967 Coupe DeVille of Dan & Linda Arnold (York PA).



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Class J: (1969-1976 Cadillac) is another class that is getting more and more popular. First Place went to Mark E. Brodsky (Chevy Chase MD) for his stunning Persian Aqua 1969 DeVille Convertible. Second Place went to R. Scot Minesinger's 1970 DeVille Convertible (Fairfax Station VA) and Third Place went to Joe Wozniak's 1969 DeVille Convertible (Gaithersburg MD). Honors in **Class K (1977-1988 Cadillac, excluding Allantés)** went to Chuck O'Bryan (Falls Church VA) for his 1985 Eldorado Biarritz (First Place), to Harry Yarnell (Perryman MD) for his 1978 Eldorado (Second Place) and to Alex Figueroa (Springfield VA) for his 1977 Coupe DeVille (Third Place) with its unique hood ornament.

Fleetwood Brougham's were the model of choice for **Class L (1989-1996 Cadillac with Allantés)**. The 1993-1996 Fleetwood Broughams are destined to be the next great collectible Cadillac. Fred Kott (Ellicott City MD) won First Place for his 1992 Fleetwood Brougham. But Pennsylvania cars took home Second and Third Places with David Lickel (Enola PA) and his 1996 (**Central PA Region**) and Mike & Vicky Barruzza's (Bristol PA) with their 1995 (**Valley Forge Region**) winning those awards, respectively. Sometimes it's hard to distinguish the **Class M (1997-Current Cadillacs)** entrees from the cars for sale in Capitol Cadillac's lot. Nevertheless, these modern vehicles are recognized for the owners' efforts to keep them in showroom shape or for their possible uniqueness. Ron Neff's impeccable 2000 Eldorado (Alexandria VA) won First Place. Jim George (Haymarket VA), who usually attends in one of his 1930's "V" Cadillacs, took Second Place with his son, James Jr., with a "V" of another type – a 2005 CTS-V. Third Place went to Mary Anne Beauchamp's handsome 1998 Eldorado (Adelphi MD).

Ati Kovi (Potomac MD) continued his winning ways in **Class N (Commercial Vehicles)** with First Place in his 1994 Presidential Limousine. Jeff Schmieler (Silver Spring MD) took Second Place with his 1973 Fleetwood Series 75 Limousine. The **Class O (Modified Vehicles)** cars nearly always show their owners' creativity. Winning First Place, Gus Lachnit's 1948 Series 62 Convertible (Baltimore MD) is an ingenuous combination of styling elements and is superbly crafted. The 1970 Coupe DeVille of Wade Clark (Upper Marlboro MD) took Second Place.



Bart Mitchell receives Best of Show from Daniel Jobe

When there are so many fine cars to judge, it is hard to imagine any of them being "Best of." But Byron Alsop's 1936 Series 85 V-12 Convertible Sedan, **Best Pre-War (1942 and Earlier)**, Frank Pinola's 1959 Eldorado Biarritz, **Best Post War (1946-Present)**, and Bart Mitchell's 1953 Eldorado, **Best of Show**, certainly deserved the high honors that they achieved. Daniel Jobe presented the **Dealer's Choice Award** to **Raritan River Region's** Bob Crimmins for his 1955 Eldorado. For only the second time at a Potomac Region show, there was the **Ladies' Choice Award**. But the significant number of ballots submitted by eligible ladies indicates that this award is growing in popularity and will surely be part of every future show. The award went to Byron Alsop's 1936 Series 85 V-12 Convertible Sedan. Lastly, Bob and Gail Ludwig, who had driven over 300 miles from Parksville, New York in their 1974 Eldorado Convertible, drove home with the **Long Distance Award**.



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As all of the owners and visitors drove away from the **Eldorado Extravaganza**, flooding the local roads with Cadillacs and LaSalle's, it was clear that once again, the Potomac Region had hosted a terrific car show. Of course, the Region couldn't have done so without the incomparable support of Capitol Cadillac's owner, Daniel Jobe and his staff. It was a fitting end to the day that while Daniel's staff began to return his dealership to a place of business, he and Vince Taliano were already discussing preparations and checking their calendars for next year's fall show, which will be the **Legacy of LaSalle: 1927-2007**. Special thanks to Richard Lentinello, David Traver Adolphus and Mark McCourt, *Hemmings Motor News*, Vern Parker, *The Washington Times*, and Angelo Van Bogart, *Old Cars Weekly*, for helping to promote the event. Also, thanks to Pat Caruso, Bob Crimmins, Alex Figueroa, Dave & Dora Forry, Jack McClow, R. Scot Minesinger, Aksel Olesen, Dan Reed and Michael Veilleux for taking pictures.



To see more pictures from the **Eldorado Extravaganza** click on the links below:

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Cars For Sale

1957 Coupe DeVille – Complete car – Not running – Partially disassembled – **Asking \$4,500** – **1967 Calais 4 Door Hardtop** – 68K miles – Runs good – Cold air – New tires – Needs paint – **Asking \$3,000** – Other Cadillacs for sale (**1969 Sedan DeVille, 1982 Fleetwood Brougham, etc.**) – For more information, contact April Grammont at 410-868-4557 or aprilg57@aol.com – Cars are located in Maryland

1959 Series 62 Coupe – Runs good – Gotham Cold with white interior – **Asking \$11,900** – **1985 Eldorado Biarritz** – Recent engine work – **Asking \$3,000** – For more information, contact Steve at 609-448-0699 – Cars are located in New Jersey

1964 DeVille Convertible – Trading hobbies (just purchased a boat) – Make offer before it goes on eBay – **Asking \$16,500** – <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/64cadillacforsale.htm> for pictures – For more info, contact Al Scholz at 443-463-5660 or alscholz@adelphia.net – Car is located in Maryland

1967 DeVille Convertible – All original with newer powder blue paint and leather interior – Excellent original chrome on original So. California car – **Asking \$14,500** – For more info, contact Robert Robin at 626-568-9800 or robinV16@aol.com – Car is located in California

1975 Calais 4-Door Hardtop – Less than 40,000 miles – Blue exterior – Excellent interior – Car needs some work – **Asking \$2,000** – For more information, contact Henry Switkay at 703-549-6497 – Car is located in Virginia

1976 Coupe DeVille – Red w/white leather interior – 72,000 miles – Garage kept – Excellent condition **Asking \$5,000** – **1978 Eldorado Biarritz** – Blue w/leather interior – 114,000 miles – Garage kept – Excellent condition – **Asking \$6,500** – For more information, contact Frank Vieck at 410-635-2169 – Cars are located in Maryland

1979 Eldorado – White on white – CA car originally – 72,000 miles – Excellent condition – <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/79cadillacforsale.htm> for picture - **Asking \$4,900** – For more information, contact Mike Carlin at 410-596-1212 – Car is located in Maryland

Parts For Sale

Cadillac Parts & Literature – 1950's-1990's including body, interior and mechanical parts and emblems – Automotive ads – For more information, contact Michael at 610-789-5753

Four (4) 1962 Wheels For Sale – In good shape – Need paint – For more info, contact Bob Fuller at 301-645-6081 or ful373@aol.com

Extensive Collection of NOS & Quality Used 1965 Cadillac Parts – Technical Advice on '65-'66 Cadillacs – <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/classiccadillacparts.htm> for pictures – For more info, contact Carl Glaser at 240-447-6018 or ratroder65@hotmail.com

Car Wanted

1930's, 1940's or 1950's Cadillac Convertible to be used for a wedding – For more information, contact Vince Taliano at eddieamendo@comcast.net or 301-258-8321.

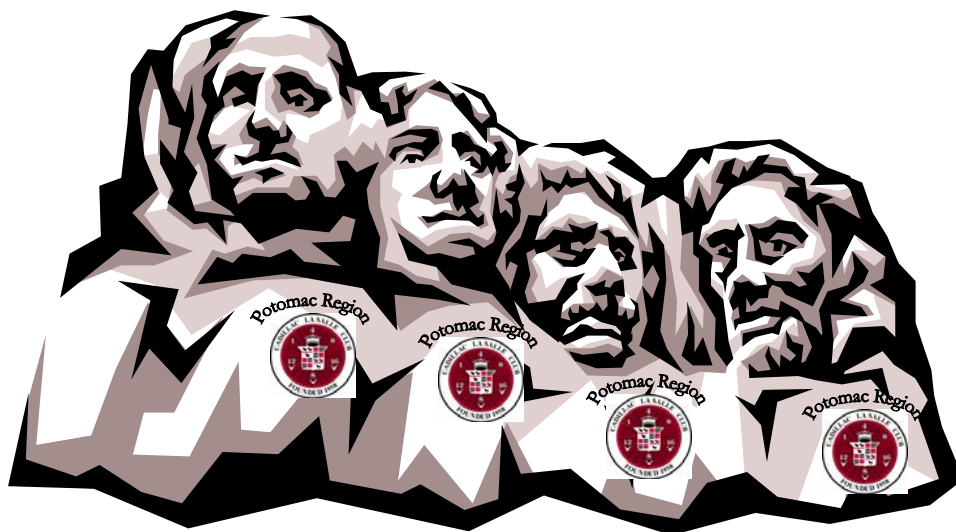


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