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Closing out the month of April was great for our club. We held our 30th Annual Dealer Car Show at [Sport Cadillac](#) in Silver Spring, MD on Sunday, April 24. A huge thank you to Gibbs Fogarty, the Sport Automotive Group and Frank Taylor for their support. 34 cars and nearly 100 people were in attendance on a great sunny day at the dealership. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this show a success, and to Rick Menz for his support.

We've managed to participate in three major events in less than six months (e.g., Fall Car Show, Washington Auto Show and Spring Car Show), while emerging from the pandemic. That's a credit to the dedication and commitment of our officers led by Chuck Piel, Christopher Winter, Franklin Gage, Bill Hilliard and core members. Now we look forward to more activities that Christopher has planned for us this spring (see page 2).

To keep up at this pace going forward, we need more members to step up and volunteer. We get many ideas for events, but it takes more than our officers and core members to schedule, organize, plan, and run them. I'm asking members who can assist to step forward. The current officers are here to help guide you any way they can. If you're willing, please contact me and/or Chuck Piel.

Club officer elections will be held this November with positions available. Now would be a good time to start thinking about how you can continue to make this club successful as it has been since 1969. With your help, we will continue to thrive.

See you this Spring!

Dan Ruby



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EVENTS UPDATE BY CHRISTOPHER WINTER

Members of the CLC Potomac Region have been invited to be the guests of the [LAMBDA Car Club Straight Eights Chapter](#) at their Fluff-Up show, their annual kick-off event. The event will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM, on the grounds of the [Bel Air Mansion](#), 12207 Tulip Grove Dr., Bowie, MD 20715. The Bel Air Mansion is a beautiful 18th Century Georgian Mansion built circa 1745. The Straight Eights will provide coffee, pastries, and a box lunch for all attendees. RSVP required to Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or cchwinter@cavtel.net by Wednesday evening, May 11.



The Potomac Region will host a Cars-n-Coffee on Sunday, June 5, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM, at the Hardesty Funeral Home, 12 Ridgely Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401. Thanks to member Jim Govoni for providing the venue. Don't drink too much coffee or eat too many donuts, as there are many places in Annapolis to dine after the event. Plan to make it a day! For more information, contact Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or cchwinter@cavtel.net.



Is your car ready to drive to the Grand National or anywhere else for that matter? Announcing Potomac Region's Tech Day #1 for 2022! The event will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM, at the home of Scot Minesinger, 8600 Running Fox Ct., Fairfax Station, VA 22039. It will be followed by a cookout (please bring food to share). Christopher Winter and Scot will serve as co-hosts and instructors. Tech work is

limited to the first 10 Potomac Region members' cars (Cadillacs / LaSalles only), so a RSVP is required. However, you may attend without a car that needs repair to enjoy some Cadillac camaraderie.

If you plan to drive your car to the Grand National in Illinois and have a concern, bring your car to the tech session and to see if we can alleviate your concern. If you have a car with a known issue that you would like help resolving, bring your car and shop manual to the tech session and we will attempt a diagnosis and repair, provided you have the needed parts. We will examine as many cars as time and complexity allow. We can discuss general repair issues as needed. RSVP required to Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or cchwinter@cavtel.net by Wednesday evening, June 8.



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2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
May 6-7 Fri-Sat		Annual Meet hosted by the AACA Old Dominion Meet Association See flyer	Historic Manassas, VA	Franklin Gage at 703-869-8434 or send email
May 14 Sat	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	Annual Fluff-Up Car Show hosted by the LAMBDA Car Club Straight Eights Chapter Visit website	Bel Air Mansion Bowie, MD	Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or send email RSVP Required by Wed, May 11
May 14 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Antique Car Show hosted by the Early Ford V-8 Club NOVA Regional Group See flyer	City Hall Historic Old Town Fairfax, VA	Visit website or send email
May 21 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	16th BOPC Car Show presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club	West Goshen Community Park West Chester, PA	Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club at send email
May 21 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	3rd Annual Cruise-in Car Show See flyer	Delaware State Police Museum Dover, DE	Don Miller at 610-329-4377 or send email
Jun 5 Sun	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Cars-n-Coffee	Hardesty Funeral Home Annapolis, MD	Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or send email
Jun 11 Sat	10:30 am – 5:00 pm	Tech Day #1 Limited to 10 cars for tech work All others welcome	Scot Minesinger's Home Fairfax Station, VA	Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or send email RSVP Required by Wed, Jun 8
Jun 19 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	47th Annual Father's Day Antique and Classic Car Show See flyer	Sully Plantation Chantilly, VA	John Dougherty at 703-971-8033 or send email
Jun 21-25 Tue-Sat		CLC Grand National hosted by the West of the Lake Region Visit website	Westin Chicago Lombard, IL	Dan Graziadei at 847-707-4790 or send email Valerie Leon Brown at 708-254-4966 or send email
Jul 24 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	18th Annual All Vehicle Show hosted by the VCCA Free State Region See flyer	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown, MD	Mike Natale at 443-465-7492 or send email
Aug 26-28 Fri-Sun		The Atlantic City Auction & Car Show	Convention Center Atlantic City, NJ	Visit website
Sep 10 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	33rd Annual All-GM Show sponsored by the Maryland Camaro Club See flyer	Walkersville Volunteer Fire Department Walkersville, MD	Visit website
Sep 17 Sat	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	46th Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas VA	Bill Sessler at 703-368-2367 or Visit website
Oct 20- Nov 4 Thu-Fri		CLC National Driving Tour Visit website	Starting Location: Virginia Beach, VA	Dave Rubin at 914-980-6776 or send email



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30TH ANNUAL DEALER CAR SHOW AND AUTOMOBILIA AUCTION BY VINCE TALIANO

PHOTOS BY LYNN GARDNER, JACK MCCLOW, VINCE TALIANO AND MIKE VEILLEUX



Our 30th Annual Dealer Car Show and Automobilia Auction was held on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at [Sport Cadillac](https://www.sportcadillac.com) in Silver Spring, MD. Many thanks to Gibbs Fogarty, Sport Cadillac dealer principal, and his staff, particularly Frank Taylor, for supporting our show both financially and by providing use of their beautiful and spacious dealership.

Sunday, April 24 dawned warm and very sunny, a perfect weather scenario for our show. The impeccable weather combined with the special drawing of a \$200 prize given to the owner of a registered vehicle in attendance resulted in 34 show cars. The winner was Maurice Jones (pictured center with his son, Terrence, and Christopher Winter, left), who drove his 1976 Fleetwood Brougham from Washington, D.C. He promptly donated \$100 back to the club.

The vehicle years ranged from 1941 to 2011. That's not too shabby for a local car show that drew cars from Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Special out-of-state guests included Richard Sills, Past President of the CLC, who drove his 2005 DTS from Lancaster, PA, and Robert & Sarah Schles who arrived in their 1947 Series 62 Sedan from Wilmington, DE. Robert is the new Valley Forge Region Newsletter Editor, replacing John Barry in January.



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Robert & Sarah Schles' 1947 Series 62 Sedan



Mark Brodsky's 1959 Coupe Deville



Bob Norrid's 1962 Series 62 Convertible



Colin Benson's 1976 Eldorado Convertible



Jim Hartnett's 1992 Brougham



Terrence Jones' 2009 DTS



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Volunteers, including Sandy Kemper, Debbie Piel, Chuck Piel, Christopher Winter, Vince Taliano, Franklin Gage and Greg Huver pictured above, were on-site along with Frank Taylor by 7:30 AM to prepare for our guests. Complimentary coffee and donuts were served to the early birds while [Mackie's Southern Barbeque](#) of Gaithersburg, MD arrived in time to serve lunch. Attendees especially enjoyed their offerings as they sold out of food!



A car new to our region and car shows was a 1976 Bicentennial Eldorado Convertible owned by Donald Hoffman of Germantown, MD (pictured above). Upon arrival the odometer displayed an incredible 564 original miles. The car is #44 of the 200 Bicentennial Eldorado Convertibles built. It originally hails from Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, MI. The judges recognized the car's stellar condition and historical significance by awarding it Best of Show – Late (1971-Present). We look forward to seeing Donald and the car at future events.



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Dan Mullane's 1970 Deville Convertible



Rick Hunt's 1976 Eldorado Convertible



Jeff Gurski's 1996 Fleetwood



Ron Renoff's 1968 Deville Convertible



Terry Prevost's 1970 Deville Convertible



Jerome Gross' 1956 Series 62 Convertible



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What would a Cadillac event be without a Pink Cadillac! In the show field was Wayne Lowman's pink 1959 Series 62 Convertible. Wayne, of Gaithersburg, MD, is the son of the late "Cadillac Bob" Lowman, a former region member from years ago. Cadillac Bob was featured in [**The Baltimore Sun**](#) in 1995. At one time, he owned six pink Cadillacs, four of which were parked outside his house in the 9200 block of Flower Avenue in Silver Spring. His business card proclaimed in pink: "Fins Are In." It was great to see Wayne, who is continuing the tradition.



Around 10:00 AM, DJ Mike kicked off the event with the customary playing of the National Anthem. Not long after that the auction of automotive memorabilia was conducted by Region Director Dan Ruby, Dan Mullane and Scott Patton (pictured right in action).



Die-cast models, brochures and manuals, small parts and books were had for bargain prices. Many thanks to those who donated and purchased items at the auction, which yielded just under \$400 for the club.





Debbie Piel (pictured middle left selling tickets to Fred Kott) and Constantin Jiga sold 50/50 tickets, which yielded another \$150 for the club. The winners were Douglas & Denise Robinson of Upper Marlboro, MD (pictured bottom left with Constantin). They promptly donated money back to the region as well. During the awards ceremony emceed by Sandy Kemper, Dan Ruby thanked Maurice Jones and the Robinsons for their donations plus he commended all the volunteers, especially Constantin for his efforts in the short time he has been a member.



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Below is the list of winners.

CLASS		1st PLACE WINNER		2nd PLACE WINNER	
Class A: 1903-1942 Cadillac / Lasalle		Steve Newby 1941 Series 62 Convertible Sedan North Potomac, MD			
Class B: 1946-1964 Cadillac		Mark Brodsky 1959 Coupe Deville Chevy Chase, MD	Bill Harrison 1964 Eldorado Fulton, MD	Jerome Gross 1956 Series 62 Convertible Silver Spring, MD	Bob Norrid 1962 Series 62 Convertible North Potomac, MD
Class C: 1965-1976 Cadillac		Mike Kerwin 1976 Sedan Deville Odenton, MD		Ron Renoff 1968 Deville Convertible Severna Park, MD	Colin Benson 1976 Eldorado Convertible Poolesville, MD
Class D: 1977-1985 Cadillac		~ NO CARS IN CLASS ~			
Class E: 1986-1999 Cadillac		Jim Hartnett 1992 Brougham Kensington, MD		Jeff Gurski 1996 Fleetwood Potomac Falls, VA	
Class F: 2000-Present Cadillac		Josh Pinho 2009 DTS Arlington, VA		Terrence Jones 2009 DTS Suitland, MD	
Class		WINNER			
LADIES' CHOICE AWARD		Robert & Sarah Schles 1947 Series 62 Sedan Wilmington, DE			
HENRY RUBY MEMORIAL AWARD		Vince Taliano 1965 Sedan Deville North Potomac, MD			
DEALER'S CHOICE AWARD		Jim Govoni 1953 Series 62 Sedan Bowie, MD			
BEST OF SHOW – EARLY (1970 OR EARLIER)		Bob & Kathy Ridolfi 1957 Eldorado Biarritz Dayton, MD			
BEST OF SHOW – LATE (1971 OR LATER)		Donald Hoffman 1976 Bicentennial Eldorado Convertible Germantown, MD			
LONG DISTANCE AWARD		Robert & Sarah Schles 1947 Series 62 Sedan Wilmington, DE			

Some of the winners receiving their awards.
See full-size version on the Region's [website](#).

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As the saying goes, "a good time was had by all." We look forward to a long partnership with Gibbs Fogarty and the Sport Cadillac family. [Enjoy more pictures of the show](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org) on the Potomac Region website.



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'53 COUPE DEVILLE BEAUTIFUL AGAIN AFTER FIRE
BY DAVID KRUMBOLTZ | COLUMNIST
[THE MERCURY NEWS](#)
JANUARY 23, 2022

Classic Cadillac's paint, chrome, interior, electronics, wiring all had to be redone, replaced in blaze's wake.



**Chip & Nicki of Danville, CA appear recently with their
1953 Cadillac Coupe de Ville**

In 1953, three of the automotive divisions of General Motors celebrated their 50th anniversaries. Buick, Oldsmobile and Cadillac brought out fancy models for the occasion. The top of the line of GM's top line that year was the Cadillac Eldorado which sold for \$7,750 or about \$80,925 in today's dollars. It was America's most expensive car, but only 532 were manufactured, apparently because of the price.



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It was a good year, though, for the American auto industry, which sold more than six million cars, 42.7% of them from GM. Styling and horsepower were big factors in the growing automotive sales. The lighter, overhead-valve engines were being introduced, and half of the cars manufactured had automatic transmissions by 1953.

Cadillac by this time had entrenched itself as "The Standard of the World" by surpassing Packard, the previous standard. The famous "fins" which debuted with the 1948 Cadillac models were well established by 1953 and became the industry styling trend that lasted to 1964. Cadillac used a 331-cubic-inch engine rated at 160 horsepower and was one the fastest cars of the day. The engine was teamed with GM's four-speed Hydramatic transmission but due to a fire at the Hydramatic plant, some 1953 models used Buick's Dynaflo transmission.

Edward Glowacke was the chief designer of the 1953 Cadillac, and many considered it one of the most beautiful cars ever built. It was certainly America's Number One status vehicle. The Coupe de Ville was a closed vehicle but had the flamboyant style of a convertible with pillarless hardtop styling. It had two bench seats with a pull-down armrest for the back seat. The car came with a big gold-plated "V" on the hood and trunk to emphasize the engine type. The front bumper guards were enlarged and were sometimes referred to as Dagmar bumper guards in reference to the actress by that name.

The headlights were slightly hooded and there were perpendicular faux air vents behind the doors that added to the distinctive beauty of this luxury vehicle. Even the interior headliner had chrome bows to simulate the interior of a convertible top.

This week's feature is a 1953 Cadillac Coupe de Ville owned by Chip & Nicki Sparks of Danville, CA. Chip's dad bought the car in 1955, and he acquired it about 50 years ago and has spent a sizable amount of money to get this car to look like it does today. He had been slowly renovating the car when disaster struck about nine years ago. A fire in their garage substantially destroyed the uninsured Cadillac.

"So, we decided that we would just open the garage door and throw money at it," Nicki said. There was no other reasonable choice but to start the renovation over again. Surprisingly it went fairly fast, about two years, but of course, with classic cars the restoration is never really done. The body was OK, but the paint was burned.

"The chrome was gone, the interior was gone," Chip stated. Fortunately, the engine, transmission and other mechanical parts were not damaged. "But after the fire, we couldn't live in the house," he said. "We were out about six months."

The Cadillac was towed to a body shop in Oakland, CA right away to get started on the restoration.

"All the chrome had to be redone, and the interior had to be redone by an upholstery shop," he added. "The interior wasn't burned because the windows were up, it looked pretty good, but it was damaged from the smoke."



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The car was completely repainted, of course, and it was done in period-correct colors of a pale green bottom and a dark green top. All the electronics and wiring also had to be replaced.

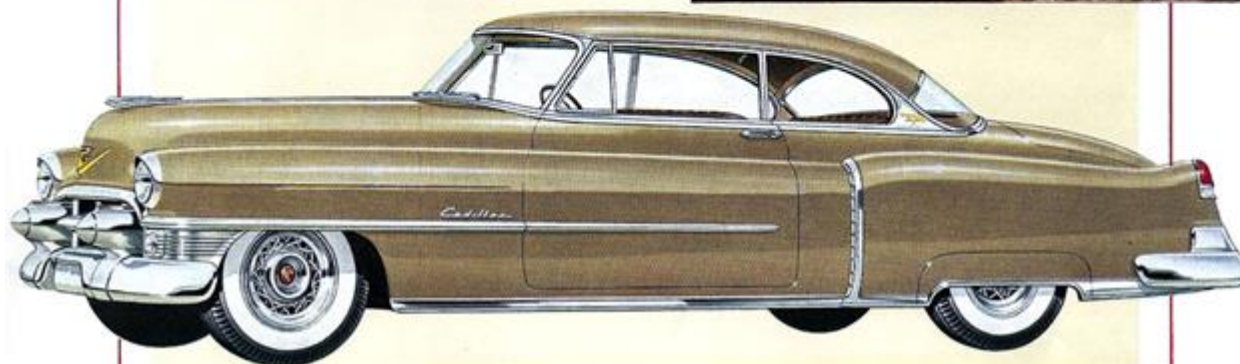
"It was done fairly fast, as the body shop didn't want the car sitting around and neither did the upholstery shop. The only problem was with the (chrome) plater because they don't plate in California anymore. You have to go to Mexico, where things get lost, and the quality isn't as good as it used to be."

Once done, to further enjoy their classic car, the owners added air conditioning, a sunroof and an AM/FM/CD radio. This Cadillac is definitely used, as it has been driven more than 250,000 miles with three different engines. It is currently powered by a 350 Chevy V-8 teamed with the appropriate GM four-speed Hydramatic transmission.

The only things I noticed that didn't match original specifications were the big, bold "V" on the hood and trunk. After checking out the cost of gold plating the two "V" symbols, the Sparks couple decided to paint those symbols the car's top dark green color, which looks great against the pale green body. It's currently only driven about 1,000 miles a year, mostly to car shows and special events, but there are no plans to sell this beauty.

THE DRAMATIC SERIES SIXTY-TWO COUPE DEVILLE

The distinctive "Coupe de Ville" insignia introduces this motor car as one of the most dramatically styled on the American highway. This beautiful motor car combines the comfort and safety of a closed model with the beauty and grace of a convertible. Its exterior styling is more beautiful than ever, with the special wire wheels, available on all 1953 Cadillacs, adding an extra note of excitement. Eight different interior combinations are offered-featuring beautiful nylon fabrics, many in a striking new "V" and crest pattern, and luxurious leathers of contrasting tone. Additional luxury is provided by the bright chrome moldings, the chrome roof bows, and the deep wool-pile carpeting. The generous recesses in the front seat backs provide exceptional leg room in the rear compartment. Interior color combinations in the new Cadillac Coupe de Ville include green, tan, grey and blue.





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DRAGNET CADILLAC BY RICHARD SILLS AND VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS FROM IMDB TV

The police detective show *Dragnet* began on radio in 1949. In 1951, it moved to television, where it continued as a much-loved series until 1959. In 1967, the TV show was re-launched, with Jack Webb continuing to portray Sergeant Joe Friday of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Harry Morgan as his partner, Officer Bill Gannon. The revival lasted from 1967 to 1970. On the *Dragnet* shows, car descriptions were always specific, with witnesses often

describing the year, make and model of a car involved in a crime. This was a contrast with other police shows, in which witnesses would say "it was a green sedan" or "it was a blue coupe," without mentioning any brand names. The *Dragnet* approach was more credible because in those days, many people could easily recognize makes of cars, and could often distinguish between different years.

In an early 1967 episode of the show, titled *The Masked Bandits*, Friday and Gannon try to stop a string of robberies committed by young men wearing red masks and driving an old red Cadillac convertible. The dialogue with their supervisor, Captain Howe, describing the suspects' car is interesting:



L to R: Officer Gannon, Sergeant Friday and Captain Howe discussing the red Cadillac convertible

Officer Gannon: "The M.O. is always the same. Four men wearing full face red plastic masks. Suspects always drive a red Cadillac."

Captain Howe: "Anything else on the car?"

Sergeant Friday: "No license number but they (the robbery victims) all agree on one thing."

Captain Howe: "What's that?"

Sergeant Friday: "It's an old model red convertible."

At this point Captain Howe receives a call informing him that a juvenile, Fred Tillar, in custody for GTA (Grand Theft Auto) says he remembers seeing four men in an old model red Cadillac convertible. He tells Friday and Gannon, who drive over to the juvenile facility and meet with Officer Jack Edwards before interviewing the suspect. Playing it cool, Tillar reports that he has seen the car. *"The kids hang out at 6th and Franklin, but nobody would steal that Cadillac."* When Friday asks why, he replies, *"Man, who would want it? It's a piece of junk!"* Next, Friday and Gannon check out the drive-in where Tillar said they hang out. A waitress there remembers "two wise kids / teenagers" in the old red Cadillac convertible.



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She remembered what they ordered, a large coke and a milkshake, but couldn't describe them. However, she did hear one of them call the other one Larry and said his wife sure robbed the cradle when she married him. Back to the Juvenile Division where Friday and Gannon follow-up on a kid named Larry with no last name who may be married to an older woman. With that additional information, Officer Edwards remembers a Larry, who fits the description. He pulls a file on Larry Hubbert and gives Friday and Gannon his address, 8854 Wilton.

They proceed to the address and discover an Aztec Red 1953 Cadillac Eldorado convertible parked in front. Here is the voiceover by Sergeant Friday: *"2:15 pm. The Wilton Street address was in an older section of the city. It was neat and well-kept like the Cadillac parked at the curb. Without a warrant we couldn't shake down the car. We would have to question Larry Hubbert first-try to get his permission."* When questioning Larry, he admits that the car is his and that he fixed it up himself!



The 1953 Cadillac Eldorado was a Motorama showstopper produced in very limited numbers, at a price substantially above other new Cadillacs. It was widely publicized when used in a parade honoring President Eisenhower. But by 1967, one of only 532 Eldorados built in that first year of production, the red convertible was considered a "piece of junk" by a teenage miscreant. Witnesses who saw it could agree only that it was an "old model" car, and therefore undesirable. Muscle and pony cars were already well-entrenched as the cool cars, indicated by comments made by suspected GTA thief Fred Tillar (pictured right) during questioning: *"Edwards already asked me if I ever lifted a Caddy. I told him he must be kidding. Man, those things are boats. Me, I dig Mustangs. They are really boss!"* Over 50 years later, Mustangs are still boss, but so are '53 Eldos!





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**FREDERICK VANDERBILT'S 1933 CADILLAC V-16
BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)
[VANDERBILT MANSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE](#)**



The incredible Cadillac V-16 engine was sprung on an unsuspecting market in late 1929 in a flurry of announcements, dealer presentations, previews for privileged clients and public auto shows. The surprise was complete, and while competitors publicly scoffed at the V-16's size and complexity, privately they marveled and quickly retired to their drawing boards.

Hidden from public view but very important to Cadillac in conveying the sleek, refined, subdued image of the V-16's quiet, confident power, the V-16 engine was as much a triumph for the stylists as it was for Cadillac engineering. Everything suggesting the minutiae of function was hidden. The spark plug wires travelled from the distributor to the plugs under covers. The valve covers, manifolds and even carburetors were monochromatic with only carefully selected details and highlights. There were no exposed oil lines. It was a sleek, modern statement of machine age design, carefully detailed and refined.

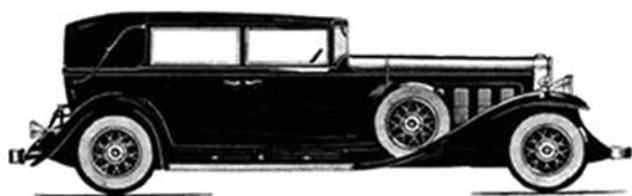


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SIXTEEN CYLINDERS

Would you care to drive the new sixteen-cylinder Cadillac? ... There is truly a joyous new sensation still to be had from motoring ... You will experience it in the decidedly different performance of the Cadillac V-16—the most highly individualized of all motor cars ... We suggest that you telephone our display rooms.

CADILLAC MOTOR CAR COMPANY
Division of General Motors
Detroit, Michigan

The first Cadillac V-16s were enthusiastically received but soon ran into the reality of the Depression. Production ran virtually unchanged through 1931, while 1932 ushered in a redesign with longer, lower bodies and freestanding headlights among other changes. Cadillac built only 300 V-16s during 1932, a huge drop from the nearly 3,000 built in the enthusiasm of 1930. Production never recovered, making the 1933 model a rare automobile.

Only 125 Cadillac V-16s rolled off the production line in 1933 despite a thorough update in the styling to match the racier, Art Deco fashion of the era. A vee-radiator with a rounded and painted shell along with flowing horizontal accents on the sides of the hood and front fenders were the hallmarks of the new look.

This motorcar is a particularly special example. Delivered new to Frederick Vanderbilt, it features custom, one-off Fleetwood coachwork and is in very nicely preserved and largely original condition. The body style, number 5530FL was for a five-passenger Imperial Limousine fitted with a faux landaulette top. Finished in two-tone burgundy over black

fenders with beige broadcloth front and rear, the passengers enjoyed the privacy of a roll-up glass division with a speaking hole cut out, 8-day Jaeger clock, and a drawn curtain for the rear window, in addition to blind quarters for added discretion. A luggage rack was fitted should additional carrying capacity be required.

Among the fleet of Frederick Vanderbilt's automobiles when he died in 1938, the Cadillac has been largely untouched since. Covering fewer than 20,000 miles in its five years of operation with the Vanderbilts, the limousine retains its original interior, including its cloth seats and wool carpets. The inlaid wood still shows well, as does the luxuriously appointed dash. Outside, the original paint remains, although areas show evidence of lifting from age and climate-cycles. Under the hood, the firewall retains the original factory markings.



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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale



1979 Seville – One-family owned car – Purchased new at Rohrich Cadillac in Pittsburgh, PA – 6,800 miles on newly rebuilt 350 C.I. fuel injected engine – 500 miles on brand new transmission – New re-conditioned dash – [See pictures](#) – **\$2,900** – For more info, contact Al Guttman at 301-606-7230 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Sarasota, FL

SOLD



1992 Coupe Deville – Real time capsule w/only 26k original miles – Gold edition w/continental kit, in trunk – Always garaged kept and driven less than 900 miles per year – Three-owners – A/C converted to R134 in 8/19 – Originally purchased from a dealer in Louisville, KY and then shipped to Florida, then Arlington, TX and now in Georgia – Clear title in current owner's name – Cotillion White with Lapis Blue full carriage roof and dark blue leather interior and carpet – All original except four new Toyo P205/70/15 tires with less than 1,000 miles and a new battery in 1/22 – Car starts and runs very well – Stereo plays well – Very loaded automobile, as most Cadillacs are – Engine is the workhorse and reliable 4.9 Port Fuel-Injected V8 – Comes with a cover, both sets of keys, owner manual and window sticker – You won't find a nicer, cleaner '92 Coupe Deville with less miles – An appreciating classic Cadillac – Overall a 9.5 out of 10 – [See pictures](#) – **Asking \$16,500** – Serious collectors will covet a great car like this one – For more info, contact John at 770-587-3464 (leave message) or [send email](#) – Car is located in Roswell, GA



1992 Sedan Deville – 5,800 original miles – One-family owned – Purchased new at Lindsay Cadillac in Alexandria, VA by the current owner's mother – Garaged and not driven since 2009 – Recently transported by flatbed to repair shop, where engine was not started until after fuel tank relined/pump assembly replaced – Additional work completed below

1. Dropped and cleaned fuel tank
2. Replaced fuel pump assembly and seals
3. Replaced battery with Interstate
4. Flushed injectors
5. Replaced ECM
6. Replaced distributor and module
7. Removed fuel rail and unstuck injectors
8. Replaced manifold absolute pressure sensor
9. Replaced air filter
10. Replaced tires with four customer drop-shipped tires (Hankook Kinergy PT SL)
11. Replaced coolant hose and antifreeze
12. Replaced wiper blades

Current Virginia State Vehicle Inspection – Clean CARFAX report available upon request – No check engine alert light, rough idle/stalling during four-mile drive home from shop – No modifications – All original maintenance receipts available – [See pictures](#) – **Just reduced to \$16,000 from \$21,000** – For more info, [send email](#) – Car is located in Northern Virginia

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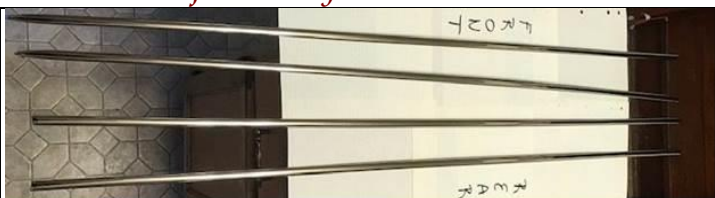
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