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Spring is upon us and it could not have come any sooner. For the second straight year, our winter has been more severe than normal, limiting our ability to drive our Cadillacs and LaSalles. But not to worry, we will have plenty of opportunities to get back into the swing of things as our 2011 calendar of events is filling up quickly. Many of the events listed in our newsletter have corresponding registration flyers posted on our website. Plus the website's expanded capacity allows us to include events further into the season that will help everyone with advanced planning. Visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm> for more information.

We are less than two months from our Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction. If you have any Cadillac items, other old car items or items of historical interest that you would like to donate for the auction, please 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 see if they will provide a gift certificate for our auction!

Volunteers are also still needed to help with general set-up, parking, etc. If interested, please contact me at eddieamendo@comcast.net.

Our condolences go out to Barbara & Derrick Fisher on the recent passing away of Barbara's mother, and to Barbara & Bud Coleman on the recent passing of Bud's brother.

Vince Taliano



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



March 1, 2011

Last fall, I bought a 1941 Series 6109 sedan with 77k original miles (pictured right). The car was sold new by Capitol Cadillac in Washington, DC. I am trying to find out who the original owner was. I was told he was an African-American Minister from Washington who kept the car until the early '70s when he sold it with around 50k miles on it.



The second owner, whose name is also not known, drove it about 25k miles over five years before putting the car in storage for 25 years. It was then sold to two other guys and titled in Ohio before the last owner before me bought it. The guy I bought it from had it four years. I still have the Ohio title because it had a VIN number missing one number. I contacted the owners on the Ohio title, but have not received a response. I contacted the Washington, DC DMV FOIA officer and made a request, but have not had a response yet. I'm a CLC member and just recently joined the Central Plains Region based in Wichita, KS. I'm also joining the 1941 chapter. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

David Hime
Wichita, Kansas

[Editor's Note: If anyone has any information on the original owner, please like me know and I will forward to David.]

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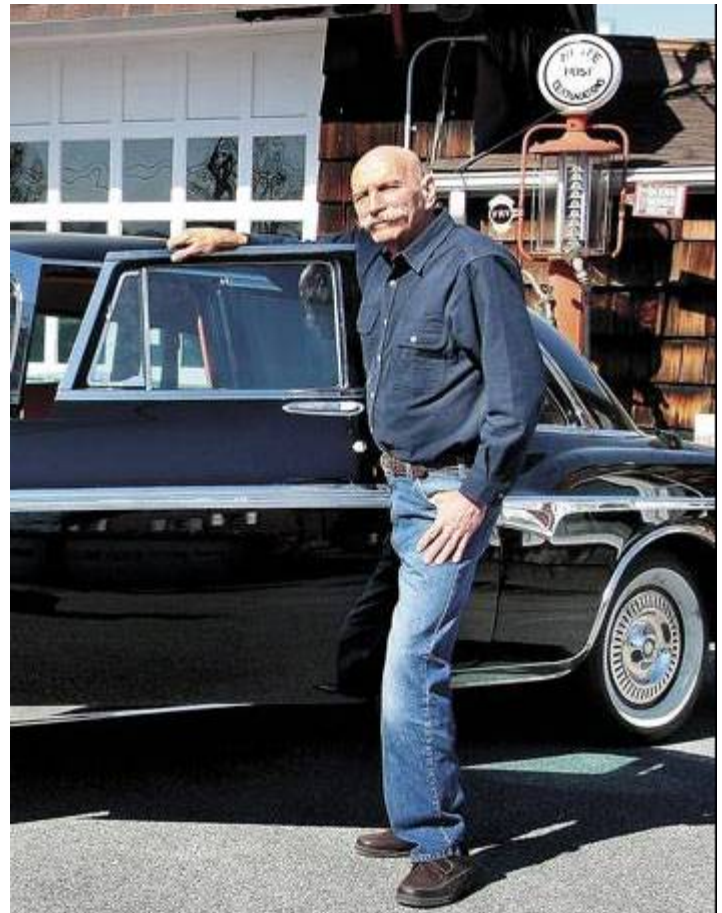


WHITE POST'S THOMPSON LEAVES LEGACY PROPRIETOR OF NOTED ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR RESTORATION FIRM DIES AT 72 BY VAL VAN METER THE WINCHESTER STAR MARCH 17, 2011

WHITE POST- Residents of the village of White Post are grieving the loss of the man who literally put them on the map. W. R. "Billy" Thompson Jr., 72, owner of White Post Restorations and a community benefactor, was found dead in his home in White Post Wednesday morning by family members, according to Clarke County Sheriff Anthony Roper. Roper said an investigation is being conducted because that is the policy of his office in the case of any unattended death.

"He was one of my closest friends," said Supervisor A.R. "Pete" Dunning Jr., who represents the southern part of Clarke County, including White Post. He and Thompson grew up together, and got into plenty of scrapes at Boyce Elementary School, Dunning said. "When I decided to run for supervisor [in the late-1970s], he was there."

Thompson put White Post "on the map" in 1981. His father started a farm machinery repair business in the village in 1940. His son turned it into what Thompson proudly proclaimed the leading antique and classic car restoration firm in the United States. Movie stars and Arab potentates sent vehicles to be restored to pristine condition at White Post Restorations.



Billy Thompson, with his handlebar mustache, poses last year with a 1955 Chrysler Imperial.

Photo by Ginger Perry/The Winchester Star

Dunning said he could have predicted Thompson's business success from an incident in second grade at Boyce. Thompson, whose father owned a store, brought in an entire box of Bazooka bubble gum. The individual sticks sold for a penny, but Thompson managed to sell the entire box for a nickel per stick. "He could sell a freezer to an Eskimo," Dunning said, adding, "I'm terribly upset, but Billy would want us to enjoy what he accomplished."

[Editor's Note: Special thanks to The Winchester Star for granting us permission to reprint the story. We understand that the business will continue under the management of Billy's son, W. R. Thompson III]



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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Apr 1-2 Fri-Sat		Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Old Dominion Region Spring Tour	Laurel MD to Kennett Square PA	Sally & Jim Batchelder at 703-339-2064, 703-989-4036 or sjkbatch@aol.com
Apr 3 Sun	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	AACA Chesapeake Region Spring Antique Car Show	Streetcar Museum Baltimore MD	410-484-1299 or local.aaca.org/chesapeake/BSM2006.htm
Apr 7-10 Thu-Sun		AACA Eastern Spring Meet	Charlotte NC	www.aaca.org
Apr 16 Sat	11:00 am	City of Hyattsville's 125th Anniversary Parade	Hyattsville MD	www.hyattsville.org/parade
Apr 18 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Apr 27- May 1 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Apr 30 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	3rd Annual New York / New England Inter-Regional Spring Meet	Black Horse Automotive Services Bridgeport CT	Dave Rubin at 845-225-5990 or david.rubin@brewsterhillins.com
May 6 Fri	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	3rd Annual Dover Days Car Show	Legislative Mall Dover DE	302-734-4888 or www.visitdover.com
May 7 Sat	10:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Work in Progress at USA Parts Supply	USA Parts Supply 261 Industrial Blvd Kearneysville WV	R. Scot Minesinger at 703-283-2021 or rscotm@cox.net
May 7 Sat	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	53rd Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet	Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA	Duane Catlett at 540-869-6668 or www.huskyclub.com/abmeet.htm
May 7 Sat	10:30 am – 2:00 pm	Asbury Methodist Village 85th Anniversary Celebration Car Show	Asbury Methodist Village Gaithersburg MD	Ken Jones at 301-216-5210 or kjonesvim@comcast.net
May 8 Sun	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Stratford Hall's Inaugural Antique Car Show	Stratford VA	Beth Sharpe 804-493-8038 ext. 9578 or bsharpe@stratfordhall.org
May 14 Sat	12:00 am - 4:00 pm	Darnestown Day	Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Darnestown MD	Liz Kraft at 240-447-2995
May 15 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	20th 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 16 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
May 21 Sat	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show	Faulkner Cadillac Trevose PA	Ronnie Hux at cadiman59@aol.com or www.vfrclc.org/upcoming_events.htm
Jun 4 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 22nd Annual Spring Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com
Jun 4 Sat		22nd Annual Orphan Car Tour	Burkittsville MD	Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, TourDirector@orphancartour.org or www.orphancartour.org
Jun 8-12 Wed-Sun		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the North Texas Region	Texas Panhandle	Rubye Hubbard Musser at 817-795-2032 or bobm@cowtown.net
Jun 11 Sat	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show	Delaware Cadillac Wilmington DE	www.vfrclc.org/upcoming_events.htm
Jun 19 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	38th Annual Sully Plantation Father's Day Car Show	Sully Plantation Chantilly VA	Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474, billworsham@aol.com or www.gwcmodela.org
Jun 20 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
Jul 2 Sat	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	7th Annual Picnic with Lincoln Mercury friends	J. Roger Bentley's Home Brinklow MD	R. Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Jul 8 Fri		2nd Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day	All across the USA	www.SEMASAN.com/ CollectorCarAppreciationDay



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jul 9 Sat		5th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com
Jul 9 Sat		CCCA Grand Classic Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Region	Turf Valley Resort Ellicott City MD	Jim & Brenda George at 703-754-4294 or bjgeorgel@verizon.com
Aug 10-13 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National Meet Hosted by the Central Ohio Region	Columbus OH	www.2011clcqn.org
Aug 14 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	VCCA Free State Region's Annual Car & Truck Show	Meadowbrook Regional Park Lutherville MD	Larry at 410-360-8216, bowag45@hotmail.com or grand1917@comcast.net

SECOND ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY SLATED FOR JULY 8 - HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE?

As you may be aware, the second annual celebration of Collector Car Appreciation Day is scheduled for Friday, July 8. The date marks the second commemoration in what will become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. SEMA Action Network (SAN) is currently in the process of securing a Congressional Resolution recognizing this year's celebration.



July 8 is coming fast and new events are being listed daily. If you or your club will be hosting events on July 8, 9, or 10 and would like to be part of this momentous occasion, we want to know about it! To help collector car enthusiasts celebrate, SAN is compiling a list of events happening around the country and posting them to www.SEMASAN.com/CollectorCarAppreciationDay. It doesn't matter how large or small the event is, we want to share it with the passionate enthusiasts who wish to celebrate on July 8-10. Please contact Ashley Ailsworth at ashleya@sema.org with details about how you plan to celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day.

Thank you for your assistance. With your help we are sure to make the second celebration an even bigger success than last year!



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**20th Annual Capitol Cadillac /
CLC Potomac Region
Spring Car Show &
Automobilia Auction
Sunday May 15, 2011**

Car Registration:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please read the Car Show Rules on
the following page

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 (I-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)

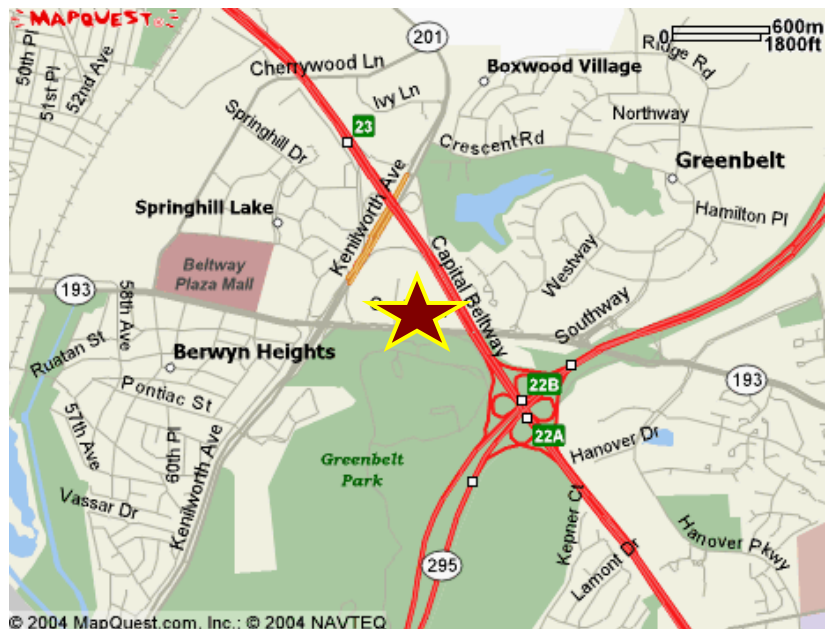
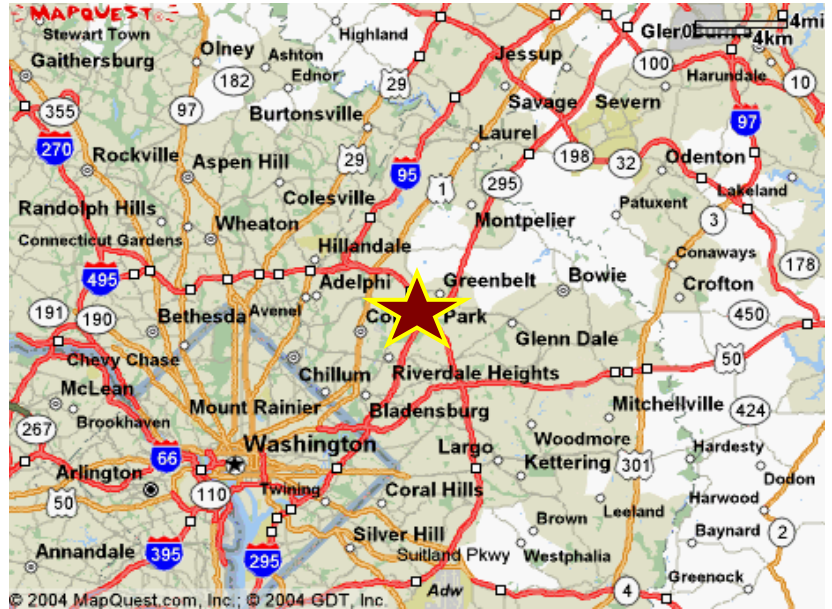
From Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Rte 295)

- 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



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.



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Car Show Rules

- **Rain or Shine:** The car show will take place rain or shine. No refunds.
- **Safety:** If a vehicle(s) has fluid drips or leaks, the owner must bring absorbent material or drip pans to avoid slippery conditions and to protect the showroom floor or show field parking lot. **The Potomac Region reserves the right from preventing any cars with excessive fluid leaks from entering the show field.** It is recommended that a working fire extinguisher be in every vehicle.
- **Judging / Parking Rules:** The Potomac Region reserves the right 1) to determine each vehicle's judging class and 2) each vehicle's placement in the show field. **There will be no parking on the grassy areas whatsoever, due to sprinkler heads and possible rut damage.** Vehicles will be peer judged by the individual owners of the registered cars. Registrants will be able to judge vehicles in all classes, including their own. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given to winning vehicles in each class.

<u>Judging Classes</u>	<u>Other Awards</u>
Class A: 1902 – 1942 Cadillac Class B: 1927 – 1940 LaSalle Class C: 1946 – 1958 Cadillac Class D: 1959 – 1964 Cadillac Class E: 1965 – 1970 Cadillac Class F: 1971 – 1976 Cadillac Class G: 1977 – 1986 Cadillac Class H: 1987 – 1996 Cadillac Class I: 1997 – Current Cadillac Class J: Commercial Vehicles Class K: Modified Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealer's Choice • Best Pre-War • Best Post-War • Best of Show • Ladies Choice • Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">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.</p>

Registration Form

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle Registration Fee: (Up to May 8th: \$15/per car - After May 8th: \$20/per car)

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Check this box if you do not want your vehicle(s) judged

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MARCH 21, 2011 MEETING MINUTES **BY R. SCOT MINESINGER**

PLACE: Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Assistant Region Director Dan Ruby

ATTENDANCE: Jack McClow; Byron Alsop; Tom McQueen; Jeff Gurski; Richard Sills; R. Scot Minesinger; Brenda & Jim George; Harry Scott; Henry Ruby; Tim Garrett & Chris Gavett and Dick & Marta Kitterman

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan thanked everyone for attending.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the February meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the March, 2011 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the February meeting to date. Harry Scot reported that the Region's income was \$130.31. The total expenses for the same time period were \$894.62. The checking account balance is \$7,090.93. The CD principal balance is \$5,870.48.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tom McQueen reported that our 2011 membership is at 207. Our newest members are **Robert Brown, Leesburg, VA; Richard Kitterman, Fairfax, VA; Roger Matherly, Colonial Beach, VA; Caleb Ruby, Remington, VA; Steve Ruby, Remington, VA and Ralph Stroud, West Friendship, MD.** Robert owns two 1959 Cadillacs; an Eldorado Seville and a Series 62 Convertible. Richard is interested in acquiring a 1936 Cadillac. Roger has two Cadillacs; a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz and a 1976 Eldorado Bicentennial Convertible. Steve is Henry Ruby's son and Caleb's father. Caleb, who is 17-years-old, recently purchased a 1957 Cadillac Pick-up conversion. Ralph owns a 1946 Series 62 Convertible. Welcome to all!!

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recently Held Events:

- **Club Trip to USA Parts Supply in Kearneysville, WV, Sat, Feb 26th:** Scot Minesinger described this first-time event for the club. 17 members attended. The trip was a success. An article will be published in the April newsletter.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sun, May 15th:** The show flyer was published in the March newsletter, along with some of the items that have already been donated for the auction. In addition to the show flyer, a preview of the dash plaque design was in the newsletter too. We still need donations for the auction. Also needed are volunteers to help on the day of the show with parking, registration, auction, and clean-up.



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3. Other upcoming events: The following events were mentioned:

- **41st Annual AACA Sugarloaf Region Parts Meet, Frederick, MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 25-26th**
- **AACA Chesapeake Region Baltimore Streetcar Museum Spring Antique Car Show, Sun, Apr 3rd:** If you weren't able to attend the CLC event there in Oct here's another chance to see this museum & some great cars. to participants with cars
- **Work in Progress, USA Parts Supply, Kearneysville, WV, Sat, May 7th:** This new event allows members to get together and fix your car up for the season. We will attempt to resolve difficult mechanical/cosmetic issues such as climate control, squeaks and rattles and cosmetic challenges. Experienced club members will attend and share their valuable experience to avoid re-inventing to wheel so to speak. Advance notification of your goal is highly recommended so we can be prepared. Contact Scot at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021.
- **22nd Annual CLC Central PA Region Spring Show, Kelly Cadillac, Lancaster, PA, Sat, Jun 4th**
- **CLC National Driving Tour, Texas Panhandle, Tue-Sun, Jun 7-12th**
- **5th Annual Inter-Regional Car Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Jul 9th:** An event not to be missed! The special exhibit in the Museum at that time will honor Indy 500 Pace Cars, and Tom McQueen's beautiful 1959 Buick Electra 225 Convertible will be in the exhibit. This is a great show because vehicles are displayed on the front lawn of the museum, and each registration for the show includes a ticket to the museum. The Central PA Region supports our activities and we should reciprocate as much as possible.
- **2011 CLC Grand National, Columbus, OH, Tue-Sat, Aug 9-13th:** The host hotel is over 50% full already, so make your room reservations now. At our June, 2010 meeting there was a lot of discussion about planning a driving tour and caravan to Columbus. Now is the time to make these plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The theme for this year's Fall Show will be ***Dazzling DeVilles*** featuring DeVille models from 1949-1970. Because of the proximity of Capitol Cadillac to FedEx Field and the traffic on Redskins game days, the date for the show will be set after the NFL publishes its 2011 schedule, usually in late April.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The club officers have begun discussing the creation of a club award to honor Steven Sisson's memory. More details to follow.
- Tom McQueen presented Dan Ruby with a wedding gift from the club, a gift card to Bed Bath and Beyond. The happy couple thanked the club profusely (Jo Jo on speaker phone and Dan in person).

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 18, 7:30 PM at Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM



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TRIP TO USA PARTS SUPPLY IN WEST VIRGINIA WAS VERY VALUABLE
STORY BY R. SCOT MINESINGER
PHOTOS BY TOM MCQUEEN AND R. SCOT MINESINGER

On Saturday February 26th, the Potomac Region held its first tour of USA Parts Supply in Kearneysville, West Virginia. USA Parts Supply is one of the preeminent Cadillac parts suppliers in the country. The purpose of the trip was to become more familiar with how USA Parts Supply can help us restore our Cadillacs. They recently acquired a tremendous number of used parts from noted Cadillac collector Bill Bradley of Texas. In addition to their parts, they also have used Cadillacs for sale and some nice parts cars too. The trip was fun and very educational to say the least. The staff at USA Parts was extremely helpful. As with most worthwhile events, it was too short.

A benefit to attending the event was that USA Parts Supply offered discounts on all sales conducted that day, even backordered parts, plus they didn't charge shipping and handling. I purchased several items that previously I had no idea where they could be found including a set of sedan door hinge guards, exhaust manifold bolts (they have a 3/8" thread with a 1/2" socket head), a working clock for a 1970 Cadillac, and much more. The discount applied to the prices and without shipping and handling charges (probably would have been several separate shipments) saved me enough money to make that trip well worth my time aside from the fun enjoyed.



Hoods from all different years



1969 Sedan DeVille for sale



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The USA Parts Supply facility is a 20,000 square foot building with a large yard containing parts cars, many sets of doors, bumpers, and other parts that can be stored outside, and used quality Cadillacs for sale. There are several low mileage '70s Cadillacs for sale along with some late '60s convertibles that could be made into wonderful cars to enjoy. The parts cars included a '60 Fleetwood, '69 Sedan DeVille, '69 or '70 Eldorado and many others. The yard appeared to have an endless sea of bumpers, doors and fenders for every year Cadillac.

The interior of the building had row after row of parts neatly organized. Every part imaginable was on shelves. I needed a transmission pan for my 1970 because mine was dented up and they had a dent-free one that I could paint and install. Also, I needed the heat shield on the passenger side to protect the upper control arm bushing from the exhaust manifold, and they had that too. I can't imagine how long it would take to find these in a junk yard; think of the time saved!! It would be more difficult for me to restore my Cadillac without USA Parts Supply

USA Parts Supply has embraced a customer service-oriented marketing plan, while many other parts sellers have adopted the philosophy of "order from my website please and no talking to humans". I have tried other parts sources with less satisfactory results. USA Parts Supply staffed the event with a very knowledgeable crew, who were well versed in Cadillac parts. During much of the event, it seemed that club members were working with their staff securing Cadillac parts purchases.

The trip included a tour conducted by Mike Cannon, Owner of USA Parts Supply. Half of the tour was inside, half outside. Breakfast and coffee was provided by USA Parts Supply with lunch provided by the Potomac Region. Seventeen members enjoyed the event. Jack Hotz and Mike Barruzza traveled down from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectfully. Mike was able to find the NOS rear tail light lens he was looking for to fit his 1963 Cadillac Ambulance (1963 was one of the few years when the tail light lens was different from the other Cadillacs).

The late Steven Sisson enjoyed this event too. I sat next to him at lunch and enjoyed his company. He had such a sharp wit and a good sense of humor; it was fun to talk with him. He sure seemed to be having a good time. Steven, who was the first director of the Potomac Region, died later that day.





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**Marc Bernat and Everett Greenstreet
checking out the parts**



**L to R: Jack Hotz, Mike Barruzza
and Harry Scott**



**Sandy Kemper and Franklin Gage
touring the area**



**Scot Minesinger setting up lunch for
everyone**

It was fortunate that this event was scheduled in February when we normally don't encourage club events due to weather. Everyone attending the event considered it a success. We may have to make this an annual trip.



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Another Event Scheduled at USA Parts Supply

When: May 7, 2011 (rain or shine)
What time: 10am to 1pm or longer (lunch will be provided by the club)
Where: USA Parts Supply
261 Industrial Blvd
Kearneysville, WV 25430
304-724-6600

With the success of our visit to USA Parts Supply in February, we have decided to schedule another event there. The purpose of this one is to help members prepare their cars for the upcoming season by offering repair/restoration assistance. Bring your Cadillac or LaSalle to this event with the idea of curing a challenging mechanical problem as well as learning from members who have already been through the same challenges. Plus tour USA Parts Supply and purchase parts at a discount without shipping and handling charges.

One of the most common issues with our cars is the climate control system. Other challenges may be vacuum hoses, vacuum power locks, difficult starting when car is hot, rough idle, poor handling, vibration, body to frame body bushing replacement, squeaks/rattles, as well as other problems. We will have club members in attendance who have experience dealing with these issues.

Repairs can be completed, parts can be purchased, repairs can be started, advice can be received on how to begin a project and other items can be accomplished. It will be fun just meeting some new club members.

If you plan to attend, please contact Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net (e-mail preferred) or 703-283-2021 by Saturday April 23rd and let him know the following information:

- 1. Your Car's Make, Year, and Model**
- 2. Your Goals**

We will better be able to help you by making sure that the correct person, tools and parts are available. Plus we need to know how many people will attend in order to plan lunch for the event.

Also, please bring your car's shop manual. If you don't have one, it is in your best interest to purchase one. It will be valuable now and long into the future. Shop manuals are for sale at many places including USA Parts Supply, eBay and our upcoming Automobilia Auction. Also, please bring basic tools, socket set, wrenches, jack stands (or ramps), screw drivers, pliers, and a nut driver set, at a minimum. If you know what is wrong and have the part, bring the part.



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**SPY SHOTS: THE ATS: CADILLAC CRAFTING NEW RIVAL FOR BMW 3-SERIES
SEMA eNEWS
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With a little less camo on the rear for testing purposes, Brenda Priddy's spy network was able to capture new details of the Cadillac ATS. First, Priddy points to the very sharp character line that slopes upward, a line that can be seen starting behind the covering on the front door.

A very elegant chrome door handle is also easy to see, along with the true shape of the rear glass and the cut line for the door itself. Another impressive feature of this prototype is the CTS Coupe-inspired rear end, which appears to come to a point at the rear.

Riding on GM's new, rear-drive Alpha chassis, the ATS has been described as a smaller, CTS-like vehicle. From the overall look of these prototypes, we'd say that's an accurate description. GM intends it to be a true competitor to the BMW 3-series.

As far as motors go, the ATS should get GM's 2.0L turbo-charged four-cylinder. The 3.0L V6 or the 3.6L V6 (or maybe both) should also find its way into the ATS.



Currently, production of the ATS sedan is slated to start in July 2012, followed by the coupe in July 2013. Back in October, GM announced a \$190 million investment in the Grand River Assembly Plant in Lansing, Michigan, to build the all-new Cadillac ATS line of vehicles.

Expect pricing to range from the high 20s to mid 30s. If you're wondering what that contraption is on the rear door, it's an optical fifth-wheel sensor. A lens points toward the ground to give an extremely accurate measurement of speed, acceleration and g-force. Given that this particular ATS was doing wide-open-throttle runs, we'd say they were checking the acceleration!



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REFLECTIONS ON CARS OF THE POST-WORLD WAR II YEARS **BY RICHARD SILLS**

The January 2011 issue of *The Self-Starter* contained a nostalgia-inducing article by Editor Steve Stewart about the 1946 Cadillacs, and the atmosphere into which they were introduced. Steve noted a very interesting fact: some 1946 Cadillacs were delivered to customers with wooden bumpers because of the materials shortage. When the chrome bumpers eventually became available, customers were notified and the new bumpers were installed at no charge.

This reminds me about a story told to me years ago by Saul Greenberg of the Valley Forge Region. He had purchased a very original 1946 Cadillac sedan from the widow of the original owner (this was probably 20+ years ago). As he was preparing to depart with the car, the lady came after him and said, "Wait a minute, young man, don't you want to take the original bumpers?" Saul was puzzled because the car appeared to be wearing its original bumpers. The lady pointed to a pair of wooden boards in the garage, and explained that these had been the bumpers installed on the car when her late husband took delivery of his brand-new Cadillac. He had kept the old wooden bumpers after the chrome bumpers were installed. I am glad Steve mentioned this detail in his story, because this is the type of oddball fact that eventually no one will know about unless it is written down by those of us who try to preserve history.

I recall hearing from family members what it was like to buy a new car in the immediate post-WWII era. Most of the returning veterans wanted a car, after the years of sacrifice they had just endured. Many had saved up a good deal of their pay, since they were in places where there wasn't much opportunity to spend money. The folks at home needed new cars, too. While there were a handful of 1942 models produced, these were few and far between. Many people were still driving cars from the late thirties. In those days, a 5 or 10 year old car was much closer to the end of its useful life than it would be today. So the demand was way ahead of supply.

My grandfathers drove through the war years with a 1941 Oldsmobile club coupe and a 1937 Dodge sedan, respectively. When new cars were finally available, the dealers who sold the most desirable brands required a couple hundred dollars "under the table" if you wanted a new car. That meant you had to pay full list price, which was often increased by a host of dealer-installed accessories, and then give the salesman or the manager \$200 in cash besides. This was a great deal of money in those days. And that wasn't for a scarce special model -- just a nice new medium-priced sedan. I don't know how widespread this practice was, but I'm sure it was not confined to my hometown of Philadelphia. I do not know how long this practice lasted, but the shortage of new cars continued through the end of the 1940s. Both of my grandfathers (one of whom owned Oldsmobiles exclusively since 1929) bought new Dodges in 1948, which presumably did not command a premium. My father, after being discharged from active duty in the Marine Corps, bought a 1948 Plymouth as his first new car. And, of course, other people were buying Kaisers, Frazers, Nashes, Hudsons, or whatever they could get. Some even put down deposits on Tuckers, but that's another story.





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Because of all the car-less years in the early '40s, there were still a great many pre-war cars on the road in the late '40s and early '50s. I could walk down the streets near my home in West Philadelphia and see a REO Flying Cloud, a Hudson Terraplane, and numerous pre-war Fords, Chevrolets, Buicks, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles and Chrysler products. (I don't recall any Cadillacs in the neighborhood. They were really exclusive, and the first one I remember is the new Coupe deVille that the local pharmacist bought in 1955.) By studying these cars, I made mental notes as to which year various manufacturers switched over from floor shifters to column shifters, when outside "runningboards" were discontinued, and other such useful information.

There was a local neighborhood garage that would store your car overnight if you were willing to pay for that service, since most people did not have private garages. If you wanted, they would also fill the car with gas, wash it, or perform mechanical work while it was there. If you lived in the neighborhood and your car wouldn't start, they would send out a mechanic to help. Many times, the old manual transmission cars could be started by a push-start -- you would have another car push the disabled car until it got up to some speed, then the driver would pop the clutch with the transmission in a driving gear and it would start and run. This garage would send out a car that they adapted for this purpose by installing a big wooden board in place of the front bumper. This avoided "locking bumpers" with cars that it pushed.

As a small child, I would watch when the local garage dispatched its service car to give a "push" to one of the neighbors whose car wouldn't start. I looked at the service car with some wonderment, because I had never before seen a car with a second windshield in front of the rear seat. Perhaps you can guess why this car had an extra windshield. It was a 1930 (or so) Packard dual cowl phaeton, completely intact except for the changed front bumper. In that era, a car like that had no value to speak of, so its best use was to give a push-start to stalled cars. Probably if someone had offered the garageman \$100 for this car, he would have gladly accepted, and then told his friends about the sucker who was willing to pay good money for an old obsolete car. Then he would have bought another serviceable old "classic" for \$20 or so.

There were car collectors at that time, but they cherished the 1915 and earlier cars, the ones that look like horseless carriages, or telephone booths on wheels. Cars of the late 20's and early '30s were viewed as obsolete and worthless -- I often heard people complain that you could no longer buy tires of the size they required. And of course, no one reproduced those tires at that time.



**What movie featured this 1941
Cadillac streaking across the desert?**
Source: IMCDB

Even our beloved '41 Cadillacs were not held in high regard during the post-war years when styles were changing rapidly. Another friend tells a story about driving around in his '41 Cadillac convertible (of which he was very proud) with the top down, probably in the early '50s. As he passed a group of teenagers playing basketball on the street, one of them yelled, "The war's over, mister -- get yourself a new car!"



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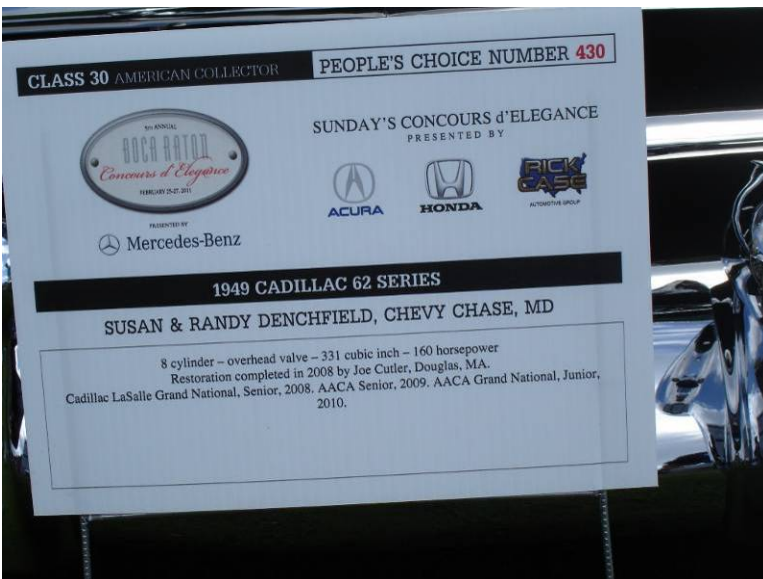
**JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE
STORY & PHOTOS BY JOE CUTLER**



Randy Denchfield with *The Contessa*

The day dawned bright and clear, the sweet smell of old (and new) money wafting in the gentle breeze, and a forecast of plentiful sunshine and temps in the 80's. As I left the hotel lobby I was greeted by a row of stately Rolls Royce and Bentley automobiles parked just outside the entrance. As you may have surmised by now, I wasn't in New England, nor was I attending a local show. This event was the prestigious 5th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance held on the beautiful grounds of the Boca Raton Club and Resort in the Florida city of that name on February 27th. As luck would have it, the date coincided perfectly with my annual February vacation and week-long stay with my sister, who resides in St. Cloud, Florida. I invited her and her fiancé to go with me and we proceeded to book a night at the magnificent Waldorf Astoria, built in 1926, and adjacent to the plush golf course where the show is held.

This year's show had special significance for me, as I learned that a 1949 Cadillac convertible, named ***The Contessa***, which I finished a ground-up restoration on in 2008, had been invited by the Concours Selection Committee to participate. (See photo above.) This car is owned by Susan & Randy Denchfield from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Though the car didn't win an award, it was an honor simply to be invited to a show of this caliber, and ***The Contessa*** certainly garnered her fair share of admirers and compliments!



[Editor's Note: Joe Cutler, a CLC Member from Douglas, MA, is the Editor of the CLC 1949 Cadillac Chapter ("Forty-Niners") newsletter.]



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Cars For Sale

NEW ARRIVAL 1964 Series 62 Sedan – 31,000 original miles – Original 429 V8 with 3 speed automatic transmission – AC/heat, power windows and power seat – White hardtop with desirable black and white interior – NO RUST – Runs great – Must see – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/64cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$16,000** – For more info, contact Greg at 301-343-3216 or scottsdaleadream@aol.com – Car is located in Annapolis, MD

1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo – 2 door hardtop – 45,800 original miles – Built at the General Motors Plant in Baltimore – Big block 402 C.I. / 330 H.P. engine – Autumn Gold metallic with gold vinyl top – One show repaint eight years ago – Bucket seats interior – Loaded with factory accessories – Solid #1 condition – Professionally appraised at \$28,000 – **Asking \$24,000 obo** – For more info, contact Francis Werneth at 410-668-3749 – Car is located in Parkville, MD

1985 Eldorado – Current mileage is 74,109 miles – Runs great – Being sold by the son of the second owner who purchased the car in 1987 with 7,000 miles and kept it in Daytona Beach, FL until October 2008 – Since then it has been in Virginia and only used to take the elderly owner to doctors appointments – Passed Virginia's Safety Inspection in June 2010 – Hard top replaced in June 2010 and upper and lower radiator hoses replaced in December 2010 – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/85cadillac2forsale.htm> – **Asking \$4,000** – For more info, contact Al Melanson, Jr. at 703-855-2077 or almelanson@msn.com – Car is located in Fairfax, VA

NEW ARRIVAL 1996 Sedan Deville – Landau – Overall white, with dark blue leather interior and dark blue top – Delivered with all accessories – Purchased from the original owner in 2004 and for sale by this second owner – All records since purchased new from Moore Cadillac in Richmond, VA – Mostly garaged with original paint and interior in exceptional condition – Engine compartment has been maintained in show condition – 98,447 miles with all current maintenance items attended to including the air conditioning system which was overhauled with new components last June for about \$1,600 – New Virginia State Inspection – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/96cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$3,800** – For more info, contact Jeremy Crews at 804-869-8004 or jeremy@macbone.com – Car is available for review by appointment in Richmond, VA



Capitol Cadillac ad for the
Eldorado del Cavallero
circa 1968



1970 Eldorado del Cavallero on eBay
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