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RICHARD SILLS

It is hard to believe that summer is just about over. With fall fast approaching, we now turn our attention to some of our most anticipated events. First of all, you will see in this issue an end-of-summer picnic flyer. The picnic will be hosted by Dan & JoJo Ruby. This is a great opportunity for members to drive their Cadillacs or LaSalle's to a club event with plenty of parking. The Washington Redskins will be on a bye week so no need to worry about Sunday game traffic on I-95 / I-495 in Prince George's County. We thank the Rubys for opening their home to us on Sunday, September 27th. More details are on page 7.

We are receiving registrations for our Sunday, October 25th ***Magnificent Modifieds*** car show at Capitol Cadillac, including one from New York. Out-of-town attendees are encouraged to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Greenbelt that is walking distance from Capitol Cadillac. Ronnie Hux, 2017 Grand National Chairman, and a group of Valley Forge Region attendees will be staying there at the "Cadillac Show" rate of \$118. Best bet is to call the hotel directly at 301-474-7400 and ask for the rate.

Speaking of Redskins traffic, this is a friendly reminder that the car show will take place the same day as a 1:00 pm home game. As a result of the I-95 / I-495 traffic on game days, all attendees are 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.

As in the past, our September monthly meeting will be held at Capitol Cadillac. Please note the new date of Monday, September 21st.

Special thanks to renowned classic car writer John "Gunner" Gunnell for providing us another story for our newsletter to help promote our ***Magnificent Modifieds*** car show. This story is not a reprint, and has a local connection. Enjoy!

Vince Taliano



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



August 2, 2015

Vince,

Here is a picture of a modified Cadillac taken at a car show eleven years ago in Canton, South Dakota. It was very well done. I have not seen it for many years. Would have been a great candidate for your upcoming show!

Bob Eng
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



August 2, 2015

Vince,

Here's a picture of the car show debut of my '58 Series 60 Special, and my new tattoo at yesterday's 11th Annual Rohrsersville (MD) Fire Station 8 car show. While there I was approached by DJ Mike Veillieux of Music Madness who also does the Capitol Cadillac CLC shows, and Steve Mohl of the Boonesboro Fire Dept. They made the suggestion that if the CLC Potomac Region wanted to make this show a club gathering they would provide a separate area and judging class - so we don't have to compete with all the Tri-Five Chevys and muscle cars. Just something to think about -- it's not far away and a pretty mountainside venue. And it's also in range for the CLC Valley Forge Region - one member was there last year.

Rich York
Rohrsersville, Maryland



[Editor's Note: Thanks for your email and picture, Rich. I forwarded the information about the invitation to Scot Minesinger, our Activities Director. Also, I spoke with DJ Mike at the All-GM Show in Rockville. Hope to see you and the '58 at our Fall Car Show at Capitol Cadillac.]



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AUGUST 15, 2015 MEETING MINUTES BY CHUCK PIEL

PLACE: Olive Grove Restaurant, Linthicum Heights, MD

TIME: 4:30 PM

PRESIDING: Chuck Piel, Membership Co-Director

ATTENDANCE: Mark Brodsky, Rick Menz, Chuck Piel and brother Rick Piel, Ron Renoff, Ruth Synodinos and grand-daughter Victoria Dodge, and Carol & Harry Yarnell

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Chuck thanked everyone for attending. He announced that after the meeting, for those who are interested, we will take a short drive to the Marley Station Mall, 7900 Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, MD 21061 to attend the **"Lost in the Fifties" Cruise-In**. Due to the heat, no one elected to go to the cruise-in, although Chuck Piel and his brother, Rick Piel, went in Chuck and Debbie's '67 DeVille convertible. *(More on this later.)*

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Harry Scott's absence, Chuck presented the Treasurer's Report covering the time period from the July meeting to date. The Region's income was \$86.08, including four (4) October show pre-registrations. The total expenses for the same time period were \$1,617.83, including the renewed contribution to the AACA Museum for the maintenance of the 1977 "Betty White" Seville.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2015 membership total is 184 members.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **CCCA Chesapeake Bay Region Grand Classic, Turf Valley, Ellicott City, MD, Sat, Jul 25.** Byron & Alida Alsop received a Best in Class award and scored 100 points out of a possible 100 for their 1929 Cadillac 341-B Dual-Cowl Sport Phaeton. Thanks to Harry Scott who was kind enough to drive their truck and trailer with the car inside, while Byron & Alida drove their 1936 Cadillac to the show and back. George & Rita Boxley received a first place trophy in touring division for their 1930 Cadillac 353 A V-8 Fisher Body Sedan, as well as the CCCA's green ribbon preservation award for original features. That means the car is almost original, except for a repaint some years ago. Pete Sanders showed his 1930 Madam X Sedan. Ruth Synodonis mentioned her son brought a '41 Packard as well as their '47 Series 62 Sedan.
- **Potomac Region Family Crab & Barbecue Feast, Smokey Glen Farm, Gaithersburg, MD, Fri, Aug 7.** Nine members attended the "Fridays at the Farm" event. Cars in attendance included a 1962 Series 62 Convertible and a 1965 Sedan DeVille.
- **41st Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, Sat, Aug 8.** Quite a few members attended with their classic Cadillac and/or GM vehicle. Cadillac winners included Daniel Jobe (1946 Series 62 Convertible), Jim Hartnett (1992 Brougham) and Bob Brown (1959 Series 62 Convertible). Pictures can be viewed at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2015allgmshow.htm>.



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- **CLC National Driving Tour, Greater Detroit Area, Tue-Sat, Aug 11-15.** Jack McCLOW and Bob Norrid attended the event and sent us this photo. The three "modifieds" are owned by John Coltharp, Jack DeLaigle and Jerry Nestlehutt, respectively.



Invitations will be sent to them to attend our **Magnificent Modifieds** show this fall.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Potomac Region End-of-Summer Pot-luck Picnic in Scenic Southern Maryland, Sun, Sep 27, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Dan & JoJo Ruby have invited us to their home for a pot luck picnic. Please see flyer in the September newsletter for more details.
- **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**. To our knowledge, this is the first time that a CLC regional dealer has sponsored a car show featuring modified Cadillacs and LaSalles. The flyer was published in the August newsletter and a few registrations have been received already.

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

- **30th Annual Francis Scott Key Car Club's Benefit Antique Car Show, Rose Hill Manor Park, Frederick, MD, Sun, Aug 16, 8:00 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. (Maybe there will be a modified Cadillac that we can entice to **Magnificent Modifieds**.)
- **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, 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.



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To see a full list of events, visit the CLC Potomac Region website at
<http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm>.



GRAND NATIONAL 2017: Mark Brodsky and Chuck Piel reviewed the July 18 meeting of the GN 2017 Planning Committee meeting in Tyson's Corner with the attendees. Since then, Ronnie Hux and team have been busy with planning activities related to the possible raffle of a brand new Cadillac as well the commissioning of a painting of Cadillacs owned by representative of both host regions that would be auctioned at the Saturday night banquet like what occurred at the 2008 Grand National in Cherry Hill, NJ. The tentative schedule of events has been updated as well. Be sure to check the webpage at <http://www.vfrclc.org/2017GN.html> periodically for the latest updates

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark Brodsky spoke about taking on the task of obtaining new Potomac Region car grille badges. They are expected to be of a better quality than the badges we have purchased previously. More details will be forthcoming.
2. As Carol Yarnell has historically been very active in monitoring automotive hobby issues with the Maryland Legislature, Carol spoke for a few minutes about her concerns. She is concerned about the upcoming legislative docket that could spawn bills that may change (not for the better) Maryland's Antique tag policies. She is monitoring this activity along with PR member Franklin Gage, who is very active in the hobby for the AACA, CLC and VCCA. **Carol asked that if any PR members have connections to other local MD car clubs or chapters, please get them involved in monitoring for legislative activity that could negatively impact our antique auto tag privileges.**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

CRUISE-IN: As reported, Chuck Piel and brother Rick Piel took Chuck's '67 DeVille Convertible to the Marley Station Mall Cruise-in after the meeting. There they were happy to find Dan & JoJo Ruby and their '53 Coupe DeVille. Dan & JoJo weren't able to come up in time for the meeting, and went directly to the cruise-in. We all enjoyed some great conversation and slightly cooler breezes at the cruise-in with our Caddies. There were well over 200 cars there, and the prior week it was reported that 364 cars showed up. While a good percentage of the cars are familiar to regular attendees, EVERY week some really cool cars show up for the first time.



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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
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://hamptonroadsvacclc.org/
Sep 13 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region's 40th Anniversary Fall Meet	Peddler's Village Lahaska PA	John Wood at 267-939-5925 or renopa@verizon.net
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 21 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 26-27 Sat-Sun		Cadillac Fall Festival	CLCMRC Hickory Corners MI	Paul Ayres at payres@flash.net or 313-407-6603
Sep 27 Sun	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region End-of-Summer Pot-luck Picnic in Scenic Southern Maryland	Dan & JoJo Ruby's 7018 Wilderness Ct Owings MD 20736	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
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 4 Sun	8:30 am – 2:30 pm	57th Annual Antique Auto Assembly	Armed Forces Retirement Home Washington DC	Constance Maziel at 202-541-7637 or constance.maziel@afrrh.gov
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.hersheyaaca.org
Oct 16 Fri	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	The Art of the Automobile Reception	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@gmail.com
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 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org

Montgomery College Media Arts Gallery presents

CORY CORRELL

The Art of the Automobile

An exhibition of classic and vintage cars by illustrator, part-time MC professor and MC alum Cory Correll

October 5 – October 30

Reception
Friday, October 16
6 – 8 p.m.



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Potomac Region End-of-Summer Pot-luck Picnic in Scenic Southern Maryland

Dan & JoJo Ruby's Home

7018 Wilderness Ct

Owings, MD 20736

Sunday, September 27, 2015

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

No Rain Date

301-343-1463

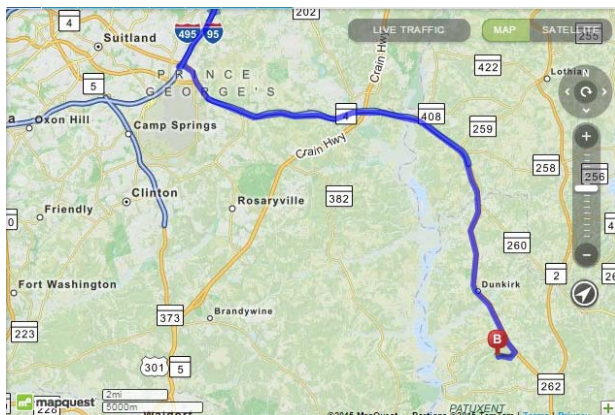
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Please bring your favorite picnic food to share, and if you have a favorite dessert you want to share with others, please bring that as well. The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. Feel free to bring special beverages of your choice. **Please RSVP by September 22nd indicating the dish that you will be bringing.**

Also please bring folding chairs to sit on. Plenty of room to park your classic Cadillac or LaSalle in the yard.

DIRECTIONS: from Capitol Beltway, I-495/I-95, take exit 11A onto MD-4 E toward Upper Marlboro. Continue 19 miles and turn right onto Briscoes Turn Rd. Make first right onto Timberneck Dr then left on Wilderness.





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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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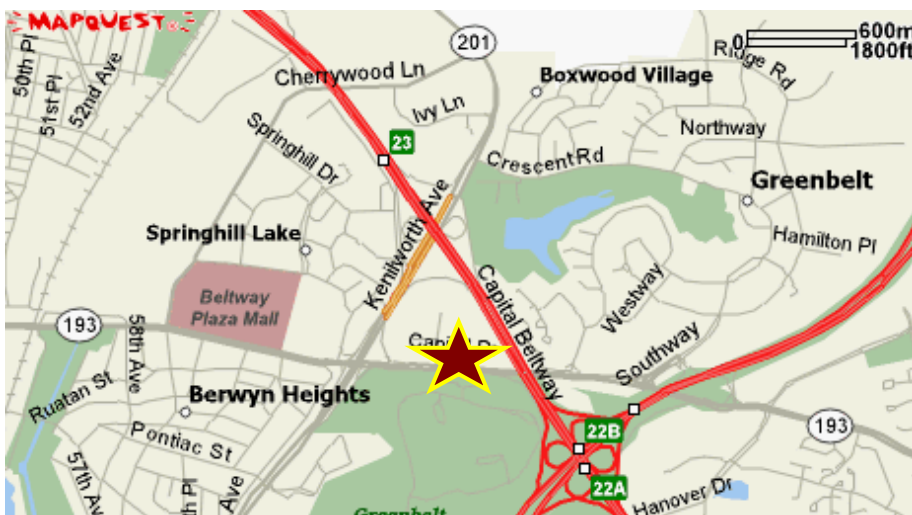
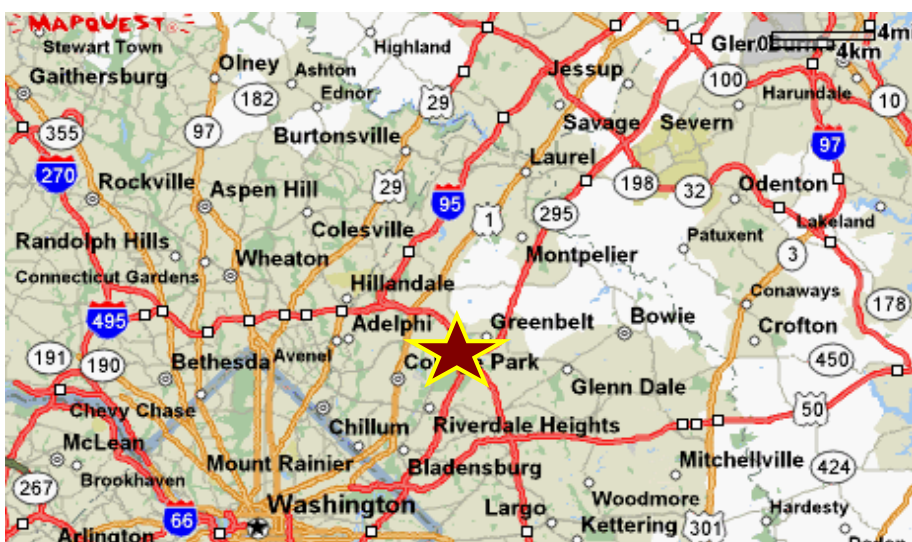
CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION
Class A:	Pre-War Modifieds (1902-1942)
Class B:	Post-War Modifieds Early (1946-64)
Class C:	Post-War Modifieds Late (1965-present)
Class D:	1902 – 1942 Cadillac or LaSalle
Class E:	1946 – 1958 Cadillac
Class F:	1959 – 1964 Cadillac
Class G:	1965 – 1970 Cadillac
Class H:	1971 – 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 are 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 301-343-1463 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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AMERICA'S 2015 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE STORY & PHOTOS BY RANDY DENCHFIELD

On July 4th we started our annual trek to the National Mall to participate in "America's 2015 Independence Day Parade". I was leading the way in a '72 Oldsmobile Delta 88 convertible, followed by Dave Brachey in a '76 Eldorado convertible, Richard Sisson in a '54 Eldorado convertible and Jack Gallagher in his '70 Cutlass convertible. (We made a mini-parade all our own!)

On July 4th, due to security issues, the Rock Creek Parkway was closed at the Watergate Complex forcing us to find access to Independence Avenue from the east side of the Nation's Capitol. The light rain and the complete re-timing of the traffic lights to remain four minutes - plus on red added to the frustrating trip to get to our assigned spaces in the parade staging area. The rain stopped as we approached our designated spots. We put the convertible tops down and prepared for the celebration.

This was Richard Sisson's first parade on the National Mall. He carried Miss District of Columbia, Haely Jardas, a striking redhead (pictured right). She will be competing in the Miss America pageant in September.



Miss Maryland, Destiny Clark, rode with me (pictured left). She lives in Gaithersburg (originally from New York City!)

I had the "misfortune" to follow the Lone Ranger on "Silver" so instead of following a straight line down Constitution Avenue, I had to be prepared to weave or have extended clean-up duty back home.

Fortunately the rain held off for the whole parade. We enjoyed the day and the opportunity to become acquainted with these outstanding young women!



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41ST ANNUAL METRO CHAPTER BUICK CLUB ALL-GM SHOW STORY & PHOTOS BY VINCE TALIANO

The weather could not have been better for the 41st Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show held on Saturday, August 8th at Montgomery College in Rockville. Well over 100 cars attended this annual favorite. As in the case with previous years, quite a few Potomac Region members attended with either their Cadillac, other GM make and model or as a spectator. Congratulations to the Potomac Region members who took home awards including Daniel Jobe (1946 Series 62 Convertible), Bob Brown (1959 Series 62 Convertible) and Jim Hartnett (1992 Brougham).



To see more pictures, visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2015allgmshow.htm>.

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***CHUCK BERRY'S CADILLAC A-ROLLIN' TO THE SMITHSONIAN
STORY & PHOTOS BY NPR AND [HTTP://CHUCKBERRY.COM/](http://chuckberry.com/)***

When rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry navigated his music career, he didn't rely on agents or record labels; he drove himself to his own business meetings and concerts in his fleet of Cadillacs.

Now Berry has donated one of those cars, a candy-apple red 1973 Eldorado convertible, to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, expected to open its doors in 2016. NPR's Rachel Martin went with curator Kevin Strait to watch Smithsonian fleet manager Bill Griffiths restore the car in Suitland, Md.



Thanks to Berry's care, Griffiths says, the car looks much newer than its 38 years. "One of the things that's rare is that, for as old as this vehicle is, the chrome is immaculate," he says. "The fact the hood ornament on here is factory original, it's amazing, and I think it's just a testament to the way he kept his cars."

Berry was reluctant to part with the car when the museum approached him. So, Strait says, he traveled to Berry's estate in Wentzville, Mo., to persuade him. Once the deal had been sealed, Strait shared an ice cream sandwich with the musical giant. "For my money, Chuck Berry is the primary sonic architect of rock 'n' roll," Strait says.

Still performing occasionally at age 89, Berry is best known for hits like "Johnny B. Goode" and "Maybellene." His early lyrics often referenced the freedom that comes with taking to the open road in a Cadillac. "The Cadillac is a sort of lyrical fixture," Strait says. "Mr. Berry would brilliantly fuse these kinds of lyrics, you know, focus on teenage life, consumerism — the general youthful obsessions of [the] World War II generation."



Chuck Berry recently performed his 207th live show at Blueberry Hill in University City, MO on August 13th

Berry is also known as one of the first artists to break the musical color barrier. In a scene from the 1987 biopic documentary ***Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll***, Berry drove the red Cadillac onto the stage of St. Louis's Fox Theater, which had turned him away as a child because of his race. Strait says the Cadillac symbolizes Berry's "ability to sort of commandeer his own career."

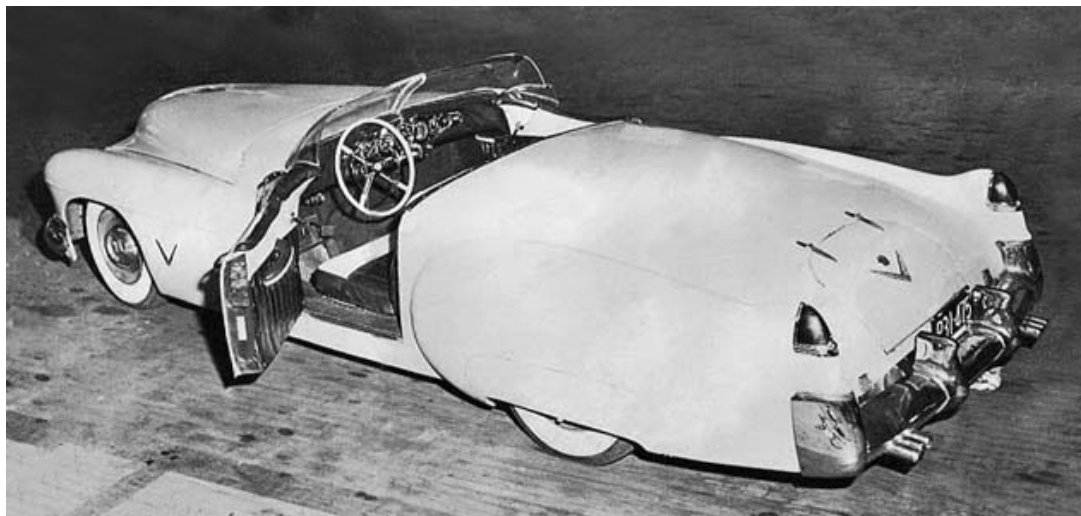


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PHANTOM CADDY SPEEDSTER SPURRED BY PHANTOM ROADSTER BY JOHN "GUNNER" GUNNELL

This is the story of a Phantom car that was based on another Phantom car. The first one was built by a major Detroit automaker, probably under the guise of being a prototype or styling study, although it wound up with a private owner. A man who heard of—or saw—the first Phantom car and decided to customize a similar car for his own use made the



**Could this be the Harley Earl 1951 Cadillac roadster?
Photo courtesy of the Cadillac Database**

second Phantom car. Though his creation was somewhat personalized, it was inspired by a deep appreciation of the design concept behind the first car.

General Motors styling studio legend Harley Earl built the first car in the early '50s. This occurred when he apparently created a Cadillac roadster for one of his friends by cutting down a production convertible. Earl had his design team shorten and modify a 1951 Cadillac ragtop and turn it into a beautiful roadster that was given to someone Earl had a close association with.

This "factory-customized" car apparently underwent its conversion in 1951, when it was a brand new car. With the talent pool at the GM styling studio, the car was of high quality construction and even had a folding convertible top that fit the size and shape of the roadster body. There was also a conventional trunk at the rear that could be used to hold luggage as in production models.

We were told that Earl's friend kept the 1951 Cadillac roadster for years, and then gave it to his niece. The story continues that five or six years ago it made headlines when it was sold at a classic car auction. The auction company probably did an excellent job publicizing the one-of-a-kind roadster to collectors. The media exposure roused lots of interest in the car and in the general idea of a postwar Cadillac roadster. The luxury carmaker had not built a roadster since the days of the Great Depression and car enthusiasts dreamed of a revival of that sporty, performance-oriented body style with or without a rumble seat.



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After exposure as an auction car, Earl's creation was apparently written up in car magazines and the articles they printed inspired a talented craftsman from the state of Maine to create a second 1951 Cadillac roadster. This one was envisioned as a Custom Boat tail Speedster version and the Maine man was soon working on it. The car was built to the highest quality standards and fitted with a Corvette V-8. According to its previous owner, Joseph Marchione of Philadelphia, Pa., his Metallic Gold Corvette powered drop top car stops traffic wherever it is seen. "With the Corvette motor it goes like the wind," he says.

Marchione purchased the car 10 or 11 years ago and says that he has put only 30 miles on it himself. As far as he knows, after the car was constructed in Maine, it went to a second owner in Ohio and then to a Datsun dealer and then to somewhere in the Carolinas. Joe ran the car thru the 2013 Atlantic City Auction where it was purchased by Scott Milestone of Germantown, Md. Scott showed the car at the 2013 CLC Potomac Region Fall Car Show at Capitol Cadillac.



License plate with "51 Cadi" stamped into it identifies the car at the rear, while up front is an "Elvis Presley the King" plate with a picture of the Rock and Roll idol on it.

2013 CLC Potomac Region Fall Car Show

Photos by Vince Taliano (top) and Randy Edison (bottom)

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The car is in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition. In addition to its rich-looking gold exterior finish, the cut-down Caddy has bucket seats and a radio in the glove box. Bright metal triple outlet lakes pipes underline each side of the body and give the speedster a speedy sounding exhaust note, too. Rear fender mounted antennas add to the car's coolness.

A huge carburetor sits atop the engine, blending the perfect mix of air and fuel to give the car smooth, rapid acceleration. A wraparound windshield updates the already modern-looking early postwar styling. The

windshield is actually a 1958 Chevrolet sedan rear window, so the owner doesn't have to worry too much about finding a replacement windshield if he ever needs one.

The car's interior is freshly redone and the engine was recently tuned up. In addition, all the mechanical components have been gone through and checked. Basically, the car runs as good as it looks and its appearance is awesome. It has a long, low, ground-hugging image. Subtle pin striping accents the hood and the rear deck lid. The boat tail bulge widens behind the cockpit, blending into the reverse air scoops that then blend into the rear fender contours. The rear wheel openings are enclosed with fender skirts and massive chrome bumpers protect both ends of the car.



The rakish wraparound "windshield" fits the character of the speedster perfectly. This car is a cut above many other customs.

2013 CLC Potomac Region Fall Car Show

Photo by Randy Edison



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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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



NEW ARRIVAL 1941 Series 67 Sedan Parts Car – Engine, trans, front fenders, etc. missing along with other parts – Heavy rust in the front floor board area and rockers – Very rare model with only 315 produced in 1941 – **Asking \$1,200 obo** – For more info, contact Harry Scott at 703-791-3278 or hscott1937@aol.com – Car is located in Nokesville, VA



NEW ARRIVAL 1966 Calais Sedan – Offered for sale is this beautifully restored Calais Sedan – Purchased from the dry south by an avid Washington, DC collector, this all original luxury liner has been recently gone through top to bottom including mirror like new paint and interior – Original 429 cubic inch engine and matching drive train have also been rebuilt and run exceptionally strong and smooth – Vehicle has absolutely no trouble cruising at high speed on the highway while you relax in the lap of decadent 1960's Cadillac luxury – Options include working electric windows and AM/FM radio – True classic mafia era transportation through and through! – Clear Virginia title in hand and ready for a new home – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/66cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking only \$10,000** – For more info, contact George Smolenyak at 703-969-1715 or gsmolenyak@aol.com to arrange a test drive today! – Car is located in Sterling, VA



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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NEW ARRIVAL 1994 DeVille Sedan – Pristine – Paint is almost flawless with only a few minor scratches – Leather and interior are perfect, no cracks or stains – Carriage top is in near perfect condition – Climate control system works perfectly and the A/C is cold – Engine runs smoothly and has always been serviced – Car has been a show car, not a daily driver for the past five years – Car has chrome Cadillac wheels and they are flawless – Features include P.W., P.L., power seats, lighted glove box, cruise control, power pull down trunk, trunk mat, all original floor mats, digital dash, Twilight Sentinel, dimming driver mirror, dimming rear view mirror and keyless entry (fob) – Also included are the original owner's manual and all brochures for the 1994 model year – **Asking \$7,000 obo** – For more info, contact Jeff Montgomery at 732-406-9120 or monty5131@gmail.com – Car is located in Edison, NJ



NEW ARRIVAL 1994 Fleetwood Brougham – Immaculate in all aspects is the best way to describe this well preserved 1994 Fleetwood Brougham sunroof sedan with 61,695 original miles – Rarely do you see them in this good of condition – Every possible option on this particular vehicle – Everything works and has been meticulously maintained mechanically and cosmetically – Garaged its entire life – Major service at 55K including all fluids changed and replaced with synthetic fluids where applicable, GM platinum plugs and wires, GM serpentine belt, all brake rotors cut with new GM brake pads, GM fuel and air filter, GM PCV valve, GM water pump, and AC Delco battery – Current owner purchased the vehicle in 2008 from another car enthusiast (who is also a personal friend) with 53K miles and have done full synthetic oil changes every 1,000 miles – On the 6 point car scale this car is a solid 2 approaching a 1 – Most civilians would call this car a 1 but to a true enthusiast who knows the point scale, very few cars are rated at a 1 – **Asking \$11,200 obo** – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/94cadillacforsale.htm> – For more info, contact Brett Youngerman at 302-420-7001 or brettyoungerman@comcast.net – Car is located in Hockessin, DE

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