



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle January 2023



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As we start 2023, I want to thank all the officers and members involved in running this club and making it a success! Looking back on 2022, the region participated in and/or hosted numerous activities from the Washington, DC Auto Show to our Annual Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Sport Cadillac, Holiday Party and Summer Picnic to multiple Cars & Coffee gatherings, etc. The plan is to offer a similar number of events in the new year. Hope to see many of you in 2023!

Enjoy another one of Larry Good's great articles about the history of the 1953 Cadillac Eldorado in the January issue of *The Self-Starter*.

This one will be of particular interest to

our local members because it focuses on the Eldorado that was used to transport President Eisenhower in the Inauguration Parade that took place in Washington, DC on January 20, 1953 (pictured above), and featured in our Potomac Region logo (pictured above left). My grandfather, Charles Ruby, was in attendance and took a picture like the one above. He was on the White House staff at the time.

Meanwhile, our 2023 membership drive continues. The members who haven't renewed yet will be contacted by phone in January.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and prosperous new year!

*Dan Ruby*



## 1953 Eldorado No. 2: A very special Cadillac



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



December 6, 2022

First, Sandy Kemper's picture in the December issue of one of 17 survivors of the 85 V-16 Sport Phaetons built (pictured right) made me weak in the knees. Since early adolescence a side-curtained V-16 has been my lifelong dream. I even worked on cars like this, but they've always been the carrot beyond my reach (making a donkey out of me). It's surprising that only two 1930 Sport Phaetons have crossed the million-dollar threshold yet. Anyway, in my advanced adolescence I've settled for the '50s runner up, an Eldorado.



Next, forget the fact that Eisenhower led the world to triumph over the greatest evil of the 20th century. The best thing about "Ike" was his love of Cadillacs. (Well, maybe.) Thanks for the picture in the December issue, Chuck Piel. Did the president-elect fly into Washington, or was he staying locally? I vote for the latter because the car was in parade mode. It had two flags on the front bumper, the top was down, and Ike wore no hat. Any ride above 15 mph in November would have caused occupant distress. The five miles from National Airport was a bit long for that. Finally, the newspaper could have saved ink with a shorter caption: "Dodge, Lodge and the Cadillac"



WAP13-11/18 WASHINGTON: The coral-colored Cadillac convertible bearing President-elect Dwight Eisenhower arrives at the White House for the Eisenhower-Truman talks. Eisenhower is shown about to emerge from the car. Secret Service Agent Jim Rowley helps him out. Advisor John W. Dodge waits to greet him. Behind Eisenhower in car is Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. Both Dodge and Lodge were to sit in with Eisenhower at the talks. UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO

Larry Good  
Washington Grove, Maryland



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December 3, 2022

I was really entertained by your regional newsletter. A thought occurred that members in your area might recognize my '64 Eldorado, as I've been told it was in that area for some of its life. I'd really like to reconnect with the past custodians and learn about this Eldorado's history. Any ideas would be appreciated. Here are photos showing "Stardust" when it was in your area.



Bobby Brown  
Oxnard, California



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Item: 170832833582

### 1964 Cadillac Eldorado ELDORADO

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Hi Bobby,

Thanks for your email. Based on the pictures you provided, it looks like the late Larry Lesiger's car that was on display in 2006 at our **Eldorado Extravaganza** car show at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD. The show was featured in the [Hemmings Classic Car](#) magazine, see excerpt and photo below.

Larry passed away in November 2019. He owned a mortgage company in Cherry Hill, N.J., and was very active in the Cadillac hobby. He served on the Board of Directors of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club (for more than 30 years) and its related Museum. Larry also served as the National Treasurer of the CLC from 1990 through about 2016. So, he was well known and highly respected in the world of antique Cadillacs. More importantly, he enjoyed his cars. His widow, Ilene, will be glad to hear that "Stardust" has an appreciative new owner.

Richard Sills and Vince Taliano



#### **1964 Fleetwood Eldorado**

Number built: 1,870

Owner: Larry and Ilene Lesiger

Price new: \$6,630

Haddonfield, New Jersey

Although they have owned this 1964 Eldorado for almost 30 years, Larry and Ilene Lesiger have added a mere 1,000 miles to the odometer. But this isn't for lack of interest; "I was driving a 1971 Eldorado when I bought this running car for \$500," he recalls. "I brought it to my mechanic's house, where it sat in his garage for 12 years. We sent it to Philadelphia to be painted, and got it back two years later. I then drove it for two years, but blew the engine on the way to Hershey. I bought another engine three years later, and brought it to be installed, getting the car back after another three years. The car has really never been driven!" he laughs. Larry's convertible features the enlarged-for-1964 429-cu.in. V-8 that makes 340hp with its 4-bbl. carburetor, as well as the new Turbo-HydraMatic transmission and Comfort Control automatic climate control system; this was one of many handsome 1964 Eldorados to be shown at this Eldorado Extravaganza.





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## IN THE NEWS

Thanks to Larry Kolb, Editor of the weekly **Cars-On-Line Collector Car Newsletter**, for featuring two of our most recent stories. In the December 2 issue, he featured the Letter to the Editor from Phil Hole, Editor, Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain Magazine on the London to Brighton run (below first image). In the September 2 issue, he showcased Pink Cadillac Day that was celebrated the day before (below second image). In each instance he credited the **Caddie Chronicle** and provided a link to the corresponding issue.

[Visit the Cars-On-Line website](https://www.cars-on-line.com) where you can subscribe to receive the great publication each week. In addition to featured articles, the electronic publication includes a listing of vehicles for sale on their site, plus auction updates and other information. It's a must read for collector car hobbyists.

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### Classic Car News This Week



#### London to Brighton

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region published this fascinating shot of one of their members crossing the finish line during the recent London to Brighton Veteran Car Run on November 6, 2022. It was posted in their Caddie Chronicle newsletter this month. Member Pete Wood is piloting his 1903 Cadillac Model A across the finish line in Brighton, UK. The article said it was one of about 20 Cadillacs to participate in the British tour.

The event is sponsored every year by RM Sotheby's. It is evidently for antique cars only. [Click here to read this month's edition of the Caddie Chronicle](#). In it you will find a link to more information on the event with a very interesting video of the antique motorcars which participated in the event this year. If you are a Cadillac collector, you may want to subscribe to the Caddie Chronicle. It's a good read.

[cars-on-line.com/2022/sep-02.html](https://cars-on-line.com/2022/sep-02.html)

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#### Pink Cadillac Day

If you read the newest edition of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region newsletter, called the Caddy Chronicle, they noted that September 1 was Pink Cadillac Day. They referenced an article on the National Today website. So the Cadillac & LaSalle Club newsletter did quite a writeup on the three pink Cadillacs that Elvis owned early in his career as a tribute to Pink Cadillac Day. [Click here to read](#) their most recent newsletter with the article in it. They noted an apparent controversy over the newest Elvis movie on HBO Max. Some are upset that the "Elvis Rose" color of his 1956 Cadillac might be too dark. But here is a "way too deep" analysis of the color controversy as vetted by an Elvis Fan club on YouTube. [Click here to review](#) what they say about the color. Only we Baby Boomers will probably care, though.



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**Announcing the Potomac Region's  
Annual Holiday Party**

**Join your fellow Potomac Region members  
for good food, beverages and holiday cheer!**

**Sunday, February 5, 2023  
12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**The Manor at Silo Falls  
19501 Georgia Ave  
Brookeville, MD 20833  
301-924-6500**

**Price: \$40/per person w/club  
subsidizing the rest**

**Spouses/Significant Others Welcome**

**Limited to 36 attendees!**

**RSVP required to Christopher Winter  
at 410-869-8619 or  
[cchwinter@cavtel.net](mailto:cchwinter@cavtel.net)  
by Sunday, January 29**

**DIRECTIONS FROM  
MD-200 (ICC):**

- Take MD-200 (ICC) to Exit 8A-B toward Georgia Ave/Olney North onto MD-97 N (Georgia Ave)
- Go approximately four miles
- The Manor at Silo Falls will be on the right (19501 Georgia Ave)

**Plenty of parking for all vehicles,  
especially your Cadillac or LaSalle!**

**Enjoy the Buffet**

- **Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Butter**
- **Beef Stir-fry with Fresh Vegetables**
- **House Made Mac and Cheese**
- **Seasonal Vegetables**
- **Cookies and Brownies**
- **Coffee and Tea Station**
- **Assorted Soft Drinks**
  
- **Cash Bar: Wine, Beer, Cocktails**

**Dress Code: *Holiday Casual***

**RSVP (Accepts Only by Sunday, January 29)**

**Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

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**A CONCOURS EXPERIENCE  
STORY BY CHUCK PIEL  
PHOTOS BY CHUCK PIEL, SHELLEY JOBE MILAN AND DAN VAUGHAN**

My wife, Debbie, and I have had a rich array of experiences in our hobby: over forty AACA Fall Hershey shows, eight CLC Grand Nationals, four CLC National Driving Tours, a number of AACA tours, Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca, countless local regional shows and cruise-ins, a couple of Mecum auctions and six Miss America Parades in Atlantic City, NJ. But we've never participated in a "Concours d'Elegance" until now!

Via our 1941 Cadillac Convertible Coupe, we were fortunate to be invited to participate in the St. Michael's Concours d'Elegance ("Concours") on September 23-25, 2022, at the Talbot Country Club in Easton, MD. This was the 15th running of the Concours that has become one of the most prestigious classic car events in the Mid-Atlantic region.



**Talbot Country Club is the venue for the 15th Annual St. Michael's Concours**

This year 65 cars ranging from 1901 to 1972 from 17 states were displayed on the beautiful grounds of the water-side Talbot Country Club. Additionally, about 10 historic boats were also featured and docked by the show grounds of the club. Of special note was the Honorary Chair, Dave Prueitt, whose Prueitt Automotive Restoration business in Glen Rock, PA is very well known to Potomac Region and CLC members.

The host hotel for the event was the timeless Tidewater Inn, located in historic Easton, MD, where we stayed from Friday to Sunday. After working on the '41 all week to get things tidied-up, we drove the car the 65 miles over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge from Ellicott City, MD on Friday afternoon. When we arrived, I was surprised to find the hotel parking lot full, but nary an antique car could be seen. It turns out, we were the ONLY non-local owners who actually drove their car to the Concours. Everyone else had their cars trailered to a local marshalling site! Upon finally securing a space in the lot, several event participants, Thomas Hahn of NJ ('36 Cadillac Series 60 Coupe) and Bill Thompson of DE ('39 Packard Super 8 CCP), joked that "no old cars are allowed on the lot." Their friendly outreach was a clue of the collegiality and courtesy we experienced with all the entrants and staff of the Concours all weekend.



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**Our '41 CCP in front of the Spence estate on Friday night**

The weekend kicked off Friday night with an opening cocktail reception at the waterfront estate of Jeff & Darlene Spence in Royal Oak, MD, about 10 miles away. We followed a sparkling new Mercedes E-class onto the estate, where we were invited to park in front of the buildings with several other classic car entrants. Hors d'oeuvres, including fresh Chincoteague oysters, were served along with an open bar. Everyone had a great time looking over the vast estate which included several buildings with classic cars owned by the Spences. Here we met Joe & Gail Hiken, whose '67 Jaguar XKE roadster was part of the Concours. Gail and I have known each other since we were kids together in Sunday School at our church. What a small world! As darkness fell, we motored back to the Tidewater Inn with our 6V headlights lighting the way.

Saturday morning dawned with a Cars and Coffee event at the Talbot Country Club, followed by the St. Michaels driving tour. Here we met up with many of the other entrant cars and were mighty impressed. I was particularly attracted to a 1929 L-29 Cord convertible coupe equipped with Woodlite headlights. Dressed in black with bright orange accents, and chrome spoke wheels, this car was quite a sight! I was also drawn to a beautifully restored El Centro Green 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Sedan, owned by Crispin & John Menefee of Nashville, TN. We had great conversations with them during the whole weekend as our cars were positioned next to each other during the Concours showing.





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**L to R: Late Potomac Region member Charles Gillet's '31 V-16 now owned by Leigh Brent of Baltimore, MD and a 1929 Cord L-29 owned by Greg & Robin Ornazian of Rochester Hills, MI**

With a Maryland State Police escort, the first leg of the tour took us to the [Cutts and Case Shipyard](#) in Oxford, MD. We enjoyed a leisurely 45-minute drive through the back roads of the Eastern Shore to this famous boatyard. If you are a fan of wooden boats, Cutts and Case is a must-see destination. There were numerous wooden speedboats and yachts in various stages of restoration. However, the artifact that really blew me away was a Packard V-12 marine engine out of a World War II PT boat on display. You would never confuse this beast with an automotive engine. Even more impressive is the knowledge that each PT boat was equipped with two of these behemoths!

Rolling in at the boatyard was a familiar sight – the 1931 Cadillac V-16 All-Weather Phaeton bodied by Fleetwood and formerly owned by the late Charles Gillet. We met the new owner, Leigh Brent of Baltimore. It turns out that Leigh's father was one of Charles Gillet's oldest friends, so Leigh was given the opportunity to bring the V-16 into his stable of classic Packards.

Our next stop was only several blocks away – the [Robert Morris Inn](#) on the waterfront of the Tred Avon River, an estuary of the Choptank River. There we had a fabulous crab cake lunch and were able to get pictures of our cars on the scenic riverfront. The Inn is a hotel and restaurant that dates to 1710 – a very worthwhile day or weekend trip destination.

We had the option of taking the nearby Oxford-Bellevue Ferry or drive back the 20+ miles to the hotel – we opted for the drive, as it was a beautiful day, and the back roads offered a leisurely driving experience in our 81-year-old ride.

Our Saturday night activity was a cocktail party and gourmet dinner back at the Talbot Country Club. Also for viewing was the premier showing of some boats and boat-themed cars along the waterfront. These special cars featured boat-shaped "skiff" bodies constructed in real wood: a '29 Duesenberg roadster, a '25 Hispano-Suiza Dual-Cowl phaeton and a '39 Rolls-Royce Wraith. These wooden masterpieces are all owned by The North Collection in Maryland and represent a fitting tribute to the maritime heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore.



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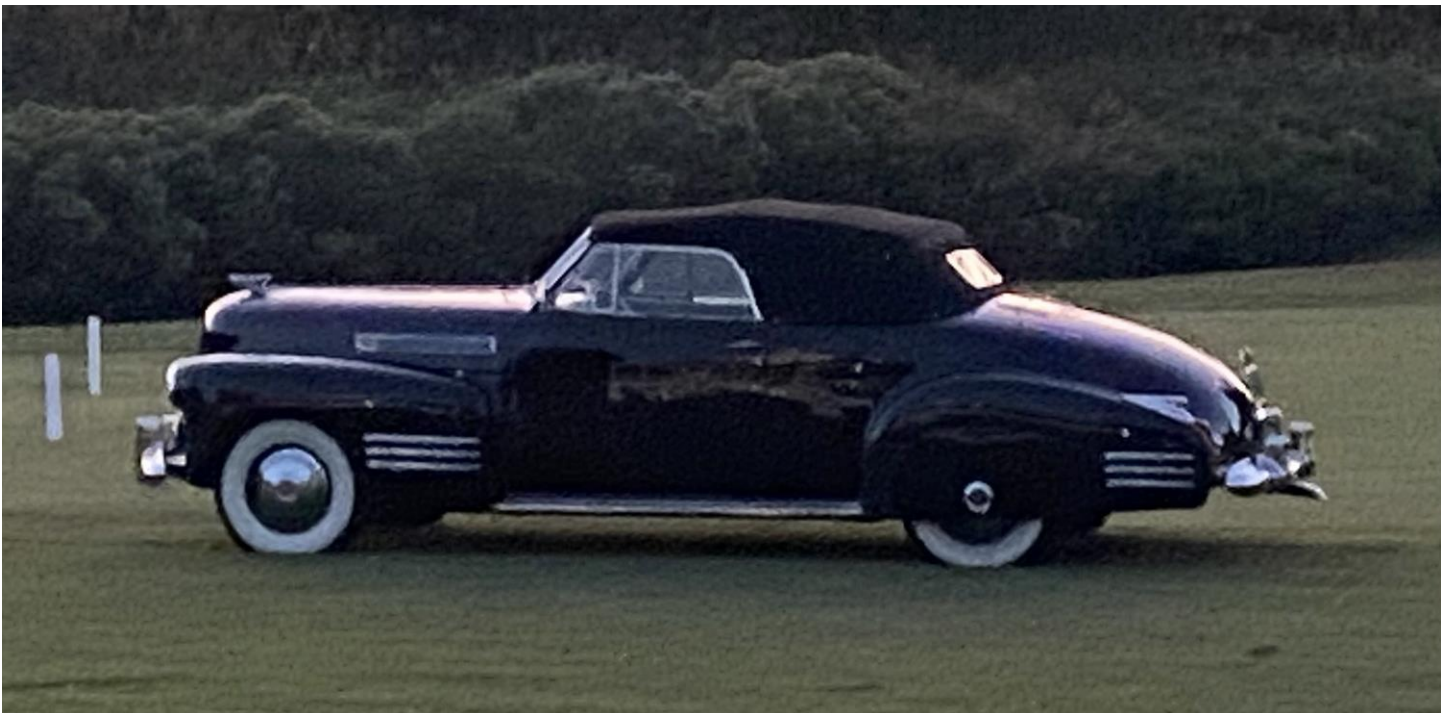
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As we had to drive our '41 to the dinner, upon arrival we were asked if we wanted to park in our Concours spot overnight. With transportation arranged back to the hotel that night, we opted to go ahead and park the car in our Concours location. During the evening, we had many conversations that evening with new friends from all over the Eastern US who were entrants to the Concours – everyone couldn't have been more cordial. And it turned out our ride back to the hotel was with Greg & Robin Ornazian of Rochester Hills, MI, owners of that '29 Cord I had oged earlier that morning



**Dawn of show day**

On Sunday we hopped a ride back to the Concours with Greg & Robin, only to find that it had rained overnight at the Club (but not the hotel). The car was soaking wet, so we spent the next hour wicking and drying it off. The Concours had a special class for Cadillac, so we were situated between a very rare '36 Cadillac Series 60 Coupe with side-mounts owned by Nicole & Thomas Hahn of Williamstown, NJ, and the aforementioned '41 Cadillac convertible sedan owned by the Menefees. Rounding out our four-car class was the ex-Gillet '31 V-16, so we had very stiff competition in the Cadillac class!



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**A fine line-up of Classic Cadillacs**

There were several other notable Cadillacs in the Concours that were not included in the Cadillac class – a 1907 Model M Light Touring Car owned by Bill Lillie of CT, a 1912 Four-Passenger Torpedo Tourer brought by Jim Elliott of Yorktown, VA, and a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz convertible driven by Robert Thomas of Indianapolis, IN. The 1907 and 1912 cars were in the Antique class and the '57 was in the American Limited Production class.



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**The Line-up of Front Wheel Drive Classics.  
Amelia Earhart's 1937 Cord is the 2nd car from bottom.  
Photo by Dan Vaughan**

As judging progressed, the day turned brighter but the weather forecast for the afternoon was causing me angst. Forecasters called for "severe thunderstorms with damaging hail" starting in the Baltimore metro area in early afternoon and making their way east toward our location. The Concours concluded at around 2:30 p.m., so it looked like it might be a wet and harrowing ride home. We tried not to let that worry us as we enjoyed viewing the cars and had a scrumptious lunch buffet. Daniel Jobe, our Region former sponsor at Capitol Cadillac and his wife Lisa stopped by our car for a visit, so it was great to catch-up with them.

With the weather looking more ominous, sadly we had to cancel a planned dinner meeting with Christopher Winter, Potomac Region Activities Director, at the Crab Claw in St. Michaels. He had recently moved to the Eastern Shore, so we were looking forward to visiting with him.

Alas, as the show-winning ribbons were being distributed and the class and special awards winners were being notified to prepare to "line-up" for the awards show and tell, we were not among those fortunate entrants. However, that didn't dampen our enjoyment and enthusiasm for the entire weekend and the "concours experience!"



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The Best of Show winner was a very rare 1935 SS-1 Airline Saloon owned by Jim & Lisa Hendrix of Chesterfield, MO (pictured right leading the way – photo by Dan Vaughan). The SS Cars Ltd company was later re-named Jaguar after WWII. This Saloon was finished in a stunning silver with a light blue interior, said to be coordinated to celebrate the 25th Silver Jubilee of King George V.

While our “survivor” car will never be competitive with the incredible nut and bolt restorations we encountered

at St. Michaels, we were truly thankful for the opportunity to participate and show our car. We had a lot of folks tell us they envied our ability to drive and enjoy our car!



**During our mad dash home, Daniel Jobe’s sister, Shelley Jobe Milan, snapped this shot of us on Rt. 50!**

Concours are a very important and welcome celebration of the art of automotive engineering and design, and the artistry involved in restoring these by-gone gems. I hope our newer generations never miss the passion for restoring and showing the best of the best!



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#### **A FURTIVE 1932 TOWN COUPE** **BY CHRIS CUMMINGS**

Cadillac built not quite 300 V-16 cars for the 1932 model year. Overall, 1932 was one of the lowest-production years for Cadillac in its long history. That was the year when The Great Depression really began to bite, and people in all economic strata faced the new reality of greatly reduced spending power. No longer could one pass it off as a temporary adjustment of the stock market – by 1932 it was clear that things would be rough for some time to come. Those who still had means became much more circumspect about showing that fact to others.

Notwithstanding the headwinds, though, the 1932 cars that Cadillac introduced (V-16, V-12 and V-8) were dramatically different from the 1930 and 1931 models. Streamlining was taking hold in a big way, and the first thing that the viewer noticed was that sharp corners and straight lines were nearly eliminated in favor of curves and wind-cheating shapes. The attached sunshade was gone from the windshield. The lights were rounded like teardrops. Fenders blended into running boards, and door hinges were tucked inside, out of sight. GM's chief stylist Harley Earl would maintain for the rest of his life that the 1932 Cadillacs were his favorite design.

Technological advances were highlighted – controlled freewheeling, ride control (driver-adjustable shock absorbers) and headlights that could be adjusted five different ways from the driver's seat were new conveniences. A mechanical fuel pump represented a significant improvement over the vacuum tanks previously used, and Detroit Lubricator carburetors replaced the venerable but more primitive "Cadillac Johnson" models. Drop-center wheel rims vastly simplified the process of changing tires. In all, the 1932 Cadillacs were a big step forward for the company.



One of the most practical body styles in the 1932 Cadillac portfolio was the town coupe. This was a five-passenger car with two doors. The front passenger seat folded forward to permit the rear seat passengers to board. Behind the passenger compartment was a built-in

trunk, and behind that was a folding rack on which an additional accessory trunk could be mounted. The windows, windshield and backlight (what the industry now calls the daylight opening or "DLO") were expansive, giving the occupants a feeling of openness and freedom.

Twenty-four 1932 V-16 town coupes were built by Fleetwood in Style Number 32-16-222 (also designated 5181). One more was built by Fisher Body as Job Number 32-16-272. One of those town coupes (whether Fisher or Fleetwood is not certain) had engine number 1400233. We know nothing about its first 57 years. It was sold as Lot Number 696 at the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction at Scottsdale, Arizona on New Year's Day, 1989, and its exterior color was described as "MAROON/GREY/WHITE." The Barrett-Jackson website gives no more information than that. After the auction, the car appears to have migrated to Switzerland and to have remained there in quiet storage for something over 30 years.



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In late Summer of 2022, the town coupe with engine number 1400233 emerged briefly on the website of an auction company in Toffen, Switzerland ([Oldtimer Galerie Toffen](#)). It was to be sold at an October 15 auction, and several photographs were posted on the website. The write-up in the auction catalog had little to say about the car's history beyond its removal to Switzerland and long-term dry storage. The accompanying photographs showed a car with maroon moldings and wheels, grey fenders and spare tire covers, and white body, all consistent with the Barrett-Jackson description from 1989. When November 2022 rolled around, the Oldtimer Galerie removed the car's description and photos from its website (along with an advertisement on the *Hemmings Motor News* website), but the auction catalog remained accessible.

Meanwhile, the December 2022 print edition of *Hemmings Motor News* carried a picture ad for the 1932 town coupe, without an asking price, but giving a phone number and Oldtimer Galerie's email address.

What we know is that the car has survived to the present, has been well taken care of, and probably continues to reside in Europe. Maybe we'll learn more about it in the future.





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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**NEW ARRIVAL 1928 LaSalle Model 303 Cabriolet** – CLC Senior Car #1 awarded in 1985 at Grand National in Valley Forge, PA – 27,480 original miles, mostly accumulated during The Great Depression when the running-gear was employed to run a sawmill for earning money by cutting cord-wood – As a result, brake linkages, gear shift mechanism, clutch and transmission show no wear – Only two owners in its 90+ year history, with restoration completed by current owners – Engine was rebuilt with black-iron compression rings and new valves and springs – Babbitt rod and main bearings were measured to within specifications – Carburetor was rebuilt with a new float and leather accelerator pump piston – Rebuilt water pump and vacuum tank rebuilt with new toggle valves, springs and gaskets – Rebuilt distributor with new points and condenser, the advance counter-weight was installed – Oil filter canister has Purolator filter hidden inside and new Robertshaw bellows, thermostat installed in the radiator – No more than 1,600 miles have accumulated in the past 35 years since its restoration, including for Harrah's sponsored run from Philadelphia to Atlantic City and back, with the LaSalle performing flawlessly – Seats are finished in burnt orange Bridge of Weir leather and top is Haartz cloth – All castings (side-mirror stanchions, parking light brackets, windshield shade brackets, bumper guards, sector gear, carburetor and mount, headlight stanchions and oval head screws and dashboard and headlight control handles were machined by owner) are cast of red-bronze and all chrome plating was done by Harry Martin Inc. of Philadelphia – Finish on the panel below the back window is crazed, including the rear sides (back of fender wells) and the back of the panel below the rumble-seat door – According to DuPont Paint Systems, the painter used an inferior thinner instead of the more costly and compatible DuPont 3602S product which we had provided – Painter confessed that rather than opening the five-gallon 3602S that we had provided for him to finish the painting, he decided to use leftover thinner (Brand-X) from a production job – Those areas need to be repainted and the price has been reduced accordingly – 35 years since its restoration and the LaSalle continues to be heralded as 'the favorite car' at many events – In addition to the CLC Senior Award, it has won an AACA National First Award, CCCA National 2nd Place and numerous first place awards in the Mid-Atlantic states – Recognized in the Radnor Hunt Concours d' Elegance Invitational and featured in the CCCA's book titled "Classic Car - The Ultimate Book About the World's Grandest Automobiles," pages 298 and 299, edited by Beverly Rae Kimes – [See pictures](#) – **\$64,700 obo** – Payment must be made in CASH, Cashier's Check or Bank Transfer – Buyer MUST make all transport arrangements – Sellers will meet the transporters for pickup, but cannot physically assist with the move – For more information, contact Wes Waters at 610-449-0781 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Havertown, PA



**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 overheating – 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





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**1954 Cadillac Coupe Deville** – 77k miles – Authentic restoration completed – Numbers matching to frame – Body stripped down to bare metal and painted the original colors of 16 Apollo Gold with black top – Painted base coat / clear coat in 2012 and still looks great – All exterior stainless was buffed and the rear bumper and hood goddess ornament were re-chromed – Engine was rebuilt and detailed in 2017 as well as the Hydramatic transmission – Runs great – NOS fuel pump and rebuilt water pump installed – Radiator was pressure tested and painted – New front end wiring harness was installed in 2020 – Starter and generator rebuilt – Recently installed new period correct battery – Interior was redone in vinyl and original cloth material purchased at SMS interiors – Reupholstered in trim code 67, light green Crest cloth with dark green vinyl not leather – Looks great and incredibly durable – New headliner from SMS installed and looks great, as well as the sun visors – Door panels were restored to original condition – New interior carpet was installed – Original Wonderbar radio was converted to AM/FM (would never know it was FM) – Original factory vacuum antenna rebuilt and works off engine vacuum – Autronic Eye was rebuilt a while ago does not work but looks great on dash – Power windows, power seat, power steering, power brakes and fog lights – All dash gauges and lights work – Even the clock works and keeps perfect time – Trunk was detailed with the correct material as well as the body bolts and correct spring that holds down the factory correct jack – Nice spare tire in trunk, along with decal for changing the tires – Light in trunk works – Tires are new period correct 8:00 x 15 Coker Classics with '54 Cadillac wire hubcaps in beautiful shape – New period correct shocks just installed in 2021 – Four new wheel cylinders, treadle vacuum brake booster and brake shoes installed – Many awards won including Third Place in Primary Class at 2013 CLC Grand National in Massachusetts and First Place at Lime Rock Concours – Not a perfect car but a very nice presentable classic – Recently used in the movie Pep about Willie Pep the prizefighter – Selling with a heavy heart, as I am restoring another car and need the space – Not many 1954 Cadillacs restored to this level of originality, per the 1954 Cadillac Authenticity Manual – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$45,000 obo** – For more info, contact Gary DellaVecchio at 203-870-5248 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Oxford, CT



**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



**1990 Cadillac Sedan Deville** – 24k miles – Pristine original condition – Garage kept in Texas until 2016, where it was only driven to church three times a week, 30 miles a day – New tires and battery – Recently replaced spark plugs, oil pan gasket, transmission fluid and transmission pan gasket – Flushed radiator and fluid lines – Windows were tinted when purchased from original owner – Clean Carfax (available upon request) – VIN: 1G6CD5336L4361589 – [See pictures](#) – **\$9,999** – For more info, contact Barbaros at 937-304-1084 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Massanutten, VA



**NEW ARRIVAL 1999 Cadillac Sedan Deville D'Elegance** – 77,000 miles – Two owners – Purchased in 2001 from Miller Chevrolet in Ellicott City, MD – Since then garage kept and regularly driven and maintained – Quite clean with little to no rust anywhere, including the undercarriage – No rips or tears in the leather seats – 225/60R16 tires have a DOT date code of 4911 (49th week in the year 2011) – [See pictures](#) – **\$5,200 obo** – For more info, contact Guy Allen at 301-404-8222 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Ellicott City, MD



**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](#) – **Reduced to \$12,500** – For more info, contact Karen at 724-388-1989 or [send email](#) – Car is being stored in Frederick, MD



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**2006 Cadillac DTS Luxury II** – 59,870 miles – White Lightning Pearl exterior (one-year-only color) with Cashmere (not Shale) leather interior – 4.6L V-8 cylinder engine w/4-speed auto trans – Highlighted features include automatic temperature control, emergency communication system, front dual zone A/C, auto-dimming rearview mirror, high-intensity discharge headlights, perimeter/steer/approach lights, remote keyless entry, power moon roof, chrome wheels, GPS navigation and much more – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$17,500** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at 610-836-8200 or [make inquiry](#) – Car is located in West Chester, PA

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**2017 Cadillac XT5 Premium Luxury AWD** – 48,899 miles – Cadillac Certified until 100k miles or 2/20/2023 – 3.6L V-6 cylinder engine w/8-speed auto trans – Radiant Silver Metallic exterior w/Jet Black leather interior – Highlighted features include navigation system, blind spot sensor, lane departure, automatic temperature control, emergency communication system, power moon roof, wireless phone connectivity and much more – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$31,995** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at 610-836-8200 or [make inquiry](#) – Car is located in West Chester, PA



**2019 Cadillac Escalade Luxury 4WD Sport Edition** – 36,487 miles – Cadillac Certified until 100k miles or 5/30/2025 – 6.2L V-8 cylinder engine w/10-speed auto trans – Black Raven exterior with Jet Black leather interior – Highlighted features include navigation system, lane departure, automatic temperature control, emergency communication system, power moon roof, wireless phone connectivity and parking sensors and much more – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$66,500** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at 610-836-8200 or [make inquiry](#) – Car is located in West Chester, PA

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