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In a few weeks, spring will have arrived. It is an important time of the year for our Region and the hobby in general! The planning stages for our Annual Spring Car Show at Capitol Cadillac in April are well underway. Please submit your registrations as early as possible. Also, we depend on our members to volunteer their time to make it another successful event, so please contact our Car Show Coordinator, Lynn Gardner, or me to fill a spot. If you have anything you'd like to donate to our Automobilia Auction, please bring it with you the day of the show. The funds raised help subsidize the cost of club events like the holiday party that was recently held.



Scot Minesinger, Activities Director, had two of his three 1970 Cadillacs featured in this

month's ***The Self-Starter*** magazine celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the model year. It's a great tradition to feature the "golden anniversary" Cadillacs that Bob Crimmins, Tim Coy and Jeff Shively carry on. Congratulations, Scot!

Our next meeting will be held on a Sunday, March 22 at the Olive Grove Restaurant in the Baltimore area. Please RSVP to me so I can get an idea of how many seats will be needed.

Recently I sold a part from a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz on eBay. The buyer contacted me that there was a problem with the shipping, so I called him. Low and behold I found out that he is a former member of the Potomac Region from the late 1970s when he lived in Alexandria, VA. His name is Roy Sea and is now living in Florida. He knew many of our members that have since passed; talk about a small world!

Please keep Juan Aranda, Roger Bentley and William Kost in your prayers and thoughts. Also, I had the pleasure of talking with Mike Book, who manages the CLC Office including membership renewals. He was very grateful for the cards and letters sent while he recovers from an automobile accident. He is on the mend and doing well.

Dan Ruby



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FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Road, Falls Church [Merrifield], VA

TIME: 7:30 pm

PRESIDING: Director Dan Ruby

ATTENDANCE: Maurice Breton, Franklin Gage, Dale Graves & Dianna Moy, Jeff Gurski, Bill Hilliard, Greg Huver, Sandy Kemper, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton, Dorothy & Jerry Rij, and Harry Scott

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan thanked everyone for attending and he welcomed new member Maurice Breton. Also, he thanked Jeff Gurski for bringing another one of his models to the meeting to share with everyone. Dan mentioned that Charter Member Juan Aranda is recovering in a rehabilitation center and Region member Roger Bentley is ill, so please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the November 2019 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the December 2019 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the November 2019 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$1,403.58, mostly from Holiday Party payments. The expenses for the same time period were \$1,798.01, primarily from the Holiday Party expenses. The Region subsidized a portion of the party's total cost to make it more affordable for members to attend. Also, Bill Hilliard provided the following summary of the Region's 2019 Year End Financial Report:

	(Jan - Dec 2019)	(Jan - Dec 2018)	2019 vs 2018
Total Income	\$7,997.82	\$6,420.82	\$1,577.00
Total Expenses	\$8,157.97	\$9,298.27	\$1,140.30
Net Income (Loss)	(\$160.15)	(\$2,877.45)	\$2,717.30
Liability (pre-paid dues)	\$3,320.00	\$3,280.00	(\$40.00)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Franklin Gage, Bill Hilliard and Vince Taliano updated our 2019 membership list so it is 100% compliant with CLC rules at 176 members. Four Potomac Region members had to be removed from the year-end roster as their national CLC membership expired in 2019. At present, our 2020 membership stands at 166. Welcome to our newest members, Will Smith of Lorton, VA, who was recruited by Scot Minesinger, and Dan Murray of Washington, D.C. Will has a 1969 Deville Convertible and Dan has a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz, respectively. Thirteen (13) additional new CLC members were signed-up at the Washington Auto Show. Franklin suggested that providing an incentive to join the club, like a giveaway, might help obtain new CLC members. He proposed that if a person would join the CLC, we would offer the Region membership at no cost for the year. This idea was put before the Region's officers for approval and they agreed with the idea. It worked well. After their membership forms are processed by the National CLC office, we will welcome the new members.



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ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Mecum Auction, Kissimmee, FL, Jan 2-12.** Franklin Gage and Lynn Gardner attended this event. (A benefit of CLC membership is free bidder and guest passes to every Mecum Auction, a \$100 value. The next closest one is in Harrisburg, PA from July 29-August 1). Lynn compiled a list of Cadillacs and LaSalles at the auction, including their high bids. The results were mostly favorable to the sellers.
- **CLC 2020 Winter Board Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Jan 28-Feb 1.** Three club members attended the 2020 CLC Winter Board Meeting in New Orleans: CLC BOD member Bob Crimmins, CLC NE Regions VP Jeff Montgomery and CLC Treasurer Jack McClow. Jack prepared a comprehensive summary which follows these minutes.
- **2020 Washington Auto Show, Washington, D.C., Jan 24-Feb 2.** There are many people to thank for their efforts at the Auto Show. Thanks to Daniel Jobe our club was allotted the same exhibit area for the show as we have enjoyed in recent years. Thanks to Randy & Susan Denchfield for displaying their 1949 Club Coupe and to Jerry & Dorothy Rij for displaying their 1990 Brougham in our exhibit. Thanks to Franklin Gage and Chuck Piel for organizing the volunteers to staff our exhibit and for taking care of the many concerns that arise over the course of the show. Lastly, thanks to all of the Potomac Region volunteers who worked our exhibit space during the show: Steve Clay, Susan & Randy Denchfield, Franklin Gage, Lou Harrington & Cathy Shairer, Bill Harrison, Bill & Anne Hilliard, Greg Huver, Sandy Kemper, Michael Kirwin, Chuck & Debbie Piel, Jerry & Dorothy Rij, Dan Ruby, Harry Scott and Christopher Winter. Also assisting from other clubs were Ed Der, Chrysler Product Owners Club, and Tyler Tedford, AACA Bull Run Region.

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **28th Annual Capitol Cadillac /CLC Potomac Region Car Show & Automobilia Auction.** The show flyer and registration form were published in the February **Caddie Chronicle**. We are in need of 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. Also, 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 at lynngardner@clcpotomacregion.org

3. Other Upcoming Events:

- **47th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Sat, Mar 14, 7:00 am-3:00 pm.** This is one of the first parts meets of the year.
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade, Baltimore, MD, Sun, Mar 15, 1:00 pm.** The AACA Chesapeake Region members plan to participate in the parade for the 8th year. Assembly will be at 12:30 pm near Mt. Vernon Place. Advance sign-up is required. Contact the Chesapeake Region's Activities Chairman, Phil Hack, at phack126@gmail.com.
- **11th Annual Unity Thunder Car Show, DC National Guard Armory, Washington, D.C., Sat-Sun, Mar 21-22, 10:00 am-8:00 pm and 10:00 am-5:00 pm.** This is an indoor car show to "benefit American Veterans." Spectator admission is \$10.



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- **47th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 27-28.** This is the 8th year at this location for this well-attended meet. Most of the vendor spaces are indoors.
 - **Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville, MD Sat, Oct 17, 11:00 am-3:30 pm.** Sandy filled in for Chuck Piel as our club's representative on the Rockville Car Show Committee at the meeting last week. This year's Special Display will feature Corvettes.
- 4. Region Car Shows in Northern Virginia:**
- In response to a question about holding Region car shows in Northern Virginia, several members explained that we have not had the kind of participation of our members in the popular shows hosted by other classic car organizations (e.g. the Sully Plantation Father's Day car show) that may justify the efforts to hold a Region sponsored event in that area. However, we welcome any ideas for activities for our members and the support needed to hold them. Provide your ideas to our Activities Director, Scot Minesinger, at scotminesinger@clcpotomacregion.org.

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

OFFICER ELECTIONS for 2021-2022: Sandy reminded everyone that in the latter part of this year, in accordance with our By-Laws, we will be holding the bi-annual Election of Officers for the term 2021-2022. All members are encouraged to consider serving the Region by becoming an officer.

GENERAL INFORMATION: H.B. 1264 has been introduced in the Maryland legislature to require the display of a single, rear-mounted registration plate for all classes of vehicles. Under current law vehicles must display two license plates. The bill would take effect October 1, 2020. H.B. 1264 currently awaits consideration in the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 22, 2020**, 2:00 pm at the Olive Grove Restaurant, 705 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd., Linthicum Heights, MD; 410-636-1385, unless announced otherwise.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm, but most members remained to socialize further.



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2020 CLC WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS & SUMMARY BY JACK MCCLOW PHOTO BY MARTINA BUTLER

Following are the highlights of the CLC Winter Board of Directors meeting held on February 1st in New Orleans, Louisiana:

- This was my 17th consecutive winter board meeting as a member of the CLC board, my 12th year representing the Potomac Region.
- The meeting was held in the historic downtown area of New Orleans, with the host hotel located just outside of the French Quarter.
- Events scheduled for this year's participants began on Wednesday, January 26th and concluded with the meeting held on Saturday, February 1st. The activities included a tour of New Orleans via a hop-on-hop trolley car, a visit to the National World War II Museum with a USO style stage performance featuring the Victory Belles and a visit to a private automotive collection (pictured above left to right are Bob Crimmins, Gary Fisher, Jack McClow, Martin Butler and Jeff Montgomery) which also included antique arcade games, toys, and many other items of interest from 20th century America.



Following is a summary of the CLC board meeting held on Saturday, February 1st:

- The CLC Museum & Research Center (CLCMRC) held its board meeting earlier in the morning, with the CLC board meeting following in the afternoon. A report by the CLCMRC board summarized its excellent status at the Gilmore Complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan, with plans being made for the next Concours-style event to be held this September.
- Financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 were distributed as well as statements representing the first three months of the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.
- For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, the national club's profit was \$34,288.87 and the total liquid assets for the club stood at \$452,115.82. FY 2019 was the second year in which the Club partnered with a local region to host and run the Grand National events, resulting in a significant bottom line profit bump for each of these two partnership years.
- The club's financial health remains very sound although the most important concern at this time is the continuing decline in national membership. A chart was distributed showing that the club's membership peaked in January 2011 at 7,256 members. Since that time, there has been a gradual decline in membership, which this past December stood at 6,369, a decline of 887 members resulting in an annual loss in dues revenue of approximately \$30,000.00. Fortunately for the club, the loss in dues revenue has been nicely offset by an increase in advertising revenue, the profit sharing from the Grand National events and significant cost savings related to the production of *The Self-Starter* magazine and in other operating areas.



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- The following upcoming national events were discussed (for more info, monitor the "Events" section of the CLC website).
 - June 9-14, 2020 --- Grand National in Kansas City, Missouri
 - August 22-28, 2020 --- National Driving Tour in the Pacific Northwest
 - July 13-17, 2021 --- Grand National in Albuquerque, New Mexico
 - September 2021 --- National Driving Tour in Wisconsin
 - June 2022 --- Grand National in Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago
 - October 15-22, 2022 --- National Driving Tour of the Southeastern United States
 - 2023 (dates TBD) the Las Vegas Region will host a Route 66 National Driving Tour
- A group of Cadillac enthusiasts from Russia have applied for acceptance into our International Affiliates division. Ron Zahn, Vice President of International Affiliates, will be working with this group to get them integrated into our Club. For those Cadillac enthusiasts who also enjoy world travel, the addition of this region should provide some amazing opportunities for exciting travel adventures in conjunction with our love of the Cadillac brand.
- Our club's representative from the Mecum Auctions, Dave Morton, reported on the latest opportunities for both the national Club and its regions. CLC members can attend the auctions with complimentary entrance and bidding passes, allowing members to enjoy all the fun experiences and good times offered, and spend time at the CLC booths Mecum provides to promote the club and the regions. Those participating will have an opportunity to visit with other folks interested in classic Cadillacs and LaSalle's who are attending the auction and then, hopefully, be able to entice these folks into becoming members of the CLC, as well as the local regions. The Mr. Morton specifically highlighted Franklin Gage, in particular, as one individual who is consistently using the opportunity Mecum provides to recruit new members for the CLC. Please contact Franklin for more information.
- A new and improved CLCMRC website will debut this fall.
- Bill Anderson reported that the 1959-1960 Authenticity Manual is nearing completion; stay tuned for when it will be released. This new manual will fill in one of the last remaining gaps for manuals between the years of 1924 through 1976.
- Gary Fisher and Chris Hamann will be reducing their roles in the national awards program after the 2020 Grand National in Kansas City. Both Gary and Chris have been handling the vehicle and individual award programs for the CLC for many, many years and they have asked for others to volunteer to take over the bulk of their responsibilities. Anyone interested in taking on this vital role at the national level should get in touch with Gary Fisher. These roles are vitally important to the national club and offer an excellent opportunity to participate in a very rewarding role within the CLC.
- Bill Anderson is looking to expand his pool of club members interested in becoming show judges for the Grand National. If interested, please contact Bill for more information on assisting in this most valuable role within the club.
- The CLC, now in its 62nd year, is doing very well despite the decline in membership numbers, which is affecting all similar collector car clubs as well. Like just about every other classic car club in existence today, our membership numbers are in a state of gradual decline, but through good management practices and prudent financial controls the CLC board has been able to keep the overall health of our organization in excellent shape and I am very happy to report the future looks very bright for the club representing our favorite marque.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Mar 14 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	47th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Collector Car Swap Meet	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD	Tom Young at 443-744-6338, tbirdtoms60@verizon.net or See flyer
Mar 22 Sun	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Olive Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Mar 27-28 Fri-Sat	Doors open at 8:00 am	50th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Annual Antique Auto Parts Meet	Carroll County Agriculture Center Westminster MD	Jack Gallagher at 301-674-5431 or smraaca@aol.com or See flyer
Apr 18 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	13th Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral	Classic Car Center Fredericksburg VA	info@classiccarcenter.net or 540-370-4474 or See flyer
Apr 18 Sat	Starts at 9:00 am	CLC Valley Forge Region Spring 2020 Tour & Social Event	RB Restoration Shop America on Wheels Museum Allentown PA	Michael Stinson at michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com or 267-251-8588 or See flyer
April 19 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	4th Annual Bretton Woods Spring Car Show	Bretton Woods Recreation Center Germantown MD	Joe Palmore at 301-785-6622 or Registration form (No entry fee!) Watch 2019 show video
Apr 20 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
Apr 22-26 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or Visit website
Apr 26 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	28th Annual Capitol Cadillac Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Lynn Gardner at 703-303-7310 or lynngardner@clcpotomacregion.org
May 1-3 Fri-Sun		Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance featuring Cadillac	The Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs WV	Visit website
May 16 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 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
June 6 Sat		29th Orphan Car Tour	Burkittsville MD to Bluemont VA	Jon Battle at tourdirector@orphancartour.org , 540-364-1770 or Visit website
June 9-13 Tue-Sat		CLC Grand National Hosted by the Missouri Valley Region	Marriott Kansas City Overland Park KS	Visit website
June 15 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
Jun 21 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	47th Annual Father's Day Antique Car Show	Sully Historic Site Chantilly VA	Jim Gray at 410-353-0381, jim.gray.31a@gmail.com or Visit website
Jul 20 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
Jul 26 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	17th Annual All Car & Truck Show hosted by the VCCA Free State Region	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown MD	Mike Natale at 410-583-9171, mrnatale@verizon.net or See flyer
Jul 31- Aug 2 Fri-Sun		Das Awkscht Fescht hosted by the AACA Ontelaunee Region w/Cadillac as featured marque	Macungie Memorial Park Macungie PA	Visit website
Aug 15 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
Aug 22 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	14th Annual CLC Central Penn Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
Sep 28 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
Oct 7-10 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center Hershey PA	Visit website
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 Visit website
Oct 19 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
Nov 16 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



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28th Annual Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region Car Show & Automobilia Auction Sunday, April 26, 2020

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

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

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

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

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**2020 WASHINGTON AUTO SHOW
BY SUSAN DENCHFIELD
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE PISTON POPPER, MARCH/APRIL 2020
PHOTOS BY SANDY KEMPER**

Remember the endless advertising for The Washington Auto Show at the D.C. Convention Center, January 24 to February 4? For the past several years, Daniel Jobe, President of Capitol Cadillac Company in Greenbelt, MD and very active member of the Potomac Region, has arranged for the Region to have space to exhibit vintage Cadillacs and LaSalles and to promote the club. This year the two cars chosen were a spectacular black 1990 Brougham and a Madeira Maroon 1949 Club Coupe. Both were gleaming like the day they left the show room. We felt honored to escort our beloved "Cherryette" (the '49) to her position. This was on Wednesday, two days before the grand opening. We had met Dorothy & Jerry Rij in their Brougham out on the street. Franklin Gage accompanied us as we wound our way up the ramps behind the scenes of the convention center, around the massive tractor trailers parked unloading endless shiny cars and to our assigned access door. Conquering all the remaining hurdles of red tape and bureaucracy, we made our way onto the show floor and to the front doors. Now those doors look pretty wide but they can be a challenge for the driver of an older Cadillac. Both cars squeaked through, side mirrors and fenders intact.



Next we arranged the two cars in good positions for the incoming crowds to enjoy. We had to find stanchions to surround the cars because visitors to the Auto Show are accustomed to climbing all over the modern cars on display. Now our classic cars stood ready to give those new ones on display inside a run for their money. The weekends brought massive turnouts! We enjoyed watching the people come up the escalators and notice the Cadillacs. Randy had such fun telling wide-eyed spectators that the '49 Cadillac was actually a 2021 concept car. However, no one took him up on his offer to accept a deposit to reserve one. We did venture into the world of the new age automobiles all of which were far beyond our abilities to comprehend the operation of. I was particularly taken with the brand-new, highly touted Corvette. The example on display was a lovely blue. We were told that production would begin in the following week in Bowling Green, KY. All of the 2020 production has already been reserved by eager dealers.



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On the lower level we found more vintage examples. We discovered an impressive display of Mustangs. They were lined up in two very long rows. The Porsches put on quite a show, too. And then there were quite a few Ferraris. Our granddaughter, Hannah, brought her baby brother to this car show, his second one ever. As a soon-to-be three-year-old, she enjoyed the Family Fun Zone on the third level. There they met various larger-than-life PBS show characters. We enjoyed the show, but I'll take an old car show any old day!



[Editor's Note: Many thanks are in order for another successful Auto Show. First and foremost, thanks to Daniel Jobe for organizing the opportunity to promote our club. Thanks to Randy & Susan Denchfield and Jerry & Dorothy Rij for displaying their cars. Thanks to Franklin Gage and Chuck Piel for organizing the volunteers to staff our exhibit. Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked our exhibit space: Steve Clay, Susan & Randy Denchfield, Franklin Gage, Lou Harrington & Cathy Shairer, Bill Harrison, Bill & Anne Hilliard, Greg Huver, Sandy Kemper, Michael Kirwin, Chuck & Debbie Piel, Jerry & Dorothy Rij, Dan Ruby, Harry Scott and Christopher Winter, as well as Ed Der, Chrysler Product Owners Club, and Tyler Tedford, AACA Bull Run Region. And lastly, thanks to Susan for her wonderful account of the event and Sandy for his great pictures of the exhibit area.]



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DECODING A 1941 CADILLAC BY CHUCK PIEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY TOM HALL

As the "Standard of the World," Cadillacs of all eras have many fans. To me, the Forties cars, particularly the '41's, epitomize the heyday of the iconic Cadillac brand. As such, I have always had a soft spot for the '41's and hoped to one day be able to have one in our garage. That day finally came in January 2020.

Our new addition now nicknamed "Black Beauty" is a 1941 model 6267D Convertible Coupe found locally in Manassas, VA, where it has resided since 1981 as part of a 15-car collection. Many thanks to Harry Scott and Jim Govoni (another recent addition to the '41 Club) for being sounding boards on the car! I also appreciate the help I have gotten from Marty Watkins of the Valley Forge Region, who is a co-author of the CLC's 1941 Cadillac Authenticity Manual. This time around, I bought and studied the Authenticity Manual BEFORE I bought the car. It works much better that way!



Our new '41 6267D Convertible Coupe, aka "Black Beauty"

"Black Beauty" shows 49k miles, which we believe to be original. Using the Authenticity Manual to decode the data plate, the car was built with black paint (code 51) and a green and beige leather interior (code 85A). However, the top code (6) is not a documented code.



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I have been reminded that data plates can be altered or swapped, although as the picture shows, this plate is clean, and the rivets appear original. We are fortunate that the GM Heritage Media Center can provide VIN-specific information on many of our Cadillacs, so I was able to order a copy of the original build sheet.



The Build Sheet not only confirmed the Trim and Paint codes to the Body Number and VIN but provided other crucial information. The car was shipped from the factory

on April 4, 1941 (exactly 26 years to the day before our '67 DeVille convertible was built) and delivered to the "Chicago Branch" in Chicago, IL.

It also shows that the car was delivered with the Hydra-Matic transmission (equipment code T), US Royal black wall tires (code R) and specified no running boards (code V). Interestingly, all of the options that are on the car did NOT show up on the build sheet.



**Interior view of Code 85A
green and beige leather seats**



View of "Black Beauty's" engine bay



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Thanks to the build sheet which confirms the data plate and some speculation on our part, we now know how the car was equipped and appeared to its first (unknown) owner. It is interesting to note that my research of the location of the Cadillac Chicago Branch in 1941 actually yielded four (4) downtown and three (3) suburban locations – a total of seven (7) Chicago metro locations!

Tom Hall, CLC Life member from Long Beach, CA and SoCal Region member, wrote a definitive three-part article in the April through June 2009 issues of **The Self-Starter** titled, "Where Did My Car Come From: The Distributor System." Upon viewing our build sheet, Tom advised, "The invoice indicates that the car was billed to the 'Chicago Branch,' which had a large showroom building on South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. There is also the possibility that Chicago Branch wholesaled the car to another authorized dealer in the Chicago District." In 1941, there were two other "authorized" Cadillac dealers in Chicago: Emile Denemark, which also sold Buicks, and W. A. Mack, which also sold Oldsmobiles.

In 1941, the Cadillac Chicago Branch operated out at 2301 S. Michigan Ave, (pictured right). Here is an artist's conception of its appearance when restoration of the façade and conversion to residential use are completed. (source: c. Tom Hall 2009, **The Self-Starter**, May 2009 edition).

Another clue emerged, a service garage ticket dated May 16, 1941 for South Loop Garage at 318 S. Federal St. (ph: WABASH 3488) just off the Chicago "Gold Coast." Unfortunately, besides getting "5 Ethyl" gallons of gasoline, battery water topped and tires checked to 30 psi, all we know is "Joe" performed the service (no owner's name is listed).



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Cadillac Chicago "Branches", defined
in a March 14, 1941 *Chicago Tribune* ad



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**Gas Service Ticket dated 5-16-41
found in the glove box**



Martin Cadillac, 12101 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles c. 1976 (photo by Nick Gleis)

This seems like the kind of place where you leave the car while going to work, so perhaps the first owner had a downtown office or residence on the famed Chicago "Gold Coast?"

Another suggestion from Harry was to check what radio stations were coded in the little tabs on the radio. These were typically inserted by the selling dealer for the stations local to the customer. In checking the stations tabbed in "Black Beauty," I found they were all Boston-based stations, so I have a car delivered in Chicago with Boston radio stations tagged! One reason for this may be the fact the dealer had to install the radio and perhaps the radio came with the Boston stations already tagged? Who knows?

According to the prior owner, the car came east from Southern California in 1981. It was brokered by "Friendly" Bob Adams, the Wisconsin-based broker that all old *Hemmings* subscribers will remember. The new owner was told it had been in California for many years and had been "used by movie studios." In the 1981 purchaser's notes we found the name and address for Martin Motors, a famous Cadillac dealer in Santa Monica, CA, but we don't know the relationship between the car and Martin Motors. However, when the door panels were pulled during an interior restoration in 2015, an amended traffic citation notice was found stuck down inside the driver's door, dated August 24, 1978 and addressed to Martin Auto Leasing on W. Olympic Blvd in Los Angeles. This building, which housed Martin's Los Angeles Cadillac dealership, was torn down in 2019 to make way for a mixed used residence/commercial building.

We are excited to have "Black Beauty" in the stable. She has had one repaint in the '90's, a fresh leather interior restoration and a new black top installed. Mechanically, the prior owner did a lot of work to make the car tour ready. In fact, he drove it to last year's Das Awkscht

Fesch car show in Macungie, PA, a 4 ½ hour trip each way. While driving it home from Manassas, VA to Ellicott City, MD, I took the back way up Route 15 through Point of Rocks. At one point, I was doing 70 mph without realizing it. The car drives great and stops even better (I wish the brakes on our '67 were as good.). I put correct bias-ply Firestone tires on the car and I am adding seat belts, as well as a few other minor tweaks. Meanwhile, we look forward to many miles and smiles in "Black Beauty."



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DONALD TRUMP TAKES A LAP OF DAYTONA IN CADILLAC
BY SAM MCEACHERN
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Trump didn't just make the opening call at the NASCAR Cup Series season opener. The president also hopped in his General Motors-developed, Cadillac-branded presidential limousine and took a lap of the massive 2.5-mile superspeedway.

The Cadillac limo, nicknamed 'The Beast' due to its gargantuan size and rather significant weight, was developed by GM at the special request of the U.S. government. Details on the limousine remain scarce for obvious security reasons, but we do know it is powered by a diesel engine and features styling inspired by the Cadillac CT6.

Trump, an evident race fan that awarded Roger Penske the Presidential Medal of Freedom during a special ceremony late last year, joked that he wanted to take one of the NASCAR Cup Series cars for a spin around Daytona when speaking to media at the race.

"I'm going to hop into one of these cars and I'm going to get into this race if possible. I love the idea," he said.

Trump went on to declare the Daytona 500 as "a legendary display," and said that "no matter who wins, what matters most is God, family and country."

After taking a lap of the speedway and making his opening remarks, Trump boarded Air Force One and returned to Washington D.C.



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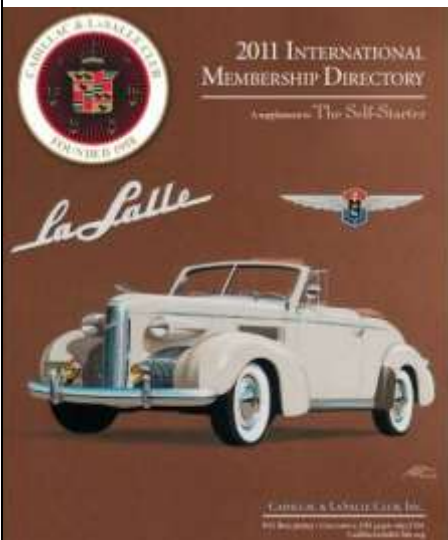
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1937 Cadillac Model 7529 Convertible Sedan – Divider window, very low production – Known history from new – Recent high-quality repaint of original Thessalon Green and new top – Engine and mechanicals rebuilt – Never any rust, original wood excellent condition along with mostly original interior – CLC Senior Car #105 – Excellent tour car – Transported WWII Veterans in 2018 and 2019 National Memorial Day Parades – [See picture](#) – **Priced to sell at \$82,500 or best offer** – For more info, contact Harry Scott at 703-791-3278 or hscott1937@aol.com – Car is located in Nokesville, VA



1939 LaSalle 5067 Convertible Coupe – Franconia Beige Iridescent LaSalle originally bought new in New York state for \$1,395 and sometime in its life was sold to a buyer in California, where it remained for several years until a Philadelphia doctor found it through a broker and bought it in 1994 – After 12 years of fun, he sold it in 2006 to its current owner with assistance of a local member of the CLC LaSalle Appreciation Society who accompanied the car on delivery to its new Maryland home – The convertible was not perfect, but seemed to be a driver with a noisy manifold gasket – The new owner took a friend out for a ride in it and he said, “I can just see Katharine Hepburn driving this car” – That’s how the car became known as Katharine – In 2010, artist Dan Reed created a beautiful portrait of her that to the owner’s surprise graced the cover of the 2011 CLC International Membership Directory



The LaSalle has no back-seat, but instead drop-down “opera” seats on either side – Other specs include a banjo steering wheel, AM radio, large yellow fog lights, brown leather seats and radial wide-white wall tires – Powered by a Cadillac V-8 L-head 125 horsepower engine w/ Syncro-Mesh transmission and torsion ride stabilizers – Since purchased in 2006, the manifold was fixed – Sweet car that drives so nice – Top is proper tan canvas – Passenger door window is cracked, but functions OK – To help prevent vapor lock, the exhaust manifold has been wrapped with insulation, which seems to do the job – Trunk lid has a pair of support arms to hold it when open – One of the supports has a defective cog, which makes it difficult to close the lid when opened fully – No luck trying to find a replacement or getting it repaired

Old starting issues have been resolved by owner's wonderful master mechanic – Radiator has been pulled and re-cored – She's back with a proper 6-volt battery, new electric fuel pump and she starts good like a LaSalle should and runs great – Katharine needs a new loving home – [See pictures](#) – **Asking \$49,900 obo** – Due to owner’s limited hearing, please contact Roger Bentley only at rogerbentley84@gmail.com – Car is located in Brinklow, MD



1946 Series 62 Convertible Coupe – Cream, beige cloth top and burgundy interior – First place Touring Class at the 2017 CLC Grand National in McLean, VA – This beautiful convertible is a dependable driver that participated in the 2014 Hemmings Great Race, finishing 3rd in the Rookie Class – Original drivetrain with automatic transmission – Car was completely restored 3,297 miles ago – [See pictures](#) – **\$64,000** – For more info, contact Daniel Jobe at danieljobe@ecapitol.com – Car is located in Greenbelt, MD



1948 Series 75 Limousine – 46,650 original miles – Although 1,262 examples of the Fleetwood 75 were manufactured in 1948, just 446 cars were built with body style 7533, of which only a small percentage were finished as seven-passenger limousines – Offering great originality and the distinction of executive transport, this exceptional Cadillac is absolutely beautiful – Rare and remarkable originality, offering an outstanding example of Cadillac's celebrated long-wheelbase Fleetwood – Optioned with a Hydra-Matic transmission, radio, heater, and fog lights, and finished in black paint – Driver's seat is black buttoned leather and the rear seat is tan wool and in beautiful condition – Jump seats offer room for a total of nine passengers – Professionally repainted in its original black in the last 15 years – Always garage kept – Don't miss out on your chance to own this rare classic!– [See pictures](#) – **\$32,950** – For more info, contact Baxter Saucier at baxter.apc@gmail.com or 337-366-2370 – Car is located in Lafayette, LA



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	<p>1961 Six-Window Sedan Deville Model 6399 – 41,000 original miles – Two-owner car (purchased from original owner in 1987) – Always garage-kept – Olympic White with light blue leather and broadcloth interior – AACA and CLC Senior Award winner – CLC President’s Preservation Award at 2017 Grand National – Fully equipped – A/C, cruise control, power steering, brakes, and windows – Six-way power seat and electric trunk pull down – Radio, clock and more – Autronic headlight dimmer – New radial WW tires – Displayed by GM at the Smithsonian Institute when the new Transportation Museum was recently re-dedicated – Drives and looks like new – See pictures – \$26,500 Buy it Now on eBay – For more info, contact Marc Tuwiner at 301-672-1000 or marct100@yahoo.com – Car is located in Baltimore, MD</p>
	<p>1964 Eldorado Convertible – Firemist Red, beige cloth top and beige leather interior – Senior Badge Concours restored automobile – Senior Wreath award at 2017 CLC Grand National in McLean, VA – Runs and drives wonderfully – See pictures – \$74,000 – For more info, contact Daniel Jobe at danieljobe@ecapitol.com – Car is located in Greenbelt, MD</p>
	<p>1967 Eldorado Coupe – White, black vinyl top and white leather interior – Original 34k miles on a Senior Badge Concours restored automobile –Senior Crown award at 2017 CLC Grand National in McLean, VA – Best Post-War award at the Dearborn CLC GN in 2002 – Runs and drives wonderfully – Possibly the best 1967 Eldorado available – See pictures – \$84,000 – For more info, contact Daniel Jobe at danieljobe@ecapitol.com – Car is located in Greenbelt, MD</p>
	<p>NEW ARRIVAL 1979 Seville – Parting out – 2,700 miles on newly rebuilt 350 C.I. fuel injected engine – New re-conditioned dash – See picture – Call / email parts request to Al Guttman at 301-606-7239 (mobile) or Lawsuites123@gmail.com – Car is located in Sarasota, FL</p>
	<p>1984 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible – 70,184 miles on this estate-sale vehicle that was purchased about two years ago from its original owner – Very elegant Flax (cream) color paint with recently-replaced burgundy canvas convertible top – Tufted burgundy leather upholstery in very good condition w/door panels and dash pad equally nice – Simulated wood dash trim in good condition – Frame and underside of the car appear free of rust, other than some mineral surface rust – 4.1 Liter V-8 4100 engine starts right up and runs as it should – Power disc brakes bring it to a rapid and safe stop – Many more luxury and safety features – See pictures – Asking \$14,900 – For more info, contact the Classic Car Center at 540-370-4474 or info@classiccarcenter.net – Car is located in Fredericksburg, VA</p>
Literature For Sale	
<p>Cadillac Automotive Literature from the late CLC member Gary Anderson’s collection – Shop manuals, owner’s manual, accessory brochures, parts lists, plastic folios, paint chip brochures, etc. – 1940s-1980s – To bid on items for sale, visit eBay store – Items are located in Daytona Beach, FL</p>	



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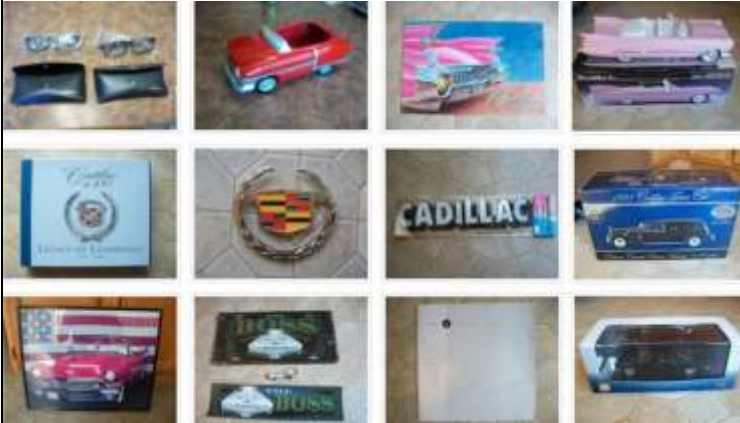
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