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CENTRAL VA REGION LIAISON NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST STEVEN SISSON When was the last time anyone has seen three 1920s Cadillac Dual Cowl Phaetons together at one local car show? Well, that is what we are working on for our Spring Car Show at Capitol Cadillac. It isn't confirmed yet, but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Deadline to pre-register for the show is Sunday May 9th. If you plan to register a vehicle, please send in your paperwork. It saves you \$5 and makes it a lot easier for us on the day of the show.

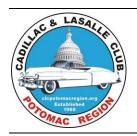
We received so many positive comments on posting pictures of items already donated for the auction that we have included a few more in this issue. One item pictured was donated by Robert McLellan of McLellan's Automotive History of Houston, Texas. Read more about Robert and his connection to Cadillacs on pages 19-20.

If you have any Cadillac items, other old car items or items of historical interest that you would like to donate for the auction, it is not too late to contact George Boxley, Automobilia Auctioneer, at 301-261-5634 or georgeboxley@verizon.net. The proceeds from the donated items enable the Region to subsidize events throughout the year to make them more affordable for our members to attend (e.g. summer picnic, holiday get-together, etc.). If you don't have any items and still would like to donate, contact your favorite Cadillac or automotive supplier to obtain a gift certificate for our auction!

Speaking of Houston, we have a nice Letter to the Editor to share with everyone from Nick Ferrantino, donor of the Betty White Cadillac to the AACA Museum.

We really think you are going to enjoy this issue of the *Caddie Chronicle*. It isn't often that we say that, but this turned out to be a special issue with quite a few diverse stories dating back over a half century to the present, along with some great photographs of famous people, interesting places and historical cars. Thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Vince Taliano





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 22, 2010

Dear Vincent,

I wish to express my thanks to all of you at the Potomac Region CLC on your adoption of "Betty", the 1977 Cadillac Seville I gave the AACA Museum. I can also state that the AACA Museum has a few personal letters from Betty to me which I hope will go on display with the car.

I have been a fan not only of Betty White but her late husband Allen Ludden for years dating back to when Mr. Ludden hosted the *College Bowl* and Betty had her own show, *Life with Elizabeth*, which I still get a kick out of seeing on DVD. I find it a single honor to have shown that car for four years till I made up my mind that the best place for the car I called "Betty" was the great AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. You all should find the time to take a trip to one of the sweetest places in America, Hershey, PA, and view not only the 1977 Seville, but all the other great classic cars they have on display there.

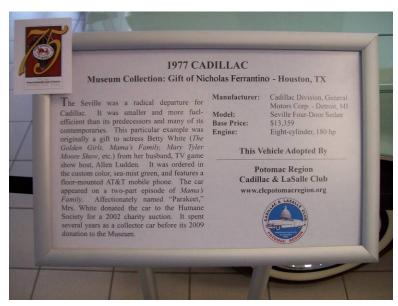
Motoring on, Nick Ferrantino Houston, TX

Editor's Note:

Nick,



"Betty" on display at the AACA Museum
Photos by Sandy Kemper



We are quite proud that be associated with "Betty". None of that would have been possible if not for your generous donation to the AACA Museum.

Best wishes.

Vince Taliano





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 29, 2010

Dear Friends in the Potomac Region,

I want to thank you for the kindness and support you offered me during the recent injuries to my elbows. The cards, phone calls, e-mails are so much appreciated.

And most of all, thank you for the edible fruit arrangement. It was as delicious as it was pretty and we enjoyed every bite.

I've always thought the people in the Potomac Region were the best. You've proven that to be true.

I look forward to seeing you at the spring show.

Love,

Margo Sisson



Margo & Steven Sisson at the 2006 Potomac Hunt Races
Photo by Vince Taliano

Editor's Note:

Margo,

We are happy to hear that you are well on your way to a full recovery. Thanks for all your contributions over the years.

We look forward to seeing you at the spring show.

Vince





2009 GOLDEN QUILL AWARDS BY VINCE TALIANO

Each year, *Old Cars Weekly* selects national and regional publications for its *Golden Quill Award* based on various categories. This year's winners appeared in the April 29th issue and included six CLC publications. I am proud to announce that the *Caddie Chronicle* was among the publications that won (our third *Golden Quill Award*). Below is the list of CLC-related winners:

NATIONAL AWARDS

LACAD MAGAZINE, Terry & Robyn Griffin, Editors, CLC of Australia THE SELF-STARTER, Steve Stewart, Editor, CLC

REGIONS AND CHAPTERS

CADDIE CHRONICLE, Vince Taliano, Editor, CLC Potomac Region
METROPOLITAN SKYLINE, Grace Gluck (PR member), Editor, Metro Region, CCCA
BOOMTIMES, William Anderson (PR member), Editor, Buick Owners of Maryland
CADILLAC PAST, Chris Milici, Editor, CLC New England Region
THE STANDARD, Kevin Luedtke, Editor, CLC Motor City Region
THE DAGMAR, Dave Leger, Editor, CLC Rocky Mountain Region
THE CRITERION, Gregg Merksamer (CLC member), Editor, PCS Northeast Chapter

Special thanks to **Sandy Kemper**, **Richard Sills** and **Steven & Margo Sisson**. Not only did they submit stories and photos, they reviewed and enhanced each issue prior to publication. We would also like to thank the individuals and organizations listed below for their contributions.

David Traver Adolphus Jon Aerts Juan Aranda Luis Aranda Ezekiel Armstrong Doug Bailey Fred Bausch J. Roger Bentley Terry Bird George & Rita Boxlev Mary Brill Martina & Frank Buter Todd Calder Shelley Chadick Clem Clement Lou Commisso Cory Correll Tara Crosson Chris Cummings Bill & Jay Ann Edmunds Bob Eng Derrick Fisher Bryce Frey Franklin Gage Chris Goddard Jim Govoni Jeff Gurski

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David & Toni Rothman Dave Rubin Dan Ruby Henry & Diane Ruby Ted Schneider Lewis Schwartz Harry Scott Richard Sisson Dave Smith Debbie Taylor Christine Tierney Stan Tucker Marc Tuwiner Paul Ulasien Angelo Van Bogart Michael Veilleux J. Francis Werneth Walter Youshock

AACA Museum ABC 7 Cars & Parts Magazine The Carroll County **Community Times** The Catholic Review Chicago FBI Press Office **CLC Modified Chapter** CLC Peach State Region The Detroit News Eline Funeral Home Gastonia NC Police Department The Greenbelt News Review Hemmings Auto Blogs **IMDB** Old Cars Weekly Our Trip Videos The Rocky Mountain News The Self-Starter Stonewall Veterans Association The Washington Post





2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Apr 30 - May 1		77th Annual Dover Days Festival	Dover's Historic District Dover DE	Robin Coventry at 302 734-7511 or rcoventry@visitdover.com
Fri-Sat		(Car Show Fri – Parade Sat)		-
May 8 Sat	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	52nd Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet	Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA	Duane Catlett at 540-869-6668 or www.huskyclub.com/abmeet.htm
May 8 Sat		CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show	Holman Cadillac Mt. Laurel NJ	Ronnie Hux at 610-268-3388 or cadiman59@aol.com
May 15 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	City of Fairfax Antique Car Show	City Hall Fairfax VA	www.nvrg.org
May 16 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	19th Annual Capitol Cadillac Spring Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Car Show: Diane & Henry Ruby at 301-894-8026, Automobilia Auction: George Boxley at 301-261-5634
May 17 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Jun 5 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 21st Annual Spring-Summer Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com
Jun 5 Sat	·	21st Annual Orphan Car Tour	Mt. Airy MD to Hanover PA	Jon Battle at 703-392-6870 or www.orphancartour.org
Jun 5 Sat	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	SonFest 2010 Car, Truck and Bike Show	First Church of Upper Marlboro Upper Marlboro MD	Jason Brown at 301-952-0117 or JasonBrownMusic@msn.com
Jun 19 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Raritan River Region Car Show	Royal Cadillac Florham Park NJ	Joe Manna at 908-964-0766 or josephmanna@comcast.net
Jun 20 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	37th Annual Sully Plantation Father's Day Car Show	Sully Plantation Chantilly VA	Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474, billworsham@aol.com or www.gwcmodela.com/calendar.htm
Jun 21 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Hamburger Hamlet North Bethesda MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Jun 25-27 Fri-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	All-GM Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Jul 3 Sat		6th Annual Picnic with Lincoln Mercury friends	J. Roger Bentley's Home Brinklow MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Jul 10 Sat		4th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet Sponsored by Central PA Region and Upper Susquehanna Region	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com
Jul 14-17 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National Meet Hosted by the Missouri Valley Region	Overland Park KS	http://www.kcgn2010.com
Jul 17 Sat	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Glen Burnie Gardens Day Cruise-in	Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Winchester VA	www.sraaca.com www.shenandoahmuseum.org
Jul 17 Sat	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Wings-N-Wheels Car Show	Dover Air Force Base Museum Dover DE	Rich Selg at 302-674-5365 or <u>rsludge47@aol.com</u>
Aug 7 Sat	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Rohrersville / Boonsboro Fire Stations Car Show	Rohrersville MD	Harry Wood at 301-606-0156 or Jerri D'Angelo at 301-712-6832
Aug 14 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	36th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@starpower.net
Aug 24-29 Tue-Sun		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the Pacific Northwest Region	Washington State	Bradley Huson at 253-761-7709 or bhuson@wamail.net or Kevin Berry at 425-358- 0674 or kseanberry@msn.com
Sep 2-5 Thu-Sun		3rd Grand European Hosted by the Cadillac LaSalle Club France	Richelieu France	http://cadillaclasalleclubfrance.blogspot.com/



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19th Annual Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction Sunday May 16, 2010

Car Registration: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Car Show Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Auction starts at 11:30 am

6500 Capitol Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-441-9600

LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

From Capital Beltway (1-495/95)

- Use Exit 23 Kenilworth Avenue Rte 201, proceed South on Kenilworth Avenue to first exit - Greenbelt Road, Route 193
- At light, proceed East on Greenbelt Road -Rte 193 (left)
- At traffic light make left onto Walker Drive (TGI Friday's Restaurant on corner)
- Make an immediate right onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your left)

<u>From Baltimore-Washington Parkway</u> (Rte 295)

- Use Exit for Rte 193 (Greenbelt Road)
- Proceed West on Rte 193 Greenbelt Road
- Make first right after underpass onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your right)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Diane & Henry Ruby, Car Show Coordinators 301-297-4459, 301-894-8026 or henry.ladydi@verizon.net

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The Region has reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn Greenbelt 301-982-0863 for the night before the show at the special rate of \$94 (mention Cadillac & LaSalle Club when making reservations). Please notify Shelley Chadick at 717-368-4422 if booking a room.





Car Show Rules

- Rain or Shine: The car show will take place rain or shine. No refunds.
- <u>Judaina Rules:</u> Vehicles will be judged by people's choice ballot only by those individuals who registered cars. Registrants will be able to judge cars in all classes, including their own. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given to winning vehicles in the classes listed below.

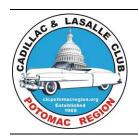
	Judging Classes	Other Awards
Class A: Class B: Class C: Class D: Class E: Class F: Class G: Class H: Class I: Class J: Class K:	1902 – 1942 Cadillac 1927 – 1940 LaSalle 1946 – 1958 Cadillac 1959 – 1964 Cadillac 1965 – 1970 Cadillac 1971 – 1976 Cadillac 1977 – 1986 Cadillac 1987 – 1996 Cadillac 1997 – Current Cadillac Commercial Vehicles	 Dealer's Choice Best Pre-War Best Post-War Best of Show Ladies Choice Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) A vehicle receiving "Best of Show" may also receive an award in its class, but will not be eligible to receive "Best Pre War" or "Best Post War" at the same show.

Registration Form

Make checks payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and mail registration form to:

Harry Scott, Treasurer 14421 Aden Road Nokesville VA 20181-3122

Name:					
Address:					
City:	State:	Zip: _			
Vehicle Registration Fee: (Up to May 9th: \$15/per car - After May 9th: \$20/per car) (one lunch voucher will be distributed to the registrant of each vehicle)					
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By registering a vehicle for the show, the registrant accepts the following terms:					
1) The Region reserves the right to determine each vehicle's judging class.					
2) The Region reserves the right to determine each vehicle's placement in the show field.					
Check the box if	you do not want your ve	ehicle(s) judged	7		

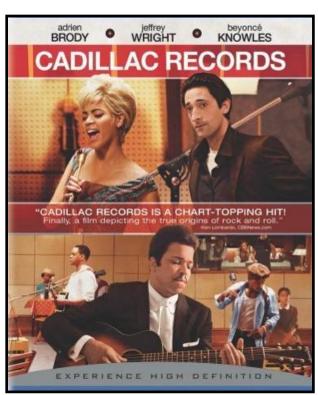




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Framed My One and Only movie poster
Donated by Vince Taliano and
the CLC Potomac Region



Framed Cadillac Records movie poster
Donated by Vince Taliano and
the CLC Potomac Region



1967 Cadillac brochures
Donated by McLellan's Automotive History
www.mclellansautomotive.com





2010 FALL CAR SHOW DATE AND THEME ANNOUNCED

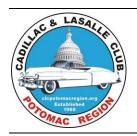
April 21, 2010: Capitol Cadillac and the CLC Potomac Region announced that their 2010 Fall Car Show will be held on Sunday October 24th. The date was selected, in part, after reviewing the 2010 Washington Redskins home schedule, released on April 20th, due to the traffic congestion near the dealership on Sunday game days. The theme for the show will be *Fabulous Fleetwoods*, celebrating the Cadillacs that represented the top echelon of traditional Cadillac luxury.

In 1938, Cadillac introduced the Sixty Special, an artistic triumph of a young designer named Bill Mitchell who had recently been promoted to head Cadillac and LaSalle styling. The Sixty Special was his first project and became a milestone for Cadillac styling. Soon thereafter, the model became known as the Fleetwood Sixty Special. From 1965 through 1970, the Sixty Special series included the Fleetwood Sedan and the Fleetwood Brougham. From 1971 through the mid-80s, these flagship models were Fleetwood Broughams, with the addition of the low production Fleetwood Talisman from 1974 through 1976. (The Brougham d'Elegance trim option first appeared in 1973.) Starting in 1986 or 1987, the large rear wheel drive Cadillacs were Broughams, with the Fleetwood name designating the most deluxe version of the front wheel drive cars. From the late '80s through 1993, the name Sixty Special had a brief resurgence when it was applied to an ultra-luxurious version of the front-wheel-drive Fleetwood sedan. last generation of the Fleetwood and Fleetwood Brougham sedans was produced from 1993 through 1996. Finally, a small number of Fleetwood Limited limousines and sedans were produced by the Superior Coach Company, but recognized as Cadillac models, through 1999. During this entire period, the Series 75 sedans and limousines also were designated as Fleetwoods, as were the 1940 Series 72 Cadillacs.

To make things more confusing, the Eldorado was designated as a "Fleetwood Eldorado" from 1964 through 1984. We are excluding Eldorados from this year's honored category because we recognized them previously in our *Eldorado Extravaganza*.

With this tutorial of Cadillac naming history as a prelude, our show this fall will recognize and celebrate all Cadillac Fleetwoods, Broughams and Sixty Specials from 1938 through 1999 which helped to make Cadillac the Standard of the World, excluding Eldorado. Specifically, this year's honored category

- includes both rear-wheel-drive and front-wheel-drive Fleetwoods and Sixty Specials,
- includes the low-production Fleetwood and Fleetwood Brougham coupes as well as the sedans,
- includes the Fleetwood Talisman of 1974-1976, the Fleetwood Series 72 of 1940, and the Fleetwood Limited of 1997-1999.
- includes the rear-wheel-drive Broughams from the late '80s through 1992, when the name Fleetwood was reserved for the front-wheel drive cars, and
- includes all Fleetwood Series 75 sedans and limousines of this era.





APRIL 19, 2010 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: National Director Jack McClow

ATTENDANCE: Alida & Byron Alsop; George & Rita Boxley; Chris Cummings, Randy Denchfield; Derrick Fisher; Jeff Gurski; Daniel Jobe; Sandy Kemper; Scot Minesinger; Chuck Piel, Dan Ruby & JoJo Taylor; Diane & Henry Ruby; Jack McClow; Harry Scott; Richard Sills and Richard Sisson

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Jack thanked everyone for attending.

- He presented Daniel Jobe with a refurbished Cadillac Herald Award which had been awarded to Daniel by the CLC, but had a misspelling on the nameplate.
- Jack said that we need a volunteer to facilitate the next Region meeting.
- Also, we're still looking for a Region meeting location in Montgomery Co. to replace the White Flint Mall Food Court. So, for our June 21 meeting, we are going to try the Hamburger Hamlet in Bethesda, not far from Montgomery Mall.
- Jack announced that the officers of the Potomac Region unanimously voted in favor of "adopting" a 1977 Cadillac Seville at the AACA Museum. This custom ordered Cadillac was owned by actress and television icon, Betty White for twenty-five years. The car is on prominent display in the main lobby of the Museum with a sign acknowledging the PR adoption. Our adoption is noted on the AACA Museum's website also.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the March meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the April, 2010 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the March meeting to date. Harry reported that the Region's income was \$150.00. The total expenses for the same time period were \$1,731.04, including the grille badge purchase and the adoption/donation to the AACA Museum. The checking account balance as of the meeting date is \$7,076.10. The CD principal balance is \$5,790.64. Harry reported that the order of 25 grille badges has arrived. The badges are available for sale at \$35 each plus \$5 if they need to be shipped.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Scot Minesinger reported that our membership is at 190 members. Our newest members are **Mackie Barch of Kensington, Maryland** and **Robert (Bob) Fuller of Little River, South Carolina**. Mackie is a new CLC member who owns a 1968 Coupe de Ville. Bob, owner of a 1976 Eldorado Touring Coupe, was a prior member before moving to South Carolina a couple of years ago. Welcome guys!

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

- 1. Upcoming PR Events:
 - Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sunday, May 16, 2010: The show flyer
 was published in the April newsletter. We have ten registrations to date, including Joe
 Camelio's newly restored 1928 Cadillac. The dash plaques have arrived and look great.





Volunteers are still needed to help with parking, registration, tabulation, etc. Dan Ruby, Jack, and Harry offered to assist with the auction. It was suggested that the auction begin at 11:30 am, 30 minutes earlier than usual. To date, some donations of auction items have already been received and pictures of them were published in the April newsletter. More pictures are scheduled to appear in the May issue.

- 6th Annual Picnic w/ Lincoln Mercury Friends, J. Roger Bentley's home, Brinklow, MD, Sat, Jul 3: At the last meeting, Henry announced that the July 3rd date was selected for this year's picnic. It will be a pot-luck event like in years past. A flyer with details will be published in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.
- **2. Other upcoming events:** The following events were mentioned:
 - Spring Carlisle, Wed-Sat Apr 21-24, Carlisle, PA
 - 52nd Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet, Sat, May 8, Winchester, VA
 - Valley Forge Region Show, Holman Cadillac, Sat, May 8, Mt. Laurel, NJ
 - Central PA Region Show, Kelly Cadillac, Sat, June 5, Lancaster, PA
 - 4th Annual Inter-Regional Car Show, AACA Museum, Sat, Jul 10, Hershey, PA

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. PR Adoption Ceremony at AACA Museum: Sandy asked if the Region would like to celebrate its adoption of the Betty White Cadillac at the AACA Museum with any kind of event. Rather than holding a separate event, the proposal was made to ask the Central PA Region if we could hold a brief adoption ceremony during the Inter-Regional Event on July 10.
- 2. 2010 Grand National, Kansas City: Byron Alsop polled the meeting for attendance at the GN. Randy Denchfield announced that he has two rooms reserved at each of the two GN hotels, but will not be able to use them. Interested PR members should contact him.

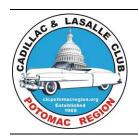
OLD BUSINESS: Reminders of PR events planned for later this year:

- 1. Scot Minesinger provided the latest info about the Sully Show on Sunday, June 20. We have two volunteers, Matt Innocenzi and Tom McQueen who will judge the Cadillac / LaSalle class, since this is a points-judged show.
- 2. Our Fall Car Show date has not been set. The NFL will announce its schedule on April 20. Our Show theme will be *Fabulous Fleetwoods*. There was much discussion about the definition of "Fleetwoods" and which vehicles should be included.
- **3.** Chuck Piel mentioned that the Valley Forge Region has not picked a date for their planned Run/Meet to the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. As soon as we decide on the date for our Fall Show, Chuck will pass that along to the VFR.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Richard Sisson said that Margo Sisson, Steven's wife, is recovering well from her recent surgery. The new format of the magazine *Old Cars Weekly* generated a brief discussion. Jack mentioned that Charlie Carroccio, a key organizer for the Rockville Show, suffered some misfortune when a construction vehicle crashed into his garage damaging a few of his classic British sports cars.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 17, 2010, 7:30 PM at the Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM





2010 AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE BY RICHARD SILLS

One of the highlights of the winter car show season each year is the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance held in March on the exquisite grounds of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Amelia Island, Florida. Amelia Island is on the east coast, just south of the Georgia border.

The 2010 concours was the 15th annual event. North Florida in March is a beautiful time for an outdoor event -- the weather is warm, but not uncomfortably hot. It so happened that I had a business meeting in Orlando, and when I looked at the calendar and saw that my meetings ended on Saturday March 13 and the Amelia Island show was on Sunday March 14 – well, there was no way to resist a minor detour on the way home.

Amelia Island is actually a three-day event, Friday through Sunday. Organizer Bill Warner makes sure there are plenty of activities to attract collectors from all over, and varies the theme each year to keep things interesting. This year, the honorary chairman was Richard Petty, and the showfield included a huge selection of his past rides in NASCAR. Other events included an RM Auction, an automotive art exhibit, a silent auction of automotive items, various seminars and a driving tour.



Susan Denchfield with a 1906 Cadillac Photo by Randy Denchfield

The RM Auction at Amelia is held on Saturday. While I was not able to attend it this year, I have attended in previous years. It is a real class act, with a British auctioneer who enunciates clearly so there can be no misunderstanding about the amount of the last bid. At the same time, he uses his wit to cajole the crowd into bidding higher. For example, when a bidder is pondering whether to raise his offer to the next higher level, the auctioneer might say, "Come, come, sir, this is mere pocket change." When a telephone bidder is hesitating, the auctioneer will call out to the auction assistant who is on the phone with the bidder, "Come now, Dennis, is your customer ordering pizza?" This year, the RM Auction featured numerous cars from the estate of the late John O'Quinn, the Houston attorney who died in a car crash last October. Reportedly, Mr. O'Quinn owned about 1,200 antique cars, and planned to create a major car museum in his hometown, but died without having formalized any of the plans.

As with all concours events, the cars on the showfield on Sunday were there strictly by invitation. By one report, there were 286 cars. The venue is simply ideal, with the palm trees and the Atlantic Ocean providing the background scenery for the beautiful-beyond-description cars.







1937 Series 90 V-16 coupe Photo by Randy Denchfield



1938 Presidential Parade Car Photo by Randy Denchfield



1940 Series 75 with custom coachwork by Inskip Photo by Randy Denchfield

Any attempt to describe the cars would require far more space than we can devote to it here. One of my favorites was the Azure Blue 1953 Eldorado exhibited by Potomac Region CLC members Bart & Beth Mitchell, and Mike Jones. I stopped to visit with them for awhile, and Bart told me about the Saturday banquet, when they were in the company of Richard Petty, Carroll Shelby and Don Garlits – three of the greatest luminaries of American racing history.

Walking around the showfield was a form of sensory overload. Each car could be the subject of a day's study and an entire article in a car magazine. I was fascinated to see the one and only 1953 Buick Skylark hardtop, a factory concept car, finished in light blue with factory air conditioning and a 1954-style two-tone interior. Another great car from Buick's history was the 1951 LeSabre "dream car", owned by the GM Heritage Collection. A lesser known chapter from Buick's early history was represented by the 1903 Marr Runabout, the only one known to exist. Walter Marr was Buick's first chief engineer, and created this runabout before he went to work for Buick in 1905. It was exhibited at Amelia Island by Mr. Marr's great-grandson, Barton Close of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, whose family still has a large collection of documents from the early years of Buick. Other concept cars on display included the GM Firebird II (circa 1956), and the Hudson Italia "dream car" from the early 1950s.

Ford Motor Company produced the Continental Mark II in the 1956 and 1957 model years, and four were displayed at Amelia Island. Three of them – all displayed by Jim Schmidt of Florida – had direct connections to the Henry Ford family. One was owned by the wife of Henry Ford II, and two were owned by Henry Ford's grandsons, Benson Ford and William Clay Ford.





Bill Warner has a whimsical streak that manifests itself in the unusual classes of cars in the show. In addition to the usual categories you would expect at a top-drawer antique car show, there were classes you wouldn't expect. One was Class CNE ("Cars You Never Knew Existed"), featuring verylow-production cars from the past, and another was Class FF ("Forgotten Fiberglass"), with examples of fiberglass sports cars produced after World War II in small quantities of which few survive. There was also a class for Motor Trend cover cars from the early 1950s.



L to R: Bart Mitchell, Mike Jones, Carroll Shelby and Jim Mitchell Photo courtesy of Mike Jones

Besides the Mitchells' 1953 Eldorado, some of the great Cadillacs on display were:

- 1904 Model B rear-entrance tonneau, one of the oldest Cadillacs in existence, bought new by the Mayor of Monterrey, Mexico
- 1906 coupe, a tall closed car with big windows that looks like a telephone booth on wheels. It is a similar model to Henry Leland's "Osceola", which is owned by the GM Heritage Collection. This car was exhibited by the Gateway Auto Museum in Colorado, which also owns the Olds F-88 concept car sold at Barrett-Jackson a couple years ago.
- 1909 Model 30
- 1931 Model 452A V-16 roadster
- 1931 Model 370 V-12 roadster
- 1937 Series 90 V-16 coupe, in remarkably good original condition
- 1938 Presidential parade car
- 1939 Series 75 convertible coupe
- 1940 Series 75 with custom coachwork by Inskip, built for singer/bandleader Vaughn Monroe, supposedly a present from his mistress. This car was displayed by noted Connecticut classic car collector Johnny Pascucci.
- 1958 Biarritz in a beautiful silver metallic color







Bart & Beth Mitchell's 1953 Eldorado Photo by Mike Jones

Other cars at the show included a 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Tourer, the only known survivor of two built, displayed by Bill Parfet from the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan; a 1928 Hudson convertible sedan with a Murphy body, from the Hostetler collection of Indiana; the last 1948 Ford Sportsman ever produced; and a one-of-a-kind 1938 Lincoln convertible sedan from the collection of Ralph Marano in New Jersey. As I noted at the beginning, this list undoubtedly excludes many other cars that are deserving of mention, simply because time only permitted me to make notes on a few of them.

As if these antique cars weren't enough, the concours also included displays by a number of topend new car manufacturers. I saw my first Cadillac CTS coupe, a strikingly beautiful car that should reach the showrooms in 2011. Also on display was a 2011 Buick Regal, a very attractive smaller sedan that GM hopes will attract younger buyers back to Buick. While looking at the car, I saw a stylishly-dressed woman in her 20s circling around the car telling her companion, "This is gorgeous! I can't believe it's a Buick." That comment would have been music to the ears of the GM executives. On display also were the newest offerings from Maybach, Bentley, Rolls Royce and Mercedes-Benz. One new Mercedes SL roadster sported a flat-black finish like is often seen on "rat rods", but Mercedes calls it the "Night Edition".

Like any great car event, there is no substitute for being there in person. If you have the time, put this show on your calendar for next March.





MY \$150.00 V-16 CADILLAC BY TOM TAU

[Editor's Note: Thanks to Tom Hall, Editor of the CLC Southern California Region's "Crest & Wings" Newsletter, and Tom Tau for permission to reprint this story. The story originally appeared in the February 2010 issue of "Crest & Wings".]

In 1956, I lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and as a twenty-one-yearold I was interested in all cars. I started out as a parts runner for an Olds dealer and I'm still working at a large Chevrolet dealership. In 1956 we used our spare time and money buying and selling used cars. I paid weekend visits to my favorite used car lot. Easton's would sell its old cast-offs to my friend and me. They bought cars from the city auction. These cars were stored in an old exposition



Example of a 1938 Cadillac V-16 Series 9023
Owners: George & Rita-Boxley
2005 Fall Car Show
Photo by Dan Reed

building in downtown Pittsburgh. They had been abandoned and were towed there.

One day in June of that year, I went to the used car lot and beside the office was a Cadillac limo covered with dust and dirt, with 1954 Massachusetts tags on it. When I looked closer, I noticed a red emblem on the grille that said "V16." The car turned out to be a 1938 model. The salesman was Ben Griffiths. He said he had had to take this car along with some cars at the auction the week before. I asked him if it was for sale. He said if I didn't buy it, the next stop was the junkyard.





The battery was gone and so was the hood side panel on the right side. Otherwise, the car was complete, including dual sidemounts. I looked at the engine and could not believe I was looking at a 16-cylinder car for the first time in my life. He said it had a clear title given to him by the city and the price was \$150.00. This is when the adventure started. I bought the car. The down payment was \$10.00. Ben said I could work on the car at his lot to try to get it running.

After one Saturday, my friend and I got it going, only to find out the water would go down in the radiator and raise the oil indicator, which meant we had some internal problems. We got the brakes up and I drove the car home on fourteen or fifteen cylinders. I pulled the right side cylinder head and found a crack in the right side cylinder wall and one in the head. I thought we could fix it with Bar's Stop-Leak but I would need a new head gasket set.

The local parts store said that new gaskets were still available at the McCord Gasket Company in Detroit, so we took a day off and drove to Detroit, only to find out that these gasket sets were located at their warehouse in Wauseon, Ohio! So, off we went to the Ohio warehouse from Detroit.

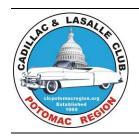
It was two-and-a-half hours south, and when we got there, the manager said to us, "If you drove from Pittsburgh to here for these, I'll buy you lunch and send you home with two complete engine gasket sets for free." They had six sets left in stock and he said that they would probably throw them out sooner or later.

We tried all sorts of things, but nothing worked. The water still got in with the oil. With all the know-how available in today's world, I'm sure the engine could have been saved. It ran well and had good oil pressure.

The interior was in real good shape. When I took the back seat cushion out, there was a lot of rice underneath, so the car must have been used in weddings. The window moldings were wooden, a medium walnut in color. No rust was anywhere on the body or fenders. The paint (black) was still in good condition. We cleaned it up and it looked real nice.

I drove it to work and back a couple of times. All the guys at work would make jokes about it, but I knew someday these cars would be valuable to someone. I sold it to a man for \$100.00 and he said he would put a V-8 in it. I never saw it again. I bought a 1948 Pontiac from the dealer where I worked.

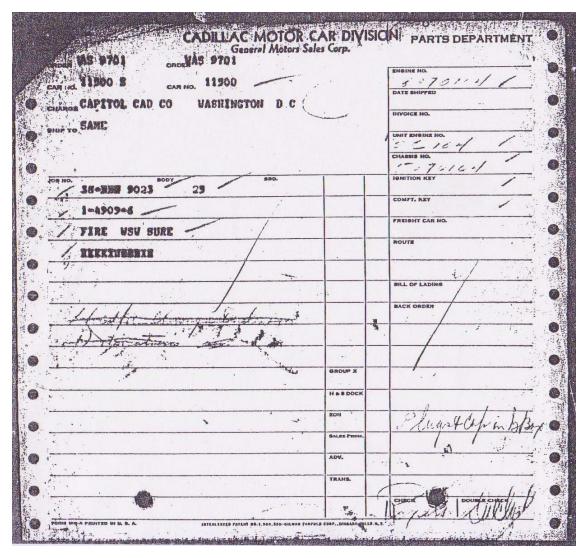
After joining the CLC, I found out a little more about the car.





It was shipped from General **Motors to Capitol** Cadillac in Washington, DC. Sometimes I wonder if it was the third Cadillac V-16 that was used by the White House. In Roy Schneider's book, it says that two specially built V-16s were used along with a limo. I have no proof that my car went to the White House, but it seems like it could have, since it was shipped to Capitol Cadillac when new. If I could find out more about this, it would be a

miracle!



[Tom Hall's Note: Mr. Tau was kind enough to include a copy of the wholesale invoice (pictured above). The car was a Series 9023, a seven-passenger sedan. It had body number 25. The engine was number 5270104, so there is no correlation to the body number. According to Roy Schneider's "Sixteen Cylinder Motorcars: An Illustrated History", this was the second most numerous V-16 style for 1938 at 65 units. (The most numerous was the 9033 seven-passenger limousine with partition, the so-called "Imperial" at 95 units.) The telltale sign on the invoice that makes government purchase of this new car unlikely is that Capitol Cadillac Company was billed for the car. Government agencies were house accounts. A government agency would probably have been billed for the car if the government purchased it new, although delivery would have been to Capitol Cadillac for dealer prep. It is more likely that this car was privately owned at first. Incidentally, Capitol Cadillac and other major distributors of Cadillac-La Salle were required to buy V-16s, just as Easton's Used Car Lot was required to take this car to help the city dispose of abandoned cars.]





CADILLAC MEMORIES BY ROBERT MCLELLAN

As a child in the late 1940s, identifying cars from the back seat of our family car was a favorite pastime during trips with my parents. The war was over and new cars, in general, did not differ much from the early 1940s models. Cadillac stood out from the rest with their massive chrome grilles and fins.

In 1950, my parents moved across town to an upscale area of Newport News, Virginia, adjacent to the "Gold Coast", beach front property along the James River. It was where Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company executives and wealthy businessmen lived. Their cars naturally reflected affluence and Cadillacs were plentiful.

Tommy Wessells, a childhood friend from kindergarten through high school, lived on the edge of the Coast and his father bought new Cadillacs every couple of years. Proud of his Cadillacs, they were always parked out front and I admired the cars — especially their elegant interiors. Tommy's mother dressed up very smartly just to drive to the grocery store. Ahhh... life in the 50s!

It wasn't until the early 1970s that my interest in Cadillacs re-surfaced. I had just purchased an old sports car and now sought a prewar classic. A Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost was my ultimate goal, but they were out of my price range. A vintage Bentley would come later, but that, too, was beyond my grasp at the time. A Lincoln L or KA/KB had great appeal, as did V-12/V-16 Cadillacs and 810/812 Cords. The sedans were priced within my budget, so my search began locally and in *Hemmings Motor News*.

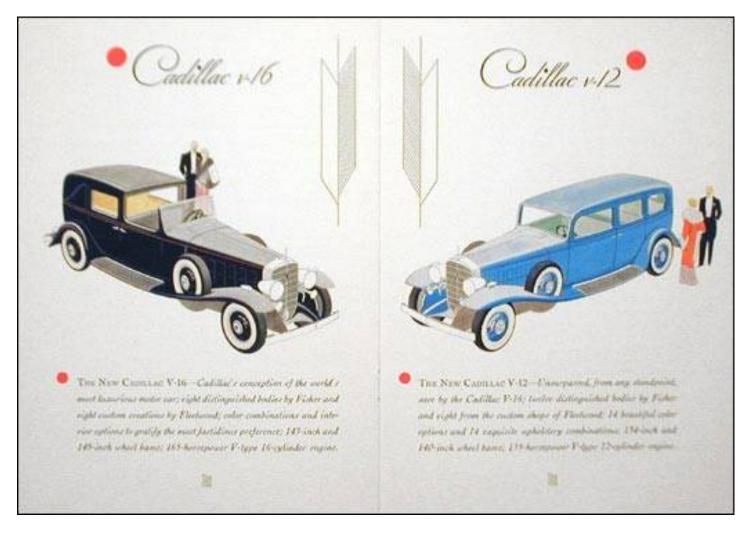
The closest I came to buying a Cadillac was at a Houston, Texas, auction. Although I frequented auctions, I swore that they were not for me. I wanted to thoroughly evaluate any car before I purchased it. Then there it was — the unexpected! This very original V-16 Cadillac Limousine, black with blue interior, well used but well maintained. The only thing non-original was the 20+ year old paint job. The fabric interior was extremely well preserved with minimal wear. Although the engine smoked as it was driven up to the auction podium, it sounded good. As a non-registered bidder I really missed out on an opportunity. It went for \$12,000 and, even in the early '70s that was a good buy for a V-16. Had it been purchased by a dealer I might have had a chance to do a quick deal, but the buyer was a well known local collector who, I am told, rebodied it as a roadster. I later bought an 812 Cord Supercharged Westchester which made up for this loss.







Today we see more interest in 1960s through 1970s Cadillacs, and even the more recent ones. Cadillac remains the pride of General Motors and maybe the V-16 will one day return. After all, they did produce a V-16 concept car in 2003 that appeared at Capitol Cadillac in the Dream Car event of 2008.

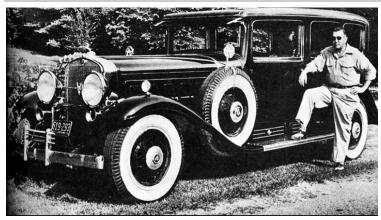


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SENATOR GLASS'S LIMOUSINE STORY AND PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRIS CUMMINGS



Here is a mystery photograph I have wondered about for over 40 years. I first saw it in a book I borrowed from the Albuquerque Public library in 1966 when I was 14. The book was *Antique and Classic Cars*, edited by Michael J. Mahr, and I haven't seen it since. But I remember the photograph because it showed a V-16 Cadillac limousine, and that was the kind of car I had decided was the best car in the world to have.

The Cadillac is a Series 4375 seven-passenger limousine, of which 438 were built. It has fancy octagonal rear-view mirrors mounted on the spare tires. Many of these elegant and comfortable cars failed to survive the wartime scrap drives, obsolescence, neglect and the depredations of the elements. This one made it at least as far as the mid-century year in what looks like very good shape. One of the horn trumpets is a little cock-eyed. And someone has added an anachronistic bumper guard to the front ensemble. The heron radiator ornament seems to have had its wings clipped, but otherwise, everything appears to be in order.

The caption in the book identified the car in the photo simply as "Senator Glass's limousine." I assume that would be Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, co-sponsor of the Glass-Steagall Act, the Depression-era legislation that separated investment banking (the sale of stocks, bonds and mutual funds) from commercial banking (loans, savings and checking accounts). That separation has largely broken down today, but in the 1930s it was a big deal. Senator Glass began his career as a newspaperman, editing a paper in his native Lynchburg, Virginia. He entered the United States Congress as a

Representative, appointed to complete the term of a deceased member, and was re-elected eight times. He spent two years as Secretary of the Treasury under President Wilson before being asked to fill a vacant Senate seat, where he served from 1920 until his death in 1946.

The car in the photo carries a 1950 North Carolina license plate. The gentleman with his foot on the running board is certainly not Senator Glass, but no one seems to know who he is. He wasn't identified in the book, and the vendor from whom I purchased a print of the photograph had no information about him either. The vendor had received his copy of the photo with a large collection of material, and on the back of the picture was hand-written "Senator Glass."

I've often wondered what became of the car. If it survived, and the engine number could be determined, a look at the build sheet might provide some interesting information about the car and its history. Maybe there are relatives of the Senator in Lynchburg who recall his fancy Cadillac (or have pictures or other references to it). It's another one of those tantalizing bits of stories left behind by the big old Classic cars that once roamed the land in impressive numbers.





CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale

NEW ARRIVAL 1936 Cadillac Series 60 Sedan - Estate sale with clear title - Owned by the late CLC Potomac Region member William Jackson – Runs and drives – Engine has had interval maintenance but has a lifter tap – Transmission and rear end have not been serviced recently – Restoration of interior began but not completed – Professional brake work done including master cylinder and wheel cylinders re-sealed and linings done – Rebuilds include carburetor (but needs to have the float set), generator w/new voltage regulator and fuel pump - Fuel gauge and float were professionally calibrated, however not currently working – Light switch, radiator and heat stove thermostat have been serviced – Accessories include twin spares up on fenders and trim rings and hubcaps – Many spare parts - See pictures at http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/36cadillacforsale.htm - Asking \$22,500 obo - For more info, contact Anne at 202-210-0852 or Benny at 202-679-1800 – Car is located in Washington, DC

NEW ARRIVAL 1947 Series 62 Four-Door Sedan - Delivered new from Capitol Cadillac - History known since new Always a local car other than one stay in Missouri for about 10 months – RARE STANDARD SHIFT – 89,000 miles – Flathead V8 – All original very good condition – Completely serviced – Runs and drives well – Smooth and quiet – Color is black - No rust - Perfect steering wheel - See pictures at

<u>nttp://www.clcpotomacregion.org/47cadillacforsale.htm</u> – <mark>Asking \$15,000</mark> – For more info, contact Richard Sisson at 301-230-7686 (w), 301-279-8962 (h) or rdoubleus@aol.com - Car is located in Potomac, MD 1973 Sedan De Ville - White with gold interior - All original - 33,000 miles - No rust or damage - Excellent

condition – New compressor and dryer converted to R-134 – See pictures at

http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/73cadillac2forsale.htm - Price reduced to \$7,200 - For more info, please contact Charles Smith at 410-569-7611 or carsmith2@comcast.net – Car is located in Bel Air, MD

1981 Eldorado - 72,614 miles - Purchased in late 1980 from Palomar Cadillac/Pontiac in Palomar, California -Driven by the original owner primarily in California and Arizona until early 1994 – Shortly after his death on April 14, 1994, the title was transferred to his brother-in-law in Menasha, Wisconsin – At that time the car had about 60,000 miles – Second owner had a seasonal home in Phoenix, Arizona and used the car primarily for travelling back and forth from Wisconsin until he became seriously ill in 2000 – Car was mostly in indoor storage until July 2003 when the current and third owner used an agent to purchase it – Mileage at that time of purchase was 69,894 miles – Since arriving in Jupiter, Florida along with its maintenance records from the second owner, the car has always been garaged and well cared for – See pictures at http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/81cadillacforsale.htm – Asking \$10,000 - For more info, contact Roy Vander Putten at 561-745-0893 or royvp1076@aol.com - Car is located in Jupiter, FL

NEW ARRIVAL 1984 Eldorado Two-Door Coupe – All original 49,800 miles – Beautiful car finished in original Autumn Maple Firemist High Metallic acrylic lacquer paint with gold pin stripes and a tan vinyl Coach Roof – Many extra features including chrome grill cap, trunk rack and chrome spoke wheels – Rides on its original Vogues – Light Saddle supple leather interior is gorgeous and is in as new condition as is the carpeting – Car has been extremely well cared for – Same owner for the past 10 years – Garage kept for most of its life – Runs and drives extremely well – Will be shown at the Capitol Cadillac show on Sunday May 16, 2010 – See pictures at

http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/84cadillacforsale.htm - Asking \$8,500 - For more info, contact Bob Fangmeyer at 240-994-4570 or rafwqf@comcast.net - Car is located in Derwood, MD

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