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Now that our Spring Show is over, it is time to start preparing for our ***Dazzling DeVilles*** event. On page 4, you'll read some preliminary information on the event. In future issues, the show flyer will be published with information on the weekend events. Stay tuned!

As you will see in this issue, our members have attended some great car shows these past few weeks. Thanks to their contributions, you'll get a first-hand account on three of them. Providing your stories to this newsletter on your attendance at events is always encouraged and appreciated.

We express our condolences to the family of Chadwick Coombs. Chad, a founding member and past president of the Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club, passed away on June 18th. He was a noted Lincoln historian, and wrote many articles about the other marque founded by Henry M. Leland. He was a long-time collector of automobile literature, and used his library to research the many articles he wrote. He served as editor of the Lincoln Link, the publication of the Lincoln Motorcar Foundation. Chad enjoyed photography and always carried his camera around his neck, including at our Annual Summer Picnic with Lincoln-Mercury friends at Roger Bentley's. He was always complimentary of the work that we did with the ***Caddie Chronicle***. Chad will be greatly missed by all that knew him.



Our condolences also go out to Harry & Julia Scott on the recent passing of Harry's father.

Vince Taliano



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IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES D. BARNETTE
STORY BY RICHARD SILLS AND VINCE TALIANO
PHOTOS BY JIM JORDAN AND DAN REED

Charles D. Barnette of Texarkana, TX passed away on June 6, 2011. Charles was one of the great people of our hobby, sharing his extensive knowledge of GM's Motorama cars, Eldorado Broughams and Presidential Limos unselfishly on the CLC Discussion Forum on a regular basis. He also wrote an annual report for **The Self-Starters** on the newest Cadillacs at the NAIAS (Detroit Auto Show), among other works. In 2002, he was awarded **The Self-Starters** Author of the Year award for his contributions.

When Charles was informed that both remaining Cadillac LeMans (#3 and #4 of only 4 ever built) would be at the **Cadillac Dream Cars** event at Capitol Cadillac in 2008, he tirelessly helped to promote the significance of the event. Not only did he attend, but other Motorama car enthusiasts from around the country attended as well including Jim Jordan of Oklahoma and David Temple of Texas.

Charles brought with him four silver chrome control knobs (tops) for the levers on the LeMans dash (two vents, temperature and defrost) that were accidentally left behind when LeMans #1 left Ohio for its "fatal home" of California (LeMans #1 was later destroyed in a fire). Ironically, LeMans #3 was missing the same control knobs. Someone else may have viewed that as an opportunity to sell those parts for a handsome price, but Charles, motivated by the love of the hobby and of automotive history, donated them to the car. After returning home, Charles wrote the feature article on the event for our newsletter and website (www.clcpotomacregion.org/2008fallcarshow.htm), and for **The Self-Starters**. We have all sustained a serious loss by his passing.



From L to R: Jim Jordan, Charles D. Barnette and David Temple with the two remaining 1953 Cadillac



Charles D. Barnette and Scott Milestone installing lever tops from LeMans #1 in LeMans #3



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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
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 rscoitm@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Jul 8 Fri		2nd Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day	All across the USA	www.SEMASAN.com/ CollectorCarAppreciationDay
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
Jul 10 Sun	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	21st Annual Early Ford V-8 National Capital Region Car Show	Longwood Community Center Brookeville MD	Al Zimmermann at 410-560-0237 or Don Ramsburg at 410-357-5022
Jul 12-16 Tue-Sat		35th Annual PCS International Meet	Hudson OH	Sarah Snook at 330-356-8202 or info@pcs2011.com
Jul 18 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
Jul 30 Sat	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Car Show 50's / 60's Dance Party	Reese Volunteer Fire Department Hall Westminster MD	Norm Heathcote at 410-356-3459 or yvomllc@hotmail.com Willis Terrett at 410-923-1154 or v8ford51@gmail.com
Aug 10-13 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National Meet Hosted by the Central Ohio Region	Columbus OH	www.2011clcgn.org
Aug 13 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	37th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@starpower.net
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, bowaq45@hotmail.com or grand1917@comcast.net
Aug 21 Sun	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 4 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Vern Parker's Street Dreams Car Show	Spring Hill Recreation Center McLean VA	www.vernparker.com
Sep 10 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	15th Annual CLC Hampton Roads Region Car Show	Suttle Motors Newport News VA	Bob Geiger at 757-253-6501 or bobnlettygeiger@aol.com
Sep 11 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	42nd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Region's Activities Meet and Antique Car Show featuring Cadillacs	Urbana Volunteer Fireman Department Grounds Urbana MD	Bruce Mazzie at 301-865-7244 or brucemazzie@comcast.net Rob Burchill at 301-371-0654 or roburchill@comcast.net
Sep 17 Sat	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	36th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas VA	Joann Richardson at 703-768-1569 or www.bullrunaaca.org
Sep 25 Sun		Potomac Region Fall Driving Tour	Wineries of Northern Virginia	R. Scot Minesinger at rscoitm@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Sep 28 - Oct 2 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet & Corral	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 2 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	All-GM Show hosted by the Royal GTOs	King Buick GMC Gaithersburg MD	Roy Dwyer at 301-879-2816 or Tim Sickle at 301-249-3830
Oct 5-8 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey PA	www.hersheyaaca.org
Oct 15 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show	Rockville Civic Center Rockville MD	240-314-5022 or www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Oct 22 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	5th Annual Potomac Day Classic Car Show	Falls Rd & River Rd Potomac MD	202-438-3553 or potomacdaycarshow@yahoo.com
Oct 30 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Capitol Cadillac Fall Car Show <i>Dazzling DeVilles</i>	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Diane & Henry Ruby at 301-297-4459, 301-894-8026 or henry.ladydi@verizon.net



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DAZZLING DEVILLES STORY BY VINCE TALIANO ILLUSTRATIONS BY BOB ENG

Following in the tradition of celebrating a theme at the Annual Fall Car Show at Capitol Cadillac, this year's theme will be **Dazzling DeVilles**. Specifically, DeVilles from the model years 1949-1970 will be the honored cars at the show to be held on Sunday October 30th in Greenbelt, MD. These were among Cadillac's most popular models during the period when Cadillac became the undisputed sales leader in the luxury car market.



1949 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

Like theme shows of the past, the goal of our **Dazzling DeVilles** show is to be one of the largest gatherings of DeVilles in recent Mid-Atlantic Area history. Every 1949-1970 DeVille owner is encouraged to attend this very special show. To celebrate the event, each registered owner will receive a commemorative dash plaque illustration of a DeVille that renowned artist Dan Reed is creating especially for this show. Also each registered owner will be given a commemorative show program highlighting the history of DeVilles and featuring a description of each DeVille pre-registered for the show. In addition, the DeVille owners will also receive a framed certificate of appreciation for participating. It is time for the 1949-1970 DeVille owners to take their place alongside the V-12 / V-16, Eldorado, LaSalle, Capitol Cadillac Alumni Car and Fleetwood owners who have been featured at the Potomac Region's past theme-related car shows.

Capitol Cadillac is an easy five minute drive from the Holiday Inn Greenbelt where rooms will be reserved for the night before the show at a special rate. The Holiday Inn Greenbelt will also be the site for a dinner the night before the show hosted by past CLC President Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick.

More details about the **Dazzling DeVilles** show and weekend events will follow.



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JUNE 20, 2011 MEETING MINUTES ***BY SANDY KEMPER***

PLACE: White Flint Mall Food Court Eatery, North Bethesda, MD

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Dan Ruby

ATTENDANCE: Byron & Alida Alsop; Randy & Susan Denchfield; Sandy Kemper; Dick & Marta Ketterman; Jack McClow; Tom McQueen; Caleb Ruby; Diane & Henry Ruby; JoJo Ruby; Harry Scott; Richard Sisson and Eugene Woodruff

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan thanked everyone for attending. He expressed condolences on behalf of the club to Harry Scott on the death of Harry's father. Dan said that Vince has requested articles and photo submissions from our members for upcoming issues of the ***Caddie Chronicle***. Suggested topics include: car shows that members have attended, articles on members' cars, or almost anything Cadillac-related. Also, Vince and Sandy just completed an article with Chris Millici of the New England Region that will be submitted by Chris to ***The Self- Starter***. The intent of the article is to encourage regions to seek partnerships with their local Cadillac dealers. It describes the car shows that the PR and the NER hold with their local dealerships. Lastly, Dan acknowledged the contributions of Diane Ruby to the Spring Show.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the May meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the June, 2011 newsletter. Also, the club received a thank you note from Dan & JoJo Ruby for the club's gift to them.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the May meeting to date. Harry Scott reported that the Region's income was \$100.33. The total expenses for the same time period were \$1,101.79. The checking account balance is \$7,940.70. The CD principal balance is \$5,870.48.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tom McQueen reported that our current membership is at 216 members. Our newest members are Robert Meekins, Sykesville, MD; Jeff Thomas, Port Tobacco, MD; Ed Silva, Clarksville, MD and Paul Sevag, West Chester, PA. Robert owns a 1970 Deville Convertible, which was shown at our Spring Show. Jeff has a 1956 Cadillac. Ed has a 1958 Eldorado Brougham, which was also at our Spring Show. Paul owns a 1967 Sedan deVille, CLC Senior #657, and a 1976 Fleetwood Brougham. Welcome to the Region! Also, Tom worked in earnest at the Sully Car show to recruit new members. He believes that he has some good prospects.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recently Held Events:

- **CLC Central PA Region's Spring Show, Kelly Cadillac, Lancaster, PA, Jun 4.** Henry & Diane Ruby and Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick attended. Henry won a 2nd place award for his '92 Fleetwood Brougham.
- **38th Annual Sully Plantation Car Show, Jun 19.** Several members attended. There was only one Cadillac in the judging class and it was entered by a non-CLC member.
- **Lead Scene East, Biglerville, PA, Jun 11.** Henry, Dan & JoJo Ruby went to this custom car event in Henry's 1953 Coupe Deville. Lee Peterson attended also.

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2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **7th Annual Picnic w/ Lincoln Mercury Friends, J. Roger Bentley's home, Brinklow, MD, Sat, Jul 2.** A flyer with details was published in the June issue of the newsletter. Please bring your favorite picnic food and/or dessert to share with others. Also please bring folding chairs or a blanket to sit on. The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. **Please RSVP by June 25th.**
- **Potomac Region Driving Fall Driving Tour, Sun Sep 25.** Mark your calendars now! Scot has begun to make plans for a driving tour to different wineries throughout No. VA.
- **Potomac Region Tour of Librandi Plating.** Scot is pursuing a possible trip and tour to Librandi Plating in Middletown, PA, near Harrisburg. May be in November. Stay tuned!

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

- **5th Ann'l Inter-Regional CLC Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Jul 9.**
- **VFR Region's Tour of Two Collections, Sun, Jul 17.** Sandy described this event.
- **37th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Rockville, MD, Sat, Aug 13.** For those not going to the CLC GN, this is a good show to attend.
- **Vern Parker's Street Dreams Car Show, Spring Hill Recreation Center, McLean, VA, Sun, Sep 4.**
- **AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region, 42nd Annual Car Show & Activities Meet, Urbana, MD, Sun, Sep 11.** Jack distributed copies of the flyer. The featured marque this year is Cadillac and we hope that many of our members will participate.
- **AACA Bull Run Region, 36th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, VA, Sat, Sep 17.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2011 CLC Grand National, Columbus, OH, Aug 9-13.** The registration form was published in the May 2011, *The Self Starter*. Make your room reservations and send in your registration now to avoid late fees. A quick poll was taken of who plans to go and on which day. Alas, almost everyone is leaving for Columbus on different days and a club caravan won't be feasible. Henry will take the PR banners.
- **CLC Museum & Research Center Board of Directors Elections.** The June issue of *The Self-Starter* included a ballot of candidates for the CLCMRC Board. Please take the time to complete and submit your vote to be received by June 30, 2011.
- **Dazzling DeVilles Fall Show, Sun, Oct 30.** Work has begun in earnest on the fall theme show. Some of the advance tasks include 1) drafting and distributing a media press release, 2) developing promotional information for distribution at the 2011 Grand National, 3) researching and creating a commemorative program illustrating the history of DeVilles, 4) selecting a dash plaque image, 5) developing a certificate of recognition template, etc., and 6) finalizing the special classes to honor the DeVilles.

GENERAL INFORMATION: During the discussion about the possible trip to Librandi Plating, Richard Sisson shared some of his extensive knowledge of the plating business with the group.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 18, 7:30 PM at the Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM



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38TH ANNUAL SULLY PLANTATION FATHER'S DAY ANTIQUE CAR SHOW STORY & PHOTOS BY JACK MCCLOW



Cadillacs from 1929 to 1964 graced the show field

Although rain was in the forecast, many club members attended the 38th Annual Sully Antique Car show held at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, Virginia. This event is a Father's Day tradition among car hobbyists in the Washington, DC metro area. In attendance were Randy Denchfield and his son and daughter; Jim Govoni and his son; Byron & Alida Alsop and his son; Dan Mullane and his son; and John Guazzo and his daughters. In addition, other club members who attended were Franklin Gage, Jack McCLOW, Tom McQueen, Bob Norrid and Harry Scott, among others.

For the sixth year in a row, the Potomac Region was given its own judging class for Cadillacs / LaSalles thru 1981. Six Cadillacs were on display including Byron, Alida & Tom Alsop's 1929 Cadillac sport phaeton and 1936 Cadillac Series 85 V-12 convertible sedan, Roy Oehm's 1941 Series 62 coupe, Mark Brown's 1962 Series 62 coupe, Don Moyer's 1964 deVille convertible and Randy & Susan Denchfield's 1964 Eldorado. Of the cars in the class, only one elected to be judged, the 1962 Series 62 coupe.

We offer our thanks to the George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America for granting our request for a Cadillac class and parking area and we especially want to thank all of our members who helped make our participation in this show a success.



Model A's from the George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America



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CARS ON THE PROMENADE STORY & PHOTOS BY SANDY KEMPER

Every June, as Father's Day approaches, my auto enthusiast friends ask me if I'm going to Sully for the car show. "No," I reply. And I explain that I'm going to another car show instead - one that is located on the oceanfront promenade of one of New Jersey's many beach towns, Sea Isle City. For the past twenty years, Sea Isle City has included a car show and parade on the Father's Day Sunday of its "Skimmer Weekend," a weekend of musical entertainment, children's activities, a large flea market and other activities. Through the generosity of some friends of mine who have a house in Sea Isle City, I get to spend a beach weekend "down the Jersey Shore" and I can enjoy a car show too!



In the past years, I was under the impression that there was some involvement in this show by the Jersey Cape Region of the AACA. But all of the publicity this year said that it was a joint production of the City and its Ambulance Corps. So, this year the show was open to cars through 1991 and it allowed modified automobiles. For the show, the cars were lined up in the morning on the promenade which is Sea Isle's boardwalk; however, the boardwalk structure (destroyed in the "Storm of '62") has been replaced with a bulkhead and a road-like surface. At 1:30PM, the cars were driven off the promenade behind a police car and ambulance escort with their sirens wailing and lights flashing in an antique auto parade through the town.

In contrast to previous years' shows, all of the 75+ cars this year were from 1950 and newer with an exception being a 1926 Model T. Also on display was a beautiful 1930's Auburn Speedster, but it was a modern replica.



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Although there were plenty of cars on the promenade from the 1960's - 70's, these years were not dominated by "muscle cars," surprisingly. And there were just a few new cars scattered among the classics too, courtesy of local dealers.

There were five (5) Cadillacs in the show, all of which were in very good condition: 1967 deVille convertible, 1970 deVille convertible, 1975 Eldorado convertible, 1978 Coupe deVille, and 1985 Eldorado Biarritz.

One of the more unusual cars was a 1976 Ford Pinto in superb condition. I cannot recall seeing a Pinto in a car show notwithstanding its popularity in the 1970's. Despite the controversies surrounding this vehicle during its production years, I'm glad that there are some good examples remaining to show us Detroit's 1970 response to the popularity of imported cars.



The Skimmer Festival Antique Auto Show is not as large as Sully in the number of cars on display, but looking at the cars with the sand dunes and the Atlantic Ocean in the background sure beats VA Route 28 for me.

By the way, what's a "skimmer," you may ask. It's a hat usually made of straw with a stiff brim also known as a "boater." It was a popular summer hat style in the late 19th century when Sea Isle City was founded.





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THE ELEGANCE AT HERSHEY STORY & PHOTOS BY TOM MCQUEEN

Recently, my wife Sarah and I decided to venture north to the verdant hills of Hershey, Pennsylvania for yet another car event. The event that we attended, the first annual Concours d'Elegance at the Hotel Hershey, appropriately named "The Elegance at Hershey," was like no other event that I've attended at Hershey, or anywhere else for that matter. I have been attending the AACA Eastern Fall Meet almost continuously since the late 1970's, including a few years that featured more rain, mud, wind, and cold than I wish to remember or to repeat. Nonetheless, I can't miss Fall Hershey, and the trip up US Rt. 15 is scenic, always relaxing, and almost second nature as my driving route to Hershey and Carlisle. The Fall Hershey pilgrimage, the Central Pennsylvania region CLC's wonderful AACA Museum show, the AACA Museum's summer car show, and year-round exhibitions seem to be calling me "home" to Hershey more and more. I say "home" because for many of us, Hershey is "the home" of the antique car hobby!



**Bill & Barbara Parfet's 1936 Series 90 Fleetwood
V-16 Aerodynamic Coupe**

Despite my innumerable trips to Chocolate Town, I must admit that I had never ventured up the rather impressive hill on the opposite side of the road from the Fall Hershey show until this past May. Richard Sills had joked for years that he'd been on the waiting list for a room at the Hotel Hershey during the AACA Fall Hershey meet forever. Finally he moved to Lancaster, thus eliminating the wait! So, although I'd heard of the Hotel Hershey through Richard, I'd never attempted to visit, let alone stay there. When Sarah and I went up to the AACA Museum in early May to take our 1959 Buick for the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car exhibition commemorating the 100th Anniversary of "the 500", we decided to take a few minutes to check out the Hotel Hershey. Imagine our surprise at discovering a magnificent National Historic Landmark hotel surrounded by gorgeous gardens, reflecting pools and manicured lawns.



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Aerial view of the Hotel Hershey

Upon entering the Hershey Hotel, we were met with an interior that harkened back to an era of elegance! You could almost imagine it being the set of a Hollywood film featuring Astaire and Rogers! So, we decided to splurge and reserve a room in addition to attending the upcoming Concours d'Elegance on June 11th and 12th. Despite the grand nature of the hotel, everyone was very friendly, going out of their way to be hospitable and making the whole experience all the more wonderful.



Newly renovated lobby

Due to work commitments, Sarah and I were unable to drive up to Hershey early on Saturday, the 11th, so unfortunately we missed the "Grand Ascent", one of the events associated with the Concours d'Elegance. This was described as a "homage to the history of racing," which featured vintage race cars dating from the 1920's to early 1960's. It was essentially a classic car hill climb, not unlike the type of events held in the early days of the automobile. After seeing the cars that participated in the "Grand Ascent," we are definitely planning to make this a full two-day event next year! A very lavish dinner (that Sarah and I did not attend) held on behalf of the charitable organizations benefitting from the event, took place Saturday evening, complete with a charity auction of wonderful items and services. I understand that the 300 tickets were quickly sold out, and the auction was reportedly a great success. Three very special organizations were the beneficiaries of the proceeds from "The Elegance" concours, dinner, and auction: The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the AACA Museum, and the AACA Library & Research Center. Instead, Sarah and I dined at our "new" favorite Hershey area spot (now that Sasha's Hideaway has been converted to a sports bar) Pavone's Italian restaurant!



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After dinner, while exploring the hotel, we ventured upstairs to a magnificent two-story area that featured a string quartet, abundant dessert stations and several bars. I remarked to Sarah that this was a very impressive treat for the hotel's guests, until I realized that the banquet attendees were just starting to come from the ballroom. At that point we ran into our friends Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick, along with our other CLC friends at the event, David & Toni Rothman. We enjoyed our visit, along with the music and general ambiance of the hotel before bidding our friends goodnight. We probably would have sneaked a dessert, but for the fact that we'd just had tiramisu at Pavone's! Must watch the waistline! Although we all know Richard and Shelley from the Potomac Region, many of us know the Rothmans through their work for CLC and AACA. David previously served on the Board of the AACA Museum, and now serves as Chair of the Adopt-a-Car Committee at the AACA Museum. Toni previously served the CLC as a National Director and as Vice-President for National Activities; she is now a Board member of the AACA Museum. David and Toni also attended our National Driving Tour in 2009 and Toni advised us in many ways during the planning stages. Sarah and I love getting together with our Cadillac friends to talk about everything from Cadillacs to costume jewelry to cruises! I'll admit that there is mostly "car talk," but what could be more interesting than "Cadillac-speak."



Dr. Sarah McQueen enjoying "The Elegance" at the Hotel Hershey

Sunday morning Sarah and I were up early so that we could enjoy a sumptuous breakfast at the Hotel Hershey's "Circular Dining Room." This beautiful room conveniently overlooked the lawn where the classic automobiles were assembled for "The Elegance." I can't imagine a more scenic view to have while enjoying breakfast, lunch or dinner! Sixty-two of the finest classic automobiles from around the United States and Canada were assembled by invitation only to attend this first annual Concours d'Elegance at Hershey. These automotive masterpieces were all perfectly arranged around the grand reflecting pool, manicured gardens, and elegant columned gazebos.



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If the AACA Fall Easter Meet at Hershey is the Super Bowl of car shows, "The Elegance" is certainly striving to become the "Pebble Beach of the East." I have never seen a more magnificent and diverse collection of automobiles in one magical setting. The variety and unique nature of the classic cars displayed made the event all the more interesting. Most of the invited vehicles were "one of a kind" custom bodied classic cars from private collections. Even the most avid and well-connected car buff would never have the opportunity to view a collection of this magnitude in one location without travelling a great distance. To say that the majority of the cars were "unique" is truly an understatement. Custom bodied Cords, Rolls Royces, Cadillac V-16's, Packards, several 1950's concept cars, vintage racing Bugattis, Ferraris, Alfa Romeos, and many more graced the field for this event. The magnificent Cadillacs present included Charles Gillet's 1931 452A V-16 All Weather Phaeton, Bill & Barbara Parfet's 1930 Series 452 Fleetwood V-16 Roadster and their 1936 Series 90 Fleetwood V-16 Aerodynamic Coupe, and David & Linda Kane's 1937 Series 90 Fleetwood V-16 Coupe. I recognized a number of previous Concours d'Elegance winning cars from around the country at "The Elegance at Hershey." Many of these automotive masterworks have already graced the show fields at Pebble Beach, Amelia Island, Meadowbrook and some of the other prominent Concours d'Elegances in the past few years. Some of the cars present are also winners on the international concours circuit. Sarah noticed one winner from a concours in Switzerland and suggested attending that show would be nice. When she is interested in attending a car show, it must have something special to offer in addition to antique and classic cars! I replied that having our own concours classic would provide many opportunities to attend such events. That idea was not met with enthusiasm, but I keep trying!

Jack Rich, the owner of the fabulous Labourdette bodied Rolls Royce many of us enjoyed at last year's Fall Hershey, was the founder of "The Elegance at Hershey," along with a very esteemed board of directors which included Steve Moskowitz, the Executive Director of the AACA. I enjoyed speaking with Steve just before the event while at the AACA Museum. He remarked that although there were only sixty-two cars attending "The Elegance" this year, each one was a masterpiece of automotive art! He predicted, and I'm sure others will agree, that "The Elegance at Hershey" will become the East Coast's "Pebble Beach" in the coming years as it grows in size and stature. Interestingly, due to the small crowd and the select assortment of classic automobiles, the event had a very laid back, friendly, and intimate feeling. It was quite easy to photograph the cars and to ask questions of the owners or just to admire the classics. It was readily apparent that the owners of these magnificent vehicles were enjoying this Concours d'Elegance as much as we were. Thanks to the tremendous efforts by all of those involved, there is no doubt that "The Elegance at Hershey" was a complete success in its inaugural year. Sarah and I are looking forward to making this an annual event that "is not to be missed," and recommend it to all our car friends. It provides a rare opportunity to view "automotive artworks" at their finest in a setting that is simply exceptional, and at a location that is only 2 ½ hours or so from the Washington area.



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***DON'T LET A MINOR INCONVENIENCE SPOIL THE ADVENTURE:
STOCK YOUR CADILLAC OR LASALLE TO ENJOY THE SEASON
STORY BY R. SCOT MINESINGER
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Every time you drive your collector Cadillac or LaSalle, you need to be prepared to deal with hiccups during the journey. Proper preparation of your collector automobile often can mean the difference between a pleasurable experience with a fun story or a painful or expensive inconvenience. Sometimes when I see some trunks opened at car shows they look original and clean, but not stocked to deal with the most minimal inconvenience. You can still carry all these items without junking up your trunk. Plus often one stock of tools and parts are good for a multitude of cars and can be moved from car to car depending on which one you plan to drive. This article will deal with that important aspect of the hobby too.



Great for a car show, but...

Start by making sure that the spare tire in your car which is rarely used is properly inflated. In convertibles where the spare lays flat, consider mounting the white wall on the opposite side of the wheel rim. This way, when the tire is in the trunk (white sidewall up), the rim will hold many more tools and supplies. This is one way to keep your trunk neat while providing storage space. Make sure that your jack works by operating it while taking care to avoid bumper damage. Don't forget to make sure that you have the wheel cover key, (if your car is equipped with locking wheel covers) and keep a wheel chock. The tools I carry include, but may not be limited to, are: set of screw drivers, set of sockets (don't forget some years [mid 1980's] use both metric and English, set of wrenches, adjustable wrench, sand paper, pliers, feeler gauge, scissors, utility knife, spark plug gap, files, nut driver set, channel lock pliers, vice grips, jumper cables, flash light, ignition tester, allen wrenches, cold chisel, multi-meter, test light, ball peen hammer, rubber hammer (to put hub caps back on) and others. Cadillacs require large wrenches, like a 1" flare wrench for the fuel line at carb (you make one if they don't sell them), along with the other sizes, and wrench sizes up to 1-1/4" (ported vacuum switch). Use a flexible canvas type tool bag and this should fit in the well of the upside down spare tire. Keep your shop manual in the car always. It is a good idea to have a board (painted flat black so it looks good in the trunk) to use as a base when jacking up a car and a tarp too.



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There is a minimum of parts and supplies that are always in my car even if when I'm traveling a short distance. At all times I carry a distributor cap, points, condenser (or rotor), coil, fuses, thermostat and gasket, spare belts, voltage regulator, alternator, starter, gasket material to cut, gasket material in a tube, thread sealant, bailing wire, fuel filter, engine oil, brake fluid, water, transmission fluid, duct tape, electrical tape, hand cleaner, Windex, Simple Green, speed shine, rags, newspaper, tire repair kit, fire extinguisher and first aid kit. These items don't take up very much space and can address many repairs that can be done quickly. You can store them in a nice box, a fitted suitcase, or some other elegant method.



"I know there is a wheel cover lock key in here somewhere!"

It is a good idea to carry a few more tools and supplies for longer trips such as a floor jack, a compressor (12V), a jump box, fuel pump and a water pump. These items consume more space and clutter up your trunk, so you have to take them out at a judged meet or car show.

Recently a club member suffered a breakdown in his car which is of a similar year to mine. Fortunately I had the materials in my trunk to execute a roadside, yet permanent repair. It really pays to have these materials in your trunk even if you don't enjoy turning a wrench. Chances are that someone you know can help you if the parts, tools and the vital shop manual are available.



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LAST DTS ADDED TO RENOWNED CAR COLLECTOR'S GARAGE
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General Motors employees applaud as the last Cadillac DTS sedan, a beautiful black 2011 model, arrives at the end of the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant

Nicola Bulgari, an avid car collector and vice chairman of the Bulgari luxury goods firm, prefers not to dwell on the sheer number of automobiles in his car collection. "Is it important?" Bulgari asked. "Is it the number or the quality that matters? It's the quality." Bulgari buys each car for a reason, not just to expand his collection. So when he heard Cadillac was ending production of the DTS luxury sedan, Bulgari knew he wanted the last one off the line.

Introduced for the 2006 model year to replace the DeVille, the DTS is a significant automobile, primarily because of the Northstar V-8 engine under its hood, Bulgari said. The last DTS, built the week of May 23 at General Motors' Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant, is now headed for Bulgari's collection. "I like the DTS, because it's a great sedan," Bulgari said. "It's the last of an era. I thought it would be wonderful to own the last Northstar in a DTS. It's one of the best engines ever designed — reliable and a performer."

For decades, the DTS and its predecessor, the DeVille, have anchored Cadillac's spot in the large luxury car market. Last year, the DTS outsold all other large luxury cars in the United States, topping the Mercedes-Benz S-Class, BMW 7-Series, Lexus LS430 and Lincoln Town Car. A version of the DTS also served as the U.S. president's limousine until 2009, when it was replaced by a new Cadillac presidential limousine. The last DTS will join an illustrious line of automobiles in Bulgari's collection, which he houses at facilities in Rome and Allentown, Pa. Bulgari said he looks forward to driving the DTS. He likes to drive his cars, not just put them away as museum pieces.



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The grandson of a silversmith who opened a jewelry shop in Rome in 1884, Nicola Bulgari has helped the company grow into a global network of 293 stores selling high-end jewelry, watches, leather goods, perfumes and fashion accessories.

Bulgari developed his passion for automobiles, particularly American automobiles, as a child growing up in post-World War II Italy. He remembers seeing U.S. soldiers and dignitaries driving all makes and models of American automobiles through the streets of Rome. His collection includes every GM model made in 1941, the year he was born. "It's something that goes back a long time," Bulgari said. "It started when I was 5 or 6 years old. It cultivated an incredible passion that has grown and gotten more sophisticated as I've come to understand the history better."



When he was 25, Bulgari bought his first Cadillac — a 1938 Cadillac V-16 town car. With its smooth, powerful engine, the Cadillac V-16 is considered one of the finest automobiles of all time. Bulgari sold his V-16, but said he would add another to his collection if he found the right one. "It was quite an experience to drive that car because the quality was second to none," Bulgari said. "The suspension design, the power, the engine... Everything was built with extraordinary quality."

Bulgari's collection includes plenty of other Cadillacs and LaSalle's, a companion brand for Cadillac from 1927 to 1940. His collection of classic cars currently includes a 1932 Cadillac V-12 Fleetwood limousine; 1934 Cadillac Model 355B sedan; 1934 LaSalle coupe; 1940 LaSalle convertible coupe; 1940 Cadillac Series 62 convertible sedan; 1941 Series 61 sedanette; 1947 Model 7533 limousine; 1949 Model 7533 limousine; 1949 convertible (pictured above with Bulgari); 1954 Fleetwood sedan; and a 1970 Coupe deVille. The 1947 and 1949 limousines were used by the Vatican as part of the Pope's motorcade. In addition to the classic cars, Bulgari is a fan of contemporary Cadillacs. He owns a 2007 Cadillac BLS Sedan and 2009 Cadillac BLS Wagon, both part of a short-lived nameplate for the European market.

Bulgari also owns a 2009 XLR-V coupe equipped with a special Bulgari speedometer, a 2010 CTS wagon and 2009 CTS-V sedan. "I have news for you with a V," Bulgari said. "I want to see some Ferrari or Lamborghini on the road and I will give him a lesson. They'll never expect it."

He's also looking forward to future automobiles from Cadillac. Although the timing has not been determined, Cadillac plans to add a car larger than the CTS. Cadillac showed an XTS Platinum Concept car at the 2010 North American International Auto Show, providing an indication of the brand's direction. "I've seen the XTS Concept," Bulgari said. "I know it's superior. The DTS was a great sedan for its time, but it's a different world, a new period. It's time for something different."



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Cars For Sale

1959 Sixty-two 4 window Sedan DeVille – Very unique pink Cadillac that Elvis would have loved – Bucket seats with leopard design upholstery (original bench front seat included) – Side pipes and continental kit with a picture of Elvis in Hawaii; how awesome is that! – Actual mileage unknown but 390 c.i. engine was rebuilt approximately 25K miles ago – New tires – Solid body with no rust – Good chrome – Hand painted names of bands and singers from the '50s and '60s down the side of chrome and fins – Well done custom sunroof – Garage kept – Some documentation of restoration – Current owner is a Elvis Tribute Artist who purchased the car in 2005 from a well-known Cadillac collector in New Jersey after it was restored – Driven from Maryland to Memphis for Elvis week August 2010 using no oil and riding like a charm – Has won many trophies – Used to escort teens to their prom, brides and grooms to their wedding, birthday parties and parades – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/59cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$34,500** – For more info, contact Jim at 443-350-0277 – Car is located near Colora, MD

1965 DeVille Convertible – This summer is the time to get out and have fun in the sun with this classic convertible – 95K original miles – Current owners are the third owners and have enjoyed this car for six years – Always garage stored – 429 c.i. engine starts and runs great – Well maintained – Solid clean body – Convertible top and cover are original – Great parade, show and pleasure car – Has been driven from Maryland to Tennessee with no problems – Good tires, new carpet and paint (re-painted original color of turquoise) – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/65cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$13,500** – For more info, contact Jim at 443-350-0277 – Car is located near Colora, MD

NEW ARRIVAL 1967 Sedan deVille hardtop – Original unrestored car with only 25,817 actual miles since it was sold new on May 12, 1967 by Bayer Motors in Dudley, MA – Crystal (Green) Firemist with black padded roof – Medium Beige Duchess Cloth and leather interior – Equipment includes automatic climate control, power windows, 6-way power seat, AM-FM radio with power antenna, automatic headlamp dimming, door edge guards, soft-ray glass and Firemist paint – Shown once, at the 2008 Cadillac-LaSalle Club Grand National Meet, where it won first place in primary class (CLC Senior Badge #657) and also the CLC Past Presidents' Preservation Award – Showroom condition throughout, and will please the most particular collector – Original keys, owner's manual and bill of sale go with car – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/67cadillacforsale.htm> – **\$19,500**

NEW ARRIVAL 1976 Fleetwood Brougham – Commodore Blue with white padded roof and Dark Blue Minoa Cloth and leather interior – Original unrestored car with only 31,215 actual miles since it was sold new on June 7, 1976 by Gump Cadillac-Oldsmobile in Canton, OH – Original owner kept car for 17 years; two collector owners since then – Equipment includes automatic climate control, AM-FM stereo with tape player and power antenna, power windows, 60-40 dual comfort front seat with 6-way power driver's seat, power door locks, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, cruise control, twilight sentinel, right side remote control mirror, illuminated visor vanity mirror, opera lamps, door edge guards, and original carpeted floor mats – This car is in showroom condition throughout, and will please the most particular collector – Original keys and window sticker go with car – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/76cadillacforsale.htm> – **\$14,900** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at paulsevag@clcpotomacregion.org or 610-496-4246 – Cars are located in West Chester, PA

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 sale – 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 \$10,500** – For more info, contact Chuck O'Bryan at 703-408-3057 or TazandSierra@aol.com – Car is located in Falls Church, VA

NEW ARRIVAL 1995 Concours – One owner car with 20,850 original miles – Purchased new at Moore Cadillac in Richmond, VA and has been maintained there since new – Garage kept, in almost like new condition – Fully optioned with power windows, power door locks, cruise control, power steering, AM/FM stereo with cassette and CD (single disc) player, dual air bags, dual power seats with leather and premium wheels – As far as the owner can tell everything works including cold A/C – White exterior with fawn leather interior – 4.6 liter V-8 engine with automatic transmission – MPG: city 15 and hwy 23 – Brakes are new and tires are almost new – Should be no issues with this collector car – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/95cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$7,500** – For more info, contact Ken Nachman at [kennachman@comcast.net](http://www.kennachman.comcast.net) or 804-840-1441 – Car is located in Richmond, VA



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