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Congratulations to Potomac Region member Bill Anderson who was recently appointed as the CLC's Deputy Chief Judge. Bill will be replacing Carl Steig who has served the Club for 25-plus years as our chief judge. The Club is indebted to Carl for his efforts to judge our cars in a fair and consistent manner and continuously improve this process over time.



L to R: Lars Kneller and Bill Anderson at the 2013 CLC Grand National
Photo by Jason Edge

Bill also serves as the Chair of the CLCMRC's Building Committee. As you can see below in Art Riley's photo, progress is being made despite the weather, but tax-deductible donations are still needed to get us to the finish line. If you are scheduled to renew your national dues in the near future, please consider sending a contribution for the museum as well. All amounts are welcomed and appreciated!



Follow the latest photos of the museum construction at:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Cadillac-Lasalle-Club-Museum-Research-Center/593415324019434>.

Vince Taliano



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



April 8, 2014

Hello Chuck,

I remember your visit and hope you visit us again on a future trip. We do have a '40 LaSalle Convertible, which I will show you next time.

Your article is great (March 2014 issue – **WHEN IN SAN FRANCISCO**). I will forward it on to the Academy President. I am getting my '67 CDV ready for touring now and have already toured in the '47.

Take care and best wishes,

Paul Borgwardt
Academy of Art University Automobile Museum
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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
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 7am	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 3-4 Sat-Sun		Cars at the Capital Presented by the Historic Vehicle Association (HVA)	The Mall Washington DC	http://carsatthecapital.org/ or Candida Romanelli at Candida@RomanelliEventServices.com
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.nvrq.org
May 17 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9th Annual Spring BOPC Car Show Presented by Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club	Granite Run Mall Media PA	Bill at 302-545-4451, Jeff at 484-889-2884 or dvocinfo@yahoo.com
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 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
May 30- Jun 1 Fri-Sun		CCCA Museum Experience (spotlighting Cadillacs & LaSalles)	Hickory Corners MI	Katie Robbins at 313-563-0621 or ccakatie@aol.com
May 31 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Cruzin' for a Cause II Car Show	Wal Mart Northeast MD	Missy Reynolds at 410-398-7860 or 443-553-5856
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 lnéal@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.gwcmodela.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
Jun 28 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Raritan River Region Car Show	Royal Cadillac Florham Park NJ	Joe Manna at joem@rrrcl.org or 908-964-0766
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)
STORY BY BOB CRIMMINS
PHOTOS BY BOB CRIMMINS AND R. SCOT MINESINGER**

On Sunday, April 13, 2014, some members of the Valley Forge, Potomac and Raritan River Regions of the CLC met at the MAACCC (Mid Atlantic Antique & Collectable Car Center) in Kennett Square, PA to attend the AACA Brandywine Region's Annual Swap Meet, and view the fine collection of antique and classic cars offered by Owner Rob Robson and General Manager Ronnie Hux.

The weather was outstanding--a near perfect day for looking for some treasures for our old cars, and having lunch and Caddy chat with old and new CLC friends. Attending were Rob & Chevonne Robison; Ronnie & Becky Hux; Richard Sills; Toni Rothman; Dan Reed; Marty Watkins; Earl Rutter, Jr.; Chuck Piel; Dave Srour; Scot Minesinger; Harry Scott; Al Cowling & Mary Conway; Don Miller; Bud Coleman; Bob Crimmins; Jeff Montgomery and others. Below are some photos from the event. To see more pictures, visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2014springdrivingtour.htm>.



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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**

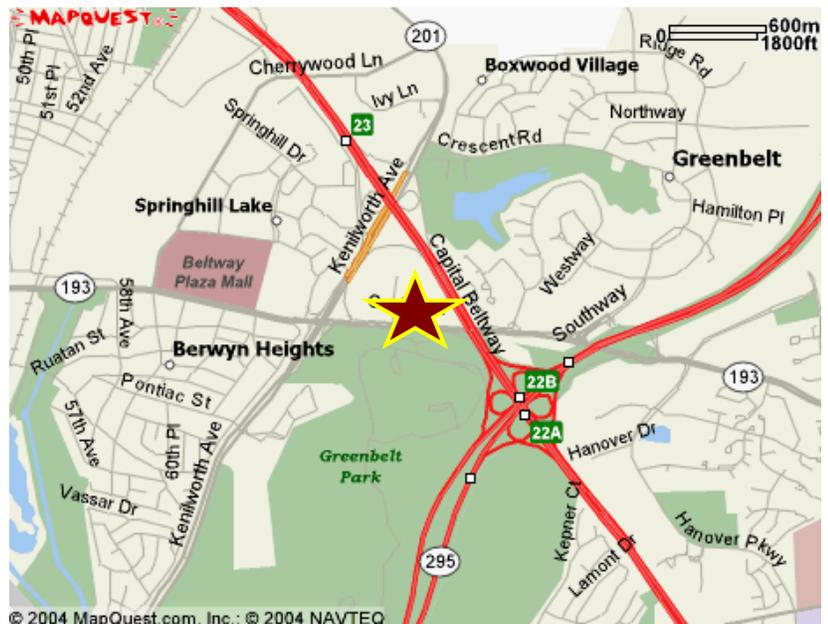
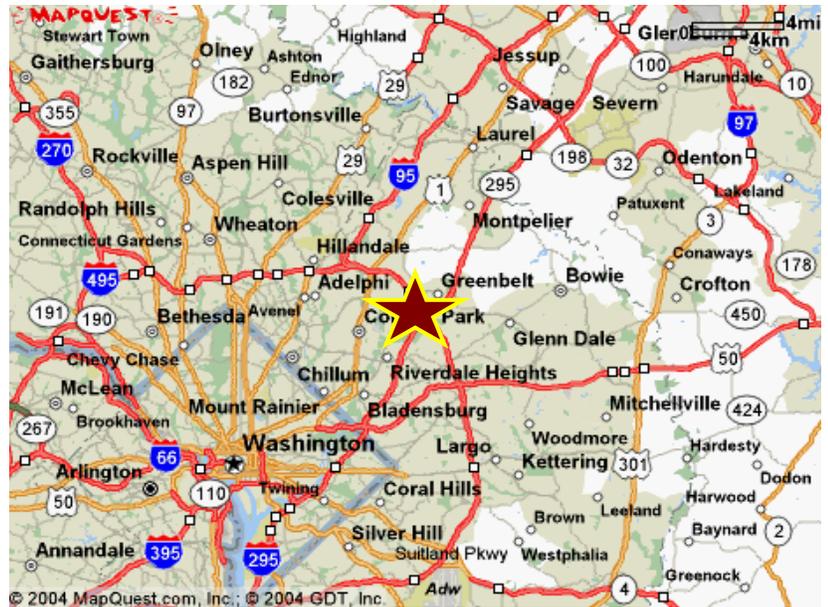
LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

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

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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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APRIL 28, 2014 MEETING MINUTES **BY SANDY KEMPER**

PLACE: Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD.

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Sandy Kemper, Secretary

ATTENDANCE Bill Anderson, Chris Cummings, Jeff Gurski, Bill Hilliard, Daniel Jobe, Jack McClow, Mary Moscati, Chuck Piel, Dan Ruby, Harry Scott and Richard Sisson

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Sandy thanked everyone for attending. Vern Parker was recently hospitalized, but is home now. The Region wishes Vern a speedy recovery. Both Sandy and Daniel mentioned the "[Cars At The Capital](#)" gathering that will be held this weekend on the National Mall between 12th & 14th Streets, NW. The event is open to the public. In addition to the featured car, a Meyers Manx dune buggy, ten automobiles will be on exhibited, one per decade from the 1890s to the 1980s. On Saturday, May 3 from 6:30am – 9:30am there will be an early morning "cars and coffee."



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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the March meeting to date. The Region's income was \$445.54, mostly from car show registrations. The total expenses for the same time period were \$521.37, over half of which was for the dash plaques for the spring car show.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2014 membership total is 191 members.

SPECIAL REPORT: PR member Bill Anderson is also a member of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center's Board of Directors and Chair of its Building Committee. Bill provided a very informative and in-depth update on the progress of construction of the CLC Museum at the Gilmore in Hickory Corners, MI.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Spring Driving Tour to Mid Atlantic Antique & Collector Car Center, Kennett Square PA, Apr 13.** Quite a few Region members participated in this event. Photos of the event have been posted to the Region's website and will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.
- **CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show, General Sales, a.k.a. Ruggeri Cadillac of West Chester PA, Apr 19.** Lynn Gardner and Dan Ruby attended the event. Photos will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.
- **Spring Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet & Corral, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle PA, Apr 23-27.** Many members attended. Chuck described some of the Cadillacs that he saw in the car corral.



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- **CCCA Grand Classic, Cape May NJ, Apr 25-27.** Harry reported on this event. He said that there were about 40 cars on display with 25 judged. Among the winners was George and Rita Boxley's 1930 Cadillac in the Touring Class.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Annual Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt MD, Sun, May 4, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** There are thirty-five (35) pre-registered vehicles to date, which is about average at this time for our Spring shows. We are expecting several attendees from the CLC-VFR, two of whom have already registered. The show flyer was published in the March newsletter. The dash plaques have arrived from Daytona Trophy. In Vince's absence, Franklin Gage will run the registration area with Chuck & Debbie Piel and others. Franklin will also handle the award tabulation with Richard Sills and others. Richard will also serve as M.C. Dan Ruby will be in charge of pre-show set-up and will be in charge of parking, along with Bill Hilliard, and assisted by other volunteers. Chuck & Debbie will pick up the coffee while Rita Bial-Boxley, Mary Moscati and others will provide breakfast treats. Derrick Fisher, along with Jack McClow, Harry Scott, Mary Moscati and others, will run the automobilia auction. Chris Cummings will be in the showroom selling signed copies of his latest book. Scot Minesinger will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and he and Dan Ruby are the contacts for the food vendor, Red, Hot & Blue, from Laurel. After show clean-up efforts will be led by Jack McClow.

It's not too late: 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.

3. Other Upcoming Events: The following events were mentioned:

- **56th Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet, Jim Barnett Park, Winchester VA, Sat, May 10, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- **CLC Central PA Region's 25th Annual Spring Show, Kelly Cadillac, Lancaster PA, Sat, May 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
- **CLC Valley Forge Region Car Show, Delaware Cadillac, Wilmington DE, Sun, May 18, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scot Minesinger has a site arranged for the annual picnic in Nokesville, VA. The date has not been set but it will be in July. More details soon.
- Daniel Jobe discussed the idea of holding our Fall Show in conjunction with an event that the HVA is planning for October 25-26 at the Salamander Resort outside of Middleburg, VA. Daniel did not express a preference and said that the decision on the venue for our Fall Show should be made by the Region. The Region's officers voted to keep the Fall Show at Capitol Cadillac instead of holding it at the Salamander Resort.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.



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THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY – SHOWS UP AGAIN!

STORY BY CHRIS CUMMINGS

PHOTOS BY GPK AUCTIONS

Several years ago I wrote an article about the 1931 Cadillac V-8 convertible coupe I owned and worked on in the late 1960s and early '70s. That story left off when the car and I parted company. Now, it seems, there's more to tell.

When I watched the truck turn the corner and make its way to Arizona, I still believed that the purchaser of my 1931 Cadillac convertible coupe would keep his promise to send me photographs of the car after he had restored it. About four years later, my father told me that he'd seen the car in a televised auction, where two men got into a bidding war and pushed the price to about twelve times what I had sold it for. I just chuckled and shook my head. Restoring big classics had become an activity I couldn't begin to afford as a recent law school grad. I had let go of the car for seven times what I had paid for it. Part of that money went for paint, bodywork and chrome for the 1941 Series 75 sedan that had been my main transportation in high school and college. The rest financed my move to New York City, where I would fall in love, marry and have a daughter.

Flash forward 37 years, and your author was passing idly through the photos of cars to be offered at the annual Atlantic City Classic Car Auction over the last day of this past February and the first couple of days of March. I'd taken a habit of pausing and examining any 1931 Cadillac V-8 convertible coupe I saw browsing the Internet to see if it could be identified somehow as the "one that got away" back in 1977. And now here was this silver car with red fender tops and accents that suddenly seemed like a likely candidate. Sixteen photographs gave the viewer a pretty fair guided tour of the car.



The man who bought my car had told me he was going to replace the front fenders with fenders that had wells for side-mount spare tires, and this car had those. But the part of the bodywork on the car in the pictures that covers the gas tank had the two holes that allowed the bracket for a rear-mount spare tire to attach solidly to the frame cross member. So this car had once sported a single rear spare tire, like the one I had owned.



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When I owned the car I never memorized or wrote down the engine number. All I could remember was that it started with an "8" or a "3" and that it ended in an odd number. I had never thought to photocopy the title certificate that Sam Blaylock had turned over the evening my father and I did the purchase transaction with him. Nor did I copy the new certificate that New Mexico issued when we transferred the old title.

But I did learn and retain the body style number (Series 4535, the Fleetwood convertible coupe body on the V-8 chassis) and the body number (221). To my amazement I had seen those numbers not only on the embossed body tag on the firewall, but stamped into the underside of each of the cowl vent doors, the underside of several pieces of decorative trim, and the top surface of the wooden sill plate just inside the passenger door. (It wasn't just the V-16 Fleetwood cars that were essentially hand built.) One of the photos on the website for the Atlantic City Auction was as a shot of the body tag. It showed "STYLE 4535" and "BODY 221" except that one of the tubes of the vacuum system passed in front of the middle digit of the "221" number.

The car that I owned had been equipped with an after-market Stewart-Warner AM radio. The box that housed the electronics and the speaker was bolted to the firewall in front of the steering column and above the driver's feet. A remote control dial and knob unit (connected to the main box by flexible cables) was mounted to the steering column between the steering wheel and the instrument board. Where one of the three mounting studs for the main box of the radio passed through the firewall, it pierced the little rectangular tag that announced that products of the Cadillac Motor Car Company are manufactured under GM patents. The car in the photos didn't have its tag, but the four little holes where the tag's fasteners would have been had not been filled. And in the rectangle delineated by those holes there was a hex nut on the end of a fat stud. More corroboration.



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The engine of the car I owned had a couple of idiosyncrasies I haven't seen on another 1931 Cadillac. There were no long sheet-metal boxes on the cylinder heads covering the spark plugs. And the tubes that organized the spark plug wires were simple and unflared, running straight along the tops of the cylinder heads and doing a curved right-angle rise up toward the distributor. They were brass and painted black – on this car, they had been chrome plated, but they were the right shape and configuration, clamps and all. And no boxes covered the spark plugs.

A bit of Internet research disclosed that the same convertible coupe in the Atlantic City Auction had been sold March 8, 2008 at RM Auctions' Automobiles of Amelia Island sale for \$118,250. One of the photos from that sale showed the steering wheel and dashboard, and there in the photo was the radio dial unit I remembered replacing the cover glass for years ago.

I phoned CLC member Jack Hotz, who works with the G. Potter King company that conducts the Atlantic City Auction, and asked him to keep an eye out for the owner of the car (and if it sold at the auction, perhaps the new owner) because I had a lot of information about the Cadillac's life story, all the way from its delivery as a new car to the early Fall of 1977. I also called Richard Sills and asked him to verify the body number and serve as a second set of eyes for locating the owner. Richard did, in fact confirm that the body number was 221, and he told me that at the auction the car was bid up to \$125,000, but that no sale had ensued.

My sources informed me that the convertible coupe had been consigned for the auction by a dealer on behalf of a private seller. I gently probed them for additional information regarding the identity of the dealer (and perhaps the actual owner) with an eye to providing dealer and/or owner with what I knew about the car's ownership history and the events in its long journey from the Cadillac factory to Atlantic City by way of Albuquerque and Arizona. They sent an e-mail to the dealer, but so far there's been no reply. Perhaps this special Classic will turn up again?

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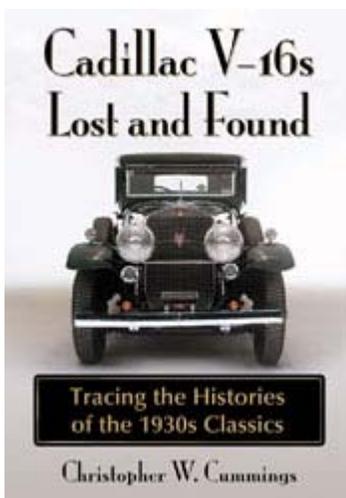
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Potomac Region Member Chris Cummings is a two-time National CLC Award recipient.



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Did you know...



The first Wrecker was a Caddy!

*Yup, in 1916 Ernest Holmes modified a 1913 Cadillac by adding a crane and some pulleys...
this after he and six other men spent 8 hours pulling a Model T out of the ditch by hand.*

It was 1916 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mechanic Ernest Holmes got a call from his old Business School professor, John Wiley. Wiley and his son had been driving when their Model T veered off the road and was flipped upside down in a creek bed. Holmes came to help. It took him eight hours and six men to retrieve the car from the creek bed. Holmes decided there had to be a better solution, and he was determined to find it.

He modified a 1913 Cadillac, adding a crane and pulley system. The idea was that this modified vehicle could rescue other distressed vehicles and tow them to a mechanics shop for repair.

It didn't work. Holmes needed something to stabilize the tow truck. He added a pair of outriggers to brace the tow truck while it was lifting and pulling other vehicles. This time, it worked, and the first tow truck was born. Holmes did more than invent a product. He invented an industry. He began making his tow trucks—called Holmes Wreckers—full time, selling them to repair shops. It didn't take long for towing to become an industry all its own.



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mySTUFF

The Wheel Deal

Randy Denchfield doesn't like to say how many antique cars he owns. But you can get an idea from this: Some are stored in a private, 14-car garage under a local Giant supermarket; one is at a friend's house in Bethesda; another three are at his home in Chevy Chase.

"I have a disease," Denchfield admits. "I'm a car nut."

Denchfield delivered newspapers when he was growing up in the D.C. area, and he always noticed the cars in neighbors' driveways. He often could remember a car model more easily than a neighbor's name. Today at 66, he owns the commercial roofing company he started 40 years ago. But antique cars remain his passion.

Denchfield refers to automobiles as "rolling art." Many of the cars he owns—which he began collecting seriously at about age 40—date to the 1930s, when art deco was big. One of his favorites is an orange 1935 LaSalle with a rumble seat and suicide doors, which open from left to right. Only nine 1935 LaSalle convertible coupes are known to exist, according to Denchfield, and he owns two of them (the second features the classic pairing of maroon and black).

Many people see car collecting as an expensive hobby, but Denchfield says you can find a 1970s-circa running convertible for as little as \$4,000. Collectors, however, can spend thousands more renovating one to factory condition. Denchfield goes to a dozen car shows a year, in addition to local events. Two of his cars have won Grand National Awards from the Antique Automobile Club of America, and another four have won senior awards from the Cadillac Club. Car collectors are all the same, Denchfield says: "They love to show them, they love to talk about them." ■



A fire in a friend's garage destroyed some of the man's vintage cars. Like many car enthusiasts, Denchfield likes to collect parts, and his friend gave him this **1949 Buick grille**. Denchfield figures it's worth about \$500.

This **1937 Packard 120 convertible coupe** was made with a signature oxbow grille so it would stand out from competitors. Denchfield likens it to Mercedes' iconic star.

This **1937 Packard 115** was one of the cheapest models sold during the Great Depression, Denchfield says. Packard sold more cars that year than any other.

Denchfield bought this **1968 Harley-Davidson FLH-1200** because it was one of the last made before the company was bought out by American Machine & Foundry. Because of its custom paint job and modifications made by Denchfield, the motorcycle is often confused with an older duo-glide Harley Davidson.



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Text by Teddy Amenabar | Photo by Michael Ventura



These **teardrop headlights** on the orange 1935 LaSalle convertible coupe illustrate the art deco aesthetic of the era.

Denchfield's wife, **Susan**, enjoys the car collection nearly as much as he does. Denchfield says she often takes one of the cars out to drive around on nice days.

In 1934 and 1935, many cars came with **suicide doors**, which are hinged at the rear. Denchfield says one theory behind the name was that the door would fly off the hinges if it was opened while the car was moving.

This is the second of the two **La Salle convertible coupes** that Denchfield owns. He loves the color scheme, which is typical of a 1930s car.



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AUSTIN MODERN WITH REPLICA CADILLAC SHOWROOM ASKS \$1.6M
STORY AND PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARNER

<http://curbed.com/archives/2014/04/24/austin-modern-with-replica-cadillac-showroom-asks-16m.php>

Location: Austin, Texas

Price: \$1,599,000

The Skinny: This thoroughly modern Austin home is hiding a decidedly retrograde feature behind its floor-to-ceiling windows, beneath the impeccably furnished living quarters, and way down in the garage: a full-size replica of a Cadillac dealership, circa 1955 or so. The owner, obviously an avid collector of the finned gas-guzzlers of yesteryear, has transformed the sizable garage into a showroom for his prized Caddys, complete with a sign admonishing, "Always Use Genuine Cadillac Parts". This fascination with classic cars makes sense when you consider that the rest of the house looks like a Design Within Reach showroom, with each room bursting at the seams with classic Eames, Noguchi, Bertioia, and Le Corbusier (and so many more!) midcentury furniture designs, but that begs the question: If money is no object, why not pick up a vintage home from— just to name one local example—Fehr & Granger? Maybe the owner can plow the \$1.599M asking price into a nice split-level ranch, for extra '50s verisimilitude.



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2014 BARRETT-JACKSON AUCTIONS STORY BY VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS BY TOM MCQUEEN AND VINCE TALIANO

This year, Tom McQueen and Vince Taliano attended the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale, AZ auction and Palm Beach, FL auction, respectively. Below are some photos of their favorite Cadillacs.

Scottsdale, AZ



Palm Beach, FL





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CLC VALLEY FORGE REGION RUGGERI CADILLAC CAR SHOW STORY AND PHOTOS BY DAN RUBY

Potomac Region members Lynn Gardner and Dan Ruby attended the CLC Valley Forge Region's Ruggeri Cadillac Car Show held on Saturday, April 19th. There were some beautiful classics on display (see below).





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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



1979 Eldorado Biarritz – 73k miles – Stunning car with great color combo – Highly desirable 350 c.i. engine – Stainless steel roof with the alloy wheels – Always garaged and serviced regularly by first class automotive shop – Recent mechanic updates include all brake work – Recent cosmetic updates include door panels and quarter panel fillers – New exhaust and tires – Receipts available on all recent work completed – All electrical components – Car has lots of class and pep and is completely roadworthy to drive anywhere – Mostly driven to car shows and Sunday dinners by current owners – 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



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

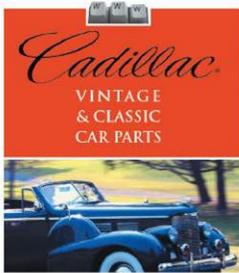


1987 Eldorado – One owner – Approximately 100k miles – 4.1L V-8 OHV 16V engine with automatic w/overdrive transmission – Runs well and gets 16 mpg city, 23 mpg hwy on regular fuel – Minor scratches on finish – Options include air conditioning, AM/FM radio w/cassette, bucket seats, center console, cruise 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



NEW ARRIVAL 1987 Fleetwood Brougham – Purchased from the original owner in 2001 – Approximately 120k miles (odometer shows 20,000 miles) – White with white top, white pearl leather interior and red dashboard and carpet – V-8 engine with automatic transmission – Full power equipment – Cold A/C – Excellent vehicle in all original condition – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/87cadillac2forsale.htm> – **Asking \$4,500 obo** – For more info, contact Dick Redding at 703-765-1549 or rsredd@cox.net – Car is located in Alexandria, VA

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