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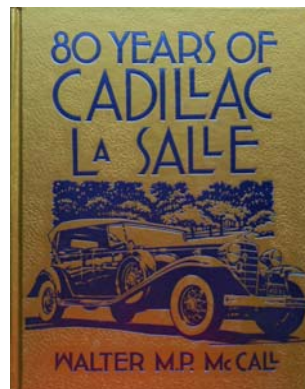
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I recently had the pleasure of exchanging emails with Walter McCall. What a thrill it was to learn that he is an avid reader of the ***Caddie Chronicle***. Walter wrote one of the most comprehensive books on the history of Cadillacs and LaSalle's titled ***"80 Years of Cadillac LaSalle"***. Second-hand issues of his book on eBay still command a premium price 33 years after it was first published. Thanks, Mr. McCall, for your contributions to the Cadillac community.



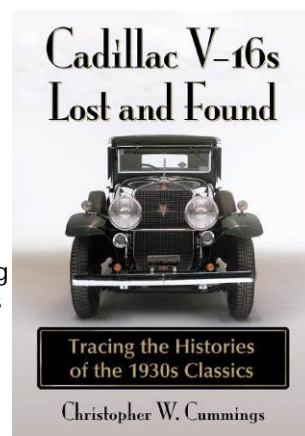
Congratulations to Chris Cummings whose book, ***"Cadillac V-16s Lost and Found: Tracing the Histories of the 1930s Classics"***, was recently reviewed by ***Old Cars Weekly***. Read the review below!

Classic Car Club of America "Full Classics" have it all: style, speed, luxury and personality. Usually, their owners did as well. It took a big personality to buy a big Classic car during the Great Depression, and the stories of the cars and buyers are often worth retelling. Christopher W. Cummings captures those stories and those personalities — both the four-wheeled and the two-legged varieties — in his new book, ***"Cadillac V-16s Lost and Found: Tracing the Histories of the 1930s Classics."***

As the title implies, Cummings has selected the stories of Full Classic Cadillac V-16 motorcars, which were built from 1930-1940. In an unusual twist, he doesn't focus only on the racy roadsters or the fancy phaetons as other authors often do. Instead, Cummings set out to also uncover the equally interesting tales of the sedans, limousines and town cars which actually comprised more V-16 sales than the combined number of open bodies.

In addition to the closed cars, the roadster, the dual-cowl and all-weather phaetons, Cummings tells the tales of some of the very rare instances in which V-16 Cadillacs were bodied by coachbuilders. It all makes for intriguing reading that will entertain the student of Cadillacs and Classic cars, as well as anyone who just loves a good story about man and machine. Cummings' entertaining writing ensures all will devour each word and each image on the softcover book's 284 pages, which tell more than 65 stories.

"Cadillac V-16s Lost and Found" is priced at \$45 by publisher McFarland; order by calling 800-253-2187 or go to www.mcfarlandpub.com.



Vince Taliano



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



July 3, 2015

Vince,

Regarding Robert Meekins' article on Nemours in July 2015 ***Chronicle***, there may be an additional explanation for the 1921 Renault body on the 1934 Cadillac chassis (pictured top right). In those days, wealthy customers had automobile bodies designed to their particular specifications. Car bodies were "bespoke", to use the British term for custom-made goods. It is likely that Mrs. duPont was pleased with the design and dimensions of the body designed in 1921, and when the mechanical components of the car became obsolete and/or worn out, that body was transferred to a new chassis and drivetrain.

In the picture at the bottom of page 15 (pictured bottom right), the car in the foreground was Alfred I. duPont's last personal car. I believe it is a 1933 Buick Series 90 coupe. The car carries license plates from Duval County, Florida, which is consistent with the fact that the duPonts were residents of Jacksonville at the time of Mr. duPont's death in 1935.

When I visited Nemours a couple years ago, there was another family car -- a Cadillac -- sitting outside under a cover, its future uncertain.





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Alfred I. duPont's widow was Jessie Ball duPont, whom he married in 1921. Starting in 1923, Mrs. duPont's brother, Edward Ball, worked for and with his brother-in-law, and became Mr. duPont's "right hand man". Mr. Ball was a shrewd financier and a highly capable businessman in his own right. After Mr. duPont died in 1935, Mr. Ball looked after the interests of his widowed sister, and became the de-facto steward of the duPont fortune. Mr. Ball oversaw large Florida landholdings and other industrial interests, including a major railway, a paper company, banks and newspapers. He also became a formidable political force in Florida.



Jessie Ball duPont died in 1970, 35 years after her husband. Ed Ball, pictured left, continued to manage the family's financial interests until his death in June 1981, at age 93. According to the docents at Nemours, Mr. Ball's last car was a 1981 Cadillac Series 75 limousine, which at the time of my visit was sitting outside under a cover. Apparently no decision had been made about whether it should be retained or restored, because it is not technically a "duPont" car, and the name of Edward Ball is not widely recognized, even though he played a major role in one of the country's greatest fortunes. At the direction of Alfred I. duPont, that fortune is now controlled by a testamentary trust devoted to philanthropic purposes. The trust's principal purpose is to support the Nemours Foundation, which operates hospitals and other health care facilities, many of which are devoted to caring for sick children.

I would highly recommend to anyone that they visit Nemours. It is an exquisite property, now open to the public for the enjoyment of all. In Mr. duPont's private bedroom suite, the walls are adorned with gauges showing the workings of the various components of the house's mechanical plant. It is indicative of the nature of Mr. duPont as a "hands on" manager, who wanted to keep a close watch on the mechanical functions of the property, even though there were undoubtedly employees who also had this responsibility. Mr. duPont was designated a "Great Floridian" by the Florida Department of State, and his legacy continues to bear testimony to his public-spirited nature.

Richard Sills
Lancaster, Pennsylvania



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JULY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES BY CHUCK PIEL

PLACE: Silver Diner, Rockville, MD (IHOP closed due to renovations)

TIME: 7:30 pm

PRESIDING: Chuck Piel, Co-Director, Membership and Harry Scott, Treasurer

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Gursky, Chuck Piel, Harry Scott and Richard Sisson

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: We discussed the last minute change in venue because we only discovered that IHOP was temporarily closed that day. Our e-mail to membership to advise the change of meeting site might not have been read in time by some. (If so, we apologize.) Congratulations to Bill Anderson who won the CLC Henry M. Leland Award, the club's most prestigious individual award, at the 2015 Grand National in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Also congratulations to Rob & Chevonne Robison, Mark E. Brodsky, Bob Crimmins and Mike & Vicky Barruzza whose vehicles received awards at the Grand National. Our condolences go to Robert Meekins and Sarah McQueen on the recent loss of their fathers. Get well soon to George Boxley on a recent illness.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the June 2015 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the July 2015 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the June meeting to date. The Region's income was \$85.06. The total expenses for the same time period were \$74.85. The officers agreed to continue its "Adopt-A-Car" sponsoring of the Betty White Cadillac, 1977 Seville, at the AACA Museum. The annual amount is \$500.00.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2015 membership total is 184 members. Our newest member is Josh Pinho of Arlington, VA. He is the owner of a 1992 Allanté. Welcome, Josh!

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Potomac Region Meeting & Visit to Seatco, Springfield, VA, Jun 13.** Scot Minesinger arranged for the club's visit to Seatco, an auto upholstery supplier in Springfield, VA. We had last visited this shop in April, 2012 at its previous location. 14 members and guests attended and enjoyed the event. Seatco's owner Neal Ailstock and other Seatco personnel discussed convertible tops and upholstery; performed demonstrations, answered questions, and provided lunch.
- **42nd Annual Sully Father's Day Car Show, Chantilly, VA, Jun 21.** Harry Scott reported that there were 11 Cadillacs in the show. But only four were eligible for judging (one must pre-register to be judged). Harry represented our club and was the judge for the Cadillac class. The results were: Scott Patton, 74 SDV (1st place), Richard Sisson '54 Eldo (2nd place), Iver Steele, '54 Series 62 Coupe (3rd place). On display was William Sevilla's '69 Cadillac Fleetwood Hardtop Wagon! 1 of 14 built, and 1 of an estimated 6 existing.



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Originally purchased for use on a California horse ranch in the 1970s-1980s, this '69 Cadillac Fleetwood Hardtop Wagon was recently acquired from the original owner's family by William Sevilla. It had spent the last 25 years in storage, and was restored to run and drive.



'69 Cadillac Fleetwood Hardtop Wagon
Photo by Justin Sprinkle

<http://www.carguychronicles.com/2015/06/sully-historic-site-42nd-annual-car-show.html>

- **CLC Grand National Meet, Brookfield, WI, Jun 24-27.** Vince Taliano has posted photos from the 2015 CLC Grand National on the Potomac Region website (See "2015 Pictures"). Thanks to Lynn Gardner, Jack McClow and Bob Norrid for submitting the photos. Vince has posted a list of Potomac Region award winners from the GN also (See "In the News").

- **2017 CLC Grand National Planning Meeting, Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner, Jul 18.** Over 30 participants attended our first planning meeting (pictured right). Ronnie Hux led the meeting and discussed the work conducted to date, as well as the planned schedule of events. Bill Anderson provided an update on judging preparations, and Scot Minesinger discussed the volunteers needed for the various positions. Jeff Hansen reported that the event website has been completed. It is accessible at <http://www.vfrcl.org/2017GN.html>.



2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Potomac Region Family Crab & Barbecue Feast, Fri, Aug 7, Smokey Glen Farm, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm.** Vince Taliano has proposed that instead of a club picnic this year, we will attend the **"Fridays at the Farm!"** event at this large picnic facility in Gaithersburg, MD.

Open to the Public
Every Friday Evening *Rain or Shine*
June through August
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
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Plus MD State Sales Tax.
Age 21 or Older - Please be Prepared to Show Proper ID

Please - No Carry-Out Containers or Coolers
All Food Must Be Consumed On Site
All Seating is First-Come, First-Serve
No Pets, Please
Cash / Visa / Master Card / American Express
Pricing Subject to Change



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Please plan to attend as close to 5:30 as possible in order to park together. For more info, contact Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org.

- **Annual Fall Car Show, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sun, Oct, 25, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.** As reported previously, this year's theme will be **Magnificent Modifieds**. The show flyer was recently posted on the CLC Modified Chapter Discussion Forum as well as the CLC's Discussion Forum. The flyer will be included in the August newsletter.
- 3. **Other Upcoming Events:** The following events were mentioned:
 - **41st Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, Sat, Aug 8, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** This show has been a favorite of several PR members for many years.
 - **46th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Region's Autumn Car Show, Urbana Volunteer Fire Dept. Grounds, Urbana, MD, Sun, Sep 13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** This show always attracts many cars and permits "modifieds" to attend. At the show, the Urbana Fire Dept. sells its noteworthy fried chicken platters.
 - **40th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet, Manassas Museum, Manassas, VA, Sat, Sep 19, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Several Region members help produce this show and participation by members is always encouraged.
 - **CLC Museum & Research Center Fall Festival, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI, Fri-Sun, Sep 25-27.** Now that the museum is open, this year's event will include a driving tour to historic Marshall, MI, and the usual CLC car show and concours featuring V-16 Cadillacs, with a Drive-By Award. CLC Class Judging will be used for the first time at the Fall Festival.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Region is one of the sponsoring car clubs of the City of Rockville's Antique and Classic Car Show. Jack McClow attended the show committee meeting on June 18. It was announced that this year's special display at the show will feature wood-sided cars like the Chrysler Town and Country, etc. Also this year for the first time they can accept car registrations online. The registration fee is still \$10 for early registration, but there is a \$1.50 surcharge for registering online. If you would like to register by U.S. mail, visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm> to download the form. Also it is important for our club members to know they determine the amount of spaces that are made available for any one make of automobile based upon the early registrations. So it is really important to register early so that we can have enough spaces allocated for Cadillacs in the row behind our club's banner.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, August 15 at 4:00 pm at the Olive Grove Restaurant, 705 N Hammonds Ferry Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 followed by the "Lost in the Fifties" Cruise-In at Marley Station Mall in Glen Burnie, MD

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Aug 1 Sat	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	4th Annual Annapolis Car Show	Koons Ford Lincoln Annapolis MD	443-693-Show or http://theannapolisshow.com
Aug 7 Fri	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Potomac Region Family BBQ & Crab Feast	Smokey Glen Farm Gaithersburg MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org or Fridays at the Farm! at https://www.smokeyglenfarm.com/
Aug 8 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	41st Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@gmail.com
Aug 8 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Sons of the American Legion Car Show and Family Event	Main Street Laurel MD	Mike Templeton at 443-336-3700
Aug 11-15 Tue-Sat		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the Motor City Region	Greater Detroit MI Metro Area	Bruce (Chip) Iceman at drivingtour2015@gmail.com or 248-703-2119
Aug 13 Thu	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	American Muscle Night at Bowie Baysox Baseball Game	Baysox Stadium Bowie MD	Danny Warren at 301-805-6000 or djwarren@email.sc.edu
Aug 15 Sat	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting followed by "Lost in the Fifties" Cruise-In	Olive Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD Marley Station Mall Glen Burnie MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Aug 16 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	30th Annual Francis Scott Key Antique Car Club's Car Show	Rose Hill Manor Frederick MD	Ed Zimmerman at ezclassics@comcast.net or 301-514-2207 or Skip Mason at demason113@comcast.net or 240-422-0368
Sep 12 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	19th Annual CLC Hampton Roads Region Car Show	Suttle Motors Newport News VA	James Gregg at 757-489-8968 or http://hamptonroadsvacalc.org/
Sep 14 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 19 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	40th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas VA	Nicki Hudson at 540-522-6533 or www.bullrunaaca.org
Sep 20 Sun	11:00 am – 3:30 pm	4th Annual Stratford Hall Wine Festival Car Show	Stratford Hall Stratford VA	Jack Ashburn at 804-435-6171 or jbashburn@verizon.net
Sep 20 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	6th Annual CLC Raritan River Region Car Show	Gold Coast Cadillac Oakhurst NJ	Doug Lansing at 609-466-0687 or Doug.Lansing@Verizon.net
Sep 26-27 Sat-Sun		Cadillac Fall Festival	CLCMRC Hickory Corners MI	Paul Ayres at payres@flash.net or 313-407-6603
Sep 30- Oct 4 Thu-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle & Auction	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 4 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 7-10 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey PA	www.hersheyaca.org
Oct 17 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 24 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	9th Annual Potomac Day Classic Car Show	River & Falls Rd Potomac MD	Jennifer at 301-299-2170 or jennifer@potomacpizza.com
Oct 25 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Annual Capitol Cadillac Fall Car Show <i>"Magnificent Modifieds"</i>	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Dan Ruby at 301-894-8026 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org



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Magnificent Modifieds

Sunday October 25, 2015

Car Registration: 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Show Hours: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Capitol Cadillac

6500 Capitol Drive

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Phone: 301-441-9600

www.ecapitol.com

For the first time, a CLC regional dealer-sponsored car show will feature modified Cadillacs and LaSalle. ***Magnificent Modifieds***, the theme for this year's Annual Fall Car Show on Sunday, October 25th at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD, will celebrate the creativity and craftsmanship of these unique Cadillacs and LaSalle.

Every modified Cadillac and LaSalle owner is encouraged to attend this very special show. To celebrate the event, each modified owner who pre-registers will receive a framed certificate of appreciation for participating. It is time for the modified owners to take their place alongside the **V-12 / V-16, Eldorado, LaSalle, Fleetwood, DeVille, Professional and Capitol Cadillac Alumni car owners** who have been featured at the CLC Potomac Region's theme-related fall car shows.





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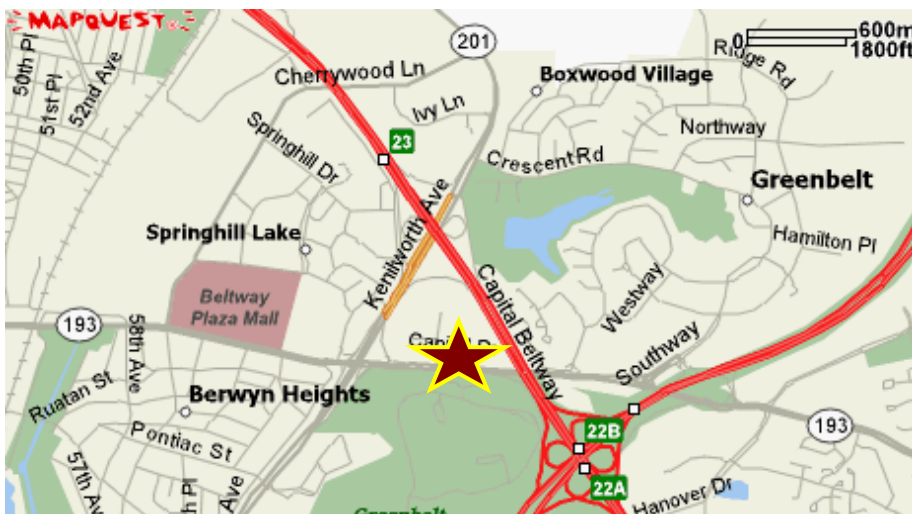
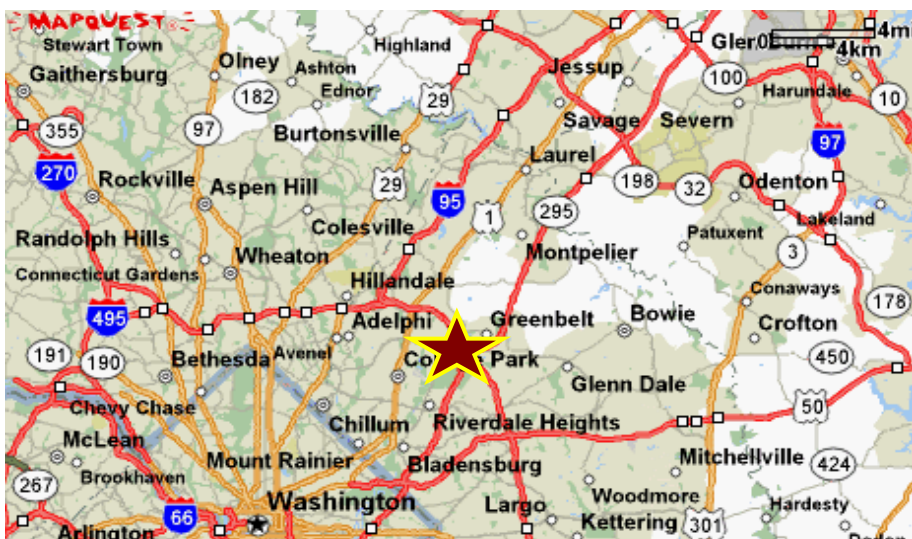
CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION
Class A:	Pre-War Modifieds (1902-1942)
Class B:	Post-War Modifieds Early (1946-64)
Class C:	Post-War Modifieds Late (1965-present)
Class D:	1902 – 1942 Cadillac or LaSalle
Class E:	1946 – 1958 Cadillac
Class F:	1959 – 1964 Cadillac
Class G:	1965 – 1970 Cadillac
Class H:	1971 – 1976 Cadillac
Class I:	1977 – 1986 Cadillac
Class J:	1987 – 1996 Cadillac
Class K:	1997 – Current Cadillac
Class L:	Professional Vehicles

The peer judging will be done by the owners of the vehicles registered, who will be able to judge cars in all classes, including their own. Awards will be given to winning vehicles in each class, **including three special classes for the modifieds.** In addition, there will be awards for Best of Show, Best Pre-War, Best Post-War, Dealer's Choice, Ladies' Choice, Young Judges' Choice and Long Distance.

Capitol Cadillac is minutes away from hotels including a Hilton Garden Inn and Courtyard by Marriott. A dinner will be held at a nearby restaurant the night before the show for out-of-town attendees.

The show will take place the same day as a Washington Redskins' 1:00 pm home game. As a result of the I-495 traffic on game days, all attendees will be encouraged to arrive as early as possible. Judging and the awards ceremony will both begin 30 minutes earlier than usual to allow attendees as much time as possible to leave the show before the football game ends.

For more information, 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 your left)

From Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295)

- Use Exit for Route 193 (Greenbelt Road)
- Proceed West on Route 193 - Greenbelt Road
- Make first right after underpass onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your right)



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 waterAnyone without a lunch ticket will pay Red, Hot & Blue directly at the time of their purchase.

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 11th: \$15/per car - After Oct 11th: \$20/per car)

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

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**KADILLAC KUSTOMS AND RODS AT CLC GRAND NATIONAL
STORY & PHOTOS BY JOHN "GUNNER" GUNNELL**

WWW.HOTRODHOTLINE.COM



HOT ROD HOTLINE was passing by Milwaukee, Wis. on June 26 and realized the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's (www.cadillaclasalleclub.org) Grand National Meet was taking place there. So we swung off the highway, never expecting to see anything but purist cars. Boy, were we wrong!

Cadillac LaSalle's "companion car" was the first car to come out of GM's Art & Colour Section in the '20s and ever since then, Cadillac has been leading edge when it comes to styling. In the '50s, the company lifted styling motifs from West Coast "kustomizers" and turned its production cars into "factory hot rods".



Not everyone would consider Bob Garipey's 1921 Cadillac a hot rod, but it really is in a true "old school" sense (pictured top left). Bob rescued the rusty tub from years of outdoor storage and decided to turn it into a 1920s Electric Line Truck because he was in the utility business for years. His truck has a "hotter" 1926 Caddy engine and a wooden body that he and his son built.



Jake Jakus of Dousman, Wis. must have watched "**Alice's Restaurant**" too many times as his 1955 "El Caddy" custom pickup (pictured bottom left) is very similar to the Cadillac flower car that folk singer Arlo Guthrie drove in his 1969 film about how a littering arrest got him out of the Vietnam draft. Guthrie's car had cool porthole windows, but Jakus' "petal pusher" is still pretty groovy. Jakus also brought another custom creation to the Cadillac show - a super-stretched 1959 tail fin Cadillac.



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Nicknamed "Mint 59," the unique creation uses a GM "flat top" station wagon roof welded to a stretched Cad chassis (pictured above). An unusual thing is that the stretch panels are added between front and rear doors that are about four feet apart. And the car is two-toned in light gold and white.

There were also a couple of famous custom cars at the Cadillac show thanks to dream car collector Joe Bortz of Chicago. Joe brought two cars from his dreamy collection. The 1955 LaSalle II is what we call a "factory concept car" today, but you have to see it in person to get the full effect of its small size (pictured right). It reminds us of a Chevy Corvair and it has a fake overhead cam V-6 engine. Bortz rescued it from a junkyard in Michigan where GM sent its cut-up show cars.



Bortz's second car is a custom creation called Die Valkyrie that was built on a 1954 Cadillac Eldorado chassis (pictured right). This car is considered a 1955 model and was styled by industrial designer Brooks Stevens. It was actually built in Germany by a coachbuilder named Spohn. After it toured shows in America and Europe, Stevens bought the car for his wife to use. Legend has it that the V-shaped front end was intended to emphasize that the car has V-8 power.



To view 60+ pictures from the '15 GN, visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2015pictures.htm>.



John "Gunner" Gunnell has been writing about cars since '72. Over three decades, he's met famous collectors, penned thousands of articles and written over 85 books. He lives in Iola, Wis., with his nine old cars, three trucks and seven motorcycles.



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**THE LAST SURVIVING WWI VETERAN
BY JOHN PAUL AND CASEY MAXON
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When the living connections to history begin to vanish, all we are left with are objects. And while these objects cannot speak for themselves, they still carry within them as many stories and memories as those who were there. With the last World War I veteran having passed in 2011 at the age of 110, there are no longer any living links to that time before widespread electricity, radios and cars, not to mention good roads on which to drive them. But out of this, one relic of the Great War has continued its storied existence well beyond that of its human counterparts: the 1918 Cadillac Type 57 (U.S. 1257X).

Purchased in August 1917 by Rev. Dr. John Hopkins Denison of New York, the V-8 engined car was immediately shipped across the Atlantic for service with the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) Thanks to surviving documentation and the tireless research work of its current steward, Marc Lassen, it has been determined Dr. Denison took delivery of the Cadillac bearing serial number 57A704 on August 9 from New York Cadillac distributor Inglis M. Upperco. This was just days before Rev. Denison sailed to France.



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Once in Europe, Rev. Denison utilized U.S. 1257X in order to scout out and establish the Y.M.C.A. leave area program for American soldiers serving under the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). It was the 257th passenger car to be registered for official military use. U.S. 1257X traversed much of France with Denison at the wheel, including a stint at the front lines and trips to Paris, Aix-Les-Baines and Nice among others.

As one of the pioneers of the leave area program, Rev. Denison worked with famed American, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. Mrs. Roosevelt was the daughter-in-law of the former president, and was instrumental in the establishment of many leave areas and was also charged with organizing a significant portions of women's activities related to the Y.M.C.A.'s war efforts. Most notably, Rev. Denison, Mrs. Roosevelt and others from the Y.M.C.A. toured in the Cadillac in the fall of 1918 in southern and Central France with the express purpose of selecting suitable casinos, hotels and resort towns for the soldiers. Mrs. Roosevelt refers to the event in her autobiography *Day Before Yesterday* where she recounts, "We went in luxury in a big open Cadillac..."

Mrs. Roosevelt, Rev. Denison, and U.S. 1257X all survived the war, with only the Cadillac showing signs of battle from its time on the front lines during the Second Battle of the Marne. Upon returning home, Mrs. Roosevelt was presented with a citation from Gen. George Pershing for her work in establishing the Y.M.C.A. leave areas for the A.E.F. Rev. Denison returned to New York in August 1919, however his car remained in France. Unlike the majority of vehicles that served in WWI, this car was spared surplus sales in Europe. Before shipping the car back to the U.S. Rev. Denison returned to Europe and toured once more, this time without the threat of battle. Once back on U.S. soil, Denison fittingly toured his home country in the machine that served him and the nation so proficiently abroad.

From there, the memories become clouded, time passing and the vehicle's exact whereabouts unaccounted. Somewhere along the lines it received a few new coats of paint. The leather seats gradually began to split showing the effects of time and countless passengers shuttling in and out. But despite all of this it remained structurally sound, a rolling reminder of a quickly vanishing period of American history.

Nearly 100 years later, U.S. 1257X was granted yet another honor. In 2014 it was added to the National Historic Vehicle Register, becoming the fourth vehicle on the Register and first with a military record. Largely in original condition, the car serves as a link to a time that now exists only within the pages of books. With both its physical existence and story now preserved for generations to come, U.S. 1257X will continue as a reminder of the Great War, a living link to our increasingly distant past.



Read more about this amazing vehicle's history at
<http://www.historicvehicle.org/nationalregister/Register-Vehicles/1918-Cadillac>



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***PREWAR MOTORING – DRIVING A 1935 LASALLE THROUGH D.C. TRAFFIC
STORY & PHOTOS BY RICHARD LENTINELLO
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Randy Denchfield's 1935 LaSalle Convertible Coupe

This past May, while driving up to New York City to visit my family, I made a detour to the Washington D.C. area to photograph this lovely 1935 La Salle Convertible Coupe for my forthcoming Cadillac book. Owned by Cadillac collector Randy Denchfield, it's one of two '35 LaSalle's in his collection, and without question one of the finest in the country.

After our photo shoot commenced, Randy took me for a nice drive in and around his pleasant Chevy Chase neighborhood. With the top down, we were enjoying the spring sunshine and reveling in the beauty of the LaSalle's distinctive styling. Then Randy pulled over and told me to take the wheel and experience the LaSalle motoring experience firsthand.



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Driving a prewar automobile is an all-hands-on-deck encounter. With only three speeds on the manual gearbox, a non-synchromesh first gear, low-ratio worm-and-roller steering and manual four-wheel drum brakes, you drive the car – it doesn't drive you. You have to be 100 percent alert at all times as to what the car is doing – or not doing – and plan ahead any braking and steering movements. Yes, steering too, because turning the big wheel doesn't generate much response, and when it does begin to turn the front wheels, it all happens in very slow motion. This is why it's imperative to think ahead, and plan things out before reaching that corner.

Under the Art Deco-adorned hood lies a straight-eight flathead engine that produces 105 horsepower, which at times is barely enough to get the 3,510-pound beauty up to speed – especially if the street has a slight incline. But it gets there, and it gets you there in style, with everyone who passes by waving and giving you the thumbs up.

That's the beauty of prewar automobiles – they force you to drive slow and to take in the scenery as you pass through it. It's a rudimentary driving experience that really is enjoyable, if, that is, you're not in any sort of hurry. And when you factor in the noise from the gears and the sounds of the flathead's mechanical clatter, it becomes an all-encompassing primeval experience that for serious car enthusiasts simply can't be beat. Tiring, yes, but oh, what fun.



Randy behind the wheel of his LaSalle





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1941 Series 62 Coupe – Black with blue-gray Bedford Cord and broadcloth interior – Well-equipped with Hydramatic, radio, deluxe steering wheel, back-up light, deluxe heater and large wheel discs – Owned since 1996 – New paint, interior and much of the chrome – New bias ply tube tires – Rebuilt engine, transmission and brake system – Most resto work was done 2000-2012 – Driven 5000 miles since 2012 – Proven tour car having led the 2014 CLC National Driving Tour – **Asking \$35,000 obo** – For more info, contact Jeff Shively at Cad19651941@yahoo.com or 765-721-1659 – Car is located in Kokomo, IN



1941 Series 75 Five-Passenger Sedan – Award winning car with divider window – Nicely restored with upgrades including two-zone, A/C, oil filter, backup camera, Sirius radio, 12-volt, Coopers, dual brake cylinder and more – Runs strong – 65k miles +/- on odometer – Original engine/backup light – Originally sold by Capitol Cadillac (have bill of sale) – **Asking \$39,500 with offers considered** – Sad to see it go – For more info, contact Jim Spina at 410-956-1378 or jimspina@yahoo.com – Car is located in Edgewater, MD



1963 Sedan deVille – Car spent its first 32 years in the wine country of California and the last 20 with current, and third owner, in Northern Virginia – Very reliable and proudly shows a few flaws and the wear that comes from usage – Has not had a major overhaul in its 135,000+ miles – Runs strong and idles smooth at 500 rpm – Enjoys road trips and has many new parts to keep it going including new radial tires (4/2014), new weather stripping, trunk and window seals (2011), modern radiator and additional cooling fan installed with AC upgrade (2011), and new front brake hoses, rear axle seal, and upper control arm bushings (10/2014) – Headlights now on relay system – Recent tune-up and carburetor rebuild – Pertronics electronic ignition – Car equipped with many standard and optional features including 390 c.i. V8 / 325 h.p., 4 speed hydramatic transmission, power windows (vents too!), seats, steering, brakes, locks, antenna and trunk release, cruise control (not working), guidematic headlight dimming system, factory a/c (changed to modern in 2011) and AM/FM radio (original case and controls, modern digital insides with auxiliary jack) – **Reduced to \$9,900 or best offer** – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/63cadillacforsale.htm> – For more info, contact Barry Bugg at 703-298-5429 or barry.bugg@cox.net – Car is located in Annandale, VA



1966 Deville Convertible – 106k miles – New top, upholstery, floor mats, dash covering and floor pans – New brakes (front disc upgrade), tires, gas tank, fuel lines and exhaust system – Cylinder heads overhauled – Original warranty plate and owner's manual – **Asking \$12,500** – For more info, contact Glenn Wienhoff at 301-613-2016 or golfbroadmoor@yahoo.com – Car is located near Frederick, MD



1968 Coupe Deville – 43k miles – Award winning unrestored car – 2006 AACA Hershey Preservation Award – 2014 CLC Grand National Past Presidents Preservation Award – Stored in climate control since new – Ivanhoe Green with black vinyl top – Cold A/C and all options work except clock – Original spare tire – Driven on tours and to Grand National events – **Asking \$18,000** – For more info, contact Tom Alsop at 703-425-6326 or talsop@cox.net – Car is located in Fairfax, VA



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1976 Eldorado Convertible – 31k miles – Current owner bought car three years ago from his uncle in Missouri who was a longtime owner – Selling due to arrival of new baby so automotive baby must go – Only driven about 150 miles the past three years – Runs well – No known mechanical defects at this time – Ball joint, axle shaft assembly, brake calipers, right front axle, left and right front lower ball joints were replaced in the fall of 2013 (have receipt) – New tires as of Aug 2014 – Told the A/C was replaced in the mid-80's but doesn't currently work – Original paint in nice condition – Front and back fillers replaced – May have had some body work to the front driver's side – Convertible top works fine – Clean interior – Overall looks great – See pictures – **Asking \$11,750** – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/76cadillac2forsale.htm> – For more info, contact Mr. Gould at 415-877-1529 or greatwhitecaddie@gmail.com – Car is located in Washington, DC



1977 Fleetwood Limousine – Only 16k original miles – Showroom condition – Silver exterior – Gray interior looks brand new and is all original – Does not look like anyone has ever sat in the car – Truly incredible limo – **Reduced to \$21,900** – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/77cadillacforsale.htm> – For more info, contact Phil Calder at 954-485-7335 or phil14@comcast.net – Car is located in Tamarac, FL

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