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Potomac Region

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

BY DAN RUBY

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As many of you know, the pandemic is still affecting many activities in the DMV (DC and MD/VA suburbs). With that being said, along with concerns by some members resulting in less than minimum attendance, it has been decided to **CANCEL** the 2020 Annual Potomac Region Picnic. Now, we will continue to focus on planning our Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac on Sunday, September 20. Dedicated volunteers will be needed for the show. If interested and available, please contact Lynn Gardner to sign up for a spot. Also if you plan on attending, please consider bringing a donation for our auction to the show. Proceeds help support our Region events.

Our June meeting took place virtually on Zoom with a nice turnout, thank you to Sandy Kemper for arraigning the meeting. The July meeting is scheduled for the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA, but depending how things are going it may be moved to an outdoor location or held via Zoom again. If you have a venue suggestion, please contact Sandy or me.

Congratulations to Richard Sills and Vince Taliano for being selected as co-winners of "**The Self-Starter** V-12 Award" for their excellent story on Capitol Cadillac's 85th anniversary which ran in the October 2019 issue. Also, the Potomac Region's website won the Website of Merit Award. The awards were announced during the CLC's "virtual" Summer Board Meeting via Zoom that I attended. The awards will be presented at the 2021 Grand National in Albuquerque, NM.

If you are thinking of selling your classic Cadillac and want worldwide recognition with great success, please contact Vince about placing an ad.

On a personal note, I'm making good progress with my recovery and I am back on track with PT. Hoping to be up and walking sooner than projected. Thanks again for all the prayers and thoughts.

Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July!

Dan Ruby



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**IN MEMORIAM: LESTER WAX
CONTRIBUTIONS BY JOE GILDEA, [WICKED LOCAL SHARON](#),
SETH WAX AND BURT WISNICK
PHOTOS BY SETH WAX**

Lester Wax, CLC member #155, of Sharon, Massachusetts passed away on Sunday, May 31 at the age of 74. In 1981, the New England Region received the Norm Uhler Award under his leadership as its Director. He served as President of the CLC from 1982-84 and was the CLC technician for 1930-31 LaSalle's. His expertise was sought after by hobbyists around the world.

In 2005, he attended the 2nd Annual Antique Car Show at the Sharon (MA) Historical Society with his 1931 LaSalle 345A (his pride and joy that he rescued from a junkyard in the late 1960s with a tree growing through it). While there he was interviewed by a local newspaper for a [story on the event](#). Below is an excerpt.

"A beautiful beige and green 1931 LaSalle 345A sat in the middle of the First Congregational Church of Sharon parking lot. Owned by Sharon resident Lester Wax, the five-passenger coupe has a vinyl top, the style of the era, and Aston Martin green paint. At about 2.25 tons and without modern modifications, the car is no lightweight and can be a handful to drive.

"There are days when I wish I had power steering, but that's not going to happen," Wax quipped.

He has owned the car for 46 years. He and his wife, Barbara, had their first date in it. It won "First in Class" and "Best in Show" at the Crescent Ridge car show last month.

In 1980, Wax took the car to Indianapolis, IN for the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's first Grand National; it went two laps around the track."

Lester was the beloved husband of Barbara (Shaker) Wax, devoted father of Seth Wax and his wife Elisabeth Berger, and Alan Wax and his wife Kathy, and proud grandfather of Mia, Charlotte and Zachary Wax. Donations in Lester's memory may be made to Temple Israel, 125 Pond St., Sharon, MA 02067, or the American Parkinson's Disease Association, MA Chapter, 72 East Concord St., Room C3, Boston, MA 02118.





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IN MEMORIAM: BOB MORROW
CONTRIBUTIONS BY LEGACY.COM
PHOTOS BY LEGACY.COM AND THE SELF-STARTER

Robert "Bob" Morrow, CLC member #3501, of Cincinnati, Ohio passed away on Thursday, June 4 at the age of 85. Into the mid-2000s, he authored a column in the CLC's **The Self-Starter** magazine titled "Ask Mr. Bentwrench, an irreverent, but highly accurate, advice column by a mechanic who can be called nothing less than a carmudgeon" (see below circa 2005). In 2000, he received the CLC's Maurice Hendry Award for his excellence in journalistic contributions in furtherance of the purposes of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

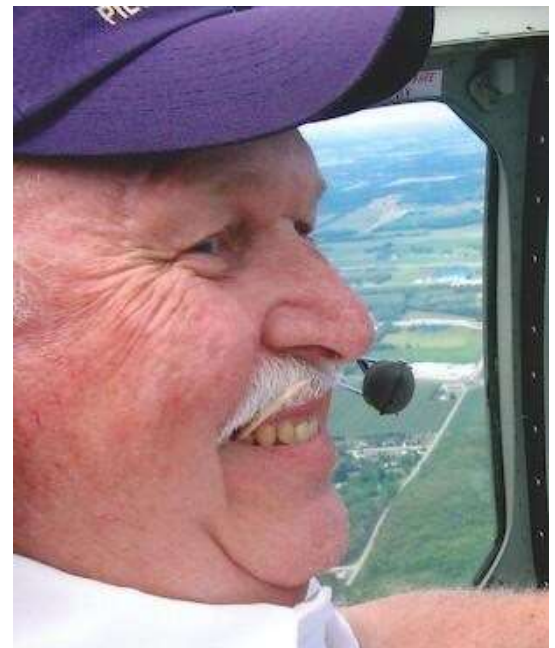
Ask Mr. Bentwrench^{©1996} | Advice to the Car-Lorn

An irreverent, but highly accurate, advice column by a mechanic who can be called nothing less than a carmudgeon.



A lifelong car guy, Bob's overwhelming passion was for restoring, repairing and showing old cars. He earned numerous awards and trophies in regional car shows and was an active member of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), Cadillac & LaSalle Club (CLC), DeSoto Club, GTO Club and the Knights of the 20th Century.

For eight years, he operated his own Volkswagen parts and repair business in Huntsville, Alabama before returning to Cincinnati. He was also an avid private pilot. One of his greatest lifetime experiences was flying a B-25 Bomber on his 77th birthday. He is survived by two loving children, Barbara Jo Morrow (John Baldridge) and Karl William Morrow (Susan Bachman) and his friend of 61 years and beloved girlfriend of 25 years, Wanda Owens. Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to the Hospice of Cincinnati, PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263.





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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



June 6, 2020



I chanced upon a great 1953 issue of [Popular Science](#) magazine with a review of the '53 Cadillac. The feature article, reviewing the 1953 Cadillac, is on page 104. One caption asks, "Will 1953's most powerful car seem equally charming on a mantle in 2003?"

On page 166 is the 1953 Cadillac *Le Mans*. The article predicts that the one-off sports car called the Corvette will soon go into production. And it says the one-off Buick Wildcat has hubcaps that don't turn. What'll they think of next?

The issue has loads of neat stuff. A spark plug ad on page 269 shows the '53 Oldsmobile Fiesta. If you like voodoo science, read how a Chevy Bel Air gets 45 mpg on page 6. Page 110 shows a blurb on Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX. I was stationed there. Other articles predict central A/C and rear-engine cars.

Larry Good
Washington Grove, Maryland



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JUNE 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Application

TIME: 7:30 pm

PRESIDING: Director Dan Ruby & Secretary Sandy Kemper

ATTENDANCE: Juan Aranda, Luis Aranda, Mark Brodsky, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Chad Edgar, Franklin Gage, Lynn Gardner, Paul Gass, Dale Graves & Dianna Moy, Larry Good, Bill Harrison, Bill Hilliard, Oscar Jobe, Jack McClow, Grady McMahan, Rick Menz, R. Scot Minesinger, Chuck Piel, Jerry & Dorothy Rij, Earl Rutter, Jr., Harry Scott, Richard Sills, Vince Taliano, Frank Wilton and Christopher Winter

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan thanked everyone for attending and he provided an update on his recovery. He thanked everyone for their well wishes, thoughts and prayers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the February 2020 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the March, 2020 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the February 2020 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$27.93. The expenses for the same time period were \$37.10.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our 2020 membership stands at 180. Welcome to our newest members listed below.

Name	City	State	Vehicle
Anthony Beharry	Silver Spring	MD	2014 Cadillac CTS
Charles Bell	Laurel	MD	1952 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan
David Conrath	Louisa	VA	1949 Cadillac Series 62 Club Coupe
David DeCasseres	Fredericksburg	VA	2014 Cadillac Escalade
Danny M. Demetro	Bordentown	NJ	1992 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible
Charles Edgar	Hyattsville	MD	2011 Cadillac DTS
William Elam	Alexandria	VA	1993 Cadillac Allanté
Andre H. Fields	Washington	DC	1975 Cadillac Coupe Deville
P.J. "Rocky" Graziano	Springfield	VA	2000 Cadillac Eldorado Touring Coupe
Constantin Jiga	Clarksburg	MD	
J.R. Kerr II	Chestertown	MD	
Neil C. O'Donnell	Rockville	MD	1985 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance
Carlos Ramirez	Damascus	MD	1959 Cadillac Coupe Deville
Marvin T. Talley	Washington	DC	2016 Cadillac ATS Coupe

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **Spring Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA, Jun 17-20.** Franklin Gage attended. He reported that the crowds were lighter than past years. The vendors to whom Franklin spoke reported both better and conversely, worse, sales than previous meets.



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2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Annual Potomac Region Picnic, Dan & JoJo Ruby's home.** Dan said a proposed date was being considered, but then it was decided to **CANCEL** the Region's Annual Picnic this year to focus on producing our car show at Capitol Cadillac.
- **28th Annual Capitol Cadillac /CLC Potomac Region Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sun, Sep 20, Greenbelt, MD.** The show has been re-scheduled for late summer. DJ Mike has been contacted and the awards have been arranged. 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:

- **Cars Caffeine Charity, Java Nation, 11120 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD, Sat, Jun 27, 7:00 – 10:00 am.** The organizers request that participants bring a can of food, peanut butter or \$10 donation for the food bank at St. Martin of Tours Church in Gaithersburg
- **AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Jun 27.** The AACA Museum will be re-opening to the general public.
- **AACA Annual Grand Nationals, The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, Allentown, PA, Fri-Sat, Aug 21-22.** According to the AACA, a decision about this event will be made on July 22. The AACA will send out an email to all those who register for the event with further instructions and information.
- **CLC Central Pennsylvania Region Car Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Aug 22.** A flyer will be issued soon. They will have a DJ and a food vendor, as usual, and Art and Jan Archambeault may be hosting their usual hospitality get-together at their home after the show.
- **AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, Sat, Oct 10.** This meet is being planned as a car show only this year. The AACA, AACA Hershey Region and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts are solidly behind this effort. But approval to hold the meet by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required and has not yet been secured. Please note the multi-day flea market and car corral have been **CANCELED**.
- **Antique & Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville, MD, Sat, Oct 17, 11:00 am – 3:30 pm.** Rockville's Events Staff conveyed the following information to the car show's sponsoring car clubs: "a decision hasn't been made regarding whether or not the show will take place in October." Also, registration will begin on August 1, instead of July 1 and there will not be a special display as part of the Show this year.

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

REPORT FROM CLC-BOARD OF DIRECTORS: National Treasurer, Board of Director Member and Potomac Region National Director Jack McClow provided a concise report on the recent CLC BOD meeting. It was held via the Zoom application on the same date, Saturday, June 13, as the meeting would have been held if the Grand National had taken place in Kansas City. Here are a few key points in Jack's report.



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- The club's financial position continues to be very strong and our cash flow is well into positive territory. For the past two years our positive cash flow has exceeded \$30,000 per year, thanks to the profit-sharing between the regions co-hosting the annual Grand Nationals with the national club, an arrangement that began with the 2018 GN in San Marcos, Texas. This current fiscal year (the club's fiscal period runs from October 1st through September 30th) is projected to be in the \$12,500 range. This big drop when compared to the past two years is the result of there being no profit sharing to be had from the cancelled 2020 GN and, in addition, our club suffering an actual cash *loss* from the non-event totaling approximately \$7,500 due to the costs of getting the event ready to be held and then having to shut it all down after so much of the pre-planning and arrangements had been already completed and some date-specific purchases had already been made.
- Our membership numbers continue to drift downward, but at a slower pace than in years past. Our current membership total stands at 6,357 compared to 6,373 one year ago, a drop of just 16 members year over year which puts the CLC in an enviable position when compared to many other car clubs that have seen significantly greater declines in their membership numbers.
- The National Awards Committee announced that Richard Sills and Vince Taliano had been selected as co-winners of "**The Self-Starter** V-12 Award" for their excellent story on the Capitol Cadillac dealership's 85th anniversary which ran in the October 2019 issue. Also, the Potomac Region's website won the Website of Merit Award.

Read Jack's comprehensive written summary at

<http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/forms/CLCPR.2007Newsletter.SummerBoardMeeting.pdf>.

VIRTUAL CAR SHOW & GENERAL DISCUSSION: We conducted a virtual car show using photos submitted by Region members and the floor was opened for general discussion from the attendees. Our special thanks to those who furnished photos: Juan Aranda, Luis Aranda, Doug Bailey, Mark Brodsky, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Larry Good, Edward Haase, Bill Harrison, Bill Hilliard, Oscar Jobe, Tom McQueen, Dan Reed and Frank Wilton. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Potomac Region's first ever "Virtual" meeting!

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively, our next meeting will be held on **Mon, July 20**. As we get closer to that date, we will determine if the meeting will be conducted in person at an area restaurant, picnic area, winery, or via the Zoom application or a combination of these options. We will make the announcement via email in July.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OFFICER ELECTIONS for 2021-22: In the latter part of this year, in accordance with our Region's Constitution and By-Laws, we will be holding the bi-annual Election of Officers for the term 2021-22. All members are encouraged to consider serving the Region by becoming an officer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
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	CANCELED 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		CANCELED 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 4-6 Fri-Sun		NEW DATES Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance featuring Cadillac	The Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs WV	Visit website
Sep 20 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	NEW DATE 28th Annual Capitol Cadillac Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Lynn Gardner at 703-303-7310 or lynngardner@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 24-27 Thu-Sat		POSTPONED TO 2021 11th Annual Cadillac Fall Festival and Concours D'Elegance	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners MI	Visit website
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
Sep 30- Oct 4 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or Visit website
Oct 7-10 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7am	CANCELED 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



**1906 Cadillac Model K
10hp / 1-cylinder
Cost new: \$750 without lights**

*They had no radio for weather, no concrete on the lane;
They only had an almanac to tell when it would rain*

*They always scanned the heavens before they drove to town;
And hoped to make it home again before the rains came down*

Source: [eBay](#)

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**28th Annual Capitol Cadillac /
CLC Potomac Region
Car Show & Automobilia Auction**
NEW DATE Sun, Sep 20, 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 September 6: \$15/per car - After September 6: \$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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CADILLAC'S DEWAR TROPHY **BY DENNIS SIMANAITIS** **SIMANAITIS SAYS**

Cadillac set the world's standard for high quality in 1908 in earning the Dewar Trophy presented by England's Royal Automobile Club. The automaker's actions in accomplishing this would seem trivial today. But, at the time, they represented far-reaching advances in engineering, even to encouraging evolution of what became today's SAE International.



**Henry Martyn Leland,
1843–1932,
American machinist,
inventor, engineer
and automotive
entrepreneur**

The Society of Automobile Engineers, predecessor of today's SAE International, was founded in 1905, a time when even basic hardware such as nuts and bolts differed from supplier to supplier. Automobiles of the era were handmade, their parts individually crafted to fit. Among the earliest efforts of SAE was standardization of parts, and Henry M. Leland was one of its earliest members, to serve as president of the organization in 1912–1913.

Leland's background was in machine tools and firearms manufacture, where precision was paramount and interchangeable parts made their first appearance. He was also one of Cadillac's founders, the engineer who encouraged standardization as a company priority.

The Model K was the short-wheelbase (74.0-in.) version of Cadillac's single-cylinder cars. A two-passenger runabout, the car was priced at \$750 in 1906 (perhaps \$20,000 in today's dollar). Its single-cylinder engine, mounted amidships beneath the seat, displaced 98.2 cu. in. (1609 cc) and produced an advertised 9 hp. A planetary gearbox had two forward speeds and reverse. A chain delivered the drive to the car's rear axle.



**Thomas Robert Dewar,
1st Baron Dewar,
1864–1930,
Scottish whisky
distiller**

And, amazing for the time, the Cadillac Model K was built with standardized parts. This is how it came to win the 1908 Dewar Trophy.

Lord Dewar, of Scotch whisky fame, endowed a Dewar Challenge Shield awarded in cycling and also underwrote the Dewar Trophy of England's Royal Automobile Club. Previous winners were the Stanley brothers for their Stanley Steamer land speed record in 1906 and Rolls-Royce for its 40.50 hp model demonstrating 15,000-mile durability in 1907.



Cadillac Model K, 1906–1908
Image from [picautos](#)



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Proving their worth in 1908, three Model Ks were selected from stock at the Anglo-American Motor-car Company, Cadillac's London agent. On Saturday, February 29, the three were driven 25 miles to the Brooklands Circuit, opened only a year before, where they did 10 laps of this oval, another 30 miles.



Cadillac's Brooklands trio, 1908
Source GM Archives

After resting under Royal Automobile Club (RAC) lock and key, on March 2, 1908, the three Cadillacs were disassembled, each car reduced to a heap of 721 parts. Then RAC officials scrambled everything into a pile of 2,163 pieces. What's more, they chose 89 of these to swap with replacements selected from the dealership's parts supplies.



Jumbles of Model K parts
Source GM Archives

The resulting heap was categorized into three appropriate piles, from which three Model Ks were reassembled. These three "harlequin cars" were fired up on Thursday morning, March 12, and began lapping Brooklands.

By 2 PM on Friday, March 13, 1908, the trio had completed 500 miles. After this, one of them was locked away until the June 1908 RAC Reliability Run, at which it earned a class trophy. And, of course, Cadillac deserved the 1908 Dewar Trophy (pictured right – source GM archives) for this impressive display of parts interchangeability. Well done, Cadillac! Kudos, Henry M. Leland!





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Editor's Note: In the late 1980s, Cadillac awarded dealers with replica Dewar trophies for achieving Complete Customer Satisfaction. The trophies were displayed in specially-designed stands that stood approximately 6' tall and were approximately 20" in diameter. Capitol Cadillac was one the dealerships to receive a trophy (the late Howard Jobe, Capitol Cadillac President, is pictured below fourth from the right in the second row from the top).



Photos by Jack McClow



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NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

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1900-2020

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ICONIC MOMENTS OF NYIAS

1950s CHROME & FINS NEW YORK AUTO SHOW FINDS A NEW HOME BY THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

The 1950s was a period of unparalleled optimism for a future filled with technological innovation and the auto industry led the charge with new cars that mirrored this new found confidence. It was against this background, with Dwight D. Eisenhower in the White House, Elvis buying Graceland and the cost of a gallon of gas just 25 cents that the New York Auto Show opened at the newly constructed New York Coliseum for the first time.

Major Introductions at the New York Auto Show



One of the show's most notable debutantes was the \$13,074 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham 4-door hardtop (above), which was equipped with a brushed stainless steel roof, 6-way power memory seats, automatic power door locks, power ventpanes, the U.S. industry's first production air suspension and rear seat storage armrest housing a notepad, mirror and Arpege-filled perfume atomizer.



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Another stunner at the 1956 Show was the V-8 powered Cadillac Eldorado Gaylord (above) priced at \$17,500. Its exotic features included emergency lamps over each wheel to facilitate nighttime tire changes and America's first production application of quad headlights.

The Auto Show's New Home



With over 400,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, the first Auto Show at the newly constructed New York Coliseum featured 220 auto and accessory displays valued at over \$12M. New York City Mayor Robert Wagner was joined by Hollywood actress Lee Ann Meriwether in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the 1956 Show. The Coliseum remained the New York Auto Show's home for the next 30 years until the construction of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, which now houses the Show with more than double the space. Watch a [YouTube Video](#) on the 1956 Auto Show.



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DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON THE INTERNET BY VINCE TALIANO



In May 2004, the CLC's *The Self- Starter* magazine featured [a story](#) on the 35th Anniversary of the Potomac Region. Included in the piece was a black & white picture of cars, mostly Cadillacs, parked on the lawn of past Region Director Nick Wilson's home in Brookeville, Maryland for a Region picnic in August 1994 (pictured left). The image has also appeared in the September-October 1994 issue of *The Laurel Wreath*, the April 1996 issue of *The Self- Starter*, and has been on the Potomac Region's [Region History webpage](#) since 2006.



At some point the picture was "lifted" from the Region website and posted on the [National Crime Syndicate](#) (NCS) website and misidentified as cars parked at Joseph "Joe the Barber" Barbara's house in Apalachin, New York on November 14, 1957 for the infamous Mafia gathering that was foiled by the New York State Police. NCS later used it in a [YouTube](#) video of the meeting with the image visible at the 3:03-3:05 minute mark. In 2016, a user posted it to the copyright-free [Wikimedia Commons](#) and [Wikipedia](#) sites, linking it to the historic event. Doing a Google search shows it's since spread to [75+](#) [websites](#) and the [Smithsonian Magazine](#).

When I shared this discovery with the CLC, Richard Sills wondered how no one questioned why Mafia chieftains would be driving Cadillacs as old as 1940 and 1946 to a meeting held in 1957. When [Wikimedia Commons](#), [Wikipedia](#) and the [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

were contacted about the improper use of the image, they immediately replied acknowledging what happened and removed it. The [National Crime Syndicate](#) was also contacted, but they didn't reply, even though they removed the image. However, they left the [YouTube](#) video picture and link to it on their site. Considering the nature of the "Goodfellas" sit-down, it is only fitting that the main picture that has been used to depict it was appropriated!



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Below is the picture when it made its debut in the September-October 1994 issue of *The Laurel Wreath*, the CLC Potomac Region's newsletter, along with the story on the picnic written by Rita Bial-Boxley & George Boxley.

Potomac Region 1994 Picnic Brooke Meadow Farm



(left to right) Steve Sisson's green 1953 Model 62; Andy & Daria Pogan's maroon 1940 Series 62 coupe; George & Rita Boxley's yellow 1956 Coupe deVille; Lou & Linda Baksa's blue 1957 Fleetwood 60 Special; Nick Wilson & Sharon Evan's blue/grey 1946 Series 61 Sedan; and Barry & Babs Leese's 1956 Faux Fleetwood

THANK YOU NICK & SHARON

By: Rita Bial-Boxley
George Boxley

For the past three years George and I have been attending the annual picnic at your lovely homestead. We have decided it was time and shamefully so, to thank both of you personally for all the hard work (time, preparation, etc.) it takes in preparing all the tasty, appealing fare that is always served the club members.

It is appreciated! We are confident this sentiment is not only from

us, but other club members too.

The attendance was fairly good considering all the other events taking place at the time. But, with the Nationals and the Woodstock reenactment it probably took away from the appearance of some members. Even so, as always the fellowship of members is there when we get together. There were some non-Cadillacs dispersed about such as a

Lincoln and a Dodge. It was an added flare among the Cadillacs.

The auction at the end helped the club's treasury fund. Everything from hub caps, antique magazines and other items sold at very reasonable prices. And, the delicious deserts Sharon's always are sold with none left over.

Again, thank you Nick and Sharon.

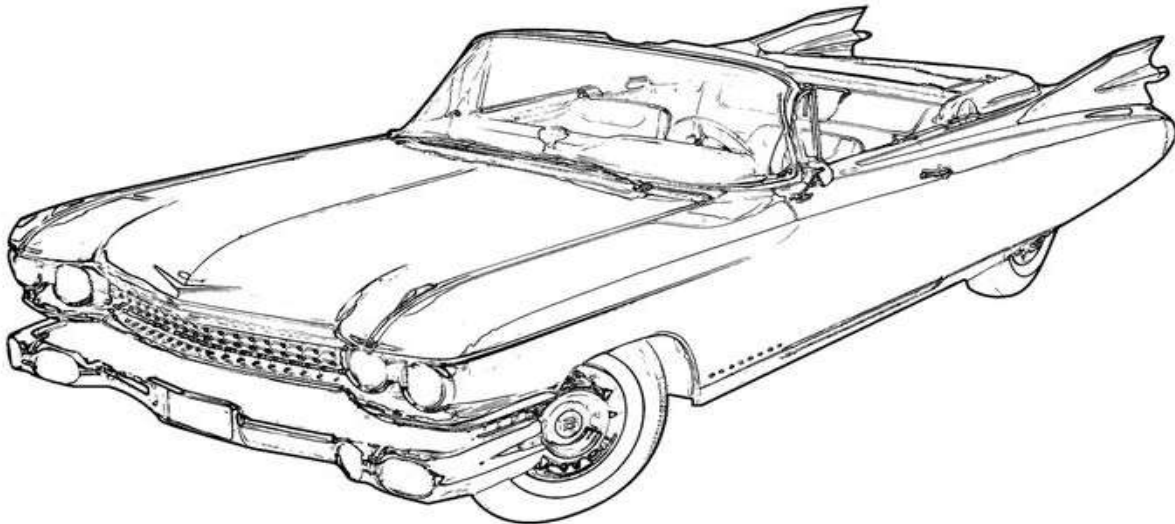


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**COLORING IN THESE CLASSIC CAR IMAGES IS GREAT
BY DANIEL STROHL
HEMMINGS FEATURE
MAY 4, 2020**

Hemmings readers are all doing great with these coloring images we've been posting. Distributing them to neighborhood kids, getting them in the hands of art class teachers and taking the time to color them yourselves right alongside your kids and grandkids. Awesome! So let's sit down for another batch, shall we? Before we get to this week's round, just a note to say that we are jotting down your suggestions and are combing our files to find corresponding photos that have been in our magazines and that will convert over nicely to images that you can color in like you see here. In case you missed our earlier sets, you can find them [here](#) and [here](#). Also, be sure to send in the finished results, either directly to editorial@hemmings.com or to [My Hemmings](#), so we can post them here like it's the world's biggest refrigerator door. So included for this week is a 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz. [Download](#) it, print it, enjoy it and share it with all the people - little and big - who you think would like a little diversion. We're looking forward to seeing your interpretations!



1959 CADILLAC ELDORADO BIARRITZ

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PHOTO OP FOR MY 1966 FLEETWOOD BY JIM GOVONI

On June 9th, my 1966 Fleetwood Brougham was used in a promotional photo shoot for the [Annapolis Town Center](#). Photos were taken of the car parked in front of one of the entrances with two female models and a trunk full of shopping bags from the Center's stores.





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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale



1929 LaSalle 328 4-Door Phaeton – Stock #C3277 – 56,639 miles – VIN#407340 – 328 C.I. V8 w/3 speed manual transmission – Blais Blue/Galahad Gray w/black leather interior – Recipient of several AACA awards from Hershey gatherings – Invited to the 2009 Newport Concours d'Elegance in Rhode Island – Steering and brakes are tight and responsive – Starts with ease and idles perfectly – Dual side-mounted spares with rearview mirrors – Wind deflector Rear-mounted trunk – Trippe Safety forward Speedlights – Carpeted interior – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$79,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1933 Cadillac V12 370C Town Sedan – Stock #3556 – 27 miles – VIN#4000494 – 368 C.I. V12 w/3 speed manual transmission – Black w/brown cloth interior – Brilliant restoration achieving 99.75 points of 100 at the 2013 CCCA Spring Grand Classic in Mt. Dora, FL – Completely restored in 1997 – off a factory build sheet specifications – 2-Time AACA National First Prize Award Winner – Represents one of only 172 Cadillac V12 Town Sedans produced in 1933 – Remarkable physical & mechanical condition – Superbly executed interior refurbishing that must be seen to appreciate – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$89,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1941 Series 61 Woodie Station Wagon – Stock #S3342 – 13,504 miles – VIN#5342864 – 346 C.I. V8 w/3 speed manual transmission – Burgundy w/tan leather interior – 1 of only 14 Cadillacs converted by a special restoration shop based in Costa Rica – Recognized in the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region for several years – Original 6-volt generator and starter professionally rebuilt in 2018 – Hand-fitted and custom finished the wood framework – Took 2nd Place honors in its class at the 2017 CLC Grand National – Participated in the **Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the 1941 Cadillac** in 2016 – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$89,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1941 Sixty-Special Fleetwood Imperial – Stock #3534 – 82,301 miles – VIN#6342531 – 346 C.I. L-Head V8 w/3 speed manual transmission – Black w/beige interior – Very rare Fleetwood Sixty-Special imperial with power glass partition window – All new interior in 2017, and all new exterior paint in 2018 – Loaded with options including spotlight, front and rear radios, windshield washer, heaters, and more – Very nice example for driving tours – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$59,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



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



NEW ARRIVAL 1948 Series 75 Limousine – 46,650 original miles – Although 1,262 examples 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 – 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 – 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](#) – **\$24,750** – 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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1950 Series 62 Convertible Coupe – Stock #S3526 – 71,928 miles – VIN#506248889 – 331 C.I. V8 w/automatic transmission – French Gray w/blue leather interior – Factory correct color combination – All number's matching – Nicely equipped with power top and windows, heater, reverse lights and more – Excellent driver – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$74,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1953 Coupe Deville Series 62 Coupe – Stock #S3443 – 48,905 miles – VIN#OR67977 – 331 C.I. V8 w/automatic transmission – Artisan Ochre Yellow w/yellow interior – Power steering – Hydraulically-operated power windows – Power brakes – Autronic Eye auto-dimming headlamps – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$49,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1954 Eldorado 6267SX – Beautiful Aztec Red – Frame-off, nut and bolt restoration – Ready to roll and perform flawlessly as a driver or show car at any venue – All new parts and equipment throughout this show car – Original Wonder Bar radio received an AM/FM conversion by S&M Electro-Tech, Inc. – Original clock refurbished by McVey's Cadillac – Marvelous Eldo is a real head turner that will not disappoint on or off the road – [See pictures](#) – **Asking \$160,000 or best offer** – For more info, contact John Riddick at 301-807-8176 or jeriddick@gmail.com – Car is located in Dunkirk, MD



1956 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible – Stock #3471 – 76,190 miles – VIN#5662095222 – 365 C.I. 2x4bbl V8 w/automatic transmission – White w/turquoise and white interior – Represents one of only 2,150 Biarritz convertibles ever made – Fully optioned– Complete with correct Sabre wheels and hard parade boot cover – Beautifully restored – All power features including windows and driver's seat – [See pictures](#) – **Offered at \$99,900** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO



1958 Series 62 Convertible Coupe – Stock #15530 – 34,763 miles – VIN#58F080255 – 365 C.I. V8 w/automatic transmission – Black w/red and white interior – Represents one of only 7,825 Convertible Coupes produced in 1958 – All number's matching– Factory color combination – Last owned by MLB Hall of Fame pitcher Trevor Hoffman – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$79,000** – For more info, contact Jon Faust at 800-957-5707 or info@stlouiscarmuseum.com – Car is located in St. Louis, MO

SOLD



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



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



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



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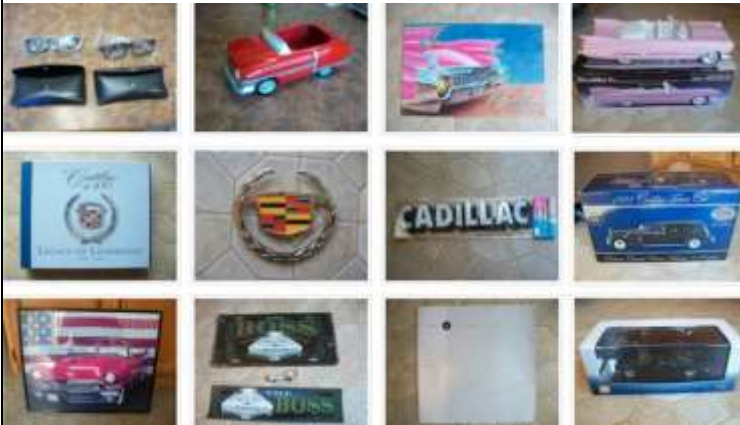
NEW ARRIVAL 1990 Allanté – New battery, tires, convertible top motor, belt, water pump, exhaust manifolds, A/C compressor/charge, front and rear struts, alternator, belt tensioner, rebuilt CD player, Motegi racing wheels and alignment – [See pictures](#) – **Asking \$6,500** – For more info, contact Cory Kulibert at 920-210-2225 or corykulibert@att.net – Car is located in Mayville, WI

Literature For Sale

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

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