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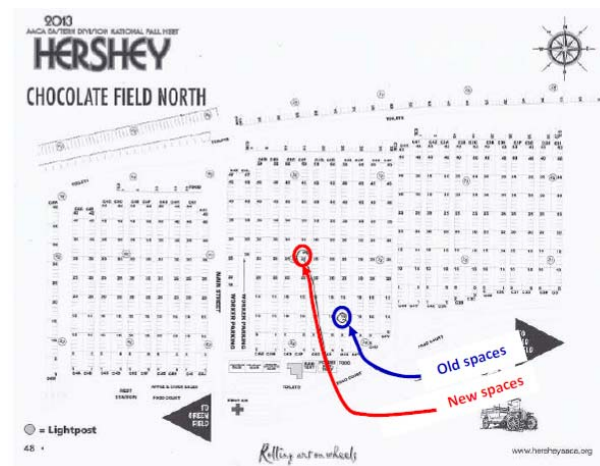
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Members of the CLC Raritan River Region, including Region Director and Potomac Region member Jeff Montgomery pictured above left, recently completed the ice bucket challenge for ALS and donated \$100 to the cause. They have challenged members of the Valley Forge, North Jersey and Potomac Region to do the same and donate \$100 to this cause. Please contact me if you are up to the challenge. Donations can be made to the ALS at <http://web.alsa.org>.



Please note that the CLC Tent at Hershey will be in a new location that is only one aisle away from last year's space! The new spaces will be at C4P 24-26 in the North Chocolate Field – last year's space was C4S. The new spaces are in the middle of the row.

Vince Taliano



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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Oct 2-5 Thu-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle & Auction	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 5 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Down Right Spectacular Car Show	Keys Stadium Frederick MD	Denny Weikert at dweikert@friendsoffredco.org or 301-676-4420
Oct 5 Sun	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	56th Annual Antique Auto Assembly	Armed Forces Retirement Home Washington DC	202-541-7626 or 202-541-7639
Oct 8-11 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey PA	www.hersheyaaca.org
Oct 11 Sat	Check in at 7:45 AM Parade starts at 9:00 AM	1st Annual SOFCC Warrior Athletics Homecoming Day Parade	Iverson Mall Temple Hills MD	Jeffery Wooten at 240-508-8365 (cell) or 301-630-3733 (office)
Oct 18 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show	Rockville Civic Center Rockville MD	240-314-5022 or www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Oct 18 Sat	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	UAW -GM All American Cruisin' for WBAL Kids Campaign	GM Baltimore Operations Plant White Marsh MD	443-425-1500
Oct 19 Sun	8:30 am – 2:30 pm	All-GM Show Hosted by the Royal GTOs	King Buick GMC Gaithersburg MD	Bill Sandusky at 301-570-3517 or 301-801-7519 (Day of Show)
Oct 26 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Annual Capitol Cadillac Fall Car Show "Celebrating Capitol Cadillac's 80th Anniversary"	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Dan Ruby at 301-894-8026 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org



Congratulations to Martina & Frank Butler whose 1964 Eldorado recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Pictured above are the Butlers in the front seat, their son Frank and a friend of his in the backseat plus about 50 or so of their closest friends.

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***Celebrating Capitol
Cadillac's 80th
Anniversary at the 2014
Annual Fall Car Show!***

***Sunday October 26, 2014
Car Registration: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Spectator Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
6500 Capitol Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Phone: 301-441-9600
www.ecapitol.com***



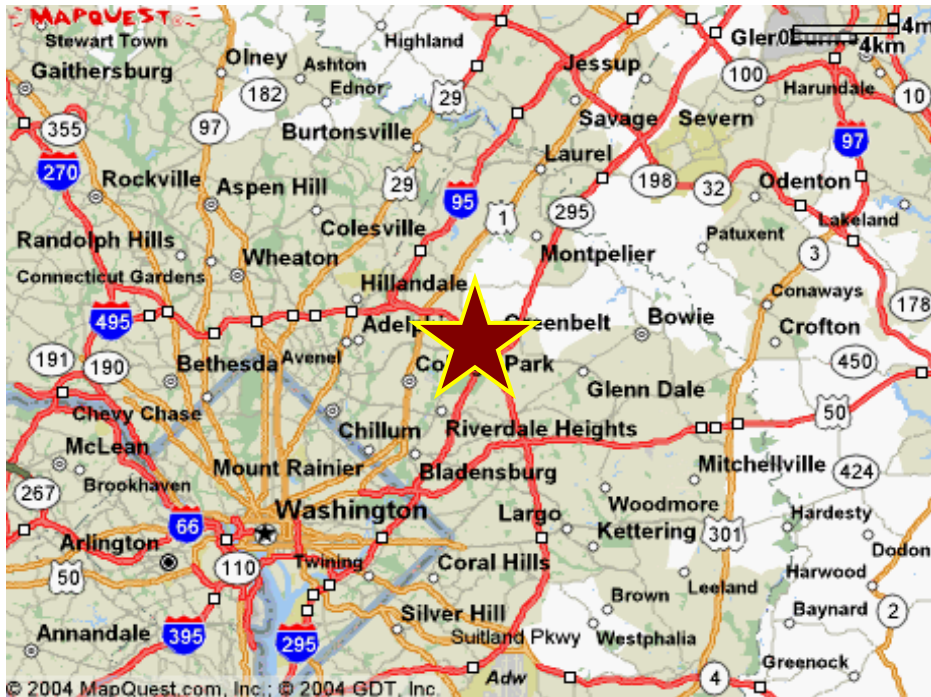
The CLC Potomac Region's car show sponsor, Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, Maryland, is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year. The dealership was established in Washington, DC in 1934 by Floyd Akers, the grandfather of Daniel Jobe, its current President. In 1979, the dealership moved to its present facility in Greenbelt, Maryland and has been hosting CLC Potomac Region car shows since 1992. To commemorate the anniversary, the theme selected for this year's fall Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region car show is ***"Celebrating Capitol Cadillac's 80th Anniversary"***. As part of the celebration, we are attempting to fill the showroom on Sunday October 26th with Cadillacs / LaSalles from 1934 – 1979 that were originally sold by Capitol Cadillac (all Cadillacs and LaSalles will be welcome at the show, but the ones sold new by Capitol Cadillac in 1979 or before will be the specially- featured cars.) In addition we are extending this special invitation to owners of 1934 Cadillacs and LaSalles too.

The Region is extending an invitation to known owners of Cadillacs / LaSalles that were sold new by Capitol Cadillac in 1979 or before. To celebrate the event, our commemorative program will highlight the history of Capitol Cadillac, and will include a description of each one of the featured cars pre-registered for the show. Each owner of a featured car will receive one of these programs, and also a framed certificate of appreciation for participating.

If out-of-town guests are interested in attending, please let us know and we will contact the Hilton Garden Inn near the dealership to reserve rooms. Also, if there are out-of-town attendees, we'll schedule a dinner the night before the show at a nearby restaurant. For further information, please contact Dan Ruby, Car Show Coordinator, at 301-894-8026 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org.



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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 the 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 more information, contact Dan Ruby at 301-894-8026 or danruby@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 • Mayor's Choice • Best Pre-War • Best Post-War (Early) • Best Post-War (Late) • Best of Show • Ladies' Choice • Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) <p style="text-align: center;">A vehicle receiving "Best of Show" or one of the other "Best" awards will not be eligible to receive an award in its respective Class.</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 Oct 18th: \$15/per car - After Oct 18th: \$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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Celebrating Capitol Cadillac's 80th Anniversary
COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM WRITE-UP

Please include a brief description on each Cadillac and/or LaSalle originally sold by Capitol Cadillac from 1934-1979 for inclusion in the Commemorative Program.

Examples: history of the car, unique features, favorite memory, etc.

***(Please return along with car show registration by October 12, 2014
in order to be included in the commemorative program)***

Year: _____ **Model:** _____ **Owner:** _____ **City & State:** _____

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, Maryland

TIME: 7:40 PM

PRESIDING: Sandy Kemper, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: Chris Cummings, Dale Darden, Susan & Randy Denchfield; Franklin Gage, Bill Hilliard, Daniel Jobe, Dan Ruby, Harry Scott and Richard Sisson

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Sandy thanked everyone for attending and thanked Daniel Jobe for hosting the meeting at his dealership. Sandy introduced Dale Darden, a new member from Kent Island, who was attending his first PR meeting. He announced that Scott Patton, a PR member in search of a Cadillac to buy, has found one. Recently he purchased Tom McQueen's 1974 Sedan deVille. Sandy mentioned that we found out after the last meeting and after the August newsletter was distributed that PR member Jim Hartnett won First in Class for his 1992 Brougham at the All GM Show at Montgomery College last month. We had not received a full list of winners from the show's organizers and did not know of this award. Congratulations to Jim!

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the August meeting to date. The Region's income was \$1,599.44. The total expenses for the same time period were \$399.25.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2014 membership total is 196 members. We have started the process to submit our official 2014 PR roster to the CLC Office. The first step was to compare our list of current 2014 PR members to CLC's list of "Inactive" PR (i.e. their CLC membership has expired) members to see who among our 2014 members are currently inactive. That comparison of the lists showed that there are nine (9) current PR members who are inactive in the CLC nationally. Membership Director Deb Taylor attempted to reach seven of these members to provide information on how to renew their CLC membership in order to remain a member of the PR region (which is a requirement). Vince Taliano heard from the other two. Five said that they would renew. One will not. Three are still pending. For those who don't renew with the National CLC by the time that we need to submit our official 2014 roster to the CLC Membership Office, their name will be removed from our 2014 roster and won't be eligible to renew with us for 2015 until their CLC membership is renewed.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were mentioned but no one at the meeting had attended any of these events:

1. Recent Events:

- **Francis Scott Key Car Club's Annual Antique Car Show, Rose Hill Manor Park, Frederick, MD, Sun, Aug 17.** Franklin Gage participated and reported that this show had a good turnout of cars on a perfect weather day.



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- **15th Annual "On The Streets" Car Show, Clifton, VA, Mon, Sep 1.** Among the winners at this year's show was CLC member Frank Hines' 1938 Cadillac (pictured right – photo by Clem Clement) which was awarded as one of the "Top 20." To the best of our knowledge, the other PR members that participated were: Burt Zwibel, Nasser Almasary, Greg Bastien, Bob Brown, Dan Mullane, Matt Brown and Harry Scott. There were several other Cadillacs on display by non CLC PR members.



- **Miss America Pageant Parade, Atlantic City, NJ, Sep 13.** Randy Denchfield had three cars, including his 1976 El Dorado, carrying pageant contestants in the parade on the boardwalk. Chuck Piel also participated in the pageant parade.

2. Upcoming Potomac Region Events:

- **Fall Vineyard Driving Tour:** Activities Director Scot Minesinger has not yet selected a date for this tour this fall. More information will be forthcoming.
- **City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center, Rockville, MD, Sat, Oct 18.** Our club is one of the sponsoring car clubs and everyone's participation is encouraged. Let's try to get a lot of Cadillacs and LaSalles on the show field.
- **Annual Fall Car Show, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sun, Oct 26.** This year's theme will be a celebration of the 80th anniversary of Capitol Cadillac. The show flyer was published in the August newsletter. Red, Hot & Blue will be on-site providing lunch. The dash plaque design has been completed and the order has been placed. Volunteers are needed to help run the show. Members who have helped in the past will be contacted asking to help again. We have started the research and expect to encourage any owners of 1934 cars and cars sold by Capitol Cadillac to attend. Daniel Jobe announced that there will be a Mayor's Choice award presented by the Mayor of Greenbelt at this show.
- **2017 CLC Grand National:** Recently Scot Minesinger visited the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor. Then Ronnie Hux and Jack Hotz visited the hotel also. Helms Briscoe is in negotiations with this hotel as well as looking for 5-6 more options in the area. Marsha Redman, CLC National Meets & Tours said that we should be hearing from Helms Briscoe very soon. Once we get their recommendations and what terms they can negotiate, we will have our first GN 2017 planning meeting.

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

- **39th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet, Manassas Museum, Manassas VA, Sat, Sep 21, 10am–3pm.** This popular show will be held this coming Saturday. Remember we are hoping to have more Cadillacs than Packards on the show field.



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- **CLC Raritan River Region 5th Annual Dealer Show at Gold Coast Cadillac, Oakhurst, NJ, Sun, Sep 21.** Last year several of our members participated in this show.
- **MPT MotorWeek Carnival, Lilypons, MD, Sat, Sep 27.** This is the second year for this event and it will be interesting to see what changes that the organizers may make. They recruited Franklin Gage to serve on their show committee and to assist them with registration. Our club will not be having a vendor table this time, unlike last year.
- **CLC Museum & Research Center Grand Opening, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI, Sun, Sep 28.** The much anticipated opening of the CLCMRC will happen next week.
- **CLC Valley Forge Region Annual Fall Car Show, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, PA, Sun, Sep 28.**
- **3rd Annual Rodder's Journal Revival, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD, Sep 27-28.** Dan Ruby described this show as one of the largest street rod shows on the East Coast.
- **56th Annual Antique Auto Assembly, Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC, Sun, Oct 5.** This show was canceled last year because of the Federal Government shutdown, but will be held this year. According to Randy Denchfield, who has participated frequently, it begins at 9:00 AM and wraps up by noon. The residents of the Home are extremely appreciative of the cars.
- **AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet at Hershey, PA, Wed-Sat, Oct 8-11.** **The CLC tent will be located in new spaces, C4P 24-26, in the North Chocolate Field, just one aisle west of the old location of the Flea Market.** Rob Robison, 302-547-0309 (cell), is looking for volunteers to assist in the tent. The work is fun and rewarding, not to mention an excuse to rest one's feet. There will be three 2½ hour shifts each day, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday-Friday. In addition, Rob could use help on set-up day, Tuesday, Oct 7th. Usually each shift is staffed with three volunteers as the tent can get busy at times. The work comprises being a "greeter," replenishing refreshments and collecting payments for membership applications, renewals and sales of merchandise.
- **4th Annual Ridgely Pharmacy Car & Motorcycle Show, 7 West Belle St, Ridgely, MD, Sun Oct 19.** Dale Darden mentioned this show and offered to lead a caravan of members interested in attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Baltimore Area Meeting Location:** Last month's (August) meeting was held at the Olive Grove Restaurant in Linthicum, Maryland. This was our first time there and everyone in attendance enjoyed it. The only drawback to this restaurant is that they do not prepare separate checks. However, everyone calculated their share and the club did not have to make up any difference. We expect to return to the Olive Grove for our February meeting.
- **Car Show "Best of" Award Time Periods:** At our May Region meeting it was suggested that we consider changing the time periods of "Pre-War" and "Post-War" for our "Best of" awards. After reviewing several ideas with key members and Daniel Jobe, it was decided to add a second "Post-War" ("Best Post-War Early," "Best Post-War Late"). The time period for the two "Post-War" periods may vary from show to show based on the years of the cars registered for each show.



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- Emeritus Program: As discussed in previous meetings, we are considering several recognition items for our "Emeritus" cars. Our friends in the VFR will bring samples of their "Emeritus" awards to the GN planning meeting to be held soon. After that we'll make a recommendation for the officer's approval.
- Sandy reminded everyone about the PR officer elections for the term 2015-16 and noted that the nomination form was contained in the August issue of the **Caddie Chronicle**. All members should consider nominating themselves or other members to serve as a region officer. He announced that the nominations will be closed at the October meeting, the election ballot will be published in the October newsletter and that a vote for the election of officers will take place in November, most likely at the November Region meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Recently we have begun to compile a list of winners of awards at our Capitol Cadillac car shows since 2003. We began this task when we started to prepare our "Emeritus Program" [see above]. Although our primary goal was to make a list solely of the "Best of Show" winners, we are now compiling the winners of all awards.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- New member Dale Darden suggested that club members expecting to attend certain car shows should consider forming Cadillac caravans to the shows.
- Daniel Jobe provided interesting insights into what Cadillac may be producing in the coming years. Also, he regaled everyone with amusing stories from his participation in the Hemmings Motor News Great Race in June.
- The Region expresses condolences to Jeffery Hammers on the recent passing of his mother and to Bob Norrid on the recent passing of his aunt.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 20th at the **Silver Diner** in **Merrifield, Virginia**.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

2015 CLC Museum & Research Center Calendar Order Form

Please send check or money order (sorry, we're unable to accept credit cards) made out to the CLC Museum & Research Center, Inc. (U.S. funds only), indicating quantity desired to:

CLC Calendar Sales
PO Box 6447
Plymouth, MI 48170-8447 USA

Copies of the order form are accepted
 Calendars shipped in early December
 Order inquiries:
 Contact s_pash@charter.net

**Proceeds benefit the CLC
 Museum & Research Center**

Still only **\$15** each

SHIPPING FEES

United States	\$2.50 for one calendar \$3.50 for two, \$5.15 three to five
Canada/Mexico	\$3.25 U.S. for one calendar \$4.50 U.S. for two
All other countries	\$6.50 U.S. for one calendar, \$10.00 U.S. for two

_____ Calendars x \$15 each	\$ _____
Shipping fees	_____
Total	\$ _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

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COUNTRY _____



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DRIVE'EM IF YOU GOT'EM

Congratulations to the following members whose Cadillacs recently hit a 1,000 mile milestone.



**Chuck & Debbie Piel's
1967 DeVille Convertible
79K miles**



**Lynn Gardner's
1975 Sedan DeVille
30K miles**



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AKRON CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE STORY AND PHOTOS BY JACK MCCLLOW

A few months ago fellow Potomac Region members and good friends Byron & Alida Alsop asked if I would like to accompany them to Akron, Ohio for the "Concours d'Elegance at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens". I have been to three Concours events over the past twelve years and was thrilled for the opportunity to attend another one. We set off for Akron on Friday morning, September 19th, with 30 some feet of enclosed trailer, containing their 1936 Cadillac V-12 Convertible Sedan, hooked behind their Ford Super Duty four-door diesel pickup.



Seiberling home – Stan Hywet Hall

The first thing Saturday morning we headed over to the grounds of where the event was to be held the following day. A tour had been arranged of the 65 room home on the estate known as "Stan Hywet Hall". This magnificent home (the sixth largest historic estate open to the public at 65,000 square feet in size) was built between 1912 and 1915 by F. A. and Gertrude Seiberling, founders of

the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. (Little known fact: Charles Goodyear, who lived from 1800 to 1860, developed the process to vulcanize rubber in 1839, but never lived to realize financial gain from his invention. Mr. Seiberling named his new company, founded in 1898, after Mr. Goodyear as a tribute in honor of his earlier accomplishments.) In 1957, the Seiberling family donated the home and gardens to a non-profit organization for its preservation after the last Seiberling resident living in the home passed away at the ripe old age of 108. The construction of "Stan Hywet Hall" was designed to mirror that of a proper English manor home. To that end, the modern conveniences of the day, of which the home has them all and then some, are cleverly hidden from view in order to maintain the correct "manor home" appearance throughout. This grand estate has since been consistently maintained in impeccable condition and contains nearly all the furnishings and fixtures from when it was the Seiberling's family home. Over the past 100 years, the original 3,000 acre estate has since been gradually reduced to its current 70.



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On Saturday afternoon, back at the Hilton Hotel, our host hotel, we attended a free-flowing gathering that featured conversations with Wayne Carini and Ralph Marano. Wayne is well known these days for his popular cable television show "**Chasing Classic Cars**" on the Velocity Channel. Ralph is well known for his family-run "Marano & Sons Auto Sales" in Garwood, New Jersey, as well as the family's extensive collection of vehicles that now totals 85 classic automobiles --- 70 of which are one-of-a-kind or at least the only one known to be left. Mr. Marano and his family also own one of the largest individual collections of Packard automobiles known to exist, currently totaling 48 of these fine automobiles.

Later that evening Byron and Alida and I joined all the others for a reception and dinner at the exclusive Portage Country Club on the grounds of the Stan Hywet estate. (In case you are

wondering why the Seiberlings named their home "Stan Hywet Hall" rather than after themselves, "Stan Hywet" is an Old English term for "stone quarry", and the grounds were well known throughout the area for their massive stone outcroppings.) Following dinner was an auction of elaborate vacation getaways with the identical twin Keno Brothers (Leigh and Leslie from the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow") squeezing the last \$100 dollars out of those in attendance, with all of the proceeds earmarked for local charities. The last auction item,

appropriately enough, was for a ride for two in the Goodyear Blimp, Wingfoot I. I have since forgotten the amount of the winning bid, but I do remember it was well above the limit I had set for myself. The rains came into town over the night time hours, but by early Sunday morning things improved significantly and Byron & Alida and I unloaded the magnificent 1936 V-12 from their six-wheeled transport and drove the five miles or so to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens and the site of the event. The weather rapidly improved and was absolutely perfect for the day's events.



L to R: Wayne Carini and Ralph Marano





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The day could not have been more enjoyable. In addition to the 160 or so amazing automotive works of art on display, the organizers of the event had something special for all of us to see: an exact, totally exact down to the last nut and rivet, duplicate of the world's very first self-propelling mechanical vehicle that dated back to 1769. I had read up on this vehicle before leaving for Akron, learning that one of the design flaws seemed to be its serious lack of stability due to the tricycle wheel arrangement, made worse by the location of the heavy boiler perched well out in front. Sure enough, within moments of it being driven down the path early that morning, calamity struck. Experts at righting heavy equipment were called in to the rescue and by the end of the day the contraption was huffing and puffing away and everyone was treated to the show we all had been promised.



Oops!!

Using Wikipedia as a reference source, following is the story of the world's first self-propelled vehicle, the basis for which the replica we experienced was based.

Cugnot's "Fardier à vapeur"



[Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot](#)'s "Fardier à vapeur" ("Steam wagon") (1769) – "*Machine à feu pour le transport de wagons et surtout de l'artillerie*" ("fire engine for transporting wagons and especially artillery") was built from 1769 in two versions for use by the French Army. Cugnot's *fardier*, a term usually applied to a massive two-wheeled cart for exceptionally heavy loads, was intended to be capable of transporting 4 tonnes (3.9 tons), and of travelling at up to 4 km/h (2.5 mph). The vehicle was of [tricycle](#) layout, with two rear wheels and a steerable front wheel controlled by a [tiller](#). There is considerable evidence, from the period, that this vehicle actually ran, making it probably the first to do so; however it remained a short-lived experiment due to inherent instability and the vehicle's failure to meet the Army's specified performance level."



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L to R: Wayne Carini and Eldon Hostetler

Even though I do not travel in the rarified circles of the Concours crowd, I did see some folks I knew: actually, to be clear, I knew them they didn't (and still don't and never will) know me. Among them were Eldon & Esta Hostetler of Middlebury, Indiana. I had first met them in January of 2009 during a visit to their amazing collection of Hudson automobiles during our CLC winter board meeting on the day that had been designated "the day of museum tours". The Hostetler's are an elderly and totally charming and unassuming couple who have amassed what is thought to be the world's largest collection of Hudson, Essex and Terraplane automobiles. Using the proceeds from the 65 some patents, the Hostetlers proudly display their collection in the tourist town of Shipshewana, Indiana. Their museum not only houses all of their automobiles and related collections easily, there is still room for

several hundred folks to stay for dinner. Included with his automotive displays are some of the inventions that made the Hostetlers so financially comfortable, such as the automatic chicken waterer. Who would have known there was a need for such a thing? Mr. Hostetler did, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Another one of my chance meetings that brought me great joy was my introduction to Steve Plunkett of London, Ontario. I knew of Mr. Plunkett as a result of becoming Treasurer for the CLC last year; since then, once every two months or so, I send a check to Mr. Plunkett to reimburse him for out-of-pocket expenses connected with the distribution of our club's "**The Self- Starter**" magazines to our members in Canada who, before Mr. Plunkett offered to assist, could never know with any certainty when their monthly magazines would arrive. So I was happy to make his acquaintance and to be able to thank him in person for being so helpful with our magazines. But then I noticed the car he had brought to the event was not your ordinary 1949 Cadillac Coupe de Ville; no, not at all. This particular Coupe de Ville, as it turns out, was the prototype, the actual car, displayed at the January 1949 General Motors' Transportation Unlimited Exhibition at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Soon after the exhibition closed, the car became General Motors President Charles Wilson's personal daily driver.



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In 1953, Mr. Wilson gave the car to his personal secretary who then took it with her when she moved to California. The car was lost for quite some time then located in a barn in Connecticut in 1978. Mr. Plunkett has spared no expense on the vehicle's full restoration, and it shows perfection in every way. The Coupe de Ville is the only survivor of the four GM prototypes from this special corporate project, and the oldest known surviving Motorama Dream Car. Mr. Plunkett



Steve Plunkett with his 1949 Concept Coupe de Ville

has a collection of approximately 75 amazing classics (Google him to see the list) with 50 or so of those being Cadillac automobiles. He and I have only one thing in common: he also owns a 1957 Series 62 convertible, though his is absolutely perfect and mine is absolutely the opposite. All of his cars are housed in various museum quality buildings on his estate in Ontario. I gingerly asked if maybe there might be some way I might be able to see his collection one day. He said, "Sure, just check with me first to be sure I will be at home." And then gave me his card and wrote his private e-mail address on the back. How nice is this guy?



One of my other favorite cars on display that day (there were so many "favorites" how could I narrow down the list?) was a 1935 LaSalle Convertible Coupe owned by Richard & Leanne Zapala of Haslett, Michigan. This car was just amazing: bright yellow exterior with beautiful red interior; my favorite classic car combination. This car was a crowd favorite, and a favorite of mine as well, and won one of the top awards at the show's conclusion.



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Monday morning soon arrived and it was time to reconnect the trailer to the truck and begin to make our way back toward home. A bit more than a 50 gallons of diesel fuel later (in addition to the 50 we burned on the way out) and two shredded trailer tires replaced on the return trip (Byron is right, the more tires you change the faster it goes – thank goodness he carries *lots* of spares) Byron & Alida and I were having dinner at one of their favorite diners in Herndon, Virginia and reliving the terrific weekend of great old cars, seeing some of our special friends, making some special new friends, and enjoying lots and lots of wonderful memories. Even though the many Concours events held around the country every year are not entirely Cadillac-centric, I highly recommend adding the attendance of a Concours d'Elegance to your bucket list for 2015, if you have not so already, for all of the great pleasures these special events provide.



As seen in the parking lot of the host hotel: the best of only two 1955 Mark II factory authorized convertibles. This one is owned by Barry Wolk of Michigan.

As I have said many times before, none of these amazing experiences would have been a part of my life had it not been for the priceless friendships I have made through the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and the local regions the national club has spawned. I thank my lucky stars every single day for the wonderful times this our hobby has brought my way, year in and year out. The four days I spent with the Alsops were amazing; we had the best time. Autumn has arrived, but we still have a month's worth of old car activities ahead for us to enjoy.

See most of you soon in Hershey!!!



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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 \$95,000** – For more info, contact Aaron Driben at 617-835-7776 or aaron@cityexp.com – Car is located in North Carolina



NEW ARRIVAL 1963 Fleetwood 2-Ton 4 Wheel Drive – Unfinished project – See pictures at <http://stlouis.craigslist.org/cto/4670958294.html> – **Asking \$2,500** – For more info, email zvstr-4670958294@sale.craigslist.org or call 573-200-3213 – Car is located in Bloomsdale, MO



NEW ARRIVAL 1956 Coupe Deville – Same owner for over 23 years – 64,700 miles – Always garaged – Car has always been serviced regularly by certified Cadillac technicians – Older correct VIN code repaint that is still presentable – 365 c.i. engine is strong and responsive – Transmission shifts as it should – Extensive front end updated over time including king pins and bushings, springs, coils, and shocks – Exhaust and other items updated too numerous to mention – Car does not sag, sits and rides level – No weak undercarriage components – Car is completely road-worthy and can be driven at highway speeds with confidence and pride See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/56cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$15,500 or best reasonable offer** – 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



1976 Coupe Deville – Approximately 33k original miles – Claret with burgundy top and white interior – Original paint, vinyl top and interior – Runs great (recently driven from Harrisburg, PA to Greenbelt, MD for car show) – Options include cruise control – Needs A/C work – Rear plastic trunk panels replaced – Reason for selling is remodeling home – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/76cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$6,500 or best offer** – For more info, contact Paul Fertich at 717-599-8126 (mobile) or pfertich@verizon.net – Car is located in Harrisburg, PA



1984 Cadillac Eldorado Two-Door Coupe – All original 49,800 miles – Beautiful car finished in original Autumn Maple Firemist High Metallic acrylic lacquer paint with gold pin stripes and a tan vinyl Coach Roof – Many extra features including chrome grill cap, trunk rack and chrome spoke wheels – Rides on its original Vogues – Light Saddle supple leather interior is gorgeous and is in as new condition as is the carpeting – Car has been extremely well cared for – Same owner for the past 10 years – Garage kept for most of its life – Runs and drives extremely well – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/84cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$7,000** – For more info, contact Bob Fangmeyer at 240-994-4570 or rafwgf@verizon.net – Car is located in Derwood, MD



1993 Cadillac Allanté – One of 30 stock 1993 Allantés sent by Cadillac for use as a festival car for the 1992 Indianapolis 500 race – Stenciled "Official Pace Car" (both sides) and "Al Unser, Jr" (passenger side only because it faced the grandstands) – Given to Al Unser, Jr ("Lil Al") to drive at the opening parade and closing ceremonies for the 1992 Indianapolis 500 race ("Lil Al" won that historic race by just .048 seconds with Scott Goodyear coming in second and "Lil Al's" father, Al Unser, Sr finishing third – almost an all-Unser family race with Bobby Unser as the Pace Car driver, his nephew winning the race and his brother coming in third) – Two weeks later was used again by "Lil Al" to open the brand new Belle Isle Raceway for the Detroit Grand Prix XI parade (makes this Allanté special because not only was it driven on the brickyard track at Indy but was also driven around the new Belle Isle track in Detroit) – Dash above the glove box is personally signed by both Al Unser, Jr and Bobby Unser – Car comes with many display items – Currently has personalized Texas 10 year plates "LIL AL" – 36,775 miles – Excellent condition – Four owners but the current owner is the third owner as it had to be registered in Florida before he could register the car in Texas (gaps in ownership when it was displayed in a museum) – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/93cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$30,999 obo** – Buyer is responsible for all shipping costs – For more info, contact Nick Ferrantino at 713-802-9393 or pregomio@outlook.com – Car is located in Houston, TX



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