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BY DAN RUBY

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As we turn the page on March we welcome spring with open arms! Warmer weather will be here soon allowing us more chances to drive and show our cars. Looking back we had great turnout for our trip to the AACA Museum and our monthly meeting held in the Baltimore area. Let's continue with this pace with more activities ahead.

Next up is the Washington Auto Show held April 5th - 14th at the Convention Center in DC. Volunteers are needed to fill some time slots, please contact Chuck Piel if you have some free time.

We are in our final stages of planning our annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac on May 19th. We will be celebrating Capitol's 85th Anniversary this year and have some special events planned, so please come out and support our club and the dealership. If you have anything related to automobiles that you would like to donate for our Auction, please bring it to the show.

Last but not least, I was recently going through some old boxes that had mementos of my grandfather and came across a photo that he took during the 1953

Eisenhower Presidential Inauguration Parade. "Ike" is standing in the rear of a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado as he

passed down Pennsylvania Ave. My grandfather was never far from the White House as he had been a frequent guest there from the Hoover through Kennedy administrations. Ironically, the '53 Eldo pictured above was the inspiration for our Region's logo.

Hope to see many of you at coming events this year!

Dan Ruby





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MARCH 24, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Olive Grove Restaurant, Linthicum Heights, MD

TIME: 2:45 pm

PRESIDING: Region Director Dan Ruby

ATTENDANCE: Bob Arnold, Jr., Bob Arnold III, Steve Clay, Franklin Gage, Paul Gass, Bill Harrison, Bill Hilliard, Greg Huver, Sandy Kemper, Rick Menz, Mary Moscati, Chuck & Debbie Piel, Ron Renoff, JoJo Ruby, Ruth Synodinos and Chris Winter

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan thanked everyone for attending. We will need volunteers to staff our exhibit space at the Washington Auto Show on April 5-April 14. Spending half a day at our exhibit will serve our Region and allow you to see the Auto Show for free! Note that we have changed our Region meeting schedule for the next two months. In April, we will meet at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA on Monday, April 15th and our May meeting will be held at Capitol Cadillac on Monday, May 6th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the February 2019 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the March 2019 newsletter. However, we received a correction to the minutes from Richard Sisson regarding the dates of the AACA-SMR Parts Meet. Also, Sandy corrected an omission from the minutes which was the report furnished by Lynn Gardner listing the Valley Forge Region's upcoming car shows and the news that VFR member, Al Cowling, who many in the Potomac Region know, is recovering well from his illness.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the February 2019 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$255.71 and the expenses for the same time period were \$297.00.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our 2019 membership stands at 176. Membership Director Franklin Gage has called all of the 20+ 2018 members who had not renewed for 2019. Four (4) responded that they would renew.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Potomac Region Tour at the AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Mar 9.** Secretary Sandy Kemper, with the support of Activities Director Randy Edison, arranged a tour of the AACA Museum to see the "Land Yachts Exhibit" in which a couple Region members' cars are on display. Sandy and Randy had the invaluable assistance of CLC Past President and Potomac Region member Richard Sills. The full story will be published in the upcoming newsletter.
- **46th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Sat, Mar 9.** We apologize to our fellow PR members for holding a PR event on the same day as this popular parts meet. Nevertheless it was reported that the meet had a good attendance and was successful.



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- **47th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 22-23.** This was the 7th year at this location for this meet. Nearly all of the vendors are inside the large building & almost all of the vendor spaces were occupied. Several PR members worked at the meet including Roger Bentley who had a vendor space selling die-cast models.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **2019 Washington Auto Show, Convention Center, Washington, DC, Fri, Apr 5 – Sun, Apr 14.** Daniel Jobe has arranged with the show organizers for the Region to have the exhibit space that has been allotted to us for the past few years. **Important note: We will need volunteers to staff the space.** Chuck Piel is our Auto Show Coordinator this year. Please contact him if available to volunteer.
- **27th Annual Capitol Cadillac Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sun, May 19, 9:00 am–3:00 pm.** The registration flyer was published in both the February and March newsletters. Plan to attend and help us celebrate another great event hosted by Daniel Jobe and Capitol Cadillac. Volunteers are needed to help with the show arrangements, including day of show assistance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Car Show Coordinator Lynn Gardner. Also, we are requesting auction items. As you do your spring cleaning, please keep the Region in mind for any automobile-related items. Proceeds from the items donated for the automobilia auction help the Region pay for events on behalf of the members.

3. Other Upcoming Events:

- **9th Annual Unity Thunder Car Show, DC National Guard Armory, 2001 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, D.C, March 29-31.** This is an indoor car show to benefit American Veterans. Spectator admission \$10.
- **32nd Annual Southern Knights Coming Out Car Show, Charlotte Hall Shopping Center, 29946 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD, Sun, Apr 7, 8:30 am–3:00 pm.** This show is a favorite of Dan Ruby's.
- **8th Annual "Romancing the Chrome" Car Show, Jarrettsville Lions Club, 3719 Norrisville Rd, Jarrettsville, MD, Sat, Apr 13, 10:00 am–4:00 pm.** Benefits the Harford County Public Libraries & the Jarrettsville Lions Club.
- **61st Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet, Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, VA, Sat, May 11, 8:00 am–4:00 pm.**
- **CLC Central PA Region's Annual Spring Show, Kelly Cadillac, Lancaster, PA, Sat, May 18, 9:00 am–3:00 pm.** Details to follow soon.

To view more events, visit <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm>

NEW BUSINESS: The officers approved a proposal to enroll in the AACA Museum's Car Club Membership Program. There is no fee and there are benefits to the Potomac Region, including the use of a gallery in the Museum to display members' cars and discounted Museum memberships to all Region members and their families.

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE: Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm at the Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Road, Falls Church [Merrifield], VA 22042, 703-204-0812

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Apr 6-7 Sat-Sun	Gates open daily at 8 am	2nd Annual Car Show, Sale and Swap Meet	Bretton Woods Country Club Germantown MD	http://www.cruisein.us/register-for-2nd-bretton-woods-spring-car-show
Apr 13 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	United Way of Charles County Easter Egg Stravaganza Car Show	Charles County Fairgrounds La Plata MD	http://www.unitedwaycharles.org/uwccegg
Apr 15 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Apr 20 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	12th Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral	Classic Car Center Fredericksburg VA	www.classiccartercenter.net or 540-370-4474
Apr 24-28 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
May 3-5 Fri-Sun		Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance	The Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs WV	https://www.greenbrierconcours.com/
May 6 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
May 11 Sat	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	61st Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet	Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA	Duane Catlett 540-533-7376 or sheanandoahregion@gmail.com
May 18 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central Penn Region Car Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
May 18 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	14th Annual BOPC Car Show Presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club	West Goshen Community Park West Chester PA	Jeff at 484-889-2884, Hugh at 610-692-3845 or dvocinfo@yahoo.com
May 18 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	22nd Annual City of Fairfax Hosted by the NoVa Group Early Ford V-8 Club of America	City Hall Historic Old Town Fairfax VA	www.nvrg.org or info@nvrg.org
May 19 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	27th Annual Capitol Cadillac Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Lynn Gardner at 703-303-7310 or lynngardner@clcpotomacregion.org
May 19 Sun	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	5th Annual Car Show All Makes & Models Welcome	Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum West Friendship MD	Al Zimmermann at 410-560-0237 or zimmco1@comcast.net
June 11-15 Tue-Sat		CLC Grand National Hosted by the Indiana Region	Crowne Plaza Louisville KY	https://www.cadillaclasseclub.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1008246
June 14-16 Fri-Sun		Cadillac Club of Finland 30 Year Anniversary Celebration	Haikko Manor & Spa Hotel Haikkoontie Finland	https://cadillacclub.fi/
Jun 16 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	46th Annual Father's Day Antique Car Show	Sully Historic Site Chantilly VA	Jim Gray at 410-353-0381 or jim.gray.31a@gmail.com
June 17 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	IHOP Restaurant Rockville MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Jul 13 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	13th Annual CLC Central Penn Region Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
Jul 15 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Aug 17 Sat	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Olive Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 16 Sat	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Oct 9-12 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center Hershey PA	www.hersheyaaca.org
Oct 21 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Oct 22-26 Tue-Sat		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the Valley Forge Region	Wyndham Gettysburg PA	https://www.cadillaclasseclub.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1008245



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Celebrating Capitol Cadillac's 85th Anniversary at the 27th Annual Spring Car Show!

The CLC Potomac Region's car show sponsor, Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, Maryland, is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year. The dealership was established in Washington, DC in 1934 by Floyd Akers, the grandfather of Daniel Jobe, its current President. About 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 spring Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region car show is **"Celebrating Capitol Cadillac's 85th Anniversary."**

As part of the celebration, we are attempting to fill the showroom 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.)



As a result, the Region is extending an invitation to known owners of Cadillacs / LaSalles that were sold new by Capitol Cadillac in 1979 or before. 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 Lynn Gardner, Car Show Coordinator, at 703-303-7310 or lynngardner@clcpotomacregion.org.



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**27th Annual Capitol Cadillac /
CLC Potomac Region
Car Show & Automobilia Auction
Sunday, May 19, 2019**

Car Registration:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please read the Car Show Rules on the following page

Car Show Hours:

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Auction starts at 11:30 am

Awards ceremony starts at 3:00 pm

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

LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

From Capital Beltway (I-495/95)

- Use Exit 23 - Kenilworth Avenue Route 201, proceed South on Kenilworth Avenue to first exit - Greenbelt Road, Route 193
- At light, proceed East on Greenbelt Road - Route 193 (left)
- At traffic light make left onto Walker Drive (**TGI Friday's** Restaurant on corner)
- Make an immediate right onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your left)

From Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Rte 295)

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



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

**Lynn Gardner
Car Show Coordinator
703-303-7310**

lynngardner@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 depending upon the number of vehicles registered 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**, 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

<p>Judging Classes</p> <p>Class A: 1902 – 1942 Cadillac / LaSalle Class B: 1946 – 1958 Cadillac Class C: 1959 – 1964 Cadillac Class D: 1965 – 1970 Cadillac Class E: 1971 – 1976 Cadillac Class F: 1977 – 1992 Cadillac Class G: 1993 – Present Cadillac Class Z: Display Only</p>	<p>Other Awards</p> <p>Best of Show Best Post-War (Early: 1946-1964) Best Post-War (Late: 1965-Present) Best Modified Dealer's Choice Henry Ruby Memorial Award Ladies Choice Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) Mayor's Choice</p> <p>A vehicle receiving "Best of Show" or one of the "Best Post-War" awards will not be eligible to receive an award in its respective Judging Class.</p>
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Registration Form

Make checks payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and mail with completed registration form to:
 Bill Hilliard, Treasurer
 12602 Eldrid Ct
 Silver Spring MD 20904-3505

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Vehicle Registration Fee: (Up to May 5th: \$15/per car - After May 5th: \$20/per car)

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

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Check box if you want your vehicle(s) Display Only

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CAPITOL CADILLAC SHUTTLE
BY JOSH PINHO
CONTRIBUTIONS BY DANIEL JOBE



Recently, I was at Capitol Cadillac to have some work done on my 2009 DTS. While I was waiting for my service write-up to be completed, my eye was drawn to, what I thought was, the cleanest late '90s DeVille that I had ever seen. It was sitting at the far end of the indoor service lane, as to be protected from the snowstorm that was passing through the area that morning. Admittedly, I have never been a huge fan of that generation of DeVille, but I was quite taken with this particular car. It was triple black and sported chrome rims that were so clean that I felt that, in a pinch, I could eat off of them. The car was adorned with decals on the rear doors that read "Capitol Cadillac Shuttle." At the time I thought it was a very unique choice for a dealership courtesy shuttle, as most dealers tend to simply use a current production car-- a CTS, an XTS, etc. After learning more about this particular car, I'm even more impressed with Capitol's choice.

When I went back to retrieve my car the next day, the shuttle was sitting outside in the sun, so I snapped a quick photo to post on our region's Instagram account. I posted the photo, with the caption "Coolest. Shuttle. Ever." Naturally, I identified the car as a DeVille, and online car culture being what it is, I was almost immediately corrected by one of our followers who correctly identified the car as a Fleetwood Limited based on "the extended trunk and stretch after the rear door." I looked like an absolute fool.



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The Fleetwood Limited was produced by Superior Coaches, a frequent Cadillac collaborator. It was offered in 1998 and 1999 through select Cadillac dealerships and came complete with a full Cadillac warranty as well as a warranty from Superior for their coachwork. It sits on a specially modified DeVille chassis that has been stretched six inches, and features a trunk that is also extended six inches. This translates into six extra inches of legroom and 3.5 additional cubic feet of space in the trunk, as well as a car that is roughly a foot longer than the standard car. At the time it was the largest production car produced and sold in North America. According to Superior, in order to compensate for the modifications, Fleetwood Limiteds were equipped with specialized strengthened suspension and braking components, as well as cast aluminum rims unique to the Fleetwood. It also came equipped with removable rear wheel skirts, but the Capitol Cadillac Shuttle wasn't wearing them when I saw it, which further contributed to my case of mistaken identity. This massive slab of Northstar-powered American steel could've been yours for \$49,995-- roughly \$6,500 more than a DeVille. Superior intended to produce 340 examples in 1998 and an additional 800 in 1999, however according to RM Sotheby's only 314 examples were produced in 1998 and only 467 more in 1999.

I was tangentially aware of these coachbuilt, long wheelbase Cadillacs when I saw a "DTS-L" idling outside one of the Congressional Office buildings. Unfortunately for the DTS-L, it is nowhere near as attractive to look at as the Fleetwood Limited. This is largely due to the changes in styling sensibilities that occurred in the 10 years between their constructions. While the Fleetwood and DTS-L both have an awkward space between the end of the rear door and the rear wheel well, the additional chrome trim piece on the Fleetwood make it much less noticeable and even natural looking. Early DTS-Ls weren't graced with any extra trim pieces and, at least in my opinion, look very awkward. Later production DTS-Ls were fitted with longer doors to eliminate this space, so maybe I'm not the only one who didn't like the early version.



This particular Fleetwood Limited is a 1999 model that was originally sold to an elderly resident of Bethesda, MD. When Capitol purchased the car from the original owner, the car had only done 24,000 miles. Despite having ordered the car with the optional hardwood writing tables in the rear seat—similar to the style that would be found in the back of a Rolls Royce—the original owner had barely used the rear seat. Overall, the interior was in "like new" condition, but unfortunately the car's exterior needed serious attention, so the car underwent an extensive reconditioning process. The original tires were also replaced with Vogue gold stripe, sculptured white walls that it is currently wearing. The reconditioning

process was clearly a resounding success, as the car presents very, very well.

So if you're in the Greenbelt MD area, specifically somewhere between Capitol Cadillac and the Greenbelt metro station, you may spot this rare car, as it remains in service, shuttling passengers to and from Capitol in supreme comfort, two decades after it was built.



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**GIANT CADILLAC BUILDING AT FLEETWOOD SQUARE
BY JOE PARZANESE**

<http://www.weirdca.com/location.php?location=365>



Built in 1986 at 19611 Ventura Boulevard in Tarzana, CA, Fleetwood Square is a building in the shape of the front of a 1970 Fleetwood Cadillac. It was originally designed and painted pink like a pink Cadillac, but has since been repainted white. It was designed by architect Lee Oakes who in a **LA Times** article at the time of the building's construction stated, "Ventura Boulevard is about as American as you can get, and what's more American than a big luxury car, a Cadillac? It's symbolic architecture, but abstract."

The headlights were made out of neon tubing and set in front of 600 glass bricks. As I have not seen the building at night, nor have I seen any pictures of it at night, I can not confirm if the headlights of the building still light up or not.

Tarzana is part of Los Angeles, and is named after Tarzan. The area is on the site of the former Tarzana Ranch once owned by the Tarzan author, Edgar Rice Burroughs.



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CADILLAC SPOTTED OR HEARD, MAYBE? BY SANDY KEMPER

As a proofreader for this publication, I continue to be amazed at the variety of articles that our editor Vince Taliano finds that are about Cadillacs (see previous article). Vince has an uncanny ability to find Cadillac related stories from an astounding range of resources. So in keeping with his approach I try to contribute occasional articles describing a Cadillac that I have spotted in a place or circumstance where I didn't expect to see one during my travels or daily life.

This time I didn't spot any Cadillacs. I heard something about them. And, in this case, it was hearing about Cadillacs where it would not be expected. I was listening to the radio. But it wasn't an advertisement for Cadillac cars or any of its dealers that I heard. I was listening to the radio program: "Ask Me Another" on National Public Radio (NPR), a weekly show of puzzles and word games, hosted by a comedian named Ophira Eisenberg.

Here's what I heard:

EISENBERG: Let's meet our contestants. Our first contestant is Susan Gross. You're a product specialist for Cadillac.

SUSAN GROSS: Yes.

EISENBERG: What does that mean?

GROSS: Basically I know everything about the whole lineup of Cadillac - each car, like, all this stuff - the wheel base, the horsepower.

EISENBERG: How do you get into that job?

GROSS: It's actually through a talent agency.

EISENBERG: Oh, yeah.

GROSS: Yeah. So they hire a lot of actors, models, hosts to go to auto shows basically and talk about the cars with people. They want people that are very ...

EISENBERG: Charismatic and dynamic.

GROSS: Yeah, and good with people and, you know, can talk a lot basically.

EISENBERG: Yeah, so now you know everything about the Cadillac.

GROSS: Yeah.

The radio show continued, but there were no further references to Ms. Gross' work on behalf of Cadillac. However my curiosity was piqued, so I did a web search on Susan Gross and found that she is an actor and writer and her title of "Cadillac Product Specialist" comes from her work for Productions Plus-The Talent Shop. Maybe we'll see her at the Grand National?





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'CADMAD,' PERHAPS THE WORLD'S ONLY '59 CADILLAC ELDORADO BROUGHAM STATION WAGON, TAKES THE 2019 RIDLER AWARD

STORY BY KURT ERNST

PHOTOS BY JOHN SANDERSON

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2019/03/05/cadmado-perhaps-the-worlds-only-59-cadillac-eldorado-brougham-station-wagon-takes-the-2019-ridler-award/?refer=news>

MARCH 5, 2019



Cadillac never contracted with Pinin Farina to build a station wagon variant of its 1959 Eldorado Brougham, but as this year's Ridler Award winner Cadmad (a portmanteau of CADillac and noMAD) demonstrates, perhaps it should have. The stunning custom won a posthumous victory for its late owner, Steve Barton, at last weekend's Detroit Autorama at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan.

Built by Jordan Quintal II and Super Rides by Jordan in Escondido, California, Cadmad is a most unlikely creation. The starting point was a 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, a no-expense-spared luxury sedan with a body handcrafted by Pinin Farina in Italy. Just 99 examples were built for 1959, each priced at \$13,074, at a time when other Cadillac Eldorado models – two-door hardtops or convertibles – listed for \$7,401. To this rare original, Super Rides by Jordan grafted on the roof of a Pontiac Safari station wagon, though the process was hardly that simple.



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To carry over the two-door wagon theme, the Eldorado's rear doors were removed, while the front doors were lengthened by six inches. The body was sectioned to remove 2.5 inches, while from nose to tail the Cadillac lost 18.5 inches in overall length. The body was narrowed as well, losing four inches in the process, while the station wagon's roof was lengthened slightly and chopped by about two inches. The modifications required custom rear glass, as well as a fabricated rear hatch.

Underneath, Cadmad rides on a frame constructed of 1 5/8-inch steel tubing, with a fully independent suspension in front and rear. Power comes from a twin-turbocharged, 632-cu.in. Chevy big-block V-8, built by Nelson Racing Engines to an output of 1,025 horsepower and 950-pound-feet of torque. Instead of mating this monster mill directly to a transmission, the custom uses a 4L60 plugged into a C5 Corvette transaxle housing, shifting some of the weight to the car's rear.

The paint is a hue called Fawntana Rose, said to be similar to a shade offered by Cadillac on its 1961 models, while the wheels are custom fabrications from Evod, meant to closely resemble the wheel covers delivered on 1959 Eldorado Brougham models. The interior was crafted by Ron Marqus, and features a custom-built dash (with Classic Instruments gauges) and reupholstered Cadillac CTS-V bucket seats. The cargo area sports an inlaid wood design, a theme that's carried over to the door trim, dashboard, and even center consoles.

The Cadmad was said to be 16 years in the making, and from the very beginning was designed and built with the Ridler Award as its ultimate goal. When owner Steve Barton died at age 76 in January 2018, the decision was made to carry on with the project in his memory, and Steve's brother Craig was on hand to accept the award in his late brother's absence.

The Ridler Award, sponsored by car care company Meguiar's, honors the memory of Don Ridler, a gifted event promoter who helped to establish the Detroit Autorama as one of the country's premier custom car shows. Ridler died in 1963 at the age of 54, and the award has been presented annually since 1964. To qualify for the trophy and \$10,000 check that accompanies it today, vehicles must be making their show debut at the Detroit Autorama. All must be operable as well, and able to drive in forward and reverse (and turn left and right) under their own power.





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**BREAKING NEWS: THIS IS THE 2020 CADILLAC CT5
BY ALEX LUFT**

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Cadillac says that the platform is “an evolution” of the award-winning RWD/AWD Alpha architecture. We have learned that the architecture is known internally within GM as the Alpha 2 platform. Then there’s the positioning. Though Cadillac doesn’t say it outright, the CT5 is the indirect replacement to the ATS and CTS that will compete in the D-segment against the likes of the BMW 3 Series and Mercedes-Benz C-Class. Despite having a fast-sloping roof that gives it the appearance of a fastback, the CT5 still features a trunk found in a typical sedan. It’s unclear whether other body variants, like a coupe and convertible, will be offered.

The CT5 Premium Luxury (pictured above) showcases Cadillac’s unique expertise in crafting American performance sedans, with details designed to elevate every drive. Cadillac revealed its newest sedan with a social media campaign designed to stimulate the senses.



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As for the engines, the Cadillac CT5 will be powered by the all-new, turbo-charged 2.0L I-4 LSY engine. A Twin-Turbo 3.0L V6 will be available, though it's unclear whether the engine will actually be the 3.0L LGW V6 offered in the CT6 or an upgraded version. Notably, the 3.0L TT motor features "unique sound calibrations." Both CT5 engines will be mated to the new GM 10-speed automatic transmission that offers "nearly imperceptible shifts", according to Caddy.

The Cadillac CT5 will be offered in three trim levels, at least initially: Luxury (base), Premium Luxury, and Sport (pictured right) – thereby giving customers a choice of appearance and ride character. In that regard, the CT5 becomes the fourth Cadillac model to follow the brand's new Y-trim level strategy. An ultra-high-performance CT5-V model is expected to be offered later on in the model's lifecycle. It's unclear whether a CT5 V-Sport will be offered.



Inside, the new Cadillac CT5 features a "driver-centric cockpit" that "blends high tech and high touch for an exceptional blend of control tactility." Interestingly, no pictures of the actual cockpit were made available in the announcement except for the one below, which shows the rotary controls initially introduced in the refreshed 2019 Cadillac CT6 and all-new 2019 Cadillac XT4.

Finally, Cadillac says that the "CT5 showcases Cadillac's unique expertise in crafting American performance sedans, with details designed to elevate every drive."

The new Cadillac CT5 will make its public debut in April at the New York International Auto Show. It will be built at the GM Lansing Grand River plant. The facility received a \$211 million investment to build the next-generation Cadillac sedan. The Cadillac Jinqiao plant in Shanghai, China is expected to produce the model for the Chinese market.

And that, ladies and gents, is all that Cadillac shared on the new CT5. As soon as we hear more, we will share it with you right here... so be sure to subscribe to GM Authority (for free) and stay tuned for more CT5 news and Cadillac news coverage.



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LAND YACHTS AT THE AACA MUSEUM IN HERSHEY

STORY BY SANDY KEMPER

PHOTOS BY LYNN GARDNER, TOM MCQUEEN, JOSH PINHO AND DAN RUBY

Back in January, Tom McQueen mentioned to me that his 1959 Buick and two of fellow Potomac Region member Mark Brodsky's Cadillacs were on display at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. They are just three of the many cars in the AACA Museum's current exhibition, "Land Yachts: Postwar American Luxury Convertibles." It occurred to me that this would be a good reason to

make a Potomac Region trip to Hershey to tour the AACA Museum.



Tom McQueen's Buick (white car) in the Rotunda of the AACA Museum next to a 1967 Deville Convertible

Taking an idea from another car club, I thought of conducting a winter activity that would offer an interesting destination and club friendship with no focus on the cars being driven or the roads to be taken. There would be no expectation that one should drive a classic Cadillac or LaSalle. Rather, a comfortable daily driver of any make would be acceptable. I discussed this idea with our Region's new Activities Director Randy Edison and he was excited about it.

I contacted CLC Past President and fellow Potomac Region member

Richard Sills, who I understood was involved in the AACA Museum's implementation of the "Land Yachts" exhibit. Richard wholeheartedly agreed to help and made the arrangements on our behalf with the Museum. Also, at his suggestion, the neighboring CLC regions were extended the opportunity to join us.

We decided to start our day at the Museum at 12 noon on Saturday, March 9. Since our Region's membership is spread widely in the Baltimore and Washington areas, we suggested that participants make their own way to the Museum. However for those interested in driving in an informal caravan, we offered a meet-up location, in the Urbana, MD Park & Ride parking lot, just off I-270.

A group of four cars caravanning from Urbana stopped for a brief break at a fast food restaurant in Dillsburg, PA. Unexpectedly, in the short time that they were there, three other cars of Potomac Region folks on their way to the Museum stopped at the same place. There was some delight among everyone in this surprise rendezvous which bode well for the day ahead.

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After everybody had arrived at the Museum (33 people from three different CLC Regions), we started our visit with a special "Behind the Scenes" tour in which the Museum opened its collections storage building to see some of the automotive treasures not currently on view. This 15,000 sq. ft. "garage" down a long driveway behind the Museum holds over 50 vehicles. But, in addition, we were able to see the adjacent building of similar size which houses a shop to perform maintenance and repairs to the Museum's vehicles and even more vehicles.

After spending the better part of an hour in the storage buildings, we returned to the basement of the main Museum building to be treated to one more "Behind the Scenes" feature. We were led into the Detailing Shop in which the vehicles are cleaned for display. Here too, like the storage buildings, was a fascinating assortment of unusual vehicles.



From the Detail Shop, Richard led the group through the Lower Level of the Museum which houses a variety of vehicles that might not fit in with any of the themed Museum galleries on the Main Level, but, according to the Museum, "are too interesting or unique to be kept in collection storage." Also on this level are vehicles owned by the Museum of Bus Transportation ("the largest collection of historic buses under roof in the United States"). Further there is a restored 1941 Valentine Diner (relocated from Wichita, KS) and the "Roads to Rails" model train room housing an expansive operating layout of model trains.

Our group returned to the Main Level and started our tour there in the Williams-Clyne Gallery, an exhibition space set aside for use by the car clubs who have joined the AACA Museum's Car Club Membership Program. Four different Dodge Brothers vehicles are on view in the Gallery courtesy of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Dodge Brothers Club. Besides room for car club members' cars, there is space for club information, memorabilia or exhibit worthy items and the Dodge Brothers Club displayed many interesting items.



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We moved into the Main Level exhibition space which is a winding road course filled with many remarkable cars arranged in front of illustrative roadside scenes and buildings. All along this way, our guide Richard had interesting stories or humorous anecdotes to tell us about nearly all of the cars on display. The "Land Yachts" exhibit occupies much of this space. These full size American convertibles exude a certain glitziness and style and, in many examples, considerable overall size. Among the Land Yachts, Mark Brodsky's 1970 DeVille convertible was poised in front of a drive-in movie screen while further along his 1953 Eldorado was nestled under the Art Deco portico of a Miami Beach hotel (see photos right). There were many more fine examples of Land Yachts throughout the Museum.



Occupying the end wing of the Main Level is the Cammack Gallery. This gallery houses the extraordinary collection of Tucker automobiles and Tucker engines, mechanicals, drawings, and automobilia from the late David Cammack. On display, there are three of the fifty-one Tucker automobiles produced, plus one full-size replica that was built for the 1988 movie, "Tucker: The Man and His Dream." We were fortunate that while we were there one of the docents on duty had an outstanding knowledge of Tucker and vast amount of artifacts in the Gallery.



When our day at the Museum was concluded, we had arranged for a dinner at Dafnos Italian Grille, a nearby restaurant in Hershey. They seated us together in a semi-private area where we could talk about what cars at the Museum we liked the most while enjoying Dafnos excellent food. It was a delightful day of shared pleasure in viewing classic automobiles and Cadillac Club camaraderie.



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