Congratulations to Chris Cummings of Manassas VA, the 2008 recipient of the CLC’s Maurice Hendry Award. The Hendry Award was established by Maurice D. Hendry, author of *Cadillac, the Complete History* as well as numerous other literary contributions to the hobby. This trophy is awarded to CLC members who excel in journalistic contributions in furtherance of the purposes of the CLC. Criteria for the award include excellence in writing skills, style, originality, content, research, and illustrations.

In 2006, Chris Cummings’ book titled “*The Cadillac That Followed Me Home*” was released by McFarland & Company. The book is a compilation of various articles, emails and notes collected over a 40-year period describing Chris’ fascination with Cadillacs that began in the mid-1960s at the age of 12 after reading an article in *The Reader’s Digest* about a teenager’s purchase and restoration of a 1941 Cadillac.

A couple of years after reading the article, Chris purchased a 1941 Cadillac Series 75 Sedan, and approximately a year after that he purchased a 1941 Cadillac Series 61 Fastback Coupe. He kept both cars until 2005, when the culmination of his dream occurred: the purchase of a 1930 Cadillac V-16 Series 4330 5-passenger Imperial Sedan. Chris’ book traces his journey with Cadillacs from a teenager to the present.
In April 1968, Chris wrote to the CLC asking where he may be able to locate parts, reading material, etc. related to his two ‘41 Cadillacs. Norm Uhlir, CLC co-founder and President at the time, personally replied to the teenage collector stating that The Self-Starter would be the place to obtain any help needed (see right). Soon after, Chris became a member of the CLC.

While working on the book, Chris provided the Potomac Region members with snippets of his experience via its Caddie Chronicle newsletter. His contributions were a major factor in the Potomac Region winning two different national awards for its newsletter.

The book has been extremely well-received in the hobby and received tremendous reviews from Old Cars Weekly and Hemmings Classic Car. As Chris states in the July 2007 issue of The Self-Starter, “...there was the letter I got from a total stranger in Arizona, who wrote to tell me about his Cadillac experiences and how much he’d enjoyed the book.”