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Thanks to Scot & Carolyn Minesinger for hosting our Holiday Party / January Meeting at the Springfield Country Club. We had 41 attendees, including Jack & Nancy Hotz and Ronnie & Becky Hux who came from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Thanks to Randy & Susan Denchfield, Debbie Taylor, Daniel Jobe, Jack McCLOW and Harry Scott for donating door prizes. As a result, each attendee left with at least one gift. Following with our Potomac Region tradition, the Denchfields (pictured above) played the role of Santa and his helper distributing the gifts. Thanks to Franklin Gage and Jan Sisson for taking pictures at the party.



As a reminder, our February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 PM at Snyder's Restaurant in Linthicum, MD. We will be announcing the selection of the 2012 Fall Car Show theme at the meeting. In the meantime, plans are underway for our 21st Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction scheduled for Sunday May 6th. 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 send me an email or give me a call. If you don't have any items and still would like to donate, gift cards/certificates from your favorite automotive supplier work well too!

The Region offers our condolences to Mike & Vicky Barruzza on the recent passing of Mike's father. We also offer get well soon wishes to Sandra Mantz who is recovering from injuries sustained from a fall.

Vince Taliano



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



December 30, 2011

Given my interest in exotic, custom-built "head of state" automobiles, I was certainly fortunate to be up watching CNN when the first North Korean TV footage of Kim Jong-il's funeral hit the airwaves around 1:30 AM Wednesday, December 28th. It was a real surprise to see a mid-1970s Lincoln stretch limousine serving as his hearse (with the sarcophagus carried on the roof in a massive bed of white chrysanthemums), preceded by two other well-maintained but similarly ancient Continentals respectively topped with a giant smiling portrait of the "Dear Leader" and a similarly outsized wreath. How these classic American cars wound up serving a xenophobic government we're still technically at war with had to be an interesting story!



**The casket of Kim Jong-il, who hated the United States, sat atop an American-made Lincoln Continental.
The next leader, Kim Jong-un, is at left.
Source: Associated Press**

James Cobb, *The New York Times* automotive editor who hired me to write the paper's 2008 stories on the new White House limousines, must have agreed, as he'd phoned me by breakfast time to ask what intelligence I could offer on these cars to his colleagues on the international desk. Several quotes from an e-mail I sent him on this topic wound up featured in a J. David Goodman-authored story on page A-5 of the December 29th issue. If you're intrigued, an online version of this article can be viewed at <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/12/28/at-funeral-of-kim-jong-il-u-s-made-limos-stand-out/?ref=asia>.

Hope you're all having a Happy, Healthy and Stress-Free Holiday Season!

With Best New Year's Wishes,

Gregg D. Merksamer
Warwick, NY



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December 30, 2011

Vince,

I just received my email copy of the newsletter and as you asked for photos, here's one of my 1959 Series 62 red convertible driving Santa Claus in the 2011 Leesburg, VA Christmas parade.

Happy New Year,

Bob Brown
Leesburg, VA





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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jan 13-14 Fri-Sat		CLC National Midwinter Board Meeting	Galveston TX	Jack McClow at 301-330-5417 or jackmcclow@clcpotomacregion.org
Jan 15-22 Sun-Sun		Barrett-Jackson Auction	Scottsdale AZ	www.barrett-jackson.com/events/scottsdale/
Jan 22 Sun	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region Holiday Party	Springfield Country Club Springfield VA	R. Scot Minesinger at rsctom@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Jan 28 Sat	7:00 am – 1:00 pm	24th Annual AACA Bay Country Region's Winter Parts Meet	Cambridge MD	Ed Nabb at 410-228-5252 or hnnabb@bcctv.net
Feb 9-11 Thu-Sat		AACA Annual Meeting	Philadelphia PA	http://www.aaca.org/
Feb 19 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
Feb 19 Sun	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	39th Annual Old Car and Train Day	The Clement Home Fairfax VA	Clem Clement at 703-830-5597 (home), 571-239-1701 (cell) or clem.clement@cox.net
Feb 24-26 Fri-Sun		Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction	Atlantic City Convention Center Atlantic City NJ	G. Potter King, Inc. at 800-227-3868 or www.acclassiccars.com
Mar 10 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	39th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD	Tom Young at 410-653-3108 or tbirdtom@comcast.net
Mar 19 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
Mar 23-24 Fri-Sat	Gate opens at 6:00 am	42nd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet	Frederick Fairgrounds Frederick MD	Robert Clubb at 301-831-0300 or smraaca@aol.com
Apr 18 Wed	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 19-22 Thu-Sun		AACA Southeastern Spring Meet	Charlotte NC	www.aaca.org
Apr 22 Sun	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	3rd Annual Spring Car/ Truck/Bike Show	Adventure Park New Market MD	Erik Stottlemeyer at 240-357-6752 or www.adventureparkusa.com
Apr 25-29 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
May 5 Sat	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	54th Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet	Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA	Duane Catlett at 540-869-6668 or www.huskyclub.com/abmeet.htm
May 6 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	21st Annual Capitol Cadillac Spring Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Car Show: Henry Ruby at 301-675-5438 Automobilia Auction: Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
May 17-19 Thu-Sun		AACA Eastern Spring Meet	Wyomissing PA	www.aaca.org
Jun 2 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 23rd Annual Spring Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com
Jun 2 Sat		23rd Annual Orphan Car Tour	Starting from Harpers Ferry, WV	Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, TourDirector@orphancartour.org or www.orphancartour.org
Jun 13-16 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National Meet hosted by the Florida Suncoast Region	St. Augustine FL	https://www.cadillacclasalleclub.org/2012-grand-national?layout=blog
Jun 16 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	4th Annual Car Show featuring Buick, Cadillac, GMC, Olds, and Pontiac	Freysinger Buick Mechanicsburg PA	Tim Spigelmeyer at 717-938-9368 or TLSPSU@aol.com or Dick Beckley at 717-395-7128 or dbeckley@epix.net
Jul 7 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	6th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com

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JANUARY 22, 2012 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Springfield Country Club, Springfield, VA

TIME: 2:45 PM

PRESIDING: Vince Taliano

ATTENDANCE: Nasser Almasary; Byron & Alida Alsop; Roger Bentley; Randy & Susan Denchfield; Randy Edison; Mike Fahey; Derrick Fisher; Franklin Gage; Jim & Brenda George; Debbie Taylor and Valerie Lovingood; John Guazzo; Jack & Nancy Hotz; Ronnie & Becky Hux; Sandy Kemper; Dick & Marta Kitterman; Jack McClow; Tom McQueen; Bob Mantz; Scot & Carolyn Minesinger; Dan and Gage Mullane; Chris Overcash; Vern Parker; Dan & JoJo Ruby; Harry & Julia Scott; Margo Sisson; Richard & Jan Sisson and Ralph & Sandi Stroud

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Vince Taliano thanked everyone for attending, especially Jack & Nancy Hotz and Ronnie & Becky Hux who came from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and thanked Scot & Carolyn Minesinger for hosting the event. He said that this meeting is the first in what may be several this year in which we combine our monthly Region meeting with another club event. The Region offers our condolences to Mike & Vicky Barruzza on the recent passing of Mike's father. We also offer get well soon wishes to Sandra Mantz who is recovering from injuries sustained from a fall.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Kemper reported that the Minutes from the November meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the December, 2011 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Harry Scott presented the Calendar Year 2011 Financial Report. Below is a summary. The full report will appear in the January newsletter.

	(Jan - Dec 2011)	(Jan - Dec 2010)	Difference
Total Income	\$9,834.02	\$10,278.98	(\$444.96)
Total Expenses	\$8,112.60	\$10,579.98	(\$2,467.38)
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,721.42	(\$301.00)	\$2,022.42
Liability (pre-paid dues)	\$4,100.00	\$3,620.00	\$480.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vince thanked Tom McQueen for his service as Membership Chairman. Tom stepped down from the position effective January 1, 2012. Debbie Taylor, who has expressed interest in creating a Region Membership Directory with pictures of members, has agreed to serve in this role. At this point, the Region is in the process of revising its By-Laws to address mid-term appointments. Once the revisions are finalized we will move forward with the transition.

Our current 2012 membership total is 197 members. There are 31 2011 CLC PR Members who have not renewed yet. Some of them have already indicated that they will not be renewing and/or their national membership has expired meaning they are not eligible to renew. Our newest member is Glenn Wienhoff of Ijamsville, MD. Glenn has a 1966 DeVille convertible. Welcome!



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ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Potomac Region Tour of Librandi Plating and/or USA Parts.** Scot said that he would still like to hold one or both events early this year.
- **Region Meetings at Parts/Services Suppliers.** Scot is working on holding the next Virginia based Region meeting at Seatco, an auto upholstery supplier in the Bailey's Crossroads area.
- **21st Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt MD, Sun, May 6**
- **8th Annual Picnic with Lincoln Mercury friends, Roger Bentley's Home, Brinklow MD.** Planning underway with Roger to schedule this year's event.

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

- **24th Annual AACA Bay Country, Region's Winter Parts Meet, Cambridge MD, Jan 28**
- **AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia PA, Feb 9-11**
- **Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City NJ, Feb 24-25.** Jack Hotz provided some details about this event.
- **39th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship MD, Mar 10**
- **42nd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick MD, Mar 23-24**

OLD BUSINESS:

- The CLC Winter BOD meeting and associated activities was held on January 12-14, 2012. A full description will be included in the February newsletter.
- **2012 Grand National Update.** As you've probably seen in *The Self-Starter*, registration has started for this year's Grand National. For each event, a volunteer or volunteers are needed to serve as hosts to guide participants and deal with any unexpected issues that may come up during the event. Don't worry – volunteers will have full backup with a number to call for advice and direction. Each host will participate in the event **free of charge**. Hosts need not be a member of the CLC Florida Suncoast Region and will be thoroughly briefed on the details of the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact;

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NEXT MEETING: Sunday, Feb. 19, 2:00 PM at Snyder's Restaurant, Linthicum, MD

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.



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CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB POTOMAC REGION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	(Jan - Dec 2011)	(Jan - Dec 2010)	Difference
Banking	\$52.76	\$61.10	(\$8.34)
*Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall Car Show	\$1,684.76	\$1,863.40	(\$178.64)
Gifts	\$167.00	\$60.00	\$107.00
**Membership	\$4,910.00	\$4,190.00	\$720.00
Merchandise	\$60.00	\$510.00	(\$450.00)
Newsletter	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Spring Car Show	\$2,734.50	\$3,195.00	(\$460.50)
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website	\$0.00	\$174.48	(\$174.48)
Total Income	\$9,834.02	\$10,278.98	(\$444.96)
Expenses			
Banking	\$10.00	\$100.00	(\$90.00)
*Events	\$68.88	\$634.96	(\$566.08)
Fall Car Show	\$1,840.97	\$1,577.31	\$263.66
Gifts	\$2,604.17	\$4,532.89	(\$1,928.72)
**Membership	\$291.07	\$170.28	\$120.79
Merchandise	\$31.00	\$873.00	(\$842.00)
Newsletter	\$1,383.11	\$1,275.11	\$108.00
****Operating Expenses	\$640.59	\$337.60	\$302.99
Spring Car Show	\$845.97	\$716.16	\$129.81
Supplies	\$97.44	\$33.27	\$64.17
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Net Income (Loss)	\$1,721.42	(\$301.00)	\$2,022.42
Liability (pre-paid dues)	\$4,100.00	\$3,620.00	\$480.00

* Events included the Summer Picnic and Holiday Party

** Membership includes pre-paid dues

****Operating Expenses includes condolences and meetings



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COMMERCIAL CADILLACS IN AMERICA'S TIRE-MAKING CAPITOL STORY & PHOTOS BY GREGG D. MERKSAMER



Before returning to their respective homes in Landis, North Carolina and Gainesville, Florida, Tony Corriher's 1956 Superior and Gene Williams' 1955 Miller Cadillac ambulances fired up their sirens and beacons for the "sound-and-light show" that concluded the 2011 PCS International Meet in Hudson, Ohio. Witnesses were already looking forward to the 2012 edition that will take place in Daytona Beach, Florida from June 18th-22nd.

As the state of Ohio has been home to many funeral coach and ambulance builders including A.J. Miller of Bellefontaine, Meteor Motor Car of Piqua, Superior of Lima and the Cincinnati-based Sayers & Scovill concern, the Professional Car Society's 35th Anniversary International Meet - held at the Hudson, Ohio Clarion Inn, about halfway between Cleveland and the U.S. tire-making capitol of Akron, from July 12th-16th, 2011 - was possibly pre-destined to smash a 17-year-old attendance total set at PCS Pittsburgh in 1994, attracting 131 authentically-restored or carefully preserved "pro-cars" from as far off as Florida, Vermont and South Dakota. It was no less inevitable, perhaps, that a majority of these vehicles were constructed on a Cadillac or LaSalle chassis.

Aside from an evening double feature at Ravenna's Midway Drive-In - a reliably popular event spot for the sponsoring PCS Ohio Chapter - the meet's memorably active itinerary touted a pro-car photo shoot beside a Douglas C-47 Dakota cargo plane and Grumman F-11 Tiger fighter at the Military Aircraft Preservation Society (MAPS) Museum at the Akron-Canton Regional Airport (pictured right is a S&S '39 LaSalle McCulloch); a sunset pilgrimage to the May 4th, 1970



Memorial honoring slain antiwar protesters at Kent State University; Cheeseburgs and Galley Boys at the locally-renowned Swenson's restaurant chain; and a first-ever "Pro-car Jeopardy" tournament rewarding those obsessed with coachbuilder-related trivia.

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American Coach Sales of Cleveland generously furnished funeral style six-door Cadillac limousines for Wednesday's tours of the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, while Friday's trip to Stan Hywet Hall - a 65-room, Tudor-style manor erected 1912-15 on Akron's northwest outskirts by Goodyear Tire founder F.A. Seiberling and his wife Gertrude - saw Columbus, Ohio attendees Anthony & Nina Militello wed in the garden with 14 hours of advance planning. Before the groom whisked the bride away in a metallic gray 1967 Miller-Meteor hearse used by a Flagstaff, Arizona funeral home through April, 2004, he recalled "I originally wanted a regular Cadillac, but one in this condition would have cost a lot more money." Impressively, he'd experienced "not one problem" on his 2,800-mile drive home after purchasing a one-way plane ticket.

While the Clarion show field - where macabre displays of caskets, cobwebs and skeletons were strictly prohibited to keep the public focused on the aesthetics and fine craftsmanship of the custom coachwork on exhibit - counted numerous landaulets and six-window "limousine style" hearses from the 1940s-on-up, it would earn special renown for its outstanding array of pre-World War II carved panel hearses. Having removed their side hood panels for extra engine cooling on their 200-mile plus drive from Durham, Ontario, John & Patti McCulloch saw their exquisitely-restored 1939 Sayers & Scovill LaSalle earn its third consecutive Funeral Directors Choice award via popular vote, while Mansfield, Ohio mortician Thomas Wappner turned just as many heads with the streamlined "beaver tail" and satin-finished, seasoned poplar draperies on a 1938 Cadillac Chieftain DeLuxe bodied by the Eureka Company of Rock Falls, Illinois.



The diversity of hearses built on Cadillac's 1960 Commercial Chassis was demonstrated at PCS Ohio by placing Darren Bedford's S&S Victoria from Toronto, Canada (left) nose-to-nose with Tom Hoczyk's deep green Eureka Landau from Ft. Wayne, Indiana (right). The bodyside and window molding treatments from each coachbuilder are entirely unique, and Eureka's landau bows are distinctively barbed at each tip.



Mansfield, Ohio funeral director Thomas Wappner's 1938 Eureka Cadillac Chieftain DeLuxe hearse truly epitomized Art Deco elegance with its V-shaped grille, streamlined "beaver tail" and satin-finished, seasoned poplar drapery panels.



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Airy, hardtop-style window frames were an attractive styling touch on the 1955 A.J. Miller Cadillac ambulance (pictured top left) shown by Gainesville, Florida funeral director Gene Williams, who added the car was "identical to one we had when I was a child. I have a photo of me in it when I was 12 years old." The final season of truly-spacious, automobile-based ambulances available from coachbuilders before the Cadillac Commercial Chassis was downsized in 1977 was represented no less memorably by 1976 Miller-Meteor Lifeline and Criterion high-tops brought from Kalamazoo, Michigan by Anthony Robert La Penna (pictured top right).

In terms of exterior colors, the most-diverse judging class in Hudson showcased "Combination" coaches, whose folding attendant seats, bolt-on roof beacons and removable landau panels permitted small town morticians to offer ambulance service as a sideline in the days before community-operated rescue squads became dominant in the 1970s. PCS Ohio Chapter President Ron Devies contributed a metallic plum 1964 Miller-Meteor Cadillac, while the Cascade Green 1966 Miller-Meteor owned by lead meet organizer Sarah Snook had been named "Patty Hearse" for being "a little bank robber" during her restoration.

"Great Expectations" were epitomized by a 1959 Superior Cadillac Coupe de Fleur that Point Marion, Pennsylvania funeral director Philip S. Rishel drove around the show field sans its bumpers, dashboard, window glass and stainless steel flower deck, which was fitted to only 23 of the 955 Cadillac Commercial Chassis bodied at Superior's Lima, Ohio plant in that iconic model year (incredibly, a nearby trailer was being used by Willoughby, Ohio resident Mark Rodgers to sell or trade a similarly-unfinished, silver-colored 1960 version that was even rarer with just ten produced).

Thursday evening found the pro-cars at a double feature at the Midway Drive-In Movie Theater in Ravenna, where the PCS Ohio Chapter hosting the 2011 International Meet has held several successful events. Last in line is a 1973 Miller-Meteor Cadillac from Lebanon, Tennessee, preceded by a 1969 M-M combination from Yellow Springs, Ohio.



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Having already earned the Distance Award for a 1,338-mile drive from Hot Springs, South Dakota where the last 900 were accomplished without air conditioning, Ed and Kandis Renstrom won Best-of-Show and (as the highest-scoring car of either make on exhibit) the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Award for their metallic gold 1986 Hess & Eisenhardt front-drive six-door limousine (pictured left).

As the Ohio proceedings concluded with a raucous, post-awards banquet "sound-and-light show" by the ambulances' rooftop sirens and beacons, attendees were already looking forward to the 2012 PCS International Meet, which will take place at The Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida from June 18th-22nd. It is hoped this novel, Monday-Friday scheduling will give long-distance registrants added driving time between workweeks, and attract the interest of people heading to the Cadillac & LaSalle Club 2012 Grand National being held in St. Augustine, Florida one week prior. Preliminary registration and itinerary info is available from William F. Wright at (386) 255-4704 or fantafuss1@yahoo.com, while the official PCS website at www.professionalcarsociety.org will post additional details in the months to come.



Thunderbird landau bars and a "Continental" spare tire were two of the spiffy custom touches on this 1956 Cadillac Fleetwood Series Seventy-Five Eight-Passenger Sedan shown with full chauffeur's garb by Bratenahl, Ohio CLC member Christopher G. Axelrod.



Shortly before this 1967 Miller-Meteor Cadillac was photographed in front of the greenhouse at Stan Hywet Hall, its owners - Anthony Militello & Nina Taylor of Columbus, Ohio - were married in the gardens with 14 hours of advance planning. Impressively, this limo-style hearse had served a Flagstaff, Arizona funeral home through April, 2004, and Anthony had "not one problem" driving it 2,800 miles home after purchasing a one-way plane ticket.



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***2012 PROFESSIONAL CAR SOCIETY'S INTERNATIONAL MEET
JUNE 18-22, 2012
DAYTONA BEACH, FL
STORY & PHOTOS BY GREGG D. MERKSAMER***



Final generation rear-wheel-drive Cadillac Fleetwood limousines were represented at the 2011 PCS International Meet in Ohio by these commercial glass S&S "Presidential roof" triplets finished in three different colors. Lee Ann Boston's Sovereign Gold 1994 hails from Hendersonville, Tennessee, while the black and deep red metallic 1996 models were respectively brought from Indiana by Larry Wilson and Brian Vaughan. Underhood, all three six-doors tout a Corvette-derived "LT1" V-8 making 260 horsepower.

After attending the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's 2012 Grand National in Saint Augustine, FL, auto enthusiasts with some extra days to spare in Florida might want to consider traveling another hour south to Daytona Beach, where the Professional Car Society will stage its 36th Annual International Meet from Monday, June 18th through Friday, June 22nd, 2012. With the novel, Monday-Friday scheduling designed to give long-distance attendees added driving time between their workweeks, the proceedings are expected to attract dozens of "pro-cars" from all over the United States and Canada, which will inevitably emphasize how more funeral hearses, livery vehicles and automobile-based ambulances have been built on Cadillac chassis than any other brand.

The event will be headquartered at The Shores Resort, a 4-Star hotel located directly on the World's Most Famous Beach at 2637 South Atlantic Avenue. In addition to extensive pool and spa facilities, an on-site masseuse and restaurant, and a dedicated PCS show field accessed by a covered walkway over Florida highway A1A, this facility will offer a \$99 nightly pre-tax special group rate that will be in effect for three days preceding and following the official meet dates (for further details visit www.shoresresort.com or phone 386-767-7350). Following a private viewing of local classic car collection for "early birds" arriving Sunday, June 17th, the formal itinerary commences 5 pm Monday, June 18th with a catered welcoming barbeque at the Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, which will witness a "light and sound" show by the ambulances' sirens and rooftop beacons. Tuesday's schedule touts an all day chartered bus tour of the Kennedy Space Center featuring the Astronaut Memorial, the Rocket Garden, and the historic launch pads, which will be followed by a dinner stop with a choice of five entrees at the renowned Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville. In common with the CLC Grand National, the 2012 PCS International Meet schedule will include a convoy to Daytona International Speedway on Wednesday, June 20th, which will see the professional cars undertake three parade laps with lights and sirens blazing on the 31-degree banking of the legendary, two-and-half-mile tri-oval, while Thursday's itinerary will offer a choice between a scenic, one-hour drive up A1A to meet the dolphins at Marine Land, or a shorter trip to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse that can be packaged with a 2-hour boat tour.

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As it will take until mid-afternoon to complete the intensive, Concours-style judging of the entrants, the professional car show taking place at the Shores resort on Friday, June 22nd will offer Daytona Beach residents and tourists their best opportunity to admire the aesthetics and skilled workmanship of such funeral coach and ambulance body builders as Eureka, Miller-Meteor and Superior. The squeamish need not shy away since the PCS strictly prohibits the display of caskets, skeletons and other morbid decorations, and all vehicles admitted to the show field are also required have wheel chocks and a 2.5-pound minimum ABC fire extinguisher. Following the presentation of Best-in-Show, class trophies and the popularly-voted Medic's Choice and Funeral Director's Choice awards at Friday evening's Grand Banquet, PCS Daytona 2012 will officially conclude with a dramatic Light Finale by the ambulances' rooftop beacons. Attendees who can stay in the area through the weekend can also avail themselves to 165 mph race car rides at the Richard Petty Driving Experience, or take part in a Saturday evening Old Town Cruise for classic vehicles 1974-and-older.

A registration package for PCS Daytona 2012 can be requested from Florida Chapter President Richard Vyse by e-mailing rcv0387@msn.com or phoning (386) 427-3634, while Meet Chairman & Tourmaster William F. Wright can be reached at (386) 212-7008. General info on joining the PCS, which costs \$30 annually in the U.S., Canada & Mexico and \$35 elsewhere, is available from National Membership Secretary Jeffrey Hookway at (973)862-6047; hookjch@ptd.net; or 64 Mudcut Rd., Lafayette, N.J. 07848-4607. An electronic application that can process PayPal also appears on the official PCS website at www.professionalcarsociety.org.



Sayers & Scovill hood badging and "date marks" were a no-cost substitute for Cadillac's OEM crest on this 1948 Victoria hearse owned by Conneaut, Ohio CLC member Bob Marcy, which was joined beneath the 2011 PCS International Meet welcome sign by his matching 1947 Series Seventy-Five Limousine.



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LE MANS CONCEPT CAR

The Cadillac Le Mans was a concept car developed by Cadillac in 1953. It was named for the 24 Hours of Le Mans race in France, in which Cadillac competed in 1950. The design was a low-profile (51 inches (1,300 mm) to the windshield frame), two-seat, fiberglass-bodied roadster. This concept showcased Cadillac's first wrap-around windshield. It was powered by a 250 hp (186 kW) version of Cadillac's 331 CI V-8, a power output not reached in production Cadillacs until 1955. The Le Mans overall length was 196 in (4,978 mm). Though 4 units were built, the model never went into production, and it would be nearly 50 years before Cadillac developed another vehicle with a similar design concept, the Cadillac XLR. Of the four, one is documented as having been destroyed in a fire; the other three still exist with one of those currently in the Cadillac Historical Collection. Pictured is the 1954 design update.



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