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CENTRAL VA REGION LIAISON NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST STEVEN SISSON Ever since we adopted the Betty White Cadillac, the number of daily visits to our website has increased by approximately 20% and our membership has increased from the mid 180s to the mid 190s, which includes the donor of the car to the AACA Museum, Nick Ferrantino of Houston, TX. I can't say for sure if there is an overall direct connection, but it definitely is an interesting coincidence!

The Region was recently contacted by the event organizers of a fund raising gala for the Maryland Food Bank. They were looking to rent a 1960s Cadillac. Jim Govoni was referred to them who selected his 1966 Fleetwood Brougham to be displayed at the event. Afterwards, Jim donated the rental fee for his car to the organization. To recognize his generous gesture, while acting as a representative of the Region, we have agreed to make a \$250 donation to the organization. Thanks Jim for your generosity.

Randy Denchfield won a First Grand National in Class 26B at the AACA Annual Grand National in New Bern, NC with his 1949 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible. Dale Nicholson won a First Grand National in Class 19E with his 1940 LaSalle Series 50 Convertible Coupe. Congratulations to Randy and Dale!

The most recent issue of *The Self-Starter* included a ballot of candidates for the CLC Board. Please submit your vote. Ballots must be received by the CLC Office by June 15th.

The June meeting will be held at Hamburger Hamlet in North Bethesda, MD. It is located at the corner of Democracy Blvd and Old Georgetown Road. For more info, please contact Jack McClow (contact info on page 23).

I would like to note two corrections from last month's issue. The name of the Newsletter Editor from the CLC Motor City Region was incorrectly listed. Kevin Luedtke is the Editor of the Golden Quill Award-winning newsletter titled *The Standard*. Also, Doug Houston's name, listed among the contributors to the 2009 issues of the *Caddie Chronicle*, was misspelled. Our apologies go out to both Kevin and Doug.

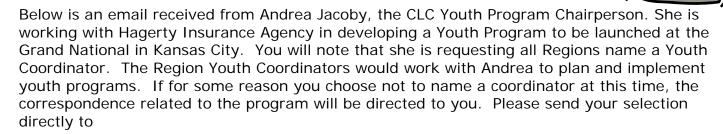
Vince Taliano





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Region Directors,



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Thanking you in advance for attention to this matter.

Lee Herbermann CLC Southeastern Regional Vice President

I have been working on new ideas with Tabetha Salsbury, Youth Advocate Coordinator, from Hagerty Insurance Agency. She is very energetic and is eager to partner with the CLC to help us get our youth program up and running. Now, I need local Region support to get this program going. The first step is for each Region/Chapter to determine which member(s) are interested in becoming the Region or Chapter Youth Coordinator. The local Youth Coordinators would work with me and share ideas with each other to plan and implement youth programs.

I am going to conduct a seminar on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at the Kansas City Grand National to help Region/Chapter youth coordinators implement a successful youth program. Tabetha will join me and will share her expertise as we design the program together. The seminar will encourage the local youth coordinators to offer a youth activity during each region/chapter car show throughout the year. Hagerty would provide whatever materials are necessary for the activity (e.g. an age-appropriate car judging activity or promoting a car-oriented contest prior to a certain show so the youngsters can have their project judged at the show). Hagerty is willing to provide their support in employee time and materials to help us create a successful program. Please let me know as soon as your local youth coordinators are selected. I'd like to begin working with each one on an individual basis as soon as possible.

[Editor's note: We are looking for a member who can serve as Youth Coordinator.

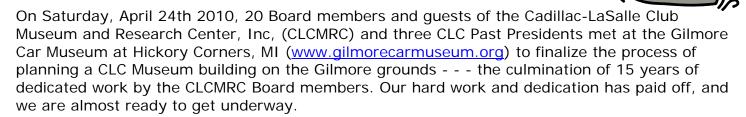
Please contact me if you are interested.]





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TO ALL CLC DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS



The Gilmore Foundation's future expansion plans include a conference center, a climate controlled archival storage facility and further in the future, possibly a hotel and tavern. The Foundation is very near their \$10 million dollar goal to start this expansion, and once completed, the Gilmore Car Museum will convert to a year around operation. Our contract with the Gilmore Foundation is almost ready to be signed, after much serious study by lawyers, accountants, and our CLCMRC Board itself. At the end the meeting, the entire Board was on the same page, in agreement with all the principles discussed, and eager to get rolling.

There are still some hurdles ahead, the major one being some serious fund raising efforts. We need at least \$2 million dollars in the bank to be comfortable in going forward with this project and we will shortly engage a professional fundraiser to bring in these funds! In addition to the fund raiser's efforts, we plan to call on CLC Regions, and individual CLC members to make contributions they are comfortable with. A list of different levels of sponsorship is being created, so we can all contribute to the extent that we are able to.

Initial plans are to build a 10,000 sq. ft. building with the possibility of more than doubling it in the future, as needs dictate and funding allows! A number of retired auto designers who also have done building designs in the past are submitting proposals for the facade of the building. If you look at the attached site plan, our proposed site choice is on the other side of the cross road from the proposed Lincoln Car Club building, and in line with the Pierce Arrow building. If you then look straight down the road from the Diner, our building will be dead ahead! If this works out, it will be a prime spot indeed!

This will be our Museum, presenting the heritage of the Cadillac and LaSalle marques to the world, and once again displaying what has made Cadillac the "STANDARD OF THE WORLD" as it has rightly proclaimed since 1912! It would be greatly appreciated if you could get the above information out to your Region's members as soon as convenient.

If any of you have further questions in regards to the CLCMRC's plans at The Gilmore, please contact Paul Ayres, or myself, and we will be happy to furnish you with the information you need, at least as much as is available at this time. Updates on future developments will be sent out on a timely basis.

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

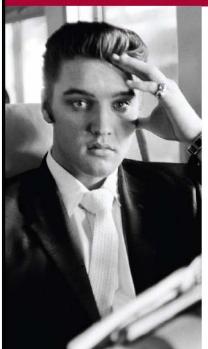
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Aug 7	9:00 am –	Rohrersville / Boonsboro	Rohrersville MD	Harry Wood at 301-606-0156 or
Sat	4:00 pm	Fire Stations Car Show		Jerri D'Angelo at 301-712-6832
Aug 14	10:00 am -	36th Annual Metro Chapter	Montgomery College	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Buick Club All-GM Show	Rockville MD	corydraw@starpower.net
Aug 21	10:00 am -	2nd Annual York on Wheels	York Expo Center	www.yorkheritage.org or
Sat	4:00 pm	Event	York PA	717-848-1587 ext 216
Aug 24-29		CLC National Driving Tour	Washington State	Bradley Huson at 253-761-7709 or
Tue-Sun		Hosted by the Pacific		bhuson@wamail.net or Kevin Berry at 425-358-0674
		Northwest Region		or <u>kseanberry@msn.com</u>
Sep 2-5		3rd Grand European	Richelieu France	http://cadillaclasalleclubfrance.blogspot.com/
Thu-Sun		Hosted by the CLC France		
Sep 4	12:00 am –	Cadillac Parade	Pennsylvania Ave	James Hamlin at jwh@royaltchc.com or
Sat	4:00 pm		Baltimore MD	443-280-2702
Sep 5	10:00 am –	Vern Parker's	Spring Hill	www.vernparker.com
Sun	3:00 pm	Street Dreams Car Show	Recreation Center	
			McLean VA	
Sep 5	9:00 am –	2nd Annual Wheels for	Fire Museum of	www.wfpcr.org
Sun	3:00 pm	Prostate Cancer Research Car Show	Lutherville MD	
Sep 5	11:00 am -	CLC Inaugural Meet and Tour	Gilmore Car Museum	Mike Josephic at 724-935-3767 or
Sun	6:30 pm		Hickory Corners MI	caddy2507@comcast.net
Sep 10	6:00 pm -	Glen Burnie	Museum of the	www.sraaca.com
Fri	9:00 pm	Gardens at Night	Shenandoah Valley	www.shenandoahmuseum.org
		Cruise-in	Winchester VA	
Sep 11	9:00 am –	14th Annual CLC Hampton	Suttle Motors	Bob Geiger at 757-253-6501 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Roads Region Car Show	Newport News VA	<u>bobnlettygeiger@aol.com</u>
Sep 12		CLC Raritan River Region	Gold Coast Cadillac	Pat Caruso at carusohome@optonline.net
Sun		Car Show	Oakhurst NJ	
Oct 24	9:00 am –	Capitol Cadillac Fall Car Show	Capitol Cadillac	Diane & Henry Ruby at 301-894-8026
Sun	3:00 pm	Fabulous Fleetwoods	Greenbelt MD	

MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY



Antique Car Show

Coordinated by the Shenandoah Region, AACA Saturday, July 17, 2010 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Celebrate summer, vintage vehicles, and Elvis Presley at this special car show on the beautiful grounds of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV) in Winchester, Virginia. Coordinated by the Shenandoah Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (SRAACA), this car show will be a highlight of the July 17 Glen Burnie Gardens Day event celebrating the Museum's fifth anniversary. On this special day, the exhibition *Elvis at 21: Photographs by Alfred Wertheimer* will be on view in the MSV and the Museum's spectacular Glen Burnie Gardens will be open for free. The car show will take place on the lawn between the Museum and the gardens.

There is no fee for registration; however, registration by July 1 is required. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited to 75 vehicles. All those who show a vehicle will receive free Museum admission (for two) and may win one of several fabulous prizes. Awards will be given for the Oldest Car, Best 1956 Car, and the Museum Director's Choice. Winners in each category will receive a plaque, a copy of the exhibition's companion book, *Elvis at 21: Photographs by Alfred Wertheimer*, and a \$25 Museum Store gift certificate. All registrants will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Food will be available. Trailer parking will be offered at James Wood Middle School (less than one mile from the Musem.)





6th Annual Pot-luck Summer Picnic w/Lincoln & Mercury Friends

J. Roger Bentley's Tudor House 20110 New Hampsire Ave Brinklow, MD

July 3, 2010 (Saturday) 11:00 am to 4:00 pm No Rain Date

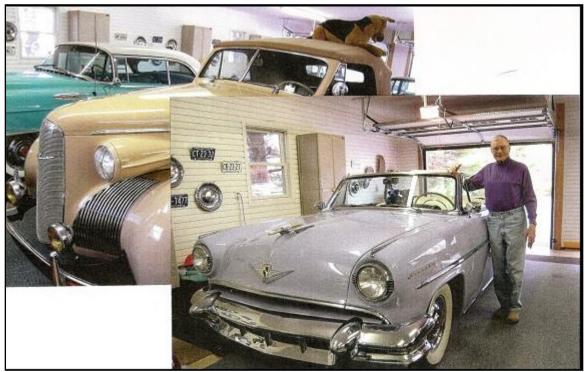
Phone: 301-924-6331



Please bring your favorite picnic food, and if you have a favorite dessert you want to share with others, please bring that as well. The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. Feel free to bring special beverages of your choice. Please RSVP by June 26th indicating the dish that you will be bringing.

Also please bring folding chairs or a blanket to sit on. Parking is on the grass under the trees in the front yard.

DIRECTIONS: from Capitol Beltway, 1-495, take exit 28 north towards White Oak. Continue on route 650 (New Hampshire Ave) about 25 minutes, past Ashton, past Goldmine Road. On the left about 1,000 yards is 20110 New Hampsire Ave. Turn in the driveway and veer off to the left to find a parking space under the trees. Buffet will be set up inside the Garage-Mahal.







MAY 17, 2010 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

TIME: 7:45 PM

PRESIDING: Membership Chairman R. Scot Minesinger

ATTENDANCE: Tim Garrett; Brenda & Jim George; Jeff Gurski; Sandy Kemper; Jack McClow;

Tom McQueen; Diane & Henry Ruby; Harry Scott; and Richard Sills

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Scot thanked everyone for attending and welcomed new member Tim Garrett. Also, he stated:

- We're still looking for a Region meeting location in Montgomery Co. to replace the White Flint Mall Food Court. For our next meeting, which will be held on June 21, we are going to try the Hamburger Hamlet in North Bethesda, not far from Montgomery Mall.
- We hope that you noticed in the May Caddie Chronicle newsletter that the Potomac Region
 was awarded the "Golden Quill Award" from Old Cars Weekly magazine. This award
 recognizes national and regional car club publications for excellence in various categories.
 On behalf of our editor Vince Taliano, we want to thank all of you who have contributed to
 this recognition of our fantastic newsletter.
- The Region extends its sympathies to Tom McQueen on the passing of his aunt. Several PR members acted as pallbearers during the services and the Region sent flowers.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the March meeting to date. Harry Scott reported that the Region's income was \$3,399.52. The total expenses for the same time period were \$549.23. The checking account balance as of the meeting date is \$9,742.40. The CD principal balance is \$5,831.45. The Region is affected by an IRS law passed in 2006 regarding filing a Form 990-N by May 15. The required form was filed last week. Grille badges are available for sale at \$35 ea, plus \$5 shipping (if req'd.) – four have been sold.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Scot reported that our membership is at 196 members. Our newest members are Michael Christie of Hagerstown, MD; Nick Ferrantino of Houston, TX; Tim Garrett of Vienna, VA; Jeff Hammers of Glen Rock, PA; Earl Wynn of Washington, DC and Ron Neff of Alexandria, VA. Michael has a 1940 LaSalle Convertible Sedan. Nick is the donor of the Betty White Seville to the AACA Museum. Tim owns a 1983 Eldorado. Jeff is the owner of Penn Dutch Restoration. Earl has a 1961 and 1962 Deville and a 1976 Eldorado. Ron, a great supporter of our car shows, owns a 1991 Coupe Deville and 1997 and 2000 Eldorados. All three cars were at our Spring Car Show. Welcome to all our new members!!





ACTIVITIES REPORT:

1. Recently Held Events:

- Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Greenbelt, MD, May 16: Henry reported that it was one of the largest Spring Car Shows ever with 82 cars showing. The Auction proceeds may have been the highest ever too (\$1,760). We even received \$50 in the "coffee" donation jar. Most importantly, it was an extremely commendable volunteer effort on the part of all who helped to produce the Show.
- AACA Shenandoah Region 52nd Annual Apple Blossom Meet, Winchester, VA, May 10: Harry and Jim George attended this show. We don't know if any PR members won any awards.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- 37th Annual Sully Plantation Car Show, Chantilly, VA, Sun, June 20: Scot reminded everyone about the Sully Show. Matt Innocenzi and Tom will judge the Cadillac / LaSalle class. Jack McClow volunteered to be a back-up judge in case Matt or Tom can't attend. The judging form will be emailed to past participants. Contact Scot if you did not receive the form and would like a copy.
- 6th Annual Picnic w/ Lincoln Mercury Friends, J. Roger Bentley's home,
 Brinklow, MD, Sat, July 3: This year's picnic will be a pot-luck event like in years past.
 A flyer with details will be published in the June issue of the newsletter.
- PR Adoption Ceremony at AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, July 10: Richard Sills obtained permission from the Central PA Region for us to hold a brief ceremony to celebrate our adoption of the Betty White Cadillac at the AACA Museum during the Inter-Regional Event on July 10. We will announce more information about this ceremony soon.
- Fall Car Show, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sun, Oct 24: The date of our Fall Car Show at Capitol Cadillac has been scheduled and announced. The Show theme will be Fabulous Fleetwoods. Both the definition of "Fleetwoods" and what vehicles will be featured in our show were described in the May issue of the Caddie Chronicle.
- **3. Other upcoming events:** The following events were mentioned:
 - Central PA Region Show, Kelly Cadillac, Lancaster, PA, Sat, June 5

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. PR Elections: It is not too early to begin to think about the Potomac Region election of Officers in the Fall. If you have an interest in helping to direct the future of our club, please consider running for any of the officer positions.
- 2. CLC Board of Directors Elections: The most recent issue of *The Self-Starter* included a ballot of candidates for the CLC Board. Please submit your vote. Ballots must be received by the CLC Office by June 15th.
- 3. CLC Board of Directors Meeting: Jack, as our National Director, asked if there were any opinions about the following items that may be discussed by the CLC Board of Directors (BOD):
 - Are there any items of interest / concern that we as a Region would like discussed by the CLC BOD?
 - Do we have any concerns on the proposal to change the CLC national directory from an annual publication to a bi-annual publication? [There was much discussion about this proposal.]





 Are there any suggestions about how CLCMRC can attract contributions or other support for its planned move to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI?

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. VFR Run/Meet to Baltimore Streetcar Museum: Chuck Piel provided the Valley Forge Region with the date of our Fall Show and invited them to consider holding their Run/Meet on Saturday, Oct 23, spending Sat. night at the Holiday Inn in Greenbelt and attending our Fall Show on Sunday. The VFR coordinator will discuss this idea with his Region at their meeting tomorrow night (5/18).
- 2. 2010 Grand National, Kansas City: Scot shared the following info from the host region (Missouri Valley) of this year's GN:
 - If the Potomac Region plans to take its banner to display, we need to inform the Missouri Region GN Committee. There is a flat charge by the hotel to hang and take down all the banners and this fee will be passed to the respective regions based on the number of banners being hung. It should be no more than \$25.
 - If anyone in our Region will be presenting at any of the board meetings, awards banquet or seminars, the presentations, along with any audio visual requests, must be forwarded to Paul Ulasien, 2010 Grand National Co-chair.
 - The host hotel, The Overland Park Doubletree, is sold out. All new reservations are being directed to the back up hotel, Hilton Garden Inn.
 - The following tours that were sold out have been reopened (by adding additional motor coaches):
 - Wednesday July 14th -- Armacost Museum Tour
 - Thursday July 15th -- GM Plant Tour
 - Friday July 16th -- Truman Library Tour

However the second buses are filling for the July 14th Armacost Tour and the July 15 GM Plant Tour. Once these buses are full, those tours will be closed and waiting lists started.

- All other tours are open.
- It is important to register as soon as possible.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 513 (S.Res 513) at the request of SEMA and the Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO) council designating July 9, 2010, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." The resolution was the result of an effort undertaken by ARMO as a means to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. S.Res 513 was sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus members Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC). The caucus is an informal, non-partisan group that pays tribute to America's ever-growing love affair with the car and motor sports. The caucus recognizes the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for motor sports.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 21, 2010, 7:30 PM at Hamburger Hamlet, North Bethesda,

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM





DRIVING MISS BETTY BY NICK FERRANTINO

This story will chronicle the history of a certain 1977 Cadillac Seville from the month it rolled-off the production line until the day it rolled-on to a display at the Antique Automobile Car Club (AACA) Museum in Hershey, PA. It is more than just my personal connection with this car. I hope it will interest you to follow a similar road with a classic car from your own collection and encourage each of you to submit your favorite classic car's story in your classic car club's newsletters like I am doing now to be read by all.

Being Seville

It was the 1970s in America. There was an oil embargo. American car makers were in crisis (sound familiar?) as European and Japanese cars were flooding the market place and our



Nick Ferrantino's 1977 Seville, the "Betty White Cadillac" Photo by Nick Ferrantino

roads. GM's Cadillac Division was reeling from the Mercedes onslaught of mid-sized luxury sedans; what were they to do? The answer came with the change of each of GM's divisions from being separate from each other to a blend, both of parts and design, in hopes of cutting costs and competing in the world market place. By 1974, a design team at Cadillac looked at the possibility of putting a mid-size luxury sedan together to outshine the foreign competition like Mercedes. They took the frame and trunk pan from the four-door Chevy Nova and mated it with the dependable Oldsmobile 350 c.i.d. V-8, to which they added a single port fuel injection system and removed the carburetor. They also added hefty front disc brakes with rear drums in 1976. Then in 1977, that braking system was replaced with a four-wheel disc brake system, a first for a family sedan. Beefy Cadillac Fleetwood front and rear shocks were also added with a load level ride feature. A most unique fully Cadillac body that was called by many, the "notch back Cadillac," was designed. This new Cadillac's name was selected and it was a name that had been used before, one that had been mated with an earlier Cadillac, the Eldorado. That name was Seville but this time the Seville name would stand alone without Eldorado in front of it. The production of this notch back Cadillac started in mid 1975 with the introduction of the 1976 Cadillac Seville with a cost to the buyer that was greater than a Cadillac Fleetwood in the same year. The last year for this notch back design was 1979. In 1980, the body, engine, and many other features were changed completely into a design called the "bustle-back", which was a four-door "E" body like the two door Eldorado of the same year. The name Seville survived till the 1990s when most Cadillac names were reduced to initials like STS, XLR, CTS, etc.







Nick with the car and pictures of Allen Ludden & Betty White Photo courtesy of Nick Ferrantino

Betty White's fully equipped 1977 Cadillac Seville rolled off the production line in January of 1977; the birth month of its soon to be first owner. It was shipped to a Cadillac dealership in sunny Los Angeles, California, sitting there on the lot till its light Green Seamist paint job with white vinyl roof and white leather interior caught the eye of a certain Hollywood star's husband, who was a star in his own right.

Mr. Allen Ludden, the emcee of many TV game shows like "Password", bought the Seville. Mr. Ludden surprised his famous Emmy Award winning wife Betty White with the car, which had just 14.3 miles on the odometer when they took it for its first drive. On the dash Mr. Ludden had the dealer attach a name tag with a Cadillac logo and Betty's name embossed on it. Sadly Mr. Ludden passed away in 1981 but Betty kept the car for 25 years. In 1984, the car was used as a prop for Betty's character on the TV show "Mama's Family" in the two part episode called Mama Runs for Mayor. On the show, Betty played Ellen Harper, the daughter of Vicki Lawrence's character Mama Thelma Harper. She raced up Thelma's driveway jamming on the brakes to jump out and try and stop her mama from declaring herself a write-in candidate for Mayor of Raytown, USA. Some of you may remember seeing the show when it first aired or in re-runs (the show airs on the cable network CMT currently).

In 2002 Betty gave her then 25-year-old 1977 Seville that she called her "Parakeet" to the LA Humane Society to be auctioned. It had just 16,342 miles on the odometer. When the bidding was over, the winner, Mr. Jeffery Stork, drove it to his garage where he kept it until 2004.





eBay Way

It was early 2004 when I turned my computer on, like I had done many times before, to scan my emails, and then log onto my eBay account to see what would be out there that would interest me. I had purchased at least six other classic Cadillacs during the past 10 years from eBay. I was using a filter of "Eldorado" in the search line as it was the only Cadillac I most desired to own and drive. I had just sold my 1961 Series 62 convertible so I had some cash on hand to deal with the next Cadillac that caught my eye. The selections that day were few, so I expanded my search to "Eldorado Seville" in hope of seeing what two-door hardtops might be available. To my surprise a group of four-door Sevilles showed up on the list. They were not Eldorado Sevilles but just Sevilles. What caught my eye and attention almost instantly was a 1977 Seville that was listed as a Hollywood star's car. Normally cars like this are out of my price range, but I thought heck why not look at this listing. What I found was a car that was fullydocumented with its history reaching back to the day it was sold off the lot until the present. The second owner wanted to sell it and had noted there was a low reserve price on it and he was ready to sell. I had never owned a car with historical significance before, but rather cars that had history of being a classic car. I waited, marking off the time when the bidding would come to an end. I had learned from other auctions, if you bid too early you can get out bid, but if you hold off bidding to nearest the last minute with your highest offer, you have a better chance of getting that dream car into your garage. I timed my highest bid to go in seconds before the auction ended and to my delight and my wallet, won the bidding on this 1977 Cadillac Seville with its Hollywood connection.

Then I started looking for auto transport haulers that could bring that California classic Cadillac to Texas where I live. I knew that I wanted covered transport with the car placed on an upper rack if it was a doubled tiered truck, to avoid any stains or damage on this famous Hollywood star car, which I named "Betty" to honor its first owner. It took fourteen days to complete the sale and transport the car to my garage.

In the first few months of ownership, I was able to drive "Betty" to Dallas, Texas for a car show, then on to Tulsa, OK to show my dad and brother who live there. Since buying her, I put about 1,200 miles on "Betty", having a blast showing her to as many folks as I could. "Betty" was the only non-Italian car to be displayed at Houston's yearly "Festa Italia" car show in October 2004, parked next to Ferraris, Maseratis, Lamborghinis, and 1987-1993 Cadillac Allantés with their Italian connection to the design firm of Pininfarina, of Turin, Italy.

Over the years, I had to change out the rear load level shock absorbers with NOS ones that I had to really search for, as they no longer make that part for that car. All owners of antique classic cars know how that is. Sometimes you have to re-furbish or manufacture the part you need when there are no new or used spares lying around. "Betty" had a few issues with age like the heater hose had been looped so that the heater core under the dash would not develop any leaks, as older cars often do. I could see signs that there was a price to pay for such low mileage and a battery cutoff was installed on a terminal of the battery since the clock on the car would drain all the battery power if it sat for more than a month. I found that out the hard way and two new batteries later.





It took me till 2008, the year I retired from AT&T, to start to think what I should do with this car and who would care of it if I could not. While getting all my legal papers in order (like my will), I noticed that the AACA was more than a classic car club. They also have a museum which was separate and had its own memberships available to anyone wishing to enjoy automotive history. So I joined the AACA Museum as a life member. I recommend all classic car club members also think about joining the Museum as well. You should plan a trip to Hershey, PA to visit the 22 acre site that is loaded with historic antique automobiles and memorabilia. It is definitely worth a visit. Visit www.aacamuseum.org for more info.

"Bye Bye Betty, Hello World"

As I had mentioned, the AACA has a Museum which has its own membership and supporters. One day it struck me that only I was looking at "Betty" everyday. I felt more people on a daily basis should get to view this part of automobile history with its Hollywood connection. I contacted the Museum and asked if they would be interested in "Betty". They sent me information on their legacy program, which stated that I could leave "Betty" to them in my will as well as any other car that I might want the world to view in a public setting. I was updating my will anyway, so I added that the 1977 Seville was to be given to the AACA Museum on my passing. Afterwards, I thought to myself that it was



"Betty" on her way to Hershey, PA
Photo by Nick Ferrantino

greedy of me, if not foolish, not to see this car on a proper public display before I died. As a result, I contacted the curator of the AACA Museum and asked what could be done to see that they get "Betty" while I was still alive.

The curator was very helpful and said I needed to get "Betty" professionally appraised first. After that was done, the curator stated they would be willing to keep this donated 1977 Cadillac Seville for at least two years or longer in the Museum's permanent collection. I mention this because if you want to do the same, there are taxes and the IRS to think about. I do not know how the IRS rules may change in the future, but the current rule is if you donate a car to any group or charity and they sell it, you can only deduct your cost value (what you paid for the car) or the sale value when sold, not an appraised value, but with an exception. That exception being if the group or charity keeps the car for 24 months, two years or more, like the AACA Museum said they would, then the donor can declare full appraised value as a deduction in the year you donate it. I was even more pleased when I was told that the Museum would handle the transportation cost of the car to the Museum and that I was to expect a truck soon to pick it up.





I contacted Miss White when I first got the car to tell her it would be well-cared for. And I wrote her promising I would see that her 1977 Seville would be viewed by as many people as I could get to view it. That promise was fulfilled by my donation to the AACA Museum. I also gave the Museum a large collection of Allen Ludden & Betty White memorabilia to go with the car that I had amassed over the years of ownership. Things like a few personal letters I got from Betty White in which she talks about her car, "Parakeet". I also sent to the AACA Museum a grouping of photos of Allen & Betty, as well as group photos of other Hollywood stars that Betty had acted with over the years. Now that she recently hosted "Saturday Night Live" at the age of 88, there are more pictures that can be added.



Highlighting the marquee is the Betty White Cadillac Photo by Sandy Kemper

I was able to visit Hershey, PA and the AACA Museum a few months ago and got to see the great display the AACA Museum has set up for "Betty" in the lobby. I am hopeful that Betty White herself will find the time in her very busy life to do likewise. Will you be the lucky one to see them together again when you visit the AACA Museum? I can hear it now, "I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille", as cameras snap away at them both.

[Editor's note: The story of Betty White and her "Parakeet" is receiving a lot of national press. On April 15th, The New York Times ran a story on the car. Just a couple of weeks ago, the AACA Museum received a photo request from More Magazine for the Betty White Cadillac. They are planning to cover it in their September Issue.]





2010 CAPITOL CADILLAC / CLC POTOMAC REGION ANNUAL SPRING CAR SHOW STORY BY VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS BY SANDY KEMPER, JACK MCCLOW, CHUCK O'BRYAN, DAN REED, STEVEN SISSON AND MICHAEL VEILLEUX



Show time at Capitol Cadillac

L to R: Henry Sittner's 1964 Fleetwood, Dudley Peters 1967 Coupe Deville and

Jeff Gurski's 1996 Fleetwood Brougham

By all accounts, the 2010 Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction was a huge success. With great weather predicted well in advance of the show, 82 cars were on display on the grounds of Capitol Cadillac. Anchoring the showroom display were two 1920s Cadillac Dual Cowl Sport Phaetons owned by Byron & Alida Alsop of Oak Hill, VA and Maria & Joe Camelio of Lanham, MD, respectively, marking the first time in recent memory that two cars from the "Roaring Twenties" appeared at our event.

Other cars in the showroom included a modified 1953 Coupe Deville (Henry & Diane Ruby, Temple Hills, MD – one of two cars on display), a 1953 Eldorado (Bart Mitchell, Brooklandville, MD), a 1958 Flower Car (Martin Shepherd, Springfield, VA), a 1959 Eldorado Biarritz (Marc Tuwiner, Poolesville, MD) and a 1959 Series 62 Convertible (Rick Menz, Ellicott City, MD). Thanks to Jeffrey Hammers and Penn Dutch Restoration for transporting the Flower Car and the '59 Series 62 Convertible to the show.





On the show field and in the service lane was an impressive display of 1930s-2000s cars including a 1931 V-12 Imperial Sedan (George & Rita Boxley, West River, MD), a 1947 Series 62 Sedan (Richard Sisson, Potomac, MD – original Capitol Cadillac car), a modified 1953 Series 62 Convertible (Scott Milestone, Rockville, MD), a 1964 Eldorado (Bill Archibald, Arlington, VA), two Firethorn Red 1976 Eldorado Convertibles (Harry Goins, Alexandria, VA and Ron & Julie Siegrist of Lutherville-Timonium, MD), a 1984 Eldorado Convertible (Steven & Margo Sisson, Ashburn, VA), a 1991 Coupe Deville (Ron Neff, Alexandria, VA – one of three cars on display), a 1993 Sedan Deville Special Edition (Chuck O'Bryan, Alexandria, VA - one of two cars on display) and a 2008 SRX (Chris Cummings, Manassas, VA). Some of the car owners and spectators at the show came from as far away as Kennesaw, GA (Sandy Partridge); Denville, NJ (Gup & Lulu Gascoigne); Ardmore, PA (Jerry & Mary Parnes); Hagerstown, MD (Michael Christie); Williamsburg, VA (Bob Geiger); Enola, PA (Dave Lickel, Corey Raub and Bob Redensky) and Pine Grove, PA (Bob & Carolyn Archer).







High and low views of the show field





Once again, our host Daniel Jobe and his staff made the facilities of Capitol Cadillac fully available to us. A lot of our Region's success is a result of Daniel hosting two shows per year since 1992 for club members and non-members alike. Special thanks to Daniel and Capitol

Cadillac for



Show room display represented the pinnacle of General Motors elegance

their continued support and generosity.

Making the event run smoothly were Car Show Coordinators Henry & Diane Ruby. For the Rubys, show preparation began on Saturday as they dropped off a trailer with auction items and prepared the coffee pot and Danish for Sunday. After Diane got the coffee started Sunday morning, Mary Moscati arrived with donuts and Rita Bial-Boxley brought a homemade cake!! Show goers showed their appreciation by donating \$50 to the club in return for the breakfast items. Thanks to the crew who handled the breakfast treats.

By 7:30 AM Sunday, the set-up team of the Rubys, Sandy Kemper and Vince Taliano were onsite to greet the first arrival, Chuck O'Bryan, at 7:58 AM. It definitely pays to arrive early, not only to enjoy the breakfast items and coffee, but to get a prime parking space. By 11:00 AM, the show field was practically full and there was still an hour left for registration. Speaking of registration, once again, this important function ran smoothly thanks to R. Scot Minesinger, Tom McQueen and Bob Norrid manning the area.





After the cars were registered, the drivers were directed to their display spot by the Parking Team of Bill Hillard, Chuck Piel, and Vince Taliano. There was a method to the parking madness as older cars were parked closer to the main entrance while newer cars were parked towards the back of the show field. Joe Camelio, Rick Menz, and Henry expertly guided as many cars as possible into the showroom and service lane. Thanks to everyone who ensured the cars were parked and displayed safely.

On the show field and in the showroom and service lane taking some great photos throughout the day were Sandy Kemper, DJ Mikey from Music Madness, Chuck O'Bryan, Dan Reed and Steven Sisson. Thanks to those guys and to Dan who provided us with the illustration for our dash plaque, an illustration of J. Roger Bentley's 1940 LaSalle Convertible Sedan, which was on display in the show room. At 10:00 AM, Mikey officially opened the event with the traditional playing of the National Anthem. Throughout the day, Mikey provided the musical background for the show, including songs from the many decades represented by the cars at the show, and made timely announcements regarding judging, refreshments, etc. By lunchtime, Roy's Concessions was on-site for the first time at one of our shows serving a variety of items including bar-b-q, hamburgers, chicken tenders, freshly-made French fries, etc. Thanks guys for

Preparations for the Annual Automobilia Auction began mid-morning as our expert auctioneer George Boxley, along with Rita Bial-Boxley, Jack McClow, Mary Moscati, Sandy Partridge, Harry Scott and others, gathered the donated items; logged them into our tracking form and displayed them on the tables under the dealership's portico. With more than the usual number of items donated in advance, which allowed promoting the items in

all your help.



George Boxley (back center with white hat) navigates the participants through the bidding process

ads to members and non-members alike, the bidding opened thirty minutes earlier than usual at 11:30 AM. The items available included framed posters and pictures, car parts, shop manuals, books, die cast cars, plastic models, vintage signs, sports memorabilia, etc. Jack described the items and then George did his magic. Spotters were used to help facilitate the bidding. After George declared "sold" to the crowd, Mary collected the money and Rita updated the auction log. Once again, the auction was a lot of fun and a big success for the Region and for the successful bidders. A record amount of over \$1,700 for the club, after expenses, was realized from the auction. Thanks to everyone who donated and/or bought items.





As in years past, judging was by people's choice, and anyone who showed a car was eligible to vote. Over 70% of the attendees eligible to vote completed a ballot. Augmenting the regular prizes were Ladies' Choice (donated by Brenda & Jim George), Dealer's Choice and Long Distance awards. Richard Sills, serving as Master of Ceremonies (MC), provided insightful dialogue as he announced the results of the judging, and Daniel Jobe presented the awards in each of the classes. Jack McClow took pictures of the winners as they received their award from Daniel. The Ladies' Choice Award was announced and presented by Margo Sisson, and Daniel did the same for the Dealer's Choice Award (below is the full list of winners). Thanks to everyone who participated in the judging and awards ceremony. With another great show in the record books, we hope to see everyone at our next show on Sunday October 24th when we will be celebrating the *Fabulous Fleetwoods*.





The 1928 and 1929 Cadillac Dual Cowl Sport Phaetons finished first and second in the voting, reminiscent of another pair of superstars from that era that finished first and second in the historic baseball home run race of 1927 (hint: they wore pin stripes)







L to R: Bob & Carolyn Archer's 1984 Seville, Harry Goins 1976 Eldorado Convertible and Jerry & Mary Parnes' 1970 Deville Convertible





CLASS	1st PLACE WINNER	2nd PLACE WINNER	3rd PLACE WINNER
Class A: 1902 – 1942 Cadillac	Maria & Joe Camelio 1928 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton Lanham, MD	Byron & Alida Alsop 1929 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton Oak Hill, VA	George & Rita Boxley 1931 V-12 Imperial Sedan West River, MD
Class B:	J. Roger Bentley	Aksel Olesen	Vern Parker
1927 – 1940	1940 Convertible Sedan	1937 5019	1939 5019
LaSalle	Brinklow, MD	Potomac, MD	Vienna, VA
Class C:	Jerome Gross	Orin Kerr	Olivier Le Ber
1946 – 1958	1956 Series 62 Convertible	1949 Series 62 Convertible	1957 Eldorado Biarritz
Cadillac	Silver Spring, MD	Arlington, VA	Bethesda, MD
Class D:	Rick Menz	Paul Habicht	Bill Archibald
1959 – 1964	1959 Series 62 Convertible	1959 Sedan Deville	1964 Eldorado
Cadillac	Ellicott City, MD	Glen Arm, MD	Arlington, VA
Class E:	Gregory Holloman	Preston Waters	Dudley Peters
1965 – 1970	1966 Deville Convertible	1966 Calais Hardtop Coupe	1967 Coupe Deville
Cadillac	Oxon Hill, MD	Largo, MD	Friendship, MD
Class F:	Sandy Partridge	Harry Goins	Ron Siegrist
1971 – 1976	1976 Coupe Deville	1976 Eldorado Convertible	1976 Eldorado Convertible
Cadillac	Kennesaw, GA	Alexandria, VA	Lutherville-Timonium, MD
Class G:	John Young	Steven & Margo Sisson	Chuck King
1977 – 1986	1986 Fleetwood Brougham	1984 Eldorado Convertible	1980 Seville
Cadillac	Ellicott City, MD	Ashburn, VA	Gaithersburg, MD
Class H:	Ron Neff	Fred Kott	Jim Hartnett
1987 – 1996	1991 Coupe Deville	1992 Fleetwood Brougham	1992 Fleetwood Brougham
Cadillac	Alexandria, VA	Ellicott City, MD	Kensington, MD
Class I:	Ron Neff	Bob Geiger	Ron Neff
1997 – Current	2000 Eldorado	2009 DTS	1997 Eldorado
Cadillac	Alexandria, VA	Williamsburg, VA	Alexandria, VA
Class J:	Martin Shepherd	Prime Tours & Travel	Forrest Nielsen
Commercial	1958 Flower Car	1941 Series 75 Limousine	1969 Series 75 Limousine
Vehicles	Springfield, VA	Camp Springs, MD	McLean, VA
Class K:	Scott Milestone	Henry & Diane Ruby	Chris Martin
Modified	1953 Series 62 Convertible	1953 Coupe Deville	2002 Escalade
Vehicles	Rockville, MD	Temple Hills, MD	Dover, DE





CLASS	WINNER
LADIES CHOICE	Byron & Alida Alsop
WINNER	1929 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton
	Oak Hill, VA
BEST PRE-WAR	Byron & Alida Alsop
(1942 and	1929 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton
Earlier)	Oak Hill, VA
BEST POST-WAR	Rick Menz
(1946 to	1959 Series 62 Convertible
Present)	Ellicott City, MD
BEST OF SHOW	Maria & Joe Camelio
- OVERALL	1928 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton
	Lanham, MD
DEALER'S	Richard Sisson
CHOICE AWARD	1947 Series 62 Sedan
	Potomac, MD
LONG DISTANCE	Sandy Partridge
AWARD	1976 Coupe Deville
	Kennesaw, GA







Daniel Jobe presents awards to Rick Menz, Maria Camelio and Sandy Partridge.

[Editor's Note: Bob & Carolyn Archer, who won the Long Distance Award at our 2009 Fall Car Show, were involved in a traffic accident on their way home from this year's show. While on the way to the show (over 150 miles) in their immaculate 1984 Seville they purchased new, one of the belts broke on their car. They were able to make it to the show, but without the ability to replace the belt, they decided to call AAA and have the car transported home on a rollback. The car was safely loaded onto the truck, and Bob & Carolyn rode up front with the truck driver. On their way home, the rollback that they were in was hit in Howard County, Maryland by a car that crossed several lanes of traffic. The rollback went through the guardrail, down a steep embankment, hitting several trees in the process, and finally landing on its roof. Both the Seville and the rollback were destroyed. While the Archers and the truck driver were hurt, amazingly everyone survived without any life-threatening injuries. The Archers are now home recuperating. We wish them a full and speedy recovery and thank them for their support over the years.]

To see more than 70 pictures from the show, visit www.clcpotomacregion.org/2010springcarshow.htm.





CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale

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

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 http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/47cadillacforsale.htm – Asking \$15,000 – 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

NEW ARRIVAL 1985 Eldorado Biarritz – 94,588 miles – 2nd retail owner – Original Arizona car until 2003 – Since 2003 the car has been garaged, covered and only driven to shows – 4.1 liter engine, having the later VIN number after FE623772 (see Hemmings Classic Car January 2009) – Paint, stainless trim, chrome, interior, roof and engine are all original and in beautiful condition – No pitting on the chrome or stainless – Gold package – Service records and two custom covers included – All CLC awards convey with sell – Recent 2010 appraisal, by the International Vehicle Appraisers Network, received an overall condition code #2 with \$12,200 value – See pictures at http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/85cadillacforsale.htm – **Asking \$11,500** – For more info, contact Chuck O'Bryan at 703-408-3057 or TazandSierra@aol.com - Car is located in Falls Church, VA

NEW ARRIVAL 1993 Sedan De Ville (Special Edition) – 100,952 miles – Daily driver until 2009 – 4.9 liter engine – Always garaged – Paint, chrome, interior, roof and engine are all original and in beautiful condition – Gold package and special ¾ vinyl top – Custom cover included – CLC award conveys with sell – See pictures at http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/93cadillacforsale.htm – **Asking \$3,950** – For more info, contact Chuck O'Bryan at 703-408-3057 or TazandSierra@aol.com – Car is located in Falls Church, VA

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