



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle December 2020



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DAN RUBY

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We close out 2020 still in a pandemic! Sadly many car shows were canceled and businesses have closed this year, but none as important to us as Capitol Cadillac's closing. After 86 years, this family-owned, historic dealership closed its doors on November 18, 2020. They have supplied cars and outstanding service for the White House, Senators and Congressmen, dignitaries, business owners and the general public. As Director, I can speak on behalf of the Region and give Daniel Jobe and Capitol Cadillac a huge "Thank You" for all they have done for the National CLC, our Region and the hobby by sponsoring our car shows since 1992. The shows we co-hosted at the dealership drew worldwide attention and could be categorized as mini Grand Nationals (see pages 8-10). We wish Daniel and his family all the best!

The Cadillac portion of the dealership has been taken over by the Sport Automotive organization and will be located in Silver Spring, Maryland as [Sport Cadillac](#). We wish the owners well and look forward to meeting with them to discuss the possibility of co-hosting our annual shows at their dealership.

Closing out the year, we also welcome two new officers in our Region. Dianna Moy will be our new Secretary and Christopher Winter will be the new Activities Director. Give them a warm welcome when you see them in the coming year. We sincerely thank Sandy Kemper for serving as Secretary for the past 16 years and Scot Minesinger and Randy Edison for splitting the term as Activities Director the past two years.



Thanks to Juan & Luis Aranda (pictured left) for their huge donation of CLC and Region historical memorabilia to our club's archives plus items for our automobilia auction. Also, thanks to our Region members who participated in the AACA show in Gettysburg, PA last month. Your cars looked impressive on the show field.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season! I look forward to a much better 2021.

*Dan Ruby*



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**IN MEMORIAM: TONY KARSNIA  
CONTRIBUTIONS BY BEE HAMLIN, STEVE LICHTMAN AND GREGG MERKSAMER**



**Tony Karsnia posing with his 1973 Superior Cadillac Crown Sovereign (Hearse/Ambulance) Combination he acquired from another now sadly-deceased PCS member, Bernie De Winter IV of Dayton, Ohio**

David Anthony "Tony" Karsnia of East Bethel, Minnesota passed away on Monday, November 2, 2020 at the age of 49. Growing up around small town funeral and ambulance services, Tony developed a special interest in professional cars and a passion for funeral service, at a very young age. He officially began working at the funeral home in 1986 at age 14, the same year he joined The Professional Car Society (PCS). While he was a senior in high school, he founded the PCS Northland Chapter and was subsequently involved in the formation of two additional chapters. He was instrumental in hosting three international meets and countless regional meets. Tony served as President of The Society from 2014 to 2020. He was the first President in the club's 40-year history to be elected to three consecutive terms.

At age 14, he also began collecting cars. He owned more than 25 and was especially proud to have been personally selected as the third caretaker of the very last Cadillac ambulance built, a 1979 Superior Cadillac, which remains in the Karsnia collection to this day.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 15 years, Kim; children, Mack and Alexis; his parents and many family members and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to local causes involving homeless teens and suicide prevention.



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



November 1, 2020

The November issue of the [Caddie Chronicle](#) tells the story about the late Howard Scotland's two 1941 Cadillacs being donated to the AACA Museum. My late brother, Steven, and I got to know Howard from Lutherville, MD back in the mid '60s. We had our first antique, a '40 Buick Super Convertible Coupe, and he had the '41 Cadillac Convertible Sedan that his father had bought new. His car was the first convertible sedan we had ever seen, and it was fine compared to our Buick. We socialized with him and his wife during that time, as well as seeing them in Florida years later when we visited our parents. Eventually they wound up in Wyoming. He was a gentleman. I'm glad to know that his cars will be enjoyed by generations to come.

Richard Sisson  
Oakland, Tennessee





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#### **NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES** **BY SANDY KEMPER**

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom Application

**TIME:** 7:30 pm

**PRESIDING:** Director Dan Ruby

**ATTENDANCE:** Franklin Gage, Lynn Gardner, Larry Good, Dale Graves & Dianna Moy, Bill Hilliard, Sandy Kemper, Jack McClow, Grady McMahan, Chuck Piel, Earl Rutter, Jr., Harry Scott, Richard Sills and Christopher Winter

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Dan thanked everyone for attending. He provided an update on his ankle injury. Unfortunately, he is scheduled for another surgery. Everyone wishes that it will be successful and that Dan's recovery will be swift and painless.

Dan and Sandy announced that Capitol Cadillac has been sold. The Cadillac franchise has been purchased by the Sport Automotive organization and will be located in the Automotive Sales Park in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Greenbelt facility is expected to become a Honda dealership. Daniel Jobe will not be involved in either operation. However, Daniel has told us that the Sport Automotive organization knows about Capitol Cadillac's involvement with the CLC and is open to hosting Potomac Region events at their Cadillac dealership.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the October 2020 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$2,417.93, mostly from membership renewals. The expenses were \$43.05. We are now "in the black" financially for the year.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Franklin provided the following report:

- We have begun the 2021 CLC Potomac Region Membership Drive. As of November 7, 60% of the 2020 members have renewed for 2021. **The deadline is December 15th.**
- The CLC National Office will be requesting our official 2020 roster (182 members at present) that is needed for them to do their annual review of region membership compliance. They will provide the results, indicating which 2020 Potomac Region members no longer have active CLC memberships. We will be required to contact those inactive members and encourage them to renew their CLC membership or else they will be removed from our 2020 roster and ineligible to renew their Region membership for 2021 until they renew with the CLC National Office.

**ACTIVITIES REPORT:** The following activities were discussed:

#### **1. Recent Events:**

- **Cars & Coffee:** A Cars & Coffee event was held on Saturday, October 31 from 8:00AM to 11:00AM at the Silver Diner parking lot in Merrifield, VA. There were 11 members, 9 cars, 8 of which were Cadillacs. Dan Mullane brought an Oldsmobile wagon which has Cadillac hubcaps! Randy Edison took photos and Sandy will write an article for the newsletter.



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- **ACA Eastern Fall Nationals:** Although there was no caravan, nor group gathering, many Potomac Region members attended. It was reported that 640 show cars participated in the meet.
- 2. Upcoming PR Events:**
- **2021 Washington, D.C. Auto Show** will be held from March 26-April 4. Chuck Piel will contact Daniel Jobe to ask if our club will have display space.
- 3. Other Upcoming Events:**
- **CLC/CLC Museum Winter BOD Meetings, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Concord, NC, Feb 24-27, 2021.** The CLC BOD meetings weekend includes sightseeing and tours to car collections and auto-related museums besides the meetings. The CLC Winter BOD Meetings have become like Grand Nationals without the car shows. The BOD meetings and events are open to all members.
  - **ACA Founders Tour (for 1932-1996 cars), Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center, Davis, WV, May 20-25, 2021.** This tour is being organized by our own Franklin Gage.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS for 2021-2022:** The nomination slate for the election of officers is shown below. Since there was only one nominee for each officer position, the slate was elected by acclamation at the meeting. Congratulations and thanks to all of the new officers.

<b>OFFICER POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE NAME</b>
<b><i>Regional Director</i></b>	<b><i>Dan Ruby</i></b>
<b><i>Assistant Regional Director</i></b>	<b><i>Chuck Piel</i></b>
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Bill Hilliard</i></b>
<b><i>Secretary</i></b>	<b><i>Dianna Moy</i></b>
<b><i>Activities Director</i></b>	<b><i>Christopher Winter</i></b>
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<b><i>Car Show Coordinator</i></b>	<b><i>Lynn Gardner</i></b>
<b><i>Website Manager</i></b>	<b><i>Vince Taliano</i></b>
<b><i>Membership Director</i></b>	<b><i>Franklin Gage</i></b>

**NEW BUSINESS:** Incoming Activities Director Christopher Winter mentioned the activities that he hopes to organize for 2021 (depending upon the state of the pandemic).

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** The floor was opened for general discussion from the attendees and there was a wide-ranging dialogue. For example, Richard Sills informed the group that a dealership, Bennett Buick Chevrolet, of Wayland, NY had closed and was conducting an online auction of a wide variety of items from the dealership.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 18, 2021. This meeting will be held using the Zoom application. An email with the meeting access information will be sent in mid-January.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.



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## **CAPITOL CADILLAC SOLD TO SPORT AUTOMOTIVE BY DANIEL JOBE**



**L to R: Floyd Akers, Founder and President, 1934-1970; Howard Jobe, President, 1970-1990 and Daniel Jobe, President, 1990-2020**

[Capitol Cadillac](#), which has been serving the Washington DC area for over 85 years, has been purchased by the Sport Automotive organization located in Silver Spring, Maryland. They will be adding the Cadillac franchise to the Sport Automotive family, along with Chevrolet and Honda, at their locations in the Montgomery Auto Park in Silver Spring, Maryland. The last day for Capitol Cadillac and Capitol Buick GMC's operations in Greenbelt, Maryland was November 18, 2020. [Sport Cadillac](#) opened for business on November 19, 2020 at their new Cadillac store located at 3101 Automobile Boulevard in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Capitol Cadillac and all of our employees wish to thank you for your many years of support and business. We know that Sport Cadillac will continue with our strong Cadillac heritage and customer satisfaction.

The Management team at Sport Cadillac is excited to have the opportunity to serve all your Cadillac automotive needs. Their team is committed to providing a full range of services to you, whether you need an oil change, a warranty repair or are in the market for a new or used vehicle.



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The Sport Cadillac service team is committed to customer satisfaction and their technicians are Cadillac factory-trained and certified. You will likely see many of the same familiar faces you worked with at Capitol Cadillac. As a token of their appreciation for your future business, Sport Cadillac would like to offer you a **FREE OIL CHANGE** on your Cadillac vehicle valid for six months from the date of this notice. Just bring this notice in with you or email it to Sport Cadillac at the time of your next visit. Sport Cadillac will also make available a \$250 savings coupon towards the purchase of your next new Cadillac vehicle.

Included below is a list of key contacts, phone numbers and hours to assist you with all of your Cadillac automotive needs. You can find additional information by logging onto <https://www.sportcadillac.com/>.

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<b>Hours of Operation:</b>	
Sales: Monday–Thursday: 9-9, Friday: 9-7 Saturday: 9-6, Sunday: 12-5	Service: Monday–Friday: 7-7 Saturday: 7:30–4, Sunday: Closed

***[Editor's Note: The CLC Potomac Region can't thank Daniel Jobe and Capitol Cadillac enough for their support since 1992. Thanks to our partnership, Cadillac enthusiasts around the world know the full history of Capitol Cadillac from its origins through the present day, plus that of the Potomac Region. None of the accolades the Region has received would have been possible without the historic theme car shows held in Greenbelt, Maryland. We wish Daniel Jobe, his family and the employees of Capitol Cadillac, especially Lisa Diehl, Jim Churchill, Frank Taylor David Sheahan and Brian Love, the absolute best.]***



**Capitol Cadillac (1934-1979)**  
1260 22nd Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
Illustration by John E. Boehm



**Capitol Cadillac (1979-2020)**  
6500 Capitol Drive  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Image by Matt Laur



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## Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region Car Show Dash Plaques 2004-2020

(Click on the images below to see pictures from the shows)







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**Annual Fall Car Show**  
October 24, 2010  
**Fabulous Fleetwoods**

*Capitol Cadillac* Cadillac & LaSalle Club  
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Illustration by Dan Reed

*Capitol Cadillac*  
Potomac Region  
Cadillac & LaSalle Club

**20th Annual Spring Car Show**  
May 15, 2011

**Dazzling DeVilles**  
October 30, 2011  
Illustration by Dan Reed

*Capitol Cadillac*  
Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region

**Capitol Cadillac Show**  
Cadillac - LaSalle Club Inc. Potomac Region  
20th Anniversary Show  
Sunday May 6th 2012

Sunday  
May 17th 1992

Capitol Cadillac  
6500 Capitol Drive  
Greenbelt, Maryland

**Professional Pride** Illustration by Dan Reed

Sunday October 28, 2012  
*Capitol Cadillac*  
Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region

**22nd Annual Spring Car Show** *Capitol Cadillac*  
Sunday May 3, 2013

Illustration by Dan Reed

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*Capitol Cadillac* Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region

**Colossal Convertibles**  
Sunday October 27, 2013

*Capitol Cadillac*  
80 years of Cadillac Excellence 1931-2014

**23rd Annual Spring Car Show**  
Sunday May 4, 2014

Illustration by John C. Mackay

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**Annual Fall Car Show**  
Sunday October 26, 2014

*Capitol Cadillac*

**80th ANNIVERSARY**

Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region

*Capitol Cadillac* **24th Annual Spring Car Show**  
Over 80 years of Cadillac Excellence

Sunday  
May 3, 2015

Illustration by Rick Reed

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*Capitol Cadillac* **Magnificent Modifieds**  
Sunday October 25, 2015

Illustration by Steve Woodford

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*Capitol Cadillac* **25th Annual Spring Car Show**  
Sunday May 1, 2016

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**Last Car Show Dash Plaque!**



**Thank You, Capitol Cadillac!**

**[Editor's Note: Capitol Cadillac / CLC Potomac Region car show dash plaques are available for purchase based on availability. Please send me an email indicating which one(s) you are interested in collecting.]**



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**FOURTH ANNUAL CARS & COFFEE  
STORY BY SANDY KEMPER  
PHOTOS BY RANDY EDISON**



After our successful car show at Capitol Cadillac in September, we were hoping that we could have another event for our club members before the weather turned cold and many of our classic Cadillacs were hidden away for the winter months. We thought that a Cars and Coffee could be reasonably safe given the pandemic conditions. Plus, we've held a Cars and Coffee for the past three years in either October or November.

So, on Halloween morning, Saturday, October 31, the Fourth Annual Potomac Region Cars and Coffee was held in the parking lot of the Silver Diner in Merrifield, Virginia. The Silver Diner is well known to our members since it has been one of our monthly meeting locations for many years. The Silver Diner management gave us permission to use their lot, but told us that we wouldn't have exclusive access nor reserved spaces. They welcomed us and apologized for not being able to be more accommodating because the pandemic has affected their business.

It was a chilly but bright and clear Saturday morning. Ironically, Chuck Piel and his brother David, who drove the longest distance to attend this event, were the first to arrive at 8:00 am. But soon thereafter, other club members arrived. By 9:30 am, eleven Region members in eight classic Cadillacs and one Oldsmobile (with Cadillac hubcaps) occupied most of the spaces in one row of the parking lot. (We couldn't prevent an interloping Honda.) Also, we managed to get all of them facing in one direction!





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From oldest car to newest, here's a list of the participants.

Larry & Maia Good	1947 Sedan 61 Series
Sandy Kemper	1959 Coupe DeVille
Chuck and David Piel	1967 DeVille Convertible
Bill Hilliard	1969 Eldorado
Scott Patton	1974 Sedan DeVille
Dan Mullane	1987 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser Wagon (with its Cadillac hubcaps)
Randy Edison	1988 Brougham D'Elegance
Joe Ceroni	1988 Eldorado
Oscar Jobe	1990 Brougham

Unlike prior years, the Region did not provide coffee or donuts. However, the Silver Diner had an outdoor tent and seating area in which many of the attendees ordered breakfast and coffee. It was a delightful morning of Cadillac fellowship. We look forward to one or more Potomac Region Cars and Coffee events in the future.





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#### **CASA GURSKI'S RECENT CADILLAC MODEL FINDS**

**BY JEFF GURSKI**

**ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE CAPITOL MINIATURE AUTO COLLECTORS CLUB'S  
NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

I regularly check online for new Cadillac models and toys, and manufacturers seem to frequently find new Cadillac subject matter to tempt me. Some of my most recent finds surprised me with their quality and fidelity to detail.

BOS Models is on a roll with variations of the iconic 1976 Cadillac Eldorado model since they released a really nice 1/18 Eldorado convertible with top down some months ago in red and also in the special issue white "Bicentennial edition". General Motors proclaimed the exclusive red, white and blue trimmed U.S. Bicentennial edition convertible would be the last GM convertible, and set off an unexpected buyer frenzy. Ridiculous dealer-added "adjusted market prices" inflated the MSRP of each car as collectors scooped up the last convertibles that were surely designed to become future collectibles! However, in 1979, GM backtracked and suddenly offered still more "limited edition" Eldo convertibles, but this time based upon the new "downsized" Eldorado body. Those buyers who scrambled to pay inflated prices for the special 1976 "last Eldo convertible" edition only a few years before had been "punked" by Cadillac and never even received an apology for GM's deceptive (but very profitable) U.S. bicentennial sales campaign.



BOS's 1/18 scale Eldo convertibles must be good sellers for the model maker, for they recently tweaked their tooling to replicate a new variation of the big FWD Cad with the release of an 1976 Eldorado "Sport Coupe" in a period-correct pale blue with padded white leather half-roof. I once owned a similar lovely 1/1 scale pastel yellow 1976 coupe that I foolishly traded away some years ago. My wife, Nola, was very slow to forgive me for that dumb move, for that 500 CID engined FWD behemoth was a wonderfully

luxurious ride equipped with ALL of the 1970's popular options and styling clichés as well as an insatiable appetite for BIG expensive radial tires. This new 1/18 scale coupe model of that '76 Eldo coupe is wonderfully evocative of the days when "personal luxury cars" ruled the road and coddled passengers in rich leather interiors and cruised in library-like silence or soothed with stereophonic comfort. The 1/18 scale BOS Eldo coupe model recalls many fond memories of an era now long gone as buyers have now decided that huge overstuffed and highly optioned SUVs offer just as much luxury but with more space and utility.

As with the earlier convertible BOS models, the 1/18 scale '76 Eldo coupe features no opening features, so all of the shut lines and seams line up perfectly under close examination. This is a fine museum-quality model and NOT a toy. Expect to pay anywhere from \$120 to \$200 depending upon your vendor. From past observations of BOS practices, I suspect other new color combinations for this new Eldo coupe are probably already in the pipeline. Stay tuned!

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Another new mass-marketed miniature Cadillac from China at this time is a 1/25 scale diecast model/toy of a flashy red 1958 Cadillac Series 62 convertible (NOT an Eldorado) promoted as the exclusive "Nightmare on Elm Street" edition complete with a separate well-detailed metal figure of the scary TV/movie character freak Freddy Krueger. Ugh. However, this toy Cadillac is really a relative bargain for under thirty bucks at your Walmart once you ignore the dubious and creepy Krueger connection. Doors, trunk and hood all open on ugly but well-fitting dogleg hinges, and the engine compartment is a single-pieced blinding vision of chromed plastic. These compromises are necessary for durability in a popularly priced toy car, yet avoided on more detailed models with great attention paid to authenticity. Unfortunately, the raised plastic convertible top comes striped in red and dark blue to match Freddy's trademarked tacky outfit, so I yanked the simulated ragtop off the car to repaint it a more typical stock-looking semi-gloss black. The plastic rear window is just a tad too large in my judgement, but that's a debatable call. The huge stock wheels and tires are a nice try at authenticity, but probably would look more at home on a current tall Caddy Escalade SUV, so I removed them and replaced them with a set of the handsome Eldorado styled steel wheels with appropriately-scaled whitewall tires from a Monogram 1959 Cadillac Eldo kit. The replacement wheels and tires look better proportioned and are nicely detailed.

As a passing note, the special Eldo styled steel wheels originally appeared on the limited edition Cadillac Eldorado Brougham in 1957 and enjoyed a long life as rich-looking optional equipment on many high-optioned Cadillacs all the way through to 1960! They just plain make the car look better. As pictured here, the only other upgrade I have yet to do is to remove the short, painted, silver, flexible "rubber" fender-mounted radio

antenna and the blob-like driver's door fender mirror and replace them with more realistic looking substitutes from another donor plastic car model kit--not a big problem and easily solved. Chromed bumpers and body trim are nicely replicated. The handsome red paint is smooth and error-free. With only a few modifications, this 1958 series 62 convertible makes a fine shelf model.



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Pictured next to the red '58 is an assembled Monogram 1959 Eldorado Biarritz convertible model kit in 1/25 scale that is currently still commonly available in hobby shops. The two cars posed side by side clearly show the increased proportions of the redesigned Cadillac body from only 1958 to 1959. The 1959 Cadillacs sported the tallest tail fins in the auto industry at the time and featured most iconic bullet taillights of the era. When most people think of Cadillacs, a pink 1959 land yacht typically comes to mind. The 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz convertible was Harley Earl's parting shot as GM's head of design before he retired. The Monogram model kit is a remarkably true representation of Cadillac's top-of-the-line most expensive convertible at the end of the wacky but indulgent 1950s. Monogram also offers the hardtop version of the same basic kit that duplicates the 1959 Cadillac Eldorado in "Seville" trim.



After building Monogram's fine Biarritz kit, I don't think I'll ever complete the companion Seville kit because this car was an unexpected challenge to finish. Even the tiniest parts are beautifully replicated in Monogram's usual deeply rich colored plastic that needs no paint, but only a light polishing to shine. Heavily detailed engine, chassis, and suspension parts are molded in a handsome dark grey, and that fabulous swooping Eldorado body is molded in the famous Cadillac "Persian Sand" (pink) color that is just as shocking now as it was in 1959. I chose to just polish out the rich body color on my example and highlight selected interior and assorted mechanical details to complement features I thought would look more authentic in different hues. Chromed parts are beautifully plated and every little clear and red plastic lens requires tedious care in application. The engine compartment plumbing is complicated but exacting. Magnifiers, tweezers, and patience are a must. The kit even includes a sheet of precision precut, silvered, "peel & stick" thin mylar transfers to replicate the yards of glorious chrome external body decoration unique to the '59 Eldorado. I chose the masochistic route and instead masked and painted the exotic exterior body trim silver myself.

Buck Rogers would feel right at home in this road-going winged 1959 starship. My main complaint is that most of the highly detailed trim, engine, and chassis details seem to disappear into the totality when the model is completed, never to be seen or fully appreciated again! The kit is reasonably priced around \$30-\$35, but the builder will still supply a huge amount of time and labor to maximize the kit's potential; this kit is NOT recommended for beginners!



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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale

**Car #1**



**Car #2**



**Two 1930 LaSalle Four-Door Sedans & Parts** – Nearly identical in good condition – Both have black tops and fenders w/maroon bodies, have always been stored inside, their V8 engines run and are drivable – **Car #1** has a Fisher Body, purchased from the original owner in 1965 and restored around 1968 – No dents or body damage, but several scratches and chips in the paint on the fenders – Interior is gray and in fair condition – **Car #2** also has a Fisher Body and was restored around 1975 – Same exterior color combination as the first one with no dents or body damage, but a very few scratches or chips in the paint – Some of the wiring for its lights needs to be replaced – Interior is red and in very good to excellent condition

Partial list of spare parts included in the sale are a set of four doors in excellent original condition, two transmissions, engine (long block), starter, four carburetors, trunk, picnic carrier, pair of headlights, dash (restored) with an oil gauge and speedometer and a pair of rocker panels (restored) that run below the doors between the front and rear fenders – [See pictures](#) – **\$38,000 for the cars and parts** – For more info, contact Steve Nicas at [SNicas@aol.com](mailto:SNicas@aol.com) – Cars are located in San Diego, CA



**1952 Fleetwood Series 60 Special** – 75,800 miles – Second owner for the last 41 years – Mechanical records and full shop manual included – Car runs well, but needs full cosmetic restoration – Hagerty condition “Fair” states price range \$5-7K – [See pictures](#) – **Asking \$5,500** – For more info, contact Adam Garfinkle at 301-704-2462 or [adam.g1951@gmail.com](mailto:adam.g1951@gmail.com) – Car is located in Potomac, MD



**NEW ARRIVAL 1970 Sedan Deville** – 41k original miles – Purchased in 2012 by the current owner from the original owner’s grandson in Baltimore as a father/son project – Reliable Cadillac that runs and drives as new on four Diamondback radials with the correct white wall pattern (spare too) installed in 2020 – [See pictures and details of work completed](#) – **Asking \$19,000** – For more info, contact Scot Minesinger at 703-283-2021 or [rscotm@cox.net](mailto:rscotm@cox.net) – Car is located in Fairfax Station, VA



**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](mailto:corykulibert@att.net) – Car is located in Mayville, WI



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