



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle September 2022**



## ***DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DAN RUBY***

### **2022 OFFICERS:**

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**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
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**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA REGION**  
**LIAISON**  
**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
**RICHARD SILLS**

What a month of August it was! There were activities every weekend, starting with the Annual Picnic that my wife JoJo and I hosted. This year's event was extra special because it was a few days before my 60th birthday. Thanks to everyone who attended, and for the birthday cake and wishes. [View pictures](#) on our website that Lynn Gardner took.

The following weekend had Saturday events in both Maryland and Virginia, with members in attendance at each one. The Cars-n-Coffee at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Maryland resulted in a nice turnout while the same can be said for the All-GM Show in Virginia.

On the third weekend, the Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show was held in Hershey, PA (pictured right). Thanks to Michael Stinson, Richard Sills, Robert Schles and Jan Archambeault for their hospitality. Although the turnout was modest, a great time was had by all the attendees who traveled from Eastern and Western Pennsylvania, Northern Virginia, the New York City Metro area and locations in between.



Finally, Tech Day #1 was held the last weekend of August. More coverage next month!

*Dan Ruby*



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



August 8, 2022



After planning a trip to Malta and reading about Adrian Zammit in the [Chronicle](#), I decided to check out his '65 Coupe Deville myself. I have seen many old cars, old car shops and displays and even stumbled onto a few old car shows and events during my travels, but this was the first time I planned a meeting. We met in Gozo, the smaller Maltese island (Pictured L to R: Rick and Adrian). It was worth it, as Adrian's '65 Coupe is a flawless beauty.

He is in the auto parts business and told me that he always wanted a big Caddy, even at an early age. At only 26 years old, he already has his dream car.

There are other car enthusiasts in Gozo, which is only five miles by eight miles, as well as others on the main island. They have regular meetings.

You don't see many antique cars on the road anymore overseas, but there are many out there for sure.

Rick Mahan  
Lanham, Maryland







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## **IN MEMORIAM: IVARS JAUNRUBENIS BY VINCE TALIANO**



It is with great sadness we inform everyone that 30-year+ Potomac Region member Ivars Jaunrubenis of Washington, D.C. passed away at the age of 87 in October 2021. Unfortunately, we only found out recently through a series of coincidences surrounding a 1969 Chevrolet Impala that he owned.

Ivars was a dedicated member, who attended car shows at Capitol Cadillac, where he was usually one of the first to pre-register his one-owner, Chesterfield Brown '76 Sedan deVille, holiday parties at the Springfield Country Club (pictured left with Sandy Kemper in 2019) and summer picnics at Dan & JoJo Ruby's home. For the 2021 picnic, he hired a car service that transported him in an Escalade, so he could be among fellow members.



Mayor Muriel Bowser  
@MayorBowser

It's with a heavy heart that I share news of the passing of a long-time District government employee Ivars Jaunrubenis. Ivars, a Korean War veteran, first came to DC Government in 1975 and served in various roles, truly embodying a spirit of service. He will be greatly missed.



4:04 PM · Oct 22, 2021 · Sprout Social

From 2008-11, Ivars and I collaborated on four stories for the *Chronicle*, detailing his life from 1945 when he and his family arrived in Germany from his homeland of Latvia at the end of World War II to his first ride in a Cadillac in the 1950s when he was in the U.S. military stationed in California. In his honor, the story that describes when he developed his passion for vehicles has been republished in this issue.

As a testament to his character, Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser tweeted her condolences when he passed away last year (see left).

Ivars was a humble, soft-spoken man, who cherished his time as a member of Potomac Region. Unable to attend our monthly meetings in Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia, he was a regular attendee once we began holding meetings via Zoom during the pandemic.

Rest in peace, Ivars!



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## **IN MEMORIAM: MICHAEL "MIKE" MOSCATI BY JANET MOSCATI AND VINCE TALIANO**



Michael "Mike" Moscati, age 63, of Pasadena, MD passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022. Mike and his wife Janet would regularly attend car shows at Capitol Cadillac with his mom, late Potomac Region member Mary Moscati, where they would help her with the coffee and doughnuts, plus help attendees park their cars.

A 38-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26, Mike enjoyed his leisure time by Flagging for the Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Club (MARRC) and the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and working emergency services for SCCA, the National Auto Sport Association (NASA), the Porsche Club of America (PCA) and various other auto racing organizations. He was also an active member of the National City Christian Church Choir and Potomac Valley Dancers.

Mike was a good and kind person, an individual who will be remembered by his family and friends as being a caring and giving person who was a vital part of their lives. He leaves behind him a legacy of life-long friendships and many cherished memories.

He is survived by his wife Janet, son William Moscati and his wife Alexandra, son Dale Kaminkow, father Edward and two brothers Steven and Craig.



**L to R: Mike, Mary and Janet Moscati**





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## **AUGUST 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES BY DAN RUBY AND VINCE TALIANO**

**PLACE:** Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Chuck Piel, Assistant Region Director

**ATTENDEES:** Five attendees, including two officers: **Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director)**, **Franklin Gage (Membership Director)**, Jeff Gurski, Daniel Jobe and Harry Scott

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Chuck welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:30. A special welcome to former dealer sponsor Daniel Jobe to the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REMARKS:** The minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed since they were published and distributed to all members in the August 2022 newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Hilliard submitted the financials from the previous meeting to the present. Total revenue for the period was \$230.25 and total expense was \$1,111.20 (mostly picnic), resulting in a net loss of **(\$880.95)**.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Franklin Gage announced that we have 170 members. Welcome to Neil Reddy, a returning member from Alexandria, VA who owns a 1957 Series 62 Convertible; Charles Rumrill of Fairfax, VA, the owner of a 1939 Cadillac Series 75 Imperial Sedan; and Allen Richards of Delaplane, VA, the owner of a 1937 Cadillac Series 60 Two-Door Special.

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

- **Past Events:**

- **Annual Summer Picnic, Home of Dan & JoJo Ruby, Owings, MD, Sat, Aug 6.**

Thanks to Dan & JoJo for hosting again. Despite an extremely hot and humid day, over 40 people attended. Chuck Piel presented Dan a cake to celebrate his 60th birthday.

[View more](#)

[pictures](#) taken by Lynn Gardner on the Potomac Region website.





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- **Cars-n-Coffee, National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville, MD, Sat, Aug 13.** A picture-perfect morning drew five classic cars: Vince Taliano's 1965 Sedan Deville, Dave Czarnecki's 1955 Packard, Steve Clark's 1972 Eldorado Coupe, Larry Good's 1951 Pontiac and Sandy Kemper's 1959 Coupe Deville.



- **47th Annual All-GM Show, Eagle Ridge Middle School, Ashburn, VA, Sat, Aug 13.** About 125 cars attended this annual classic, including Harry Scott's 1941 Series 67 Imperial Sedan and Bob Norrid's 2022 XT6.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **2nd Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat-Sun, Aug 20-21.**
  - **Tech Day #1, Scot Minesinger's Home, Fairfax Station, VA, Sat, Aug 27, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** The tech portion is limited to 10 member vehicles, but members are welcome to attend without cars needing repairs. Please RSVP to Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or [cchwinter@cavtel.net](mailto:cchwinter@cavtel.net).
  - **46th Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet, Manassas (VA) Museum, Sat, Sep 17, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **See September newsletter or [visit website](#) for a full list of events.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** There will be a Potomac Region Officer Election this fall. A nominations form will be published in the September issue.

Attendees discussed and viewed newly acquired Cadillacs in the CLC PR "flock," including Daniel Jobe's 2012 CTS-V Wagon in Red Pearl Metallic and Jeff Gursky's brand new 2022 XT6 in Opulent Blue Metallic.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the 198 Restaurant in Burtonsville, MD.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:30 p.m.



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### 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Sep 3 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Cars at the Capital Festival Day	National Mall Washington, DC	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 10 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Cars at the Capital Festival Day	National Mall Washington, DC	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 10 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	33rd Annual All-GM Show sponsored by the Maryland Camaro Club <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Walkersville Volunteer Fire Department Walkersville, MD	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 17 Sat	9:00 am – 11:30 pm	Potomac Region Cars-n-Coffee	TGI Fridays Rockville, MD	Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Sep 17 Sat	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	46th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas, VA	Gene Gilkey at 703-830-5313, Randy Higgins at 703-853-2235 or <a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 17 Sat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	7th Annual Car Show	Emmanuel Church Huntingtown, MD	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 18 Sun	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Hagley Museum Car Show <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Hagley Museum Wilmington, DE	302-658-2400 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Sep 19 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	198 Restaurant Burtonsville, MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Sep 22-24 Thu-Sat		CLCMRC Fall Festival <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Bill Anderson at 443-994-5455 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Sep 28- Oct 2 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855 or <a href="#">Visit website</a>
Oct 1 Sat	Starts at 11:00 am	Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of construction of the Robert Crain Highway <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Upper Marlboro, MD	Tom Cavanaugh at <a href="#">send email</a>
Oct 4-7 Tue-Fri <b>Note new days</b>	Gates open daily at 7:00 am <b>Car Show on Fri</b>	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey, PA	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Oct 15 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Rockville Civic Center Rockville, MD	240-314-8620 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Oct 16 Sun	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Potomac Region Cars-n-Coffee followed by Monthly Meeting	The Manor at Silo Falls Olney, MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Oct 16 Sun	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region Annual Car Show co-hosted by the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Philadelphia Region	Peddler's Village Lahaska, PA	Michael Stinson at 267-251-8588 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Oct 20- Nov 4 Thu-Fri		CLC National Driving Tour <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Starting Location: Virginia Beach, VA	Dave Rubin at 914-980-6776 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Oct 22 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	15th Annual Potomac Day Classic Car Show <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Falls Rd. and River Rd. Potomac, MD	Jennifer Matheson at 301-299-2170 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Nov 21 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Location TBD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or <a href="#">send email</a>





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## ***CALLING ALL CADILLACS! (AND LASALLES) BY CHUCK PIEL***

One of our favorite shows has been the City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022. Due to COVID cancellations, this will be the first running of this show in three years!

What makes this show so exciting is that the CLC Potomac Region is one of the sponsoring car clubs. As such, we get our own space where we can display all our Cadillacs and LaSallees together. With a typical turnout of over 500 cars, this is a fun and important event we can't miss. There are many cars that only see the light of day at this show.

So, let's rally the troops and get all our Cadillacs and LaSallees out for this event! Let's show our Packard Club friends what the "Standard of the World" really is!

Information and registration forms can be found [online](#), where you can also register. NOTE: Early bird registration ends September 11 and is \$10 per vehicle. After September 11, the registration fee is \$20.

The Potomac Region has a Cars-n-Coffee followed by Monthly Meeting Luncheon scheduled for the next day – Sunday, October 16, at Silo Falls in nearby Olney. Make a weekend out of it!







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## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-24 NOMINATION FORM**

The election of 2023-24 Potomac Region Officers shall take place on November 21, 2022. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to be nominated. Every nominee shall be contacted and must agree to be a nominee prior to the distribution of the election ballot.

Listed below are the officer positions and their respective responsibilities as written in the Region's By-Laws. If you would like to nominate a member or yourself for any officer position, please write the name on this form in the space provided. Please make sure that your nominee is interested in the officer position. The members whose names have been inserted on this form have been nominated already and have agreed to be nominees before the preparation of this form. **This does not preclude the nomination by you of yourself or any other Region members for any of these positions.**

To be valid, all nomination forms must be received **no later than Friday, October 21, 2022**, by US mail or email to:

**Vince Taliano**  
**14 Triple Crown Court**  
**North Potomac, MD 20878**  
[vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org](mailto:vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org)

**1. REGIONAL DIRECTOR:** The Regional Director shall 1) be the Chief Executive Officer of the Region, 2) preside at all meetings; he/she shall appoint all committees, 3) oversee the annual membership drive, 4) decide all questions of equal division and 5) have all powers, authority and duties usually accorded a Regional Director.

Nominee:	<i>Dan Ruby</i>
Nominee:	

**2. ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR:** The Assistant Regional Director shall 1) be responsible for such duties that may be assigned by the Director and 2) perform the duties of the Regional Director when the Regional Director is absent.

Nominee:	<i>Chuck Piel</i>
Nominee:	

**3. TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall 1) collect and disburse the funds of the Region related to annual membership dues, events/tours, car shows, etc., 2) render a financial report monthly at Region meetings and/or whenever the Region Officers direct and 3) prepare an annual financial report summarizing all of the monthly reports of the preceding year and submit it to the membership at the first Region meeting the subsequent year.

Nominee:	<i>Bill Hilliard</i>
Nominee:	



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**4. SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall 1) record all minutes of meetings of the Region, 2) provide minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the **Caddie Chronicle**, 3) prepare election nomination forms and ballots and 4) distribute, collect and tally nominations and ballots.

Nominee:	<i>Vince Taliano</i>
Nominee:	

**5. ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:** The Activities Director shall 1) be responsible for scheduling social activities for the Region and 2) plan, schedule and coordinate activities in the area served by the Region that are consistent with the purposes, aims and best interest of the Region.

Nominee:	<i>Christopher Winter</i>
Nominee:	

**6. NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** The Newsletter Editor shall 1) be responsible for development and distribution of the monthly **Caddie Chronicle** newsletter and 2) research and publish interesting stories consistent with the purposes, aims and best interest of the Region.

Nominee:	<i>Vince Taliano (2023) / Josh Pinho (2024)</i>
Nominee:	

**7. CAR SHOW COORDINATOR:** The Car Show Coordinator shall 1) be the liaison between the Region and the Sponsoring Organization and 2) help organize and facilitate the car shows, including the set-up, parking/registration, judging, awards ceremony, etc.

Nominee:	
Nominee:	

**8. WEBSITE MANAGER:** The Website Manager shall 1) maintain the Region website and 2) be responsible for posting information on the website as well as ensuring that information posted by website members is consistent with the purposes, aims and best interest of the Region.

Nominee:	<i>Vince Taliano</i>
Nominee:	

**9. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:** The Membership Director shall 1) actively participate in the annual membership drive, including mailing applications and making phone calls to existing and prospective members, 2) recruit prospective members at local car shows, car events, etc, as appropriate and 3) be responsible to receive, review and take action accordingly to membership related requests from the CLC, including, but not limited to, the submission of annual membership reports.

Nominee:	<i>Franklin Gage</i>
Nominee:	





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#### **THE CAR WHICH I COULD NOT HAVE**

#### **BY IVARS JAUNRUBENIS**

#### **ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2008**

As kids growing up, we always wanted a particular car that we had no chance of owning. We were either too young to drive, our parents did not have enough money to buy it, or there were other reasons which our parents never told us.

My situation, at the age of 11, was a somewhat different circumstance, and came by an unexpected turn of events. Actually, it was a chance encounter. **The car was not an American-made car, let alone a Cadillac.**

A few days after the Second World War ended in Europe on May 8, 1945, my family and I arrived in the city of Lubeck in northern Germany. The city had escaped Allied bombing on account of the Swedish Red Cross being there and the fact that the city did not have any heavy industries that supported Hitler's war effort. It was and still is a beautiful city with many fine parks, canals, gardens, and trees.

Outside of the city, two German armored divisions had laid down their arms and surrendered to the British forces. Shortly before and during the surrender, the divisions destroyed their heavy equipment such as tanks, half-tracks, prime movers, artillery and ammunition – all except wheeled vehicles. Heavy and deep explosions were heard for almost two days as most of the German-track vehicles went up in flames. Those trucks, cars and motorcycle side car combinations which were deemed roadworthy and not needed for prisoner transports were assembled in several large storage lots. We called these storage lots "auto cemeteries."

Since I had plenty of free time, I liked to go and explore these lots to see what was there. The majority of the vehicles were Fords and Opels, not Mercedes, Beemers, Audis, DKWs or Volkswagens. **I know this comes as a surprise, but the best sellers in Germany were Fords and Opels, cars and trucks alike.** Opel was owned by General Motors and still is. All of them were either desert tan or had camouflage paint schemes. Due to gasoline shortages, they remained on these lots for more than a year. Today, it would be a big bonanza for body shops and car collectors.

One day when I had finished visiting one of the lots, I noticed a garage-type brick building at the end of the meadow. Previously, I had also noticed a very bright reflection in the building's window whenever the sun was shining, but I did not pay too much attention to it at first. A few days later, I decided to take a look. From the outside, one could not see what was inside too well. The front of the building had two large doors, which were closed tight. In the rear of the building was a smaller door that was open. I went inside and a big surprise awaited me. In front of me was a huge car, a model that I had never seen before. I was really in awe and dumbfounded. I had seen cars in my native country of Latvia as well as in Germany, but nothing as huge as this one. Why it was driven here and left was a puzzle which I will try to solve.



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I walked around the car several times and marveled at its size. It had two large headlights enclosed in heavy chrome which shined and glittered. The front fenders were beautifully valanced with side mounts, which were covered and had a bright chrome strip running thru the middle. The mystery of the very bright reflection coming from the window soon became clear. The car's windows and side mount chrome had made a reflection whenever the sun shined through the building's window.

The exterior paint was dark green, most likely a lacquer paint since it had a deep shine. The interior was tan leather, which was another beauty of a job. In front of the radiator's grille was a name spelled out one letter at a time: **Z E P P E L I N**. The radiator ornament had two crossed large letters of M. Below the radiator ornament was the name in a yellow triangle, which had letters spelled out one at a time: **M A Y B A C H**. In a smaller circle was the number 12. I thought what a strange name for a car since I had never heard of or seen one before. At first, I did not know the meaning of the number 12.



**Maybach Zeppelin DS8 Seven-Passenger Twelve-Cylinder Limousine  
Source: Auto and Technik Museum Sinsheim near Frankfurt Germany**





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When I opened the door, I saw the truly luxurious interior. Soft leather engulfed me when I sat down. The dashboard was made of tan Birchwood veneer. The instrument panel consisted of high-quality chrome. I sat behind the steering wheel, which was large - shoulder wide with four modified banjo-type spokes. The automobile's finish was black satin. Behind the front seat was a divider window and below it were two jump seats. The rear seat was equal to a living room sofa with deep cushions covered in soft leather. I knew this was an extraordinary car. It exuded elegance and luxury.

Not sure who I could tell because I did not want too many people to know about the car, I told my parents and our next-door neighbor, who was an auto mechanic by trade and worked in the British army's motor pool. Obviously, he knew quite a bit about cars and had access to gasoline and proper tools.

When I told him about the car, he said, **"You know, young man, looks like you have found an ultra-luxury Maybach seven-passenger twelve-cylinder limousine, the world's most luxurious limousine! This coming Saturday, we will go and see it, just don't tell anybody. Perhaps, I could get it started."** I waited until Saturday morning with great anticipation.

Early that Saturday morning, we set out for our adventure. He brought some tools and gasoline just in case they were needed. When we arrived, the first thing he did was open the hood, which was very heavy - the reason I had not been able to open it by myself. Both of us stood there silently and looked the automobile over. I guess he was as surprised as I was the first time I had seen it. He also informed me about the brightwork, which he said was a combination chrome and German silver.



**Maybach Zeppelin DS8 Engine**  
Source: [www.seriouswheels.com](http://www.seriouswheels.com)

The Maybach's engine was like a work of art, painted in light gray porcelain. All of the cables, hoses and other protrusions had been covered and hidden. The main engine pipes were chrome. It was a close resemblance to Cadillac V-12 and V-16 engines.

On the firewall, a build plate had some technical specs (see page 15). The plate stated that the car was built in April 1940, which was a little odd since Maybach had ceased building twelve-cylinder cars in 1939 to change over to the war production of tank engines (another similarity to Cadillac).



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After looking over the engine, my neighbor decided to try to start the car. At first, it started and ran for a little while, but then stalled. After several tries, the same thing happened again, ran for a little while then stalled. Finally, he figured out that the ignition coil was not functioning properly and some part from the carburetor was missing. No parts were available since the Maybach factory had received substantial damage from Allied bombing raids. If anybody had these parts, it was impossible to find them. Even if the car could have been started, there was nowhere it could be driven. The British military controlled and patrolled city streets and roadways. If one did not have special authorization or "papers," it could be taken away from its driver, confiscated at gun point. Also, a car such as this would stand out on the road. Moreover, gasoline was in short supply and strictly controlled. My neighbor suggested that I go see it and sit behind the wheel as long as my parents allowed me. It was not going anywhere!

I took his advice and visited the garage almost daily. It seemed as if the car was inviting me to come inside and enjoy myself. Whenever I visited, I would get behind the steering wheel and pretend to be driving it. Often, I daydreamed of driving it on the Autobahn with a beautiful girl beside me. Sometimes, I took my seven-year-old brother with me. We took turns playing the chauffeur and passenger. We had lots of fun doing this.

It was now summer and the meadow where the building and car was located was a sea of colorful wildflowers. The large birch and linden trees were in full bloom. And the larks were singing. The smell of flowers and trees filled the air. There was peace and quiet solitude around the car. No one ever bothered us. In a way it was strange, a huge car with two boys, one eleven and one seven, with nowhere to go and the beauty of summer all around.

It had taken a complete hold of me and would not let me go, even at nighttime. I often saw it in my dreams. When I sat in the car, reality with its many problems was far, far away. At times, I called it my car. My parents sometimes wondered what was wrong with me.

In addition to playing in the car with my brother, I also took an interest in how it was built. But information was very scarce. One thing was clear to me: its chassis and frame were made of very heavy material. It was built with steel and chrome with no plastic anywhere on the car. The tires were Michelins. My neighbor tried to find out about the car's history. It was supposed to have been a personal gift to Adolph Hitler from Carl Maybach. Since Hitler had a big preference for Mercedes open parade cars, he had kept the car for a short while and then gave it to General Field Marshal Von Runstedt as a gift for his military service during the war. Others said it belonged to a wealthy city banker and former high-ranking Nazi party official. But nobody really knew much about the car.

Summer days were waning, and the month of September was near. It was time to start school. I knew I was only going to be able to see it on weekends. A few days before school started, I went to see it. It still was grand and stood in all its majesty. Unknown to me at the time, this would be the last time that I would see the car.





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School began and I had not been able to visit for more than a week. Then, on a Sunday morning, I went to see it. When I neared the building, I noticed that both front doors were wide open. A strange feeling overtook me, and I sensed that something was not right. Then to my surprise, the car was gone. I was very upset and felt like crying. I saw large tire tracks in the roadway and assumed it had been trucked away on a very large truck. Only the British military could have a truck that large, probably a tank hauler.

I went home deeply hurt wondering who could have taken the car. I walked around with my head hung low and did not say a word for the rest of the day. My father asked why I was so dejected. I told him about it no longer being there. He looked at me and said, "Well my son, the car was not ours in the first place and only God knows whom it really belonged to. These are post-war times, and many unpleasant things happen. We could not have maintained the car no matter how much we wanted to do so, and we could not have afforded to buy gasoline for it. The war is over now and perhaps one day we will own one." **Little did I know that seven years later we would have our first car in America!**

I must admit I had a difficult time getting over that the car was gone and I would never see it again. It took me almost a year to get over it. Its fate was never known. I never saw the car being driven on city streets, neither did anyone else. What little we heard was conflicting. It was said that it had been taken by the commanding general of the British forces in northern Germany for personal use as war bounty. Another story was that the car was shipped to London for dismantling and research purposes. We also heard it was given to the Russians as war reparations. Yet another version was that the Maybach was returned to Carl Maybach as a goodwill gesture of the British military. The last version might have been the most plausible.

Many long years have passed since that fateful day in June 1945 when I first saw the car, but I have never forgotten it and I can still see it in all its grandeur.

CAR SPECIFICATIONS	
<b>Make:</b>	<b>Maybach Zeppelin DS8 Seven-Passenger Pullman Limousine</b>
<b>Engine:</b>	<b>Maybach 8 Liter V-12-cylinder OHV 4 stroke 484 cubic inches – 200 HP at 3600 RPM</b>
<b>Compression Ratio:</b>	<b>6.3 : 1</b>
<b>Bore/Stroke:</b>	<b>92/100 mm</b>
<b>Carburetor:</b>	<b>2 Solex</b>
<b>Electrical System:</b>	<b>12 Volt Solex</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>248 inches (note seven-passenger Pullman Limousines)</b>
<b>Wheelbase:</b>	<b>147 inches</b>
<b>Transmission Gears:</b>	<b>Pre-selected seven forward and one reverse</b>
<b>Fuel Tank Capacity:</b>	<b>36 US Gallons</b>
<b>Weight:</b>	<b>8,200 lbs (seven-passenger Pullman Limosines)</b>
<b>Body:</b>	<b>Original by Spohn, later factory's own inside job for seven-passenger limousines only</b>
<b>Estimated Mileage:</b>	<b>7-8 city, 10-12 highway (in US Gallons)</b>



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## **CADILLACS AND THE BLUES IN ICELAND BY VINCE TALIANO**

There has been a long connection in the States between Cadillacs and The Blues, as depicted in the movies [\*The Blues Brothers\*](#) and [\*Cadillac Records\*](#). On a recent family vacation to Iceland, I discovered the connection is also Icelandic.

From August 5-10, my wife Robin, teenage sons Jack and Michael and I toured Iceland, including the capital city of Reykjavík. Before leaving, I emailed Johann Vilhjálmsson, President of the Icelandic Cadillac Club, who provided a list of suggested places to visit. In addition, he mentioned



the Club meets every Tuesday night, and he would be happy to pick me up to attend. Fortunately, we were scheduled to be in Reykjavík that night, so I accepted his offer.

Johann and his son Vilhjalmur ("Villi") arrived at my hotel in their 1976 Fleetwood Brougham (pictured above left to right). They transported me to the meeting in Cadillac style, while pedestrians stared at this car from a different time and place as we drove through the city streets.





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**From Villi to Muddy!**



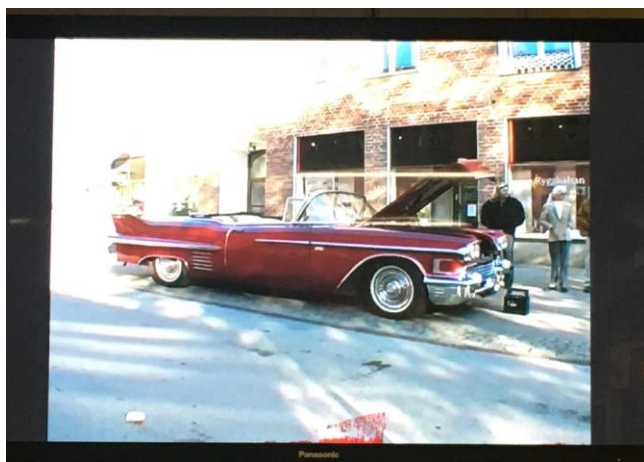
**Jam session with Johann on the drums and Villi on the guitar**

After a few minutes of getting acquainted on the way, we arrived at their clubhouse/garage that is as much a hang out for Cadillac enthusiasts as for Blues music lovers. We entered a building that displayed their Icelandic Cadillac Club logo and walked down a few stairs, where we were greeted by a life-size cutout of Muddy Waters (pictured above). It turns out that Johann was one of the founders of the annual [Reykjavik Blues Festival](#), hence the stage with festival posters on one wall and pictures of Cadillacs on the other.





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At the other end of the room was a big screen TV where a cruising video from Sweden was playing. In between were a few tables and chairs where about 10 attendees gathered to have coffee, dessert and talk about their cars, music or other topics of choice. Everyone was extremely friendly and curious about my visit.





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Behind the clubhouse was a garage with about 10 Cadillacs and other classics parked, in addition to large posters and pictures of Cadillacs and Blues artists on the walls. In the middle of the floor was a Route 66 sign. That is appropriate because the club was formed in 2006 after Sigurður Gunnarsson, Einar Kárason and Aðalsteinn Asgeirsson returned home from [driving a 1960 Cadillac across the U.S.](#) on historic Route 66. Olafur Gunnarsson served as the club's first president.



Among the cars in the garage were a beautiful red 1962 Coupe Deville and a one-family owned 1992 Sedan Deville (pictured above left); both spent most of their lives in the States. The Coupe was spotted years before it was purchased by an Icelandic member who was visiting. He made an offer to the owner, who stated it wasn't for sale. Years later when he was ready, the owner kept his promise and contacted the prospective buyer who bought it. After some time in Iceland, it changed hands and was restored by its current owner, Johannes Nordfiord.





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At the end of the evening, the attendees gathered around their Cadillac Rock 'n' Roll hearse for a group photo. Jointly owned by members, it is used for gigs plus last rides for the departed. Johann and Villi took me back to my hotel, where I thanked them for their gracious hospitality. It would be great to attend a future [Reykjavík Blues Festival](#) and see everyone and their cars again.



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Below is an article about CLC member Dave Rubin's trip to Iceland in 2012.



FROM LEFT, Johann Vilhjálmsón, Einar Kárasón, Dave Rubin and Adalsteinn Ásgeirsson pose in the Kruser Klubburinn clubhouse.

## CLC's Icelandic connection

Or, riding in Reykjavik

By Dave Rubin

**L**ast summer, my wife, Ann, and I decided to travel to Iceland for a weeklong getaway. Right after we booked the tickets, I contacted a few of my CLC Facebook friends in Iceland to let them know I would be in the country the first week of July and would love to visit with them.



JOHANN VILHJÁLMSÓN and Dave Rubin talk car club in "IceCad's" clubhouse.

To my delight, Johann Vilhjálmsón, president of the Islenski Cadillac Klubburinn, (Icelandic Cadillac Club) was available and was very enthusiastic about having a couple of guests. Cell phone numbers and personal e-mails were exchanged.

Our first night in Reykjavik was spent riding through the city in Johann's 1983 gold Eldorado, off to go visit the "clubhouse." That's right, the club has its own clubhouse! Cavelike, the space is in a basement garage under an office complex and is decorated with club banners, flags, car parts and Cadillac signs. It has a large meeting space as well. And, of course, there is storage and work space for members' Cadillacs.

After spending about half an hour there, Johann asked me if I would mind going to another clubhouse, the one belonging to the Kruser Klubburinn. Gee, more old cars? OK! This second clubhouse was decorated to look like an old-time city neighborhood, vaguely

reminding me of New Orleans' Bourbon Street, except most of the cars were from the '50s and '60s.

There, I met more Cadillac club members, including Adalsteinn Ásgeirsson and Olafur Gunnarsson, who together in 2006 traveled U.S. Route 66 in a 1960 Cadillac and came back to Iceland to write about it (gladly leaving the car in Los Angeles, from what I understand). From that experience, the Icelandic Cadillac Club was born, Olafur being the club's first president.

I want to thank Johann for taking the time to host Ann and me and to drive us around the city in style. I hope I will have the opportunity to return the favor one day when Johann, or any member of the Icelandic Cadillac Club, visits New York. ■

*Dave Rubin of Carmel, N.Y., is the CLC's vice president of information technology and the director of the Lower Hudson Valley Region.*





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**PINK CADILLAC DAY: SEPTEMBER 1  
BY NATIONAL TODAY  
CONTRIBUTIONS BY VINCE TALIANO AND WIKIPEDIA  
PHOTOS FROM ROBERT BECK, EBAY, MARY KAY,  
WAYNE LOWMAN AND VINCE TALIANO**

The [National Today](https://www.nationaltoday.com/) website declares September 1 as Pink Cadillac Day to honor the iconic pink car that became a cultural landmark of the 1950s. Many thanks to its early supporters such as Elvis Presley and later Bruce Springsteen, the car went from a black and white convertible to the global symbol of luxury and pizzaz. It was on this day in 1957 that Presley performed in front of 6,000 people at the Lincoln Bowl in Tacoma, Washington. He immortalized himself as the King of Rock and Roll. On September 1, we paint the town pink and celebrate our weirdest impulses.

## **HISTORY OF PINK CADILLAC DAY**

Pink Cadillac Day is a joyous annual celebration of pink Cadillac cars, referred to affectionately as 'caddy' by their proud owners. The car came into prominence in the late nights of the 1950s when the American gaze was beholden by leotards, shiny belts, sideburns, and the luring dances of emerging cultural icons such as Johnny Ace, Marilyn Monroe, and our beloved Elvis Presley.



According to [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elvis_Presley's_1954_Cadillac), in early 1955, Elvis bought his first Cadillac, a 1954 Fleetwood Series 60, which was the color pink. The car provided transport for *Elvis and the Blue Moon Boys*, but after the failure of a brake lining, was destroyed in a roadside fire between Hope and Texarkana, Arkansas, on June 5, 1955. The next month he purchased a new Cadillac Fleetwood Series 60 in blue with a

black roof. Having mentioned a Pink Cadillac in the song "*Baby, Let's Play House*" (the first song recorded by Elvis to appear on a national chart which made #5 on the Billboard Country Singles chart in July 1955), Elvis had the car repainted by Art, a neighbor on Lamar Street. Art designed a customized pink color for Elvis which he named "Elvis Rose." Once the car was finished Elvis gave it to his mother Gladys as a gift (pictured above). Mrs. Gladys Presley never had a driver's license, so Elvis drove the car with the members of his band for most of 1955–56.



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Pink Cadillac Day is the ultimate ode to the enduring influence of the 1950s American automobile culture. The post-war boom, reflected in almost all aspects of life, showed a major progression for millions of middle-class Americans. By amping up the utility of vehicles, both as a necessity of life and a status symbol, pop culture played an instrumental (pun intended!) role in realizing the American dream of owning an automobile. Let us take September 1 to suspend our preconceived notions about living in a black and white world and splash it with our favorite colors.

### **PINK CADILLAC DAY ACTIVITIES**

#### **1) Wear 'Elvis pink'**

Presley's iconic adoration of the color pink is immortalized in the history of American culture. The beautiful and soft statement tint looks good on everyone. On Pink Cadillac Day, wear the color and raise a toast to the King of Rock and Roll.

#### **2) Read stories about Pink Cadillacs**

Over the years, many Pink Cadillac stories have been published in the ***Cadillac Chronicle***. Click the links below to revisit some of the most memorable ones.

- [A Story about Gladys: Elvis' 1955 Coupe Deville](#) – pages 8-10
- [Pink Cadillac On Stage](#) – pages 16-17
- [A Thousand Words: Pink Cadillac -- 1957 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible](#) – pages 17-19
- [Tuff Enuff to Wear Pink](#) – page 19

#### **3) Dare to be original**

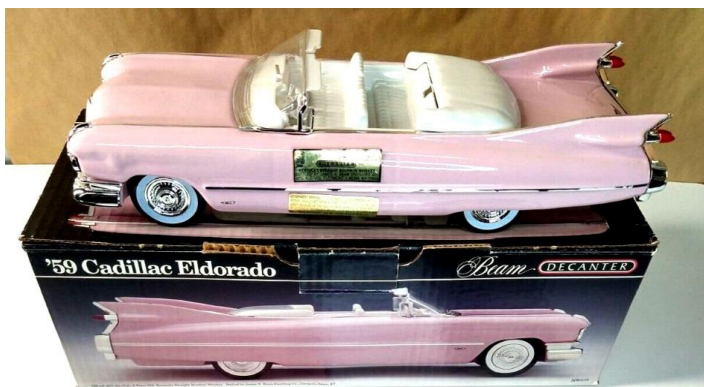
We would not be celebrating this day if Presley had not dared to strip his 1955 sedan of its original color in favor of the iconic pink. Take inspiration from him, because 'tis the season to be original and set our style statement.







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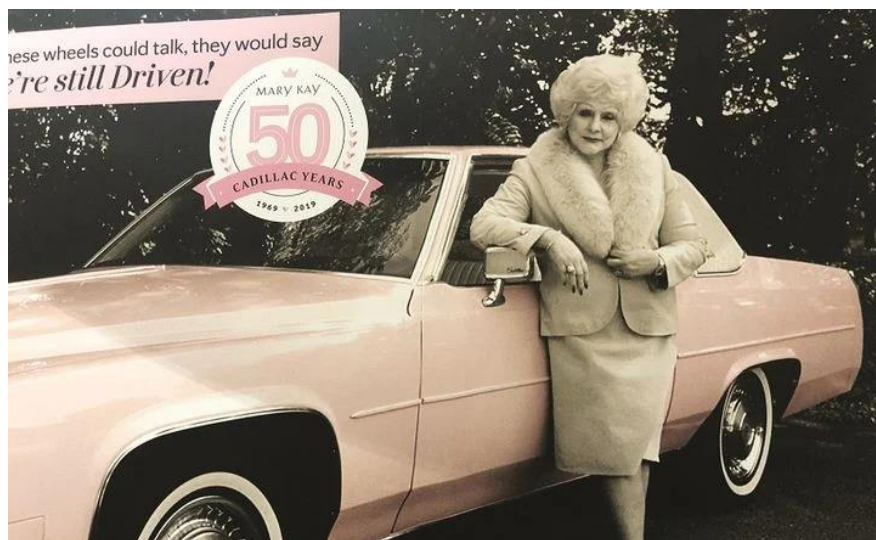


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**Renowned Artist [Robert Beck's](#) "Pink Cadillac" oil on panel painting.  
A limited one-time only edition of 25 signed prints (18 x 22) are available for purchase.  
Contact Vince Taliano for more information.**

Arguably, the Mary Kay Career Car Program has kept the iconic Pink Cadillac in the consciousness of the world in the last few decades as much as any popular song and/or films. Mary Kay, a multi-billion-dollar direct sales cosmetics company, partnered with General Motors in 1969 to offer iconic Pink Cadillacs to its independent sales force members who meet or exceed their sales and recruiting goals. Pictured right is Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay, who ordered her first pink Cadillac Coupe DeVille from the Frank Kent Cadillac dealership in Ft. Worth, Texas, and asked to have it painted to match the pale pink Mary Kay lip and eye palette she carried in her purse.





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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**NEW ARRIVAL 1938 Cadillac Series 60** – Owned by the late Jim Greco, former CLC Western New York Region Director – Approximately 58k miles – All original including black lacquer paint – V-8 engine runs great; engine compartment immaculate – Driven not trailered – Always garage kept and covered – Receipts available for maintenance work completed – Extra parts available – Been in two movies and asked to participate in special events – Won many awards – [See pictures](#) – **\$29,900** – For more info, contact Sue Greco at 716-818-8142 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Kenmore, NY



**NEW ARRIVAL 1940 Cadillac Fleetwood Series 75 Seven-Passenger Sedan** – Only 1940 model to have suicide doors – Dark blue – Body has no rust – Right rear fender has a long scratch and would need to be repaired and refinished – Appears to be pretty much all original and in very good condition although it may have been repainted many years ago – Front seat is leather and the rear seat and two jump seats are broadcloth – Interior door panels are in need of some repair as well as the front seat, but overall looks quite good – V-8 engine has recently been completely rebuilt – Starts easily and runs well with no over-heating – Some front end parts and exhaust have been replaced – New Firestone whitewall tires w/tubes – Bumpers, hubcaps and all other chrome are in excellent condition – Rubber on the running boards is worn and should be replaced – Garage kept – Mileage unknown – Same owner since 2016 – Clear Maryland title – Full car cover – [See pictures](#) – **\$32,000** – For more info, contact Jerry Smith at 301-706-5418 – Car is located in Urbana, MD



**1969 Cadillac Fleetwood Series 75 Limousine** – Unknown miles (odometer reads 33,974) – One of 1,156 produced in 1969 – 472/375hp V-8 engine – 149.8 inch wheelbase, 228.5 inch overall length – Seats nine (how many cars can do that?) – Divider glass – New radio entertainment system installed with jacks for iPhone and a 3.5 jack in rear for passenger (the original radio comes with the car) – Six ashtrays with four cigarette lighters – Started and driven every other week to keep engine fluids and tires moving – Great car that needs someone with more time to devote – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$9,600** – For more info, contact Forrest at 703-622-2384 or [send email](#) – Car is located in McLean, VA



**1976 Cadillac Bicentennial Eldorado Convertible** – 1,837 miles – Original not restored – #175 of the 200 Bicentennial Eldorado Convertibles produced – Cotillion White with white top – 50-50 soft white leather with red piping – Six-way electric seats – Fully powered with a host of standard equipment – All fillers have been replaced with ABS plastic --Window stickers and all other documents since new – Very rare car that will only appreciate in value – Truly a fine investment automobile – [See pictures](#) – **\$87,700** – Financing and leasing available – For more info, contact Bob Williams at 864-246-0318 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Greenville, S.C.



**1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible** – 11,405 miles – Crystal Blue Firemist with white top – 50-50 dual comfort six-way power soft white leather seats – Tilt & telescope wheel – AM/FM stereo radio – Passenger outside mirror – Automatic climate control – New tires and battery – Host of other options – All seven asphalt fillers have been replaced with ABS plastic – [See pictures](#) – **\$60,000** – Financing and leasing available – For more info, contact Bob Williams at 864-246-0318 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Greenville, S.C.





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**1992 Cadillac Coupe Deville** – Real time capsule w/only 26k original miles – Gold edition w/continental kit, in trunk – Always garage 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 fewer miles – An appreciating classic Cadillac – Overall a 9.5 out of 10 – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$14,900** – 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



**2001 Cadillac Seville SLS** – One owner car with 60k miles – Personally ordered and leased for three years before purchasing – Pristine condition overall and recently detailed – Original paperwork available including sales documents, service records, owner's manual, window sticker and sales brochures with leather swatches used by Cadillac dealers – Also includes never used 10 CD disc changer in original packaging – Owner is retiring and doesn't have room to keep it – Looking for a new caretaker – [See pictures](#) – **\$15,000** – For more info, contact Karen at 724-388-1989 or [send email](#) – Car is being stored in Frederick, MD

## Parts For Sale



**Set of four Cadillac Escalade Sport Aluminum Wheels, Center Caps, Lug Nuts and Sensors** – 9" x 22" wheels were takeoffs from 2022 Cadillac Escalade wheels (part number 84460120) – Excellent condition – Very heavy – Retail at over \$1,400 set – **Asking \$1,100 obo** – For more info, contact Joe at 443-987-8250 or [send email](#) – Located in Kingsville, MD

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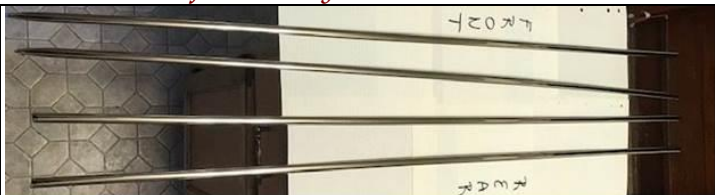
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