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Spring has finally arrived which means preparations are well underway for our 23rd Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2014. The registration flier is included in this issue. Weather-permitting, we are expecting another great turnout. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the show with parking, registration, auction, clean-up and other tasks. For more information, contact Dan Ruby, Car Show Coordinator, at danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026.

It is not too late to donate items to the Automobilia Auction. Just bring them with you to the show and drop them off at the auction area. I would like to thank the following people who have already donated items for the auction: **Bill Kost & Noralee Frankel, Chuck Piel, Dan Ruby and Nick Wilson.**

The official ballot for the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Board of Directors was published in the April issue of The Self-Starter. Please support the following Potomac Region members who are running: Bill Anderson, Bob Crimmins, Jack McClaw, Jeff Montgomery and Clyde "Rob" Robison. Ballots must be received by the CLC Office no later than Friday, May 30, 2014.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Nola & Jeff Gurski on the recent passing of Nola's father, Earl C. Charnock, a WW II veteran of the Allied military campaigns in Africa and Italy. Mr. Charnock retired after a long civilian US government career as a fine graphic artist for USIA and as the National Art Director for US Savings Bonds. The famous US Savings Bonds' soaring red, white, and blue eagle emblem was a unique Earl Charnock design that is still recognized as an iconic American design today. Please keep Nola & Jeff in your thoughts and prayers.



Vince Taliano



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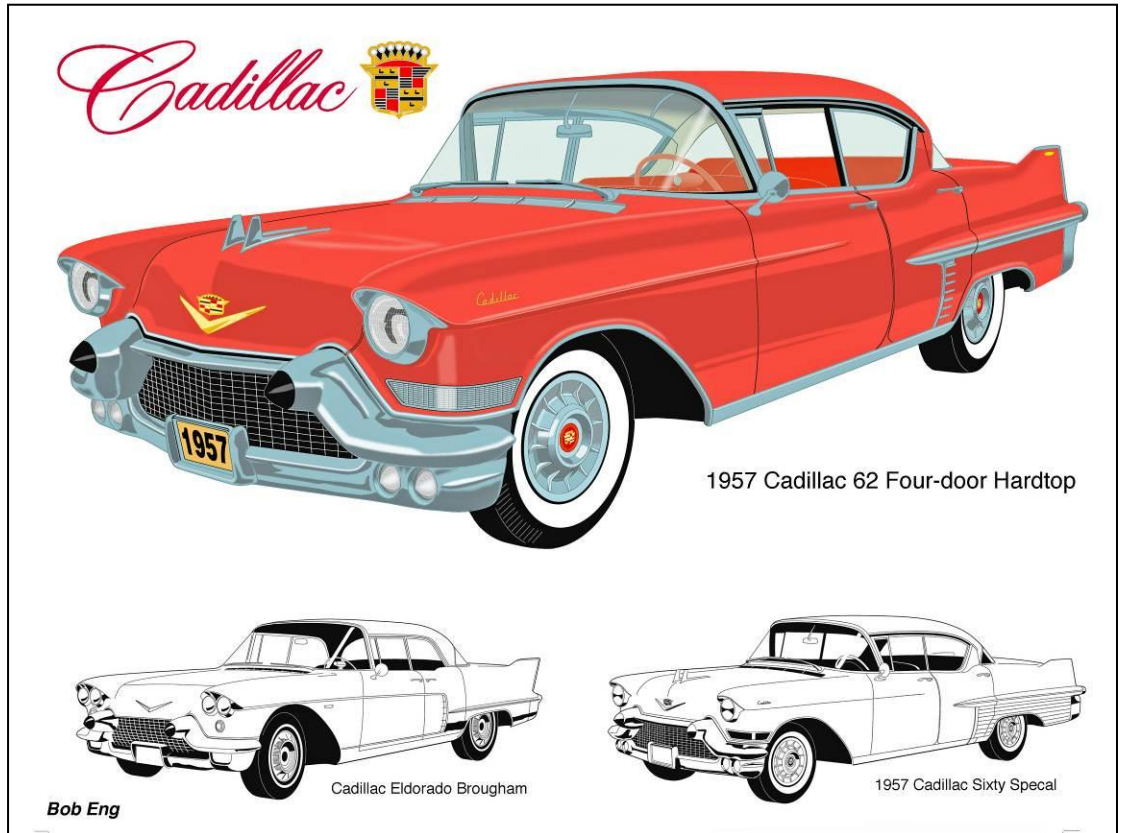
LETTER TO THE EDITOR



March 25, 2014

Vince,

It has been a long cold winter, so I have been stuck inside drawing cars. 1957 is one of my favorite years for Cadillac. I first made a line drawing and then painted it with Photoshop. I had an 18" x 24" poster made at a local print shop and the colors came out beautifully. Much better than on my flat screen computer monitor. If you should want to use any part of this art for the CLC, you are welcome to use it. I always enjoy your newsletter even though I live far away and do not own a Cadillac.



Bob Eng

Cadillac Eldorado Brougham

1957 Cadillac Sixty Special

Bob Eng
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



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IN MEMORIAM: JAMES I. FIELDS BY RICHARD SILLS

CLC Member James I. Fields died on March 30, 2014, at Garden Spring Center in Willow Grove, PA, where he lived for several years. Previously, he was a resident of Ambler, PA.

Mr. Fields was 72 years old, and was the retired President and CEO of Fielco Industries, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA, a manufacturer of adhesive products. He was born in Philadelphia, the son of the late Dr. Allan Fields and the late Rose Fields. He is survived by his three children, Daniel J. Fields (and his wife Lauren), Jeffrey S. Fields (and his wife Neda), and Samantha Jill Koellhoffer (and her husband Gary). He is also survived by three grandchildren, Ella Michael Fields, Summer Jade Fields, and Miranda Hope Koellhoffer; his former wife Phyllis Fields; and many good friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Beth Fields Black, and his granddaughter, Allison Paige Koellhoffer.



**L to R: Jack McClow and Jim Fields
at the 2007 CLC Grand National
Photo by Vince Taliano**

Jim was an avid antique car enthusiast, who greatly enjoyed touring in his vintage Cadillacs, his twelve-cylinder Packards, and his Chrysler Airflow. He was an active member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Classic Car Club of America, and the Packard Club. He was a regular participant in car shows and other club events including the CLC Potomac Region's 2009 National Driving Tour, and made many lifelong friends as a result of his interest in antique automobiles.

Mr. Fields was also a devoted opera fan, and maintained season tickets for many years at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. He frequently entertained at his home in Ambler and in his apartment in New York, and would often arrange for opera singers to be present at his parties to entertain his guests.

Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to the AACA Museum, Inc., 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033, or to any other charity of the donor's choice.



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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT INFORMATION |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Mar 8 Sat | 7:00 am – 3:00 pm | 41st Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market | Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD | Tom Young at 443-744-6338, tbirdtoms60@verizon.net or www.chesapeakeaaca.org |
| Mar 24 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 28-29 Fri-Sat | Door open at 8:00 am | 44th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet and Auction | Carroll County Agriculture Center Westminster MD | Robert Clubb at 301-829-2000 or smraaca@aol.com |
| Apr 13 Sun | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Spring Driving Tour | MAACCC Newton Square PA | R. Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021 |
| Apr 19 Sat | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | CLC Valley Forge Region Spring Car Show | Ruggeri Cadillac West Chester PA | Ronnie Hux at 610-268-3388, 302-745-8850 or cadiman59@aol.com |
| Apr 19 Sat | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | 7th Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral | Classic Car Center Fredericksburg VA | www.classiccarcenter.net |
| Apr 23-27 Wed-Sun | Gates open daily at 7:00 am | Spring Carlisle | Carlisle PA | 717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com |
| Apr 28 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 |
| May 4 Sun | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | 23rd Annual Capitol Cadillac / Potomac Region Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction | Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD | Car Show: Dan Ruby at danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026 Automobilia Auction: Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org |
| May 10 Sat | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | 56th Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet | Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA | Duane Catlett 540-533-7376; sheanandoahregion@gmail.com |
| May 17 Sat | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | CLC Central PA Region's 25th Annual Spring Show | Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA | Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com |
| May 17 Sat | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | City of Fairfax Antique Car Show | City Hall Fairfax VA | www.nvrg.org |
| May 18 Sun | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show | Delaware Cadillac Wilmington DE | Ronnie Hux at cadiman59@aol.com or 302-745-8850 |
| May 18 Sun | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Spring Spectacular Car, Truck and Tractor Show | Fauquier High School Warrenton VA | Chris at 571-437-3752 or fhsbandcarshow@fauquierband.org |
| May 30- Jun 1 Fri-Sun | | CCCA Museum Experience (spotlighting Cadillacs & LaSalles) | Hickory Corners MI | Katie Robbins at 313-563-0621 or cccakatie@aol.com |
| Jun 7 Sat | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show | Faulkner Cadillac Trevose PA | Ronnie Hux at cadiman59@aol.com or 302-745-8850 |
| Jun 7 Sat | | 25th Annual Orphan Car Tour | Starting from Parkton MD | Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, TourDirector@orphancartour.org or www.orphancartour.org |
| Jun 8 Sun | 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Celebrate! Gaithersburg 2014 Antique & Classic Car Show | Olde Towne Gaithersburg MD | Lauren Neal at lneal@gaithersburgmd.gov |
| Jun 15 Sun | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm | 41st Annual Father's Day Antique and Classic Car Show | Sully Plantation Chantilly VA | Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474, billworsham@aol.com or www.gwcmodeleda.org |
| Jun 28 Sat | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | 8th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet | AACA Museum Hershey PA | Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com |
| Jul 8-12 Wed-Sat | | CLC Grand National | Lake George NY | http://gn.cadillaclasalleclub.org/ |
| Jul 27 Sun | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | 11th Annual VCCA Free State Region's Annual Car & Truck Show | Meadowbrook Regional Park Lutherville MD | Hank at 410-499-6196, dankerus@comcast.net or grand1917@comcast.net |
| Sep 23-27 Tue-Sat | | CLC Driving Tour Northern Indiana | Kokomo IN to Hickory Corners MI | Jeff Shively at Cad19651941@yahoo.com or 765-721-1659 |



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POTOMAC REGION SPRING DRIVING TOUR TO THE MID ATLANTIC ANTIQUE & COLLECTOR CAR CENTER (MAACCC) IN KENNETT SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

Here's an opportunity to buy stuff for your Cadillac, as well as to see classic cars for sale. We will start the season with our Spring Driving Tour to the Mid Atlantic Antique & Collector Car Center (MAACCC) in Kennett Square, PA on Sunday April 13th. MAACCC, which is owned by Potomac Region member Rob Robison, will be hosting the AACA Brandywine Region's Annual Swap Meet that day from 8am-3pm.



Visit <http://www.maacc.com/> to see current inventory



Although this is a productive event to prepare your Cadillac or LaSalle for the upcoming season, it is also a great way to support our Pennsylvania members, who have been consistent supporters of our Capitol Cadillac car shows. Region member Lynn Gardner of Virginia recently purchased a Fleetwood Talisman from MAACCC and is enjoying it very much.

The event is free and will be held rain or shine. For further info on the AACA swap meet, visit <http://braaca.org/swap-meets/> or call Andy Barbour at 302-738-4483 or Dave Myers at 302-691-5804. For more info on the driving tour, contact R. Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021.

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| Mid Atlantic Antique & Collector Car Center 400 Line Road Kennett Square, PA 19348 610-268-5748 | Driving times: 2.5 hours from Fairfax, VA (135 miles), 2.15 hours from Rockville, MD. Best Route is I-95N or take Rt 1 all the way. | No official caravan is planned but caravans from groups of individuals living in same areas are encouraged. Drive your classic, weather permitting. |
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**23rd Annual Capitol Cadillac /
CLC Potomac Region
Spring Car Show &
Automobilia Auction
Sunday May 4, 2014**

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 12:00 pm

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

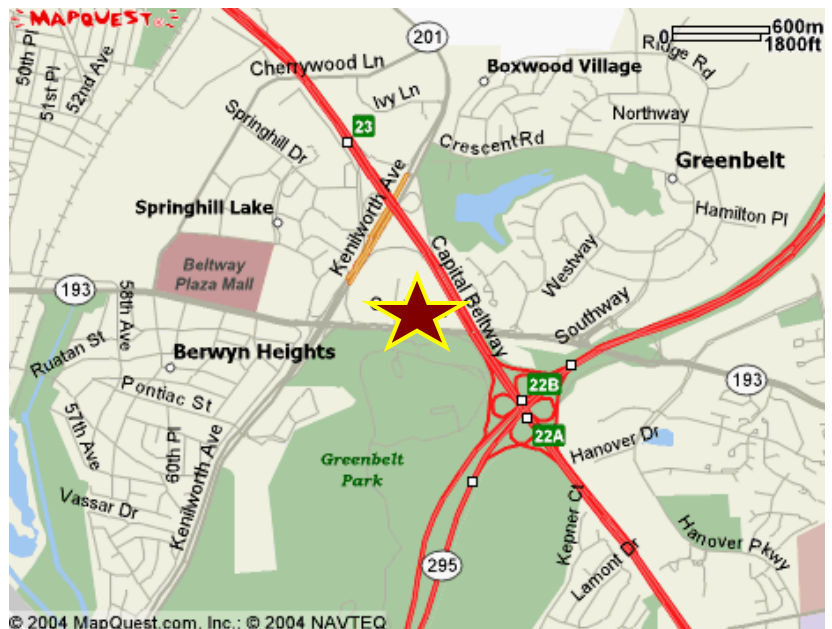
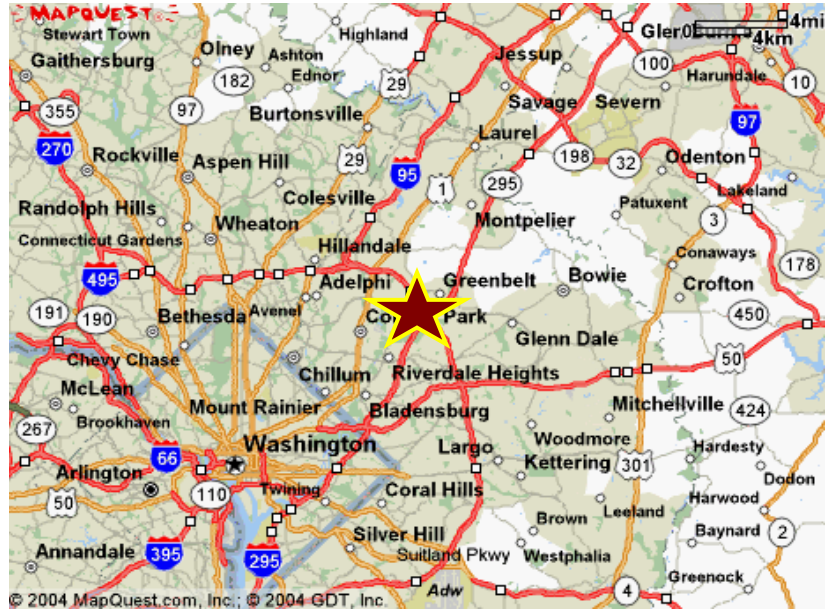
LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

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:

Dan Ruby

Car Show Coordinator

danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026

Visit us on the web!
www.clcpotomacregion.org



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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 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 to prevent 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.
- **Lunch Tickets:** Each registered car owner will receive one free lunch ticket. The lunch ticket will entitle the person to receive the following from **Red, Hot & Blue BBQ**, who will be serving food:
 - 1) One Beef, Chicken or Pork Sandwich
 - 2) One Side order of Beans or Potato Salad and Cole Slaw
 - 3) One Drink including bottle water
 Anyone without a lunch ticket will pay Red, Hot & Blue directly at the time of their purchase.

Car Show Registration Form

| <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: Professional 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>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 with completed registration form to:
 Harry Scott, Treasurer
 14421 Aden Road
 Nokesville, VA 20181-3122

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Vehicle Registration Fee: (Up to Apr 26th: \$15/per car - After Apr 26th: \$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 box if you don't want your vehicle judged

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MARCH 24, 2014 MEETING MINUTES **BY SANDY KEMPER**

PLACE: Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA

TIME: 8:00 PM

PRESIDING: Vince Taliano, Director

ATTENDANCE Byron Alsop; Randy & Susan Denchfield; Jeff Gurski; Sandy Kemper; Jack McClow; Tom McQueen; Dan Mullane; Vern Parker; Brad Pearson; Dan & JoJo Ruby and Harry Scott

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Vince thanked everyone for attending. He introduced Brad Pearson who was attending his first Potomac Region meeting. Vince reminded everyone that the April Region meeting will be held on Monday, April 28th at Capitol Cadillac. He mentioned that PR member Chris Cummings' new book is now available. Chris will have a vendor table with his book for sale at the Spring Show.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the February 2014 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the February 2014 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from January 1st to date. The Region's income was \$1,040.02. The total expenses for the same time period were \$2,906.20.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2014 membership total is 191 members. Welcome to our newest member, Frank Schofield of Reston, VA. Frank owns a 1976 Eldorado Convertible.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Collector Car Auctions (various) Greater Phoenix, Arizona Area, Jan, 2014.** Tom McQueen gave a brief summary of those that he attended.
- **41st Annual Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, Feb 28-Mar 2.** Sales were brisk as was the weather outside during this event.
- **41st Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Mar 8.** A brief thaw in the winter weather had the attendees slogging through mud at this popular meet.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Spring Driving Tour to Mid Atlantic Antique & Collector Car Center, Kennett Square, PA, Sat, Apr 13.** Activities Director Scot Minesinger is planning to hold a driving tour, although not a caravan, to the MACCC in April to coincide with the AACA's Brandywine Region's Annual Flea Market at the car center.
- **Annual Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sun, May 4.** The show flyer will be published in the March newsletter. Red, Hot & Blue have been booked to be our food vendor. Everyone is urged to look in their garages and basements for any items that they may wish to donate to the club for sale at the automobilia auction.



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3. Other Upcoming Events: Vince announced that he has updated the "Events Listing" page on the PR website. Among those listed, the following events were mentioned:

- **44th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 28-29.**
- **CLC-Valley Forge Region Car Show, General Sales, a.k.a. Ruggeri Cadillac of West Chester, 1265 Wilmington Pike, West Chester PA, Sat, Apr 19.** For reference, this dealership is only 108 miles (2 hr. drive) from Capitol Cadillac.
- **Spring Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet & Corral, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA, Wed-Sun, Apr 23-27.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Motor Vehicle Legislation:** Thanks to the efforts of Franklin Gage and Carol Yarnell, among others, Maryland legislation failed to meet deadline for passage of the two bills recently proposed that would have impacted collector car owners: SB629 that would have permitted local jurisdictions to impose a surcharge of \$20 per vehicle registration and HB1290 that would have affected Maryland's "Historic Vehicle" registration.
- **2014 CLC-Grand National:** National Director Jack McClow reminded members to send their Grand National registration forms as soon as they are able. Also, Jack said that if the inter-active on-line registration form is used, which many folks find is easier, the information is calculated automatically, and the legibility and accuracy are generally improved.



Stephen Cox, who will be 21 on April 22nd, with his '91 Foxbody Mustang LX 5.0 with historic plates. His daily driver is another Mustang with regular plates. Because of his age and lack of access to a garage, HB1290 as originally introduced would have forced him to get regular plates because he can't qualify for collector insurance. Which MD Delegate wants to discourage him from participating in the hobby?
Photo by Franklin Gage

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roger Bentley has closed his family business. As a result he has filled his home and garage with many items from the business. This means that there isn't room to hold the club's picnic at his residence this year. Scot Minesinger has a possible alternative site for the picnic in Nokesville, VA and two tentative dates to consider: June 21st or July 19th.
- As a follow-up to our recent survey of giving to charitable organizations, Randy Denchfield described **Our House**, a non-profit organization that teaches carpentry skills, workforce readiness, and GED preparation to abandoned, abused, homeless and orphaned teenage boys. He would like the club to consider holding a fund-raising car show for the organization.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Randy Denchfield, who has driven his cars to transport various well-known public figures in many different parades, provided some interesting and amusing anecdotes about some of his celebrity passengers.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD.
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.



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**CLC CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOTEL HARRINGTON
STORY BY MARA CHERKASKY AND JACK MCCLOW
PHOTOS BY RIPPLE EFFECT PRODUCTIONS AND RICH AND FITZSIMONS**



On March 1, 2014, the Hotel Harrington in Washington, DC celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Harrington is the longest continuously-operating hotel in the District of Columbia. Our CLC Treasurer, Jack McClow (picture far right in front row), has been the hotel's controller for over 25 years. Joining him were some of his closest CLC friends (pictured above with the 100th Anniversary cake depicting the hotel) who traveled from multiple regions, including the Central Ohio, Peach State, Potomac and Raritan River, to the 100th Anniversary party.



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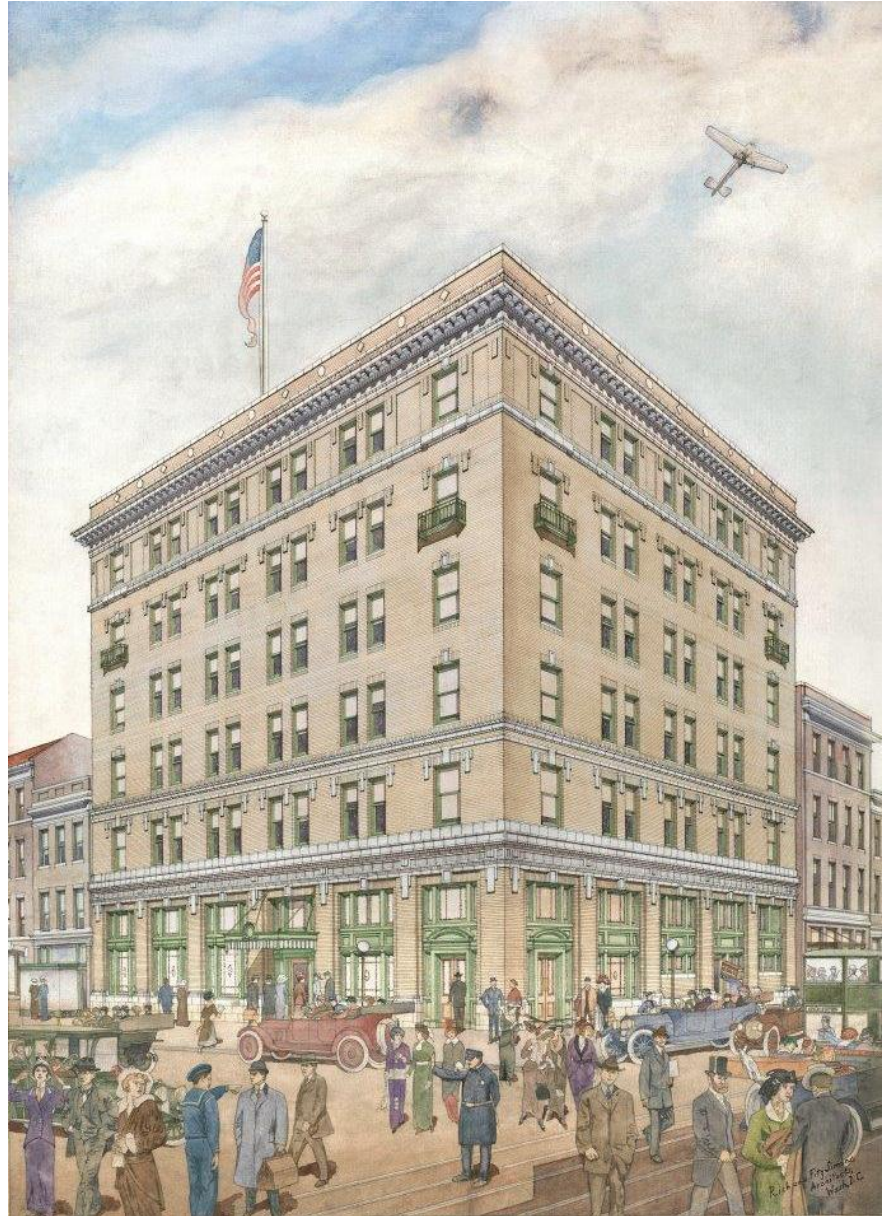
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Downtown Washington, DC bustled in 1914. Elegant new office buildings rose amidst the 19th century theaters, shops, saloons, and newspaper offices. Nine department stores drew crowds of shoppers. A few blocks away, Washingtonians and increasing legions of tourists marveled at the wonders displayed in the Smithsonian's recently opened Natural History Museum.

Harrington Mills, a hotelier, spotted an opportunity. He and business partner Charles W. McCutchen built a hotel that met "popular one-room-and-bath-demand," an unusual concept at the time, as described by the *Washington Post*. They set aside special "sample rooms" for traveling salesmen to show their wares to buyers from nearby stores. Mills and McCutchen officially opened their Hotel Harrington, at 11th and E Streets, NW, on March 1, 1914.

Designed by the architectural firm Rich & FitzSimons, the six-story hotel boasted a dining room and two-story lobby with a mezzanine, all finished in marble. Upstairs, mahogany-trimmed hallways led to 80 rooms, all with running water and most with private baths.

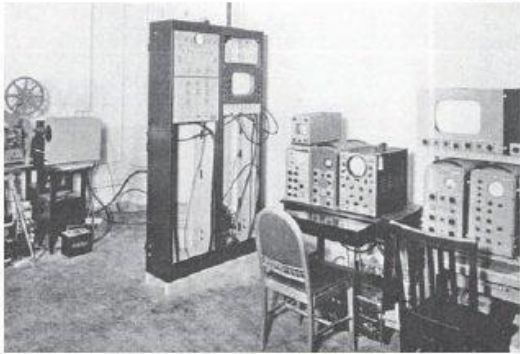


The hotel proved so successful that in 1918 Mills and McCutchen doubled the size of the lobby and built a 12-story annex along E Street, containing a two-story ballroom and 100 additional rooms. The Harrington now ranked among the city's largest hotels. A final expansion in 1925, a 12-story wing with another 125 rooms, filled in the rest of the E Street block to 12th Street.

In 1932 the hotel installed Art Deco embellishments, including the stainless steel canopy, with back-lit letters, over the front entrance. Always innovative, the Harrington in 1938 became DC's first air-conditioned hotel. Late 1940s modernization resulted in reduced ceiling heights in the ballroom and lobby, and modern finishes and furnishings throughout the building.



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The WTTG studio in the Harrington.
Library of Congress

WTTG's entrance at 12th & E.
Historical Society of Washington, D.C.



Milt Grant's 1956-61 record hop show brought area high school students and national recording stars into the Harrington.

Star Collection, DC Public Library; © The Washington Post

DJ Stan Hamilton in the WGMS studio in the Harrington, below, 1954.

DC Public Library



A skyscraper by DC standards, the Harrington was the ideal location for the city's first television station and transmission tower. DuMont Corporation's W3XWT (soon renamed WTTG-TV and now known as Fox Channel 5) set up shop on the upper floors and in 1946 began broadcasting about 20 hours of programming a week. The popular and pioneering Milt Grant Show, a daily dance party featuring local teenagers and a virtual Who's Who of national stars, was transmitted live from the WTTG studios between 1956 and 1961.

A radio station found a home in the Harrington as well. In 1953 Washington's "Good Music Station," WGMS-AM and FM, moved into what a reporter described as "new and more sumptuous quarters" in the hotel. The station offered Washingtonians the finest in classical music, including live concert broadcasts of the Library of Congress chamber series, National Gallery of Art Orchestra, and National Symphony. WTTG moved to upper Northwest DC in 1962, and WGMS followed in 1965.

In 2014, the Hotel Harrington continues to welcome travelers and school groups, many with loyalty dating back decades, from around the globe. The Harrington remains a family business, in the hands of third-, fourth-, and fifth-generation descendants of the founders. Ann Terry, Managing Director since 1986, looks forward to taking the Hotel Harrington into its second 100-year run as "Washington DC's Tourist Hotel."



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**WHEN IN SAN FRANCISCO
STORY BY CHUCK PIEL
PHOTOS BY CHUCK PIEL & D.S. BROWN**

One of the disadvantages of my job is I **have** to travel a lot. One of the big advantages of my job is I **get** to travel to a lot of places that have great car museums and venues. Earlier this year, I was in San Francisco, one of my favorite US destinations, and stumbled upon a GREAT car museum – the Academy of Art University Auto Museum.



**901 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco –
formerly Earle C. Anthony Packard distributorship**

Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco has a long history of classic car dealerships and distributorships. It was the home of the original Don Lee distributorship for Cadillac in Northern California, and the original art deco building, complete with its 1920's Cadillac logo still exists, although it is now a multiscreen AMC movie theatre. The Earl C. Anthony Packard distributorship, built in 1927, is also still standing at 901 Van Ness Ave., now a Jaguar dealership.

For many years, Cadillac was represented by George Olsen Cadillac at 999 Van Ness Avenue, a beautiful 1930's Art Deco building that now houses a Bentley dealership. (Sadly, there are no longer any Cadillac dealers on Van Ness.)

So Van Ness Avenue is always a destination for me when I'm in San Fran. While heading south on Van Ness from Lombard St. (the famous wiggly street on the hill), imagine my surprise to see out of the corner of my eye the all too familiar image of a 1948 Cadillac tail light inside one of the old dealership buildings. I quickly circled around the block to come back to a showroom that had dozens of classics, with a sign out front for the Academy of Art University Auto Museum, which was unfamiliar to me.

The Academy of Art Museum is, as its name implies, a degreed institution teaching and supporting art. The founder, Richard A. Stephens, always felt auto design was an important venue of artistic expression. As such, he amassed a very impressive collection of Classic (with a capital "C") cars that represent milestones in automotive design.



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The collection is partially housed and displayed for the public in a 1930's Chrysler Plymouth dealership at the intersection of Washington St. and Van Ness. Here you will see "Olympian" cars spanning Auburn, Bugatti, Stutz, Minerva, Duesenberg (five examples), Packard, Cadillac, Hispano Suiza, Marmon, Pierce Arrow, Cord, Rolls Royce, Mercedes, Lagonda, Delage, Talbot Lago, Delahaye, Ruxton, and Ferrari. Domestic cars are well represented by Buick, Ford, Lincoln, Oldsmobile, Mercury, Chrysler, etc. It is an *incredible* collection.



**999 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco –
formerly George Olsen Cadillac**



The unmistakable 1948 Cadillac Convertible – a styling milestone

You have to schedule an appointment for the only times during the week the museum is open to the general public: Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. I was able to move my schedule around to visit on a Thursday afternoon. The docent, Paul Borgwardt, is a CLC member in Northern California who owns a '47 60S and a '67 DeVille Convertible, so he was very friendly to me and welcomes other CLC visitors. For a \$10 donation (to the Boys and Girls Clubs), you have the run of the museum.

Here's a list of Cadillacs in the collection: '30 V-16 Roadster, '31 V8 Roadster, '34 V-16 Aero Coupe, '37 V-12 Custom Series 85 Coupe, '40 Series 75 Open Front Town Car, '41 60S and 62 Convertible, '48 Convertible, '49 Coupe DeVille, '59 Eldorado Biaritz, and a '66 Fleetwood Brougham. Every one of these vehicles is restored to a very high "Pebble Beach" level.

The only thing that seemed to be missing (and may be stashed somewhere else) were any LaSalles. Certainly the '27 and '34/'35 LaSalles would make the cut of this "who's who" in great classic auto design.



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1929 Ruxton with Woodgrain Headlights



1931 Cadillac V-8 Roadster

Of course, if you are in the San Francisco Bay area, you also have to visit the Blackhawk Collection in Danville (across the bay).

Can't get to San Fran? No problem, the collection has a great web-site with all cars listed and photographed at www.academyautomuseum.org. You won't be disappointed.



When is the last time you saw five Duesenbergs lined up side by side?



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DRIVE'EM IF YOU GOT'EM



Congratulations to Brad Pearson whose 1961 Cadillac Sedan DeVille recently turned 40k miles

Congratulations to Chuck & Debbie Piel's grandson, Cameron, who drove his first car – a Marina Blue convertible (of course!)



If your Cadillac and/or LaSalle recently hit a 1,000 mile milestone, please send us a photo.



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"CADILLAC ESCALADE" SPOTTED ALONG THE ROAD **BY SANDY KEMPER**

Lately I have noticed some small four, six or eight passenger vehicles zooming around the streets of various cities. With small wheels, open sides and roof canopies, they look like "extended cab" golf carts. In Baltimore, for example, these battery-powered carts shuttle passengers from certain bars and restaurants in the Federal Hill neighborhood to and from Orioles Park at Camden Yards. Usually, these carts are non-descript. That is, there is no distinctive styling to the fiberglass body panels, the roof canopy, or the wheels. They lack any identification of the manufacturer of the vehicle or even the sponsoring restaurant. So imagine my surprise and enthusiasm for one that I spotted parked near a popular restaurant and nightspot in Sea Isle City, a resort town at the New Jersey shore. As I approached the cart, the first thing I noticed was that the wheels were automobile size in the design of a Cadillac Escalade, including the Cadillac emblem. Then I noticed that the front cowl was styled exactly like an Escalade too. The seats appeared to be leather and the interior was trimmed with chrome and wood-like accents. I was able to take a photo with an older-style cellular phone. But the image doesn't show the detail of this luxury cart.

Later I discovered that the Cadillac Escalade golf cart is manufactured by American Custom Golf Cars, Inc. The firm is licensed by Cadillac to produce these "golf/estate" vehicles. (See: <http://acgcars.us/cadillac-escalade-golf-car.html>.) They are built with standard features normally found on automobiles like, "standard headlights, brake lights, turn signals, horn and [it] is the only golf cart to feature a standard 4-wheel braking system, which includes the use of front wheel hydraulic disc brakes." There are many options available also. What fun!





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Cars For Sale



1949 Series 62 Convertible – 48k original miles – French Gray with red interior and black top – Complete recent Jenkins Restoration – Won Best of Show Postwar at 2008 CLC Grand National – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/49cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$99,500** – For more info, contact Aaron Driben at 617-835-7776 or aaron@cityexp.com – Car is located in North Carolina



1967 DeVille Convertible – Three-owner car – Purchased by current owner in Tacoma, WA in 1981 – Non A/C car – Receipts available for all work completed since 1986 – Garaged-kept by current owner and hasn't been driven in rain – 1,900 miles on rebuilt engine by Jasper – Car stripped to bare metal and painted in 2008 including door jams and under truck – Body is in excellent shape with car never being in any kind of wreck – Rear bumper was re-chromed the same time car was painted – Convertible top replaced in 2004 and is in very good condition – Front and rear seats have been redone in black leather in 2013 – Original door panels and dashboard – Six-way power seats – Everything works including the clock – Tires replaced in 2012 and have 700 miles on them – Original spare tire – Car has won two awards – Reason for selling is that owner is reducing his collection – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/67cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$20,000** – For more info, contact Ralph at 916-715-2847 or ralph1537@clearwire.net – Car is located in Milton, WA (near Seattle)



NEW ARRIVAL 1979 Eldorado Biarritz – Stunning car with great color combo – Highly desirable 350 c.i. engine – Also has the stainless steel roof with the alloy wheels – Always garaged and serviced regularly by first class automotive shop – Recent mechanic updates include all brake work – All electrical components – New exhaust and tires – This car has lots of class and pep and is completely roadworthy to drive anywhere – Pleasure to drive or show – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/79cadillac2forsale.htm> – **Asking \$6,500 obo** – For more info, contact George Boxley at ritabialboxley@verizon.net, 301-261-5634 (h), 410-279-3882 (c) or 301-699-2033 (w) – Car is located in West River, MD and is ready to be shown for ready, willing and able buyers



NEW ARRIVAL 1983 Eldorado – 19k Original Miles – 2nd Owner – ORIGINAL EVERYTHING – Originally from Portland, Oregon – Garage kept its whole life – Never driven in snow! – Cameo Ivory w/white Cabriolet top and a perfect yellow leather interior – Digital dash – Climate Control, Bose AM/FM cassette stereo, Cadillac wire wheel covers – Brand new American Classic tires – Spare never out of trunk – Original dealer leather key fobs & license plate bracket – Full power – Every option and best of all EVERYTHING WORKS! – **Asking \$12,500** – For more info, call Nick at 973-418-4571 – Car is located in New Jersey



1987 Eldorado – One owner – Approximately 100k miles – 4.1L V-8 OHV 16V engine with automatic w/overdrive transmission – Runs well and gets 16 mpg city, 23 mpg hwy on regular fuel – Minor scratches on finish – Options include air conditioning, AM/FM radio w/cassette, bucket seats, center console, cruise control, front wheel drive, leather seats, power door locks, power mirrors, power seats, power steering, power windows, rear defrost, tilt steering and tinted windows – Always garaged, not used in winter – No smoking – Great access to front seats for persons with disability – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/87cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$4,500 obo** – For more info, contact Ken at klhark46@gmail.com – Car is located in Potomac, MD

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