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JoJo and I are happy to announce that the Potomac Region's Annual Summer Picnic will be held at our home in Owings, MD on Saturday, August 12 from 1:00-6:00 pm. Due to the increased cost of food, the region has increased the price per person to \$20.00, with the club subsidizing the rest. The flyer with directions and RSVP instructions will be published in the June issue.



We are only one week away from our Annual Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Sport Cadillac on Sunday, May 7. Thanks to everyone who pre-registered and/or made donations to the auction. Day-of-show registrations and drop off items are welcomed, so it's not too late to check your garage, basement, storage facility, etc. to see what you can donate to the auction.

To get everyone excited for the show, check out the story in this issue on the long-lost photos from 2002-03 Capitol Cadillac car shows that have recently been posted on our website. Thanks to the late Ray Lustig for taking those historical photos and new member Gary Cameron for saving them.

On a sad note, long-standing Potomac Region member Vicky Barruzza of Bensalem, PA recently passed away. She and her late husband, Mike, were regular attendees at our Capitol Cadillac car shows over the years. We send our condolences to her family.

Hope to see everyone at Sport Cadillac on Sunday, May 7.

Dan Ruby



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IN MEMORIAM: VICKY BARRUZZA BY THE GALZERANO FUNERAL HOME AND VINCE TALIANO



It is with great sadness we inform everyone that Vicky Barruzza of Bensalem, PA passed away on April 3, 2023, at age 70. She and her late husband, Mike, were long-time Potomac Region members, in addition to being members and leaders of the Valley Forge Region in Pennsylvania, where they lived. For the 2017 Grand National held in McLean, VA, Vicky managed the manufacture and sale of custom polo shirts with the event logo. In 2007, Vicky & Mike attended the Region's Legacy of LaSalle car show at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD with the 1940 LaSalle they were restoring (photo by Sandy Kemper pictured below left).



Vicky was born in Princeton, NJ, and lived in Hightstown, NJ before moving to Hamble, England for a year with her parents. Upon their return to the United States, they resided in Yardley and Morrisville, PA, where she graduated from Pennsbury High School and Bucks County Technical School in 1971.

She was a school bus driver for Pennsbury School District for more than 30 years, a career that she loved. She was also an animal control officer for many years in Lower Makefield Township, also in Bucks County.

In addition to the CLC, Vicky & Mike were also members of the Professional Car Society and

enjoyed driving their cars to meets and events. They also enjoyed traveling together and spending time with their grandchildren.

Vicky is survived by her children, Nicole Thompson (Edmond), David Kennedy (Christine), Ian Kennedy (Stephanie), and Diane McCarthy (John) and her grandchildren, Eddie, Alyssa, Victoria, Denny, Kadence, Colton, Elizabeth, Harley, Connor, Chase, Caitlyn, John, Michael, and Amber, plus her beloved rescue dog Max (pictured above) that she adopted from the Bucks County SPCA in January 2022.

Rest in Peace!



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**APRIL 17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES
BY VINCE TALIANO**

PLACE: IHOP Restaurant, Rockville, MD

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Assistant Region Director Chuck Piel

ATTENDEES: Eleven attendees, including four officers: **Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director), Franklin Gage (Membership Director), Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Vince Taliano (Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager)**, Gary Cameron, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jeff Gurski, Sandy Kemper, Barry Leese, Dan Mullane and Scott Patton

DIRECTOR’S REMARKS: Chuck Piel thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We send our condolences to the family of Vicky Barruzza on her recent passing. She and her late husband, Mike, were long-time Potomac Region members, in addition to being members and leaders of the Valley Forge Region in Pennsylvania, where they lived. Chuck welcomed new member Gary Cameron of Silver Spring, MD to his first meeting. Gary introduced himself and described his [1992 Eldorado](#) that he purchased from the Bring-A-Trailer online auction site. Chuck also introduced new/old member Barry Lease, who was attending his first meeting in many years.

SECRETARY’S REMARKS: The minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed since they were published and distributed to all members in the April 2023 newsletter.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the last meeting. Total revenue was \$492.36 and total expense of \$1,236.51 for the period, resulting in a net loss of **(\$744.15)**. Most of the revenue and expenses were car show related.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Franklin Gage announced that we have 164 members currently for 2023. Welcome to our newest ones: Karl Schwarz, Centreville, VA, 1963 Series 62 Convertible; Morgan Yeh, Chantilly, VA, 1992 Brougham; Frank Sherrill, Reston, VA, 2014 CTS-V; and Roger Sirk, Woodbine, MD, 1991 Sedan Deville.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

• **Upcoming Events:**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
May 6 Sat Rain Date May 7	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region Picnic and Open House See flyer	Amendola’s Home Southampton, NJ	Jack or Nancy Hotz at send email , send email or 856-429-0641
May 6 Sat Rain Date May 7	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	The Golden Gears Car Club 50th Anniversary Celebration Car Show See flyer	at Home – The Home Décor Superstore Frederick, MD	Send email
May 7 Sun Rain Date May 21	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	31st Annual CLC Potomac Region Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction See flyer	Sport Cadillac Silver Spring, MD	Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115 or send email
May 17-20 Wed-Sat	Various	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals See flyer	Wyndham Gettysburg, PA	Sue Gingrich at 717-525-475



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May 20 Sat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	17th Annual Spring BOPC Car Show presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club See flyer	West Goshen Community Park West Chester, PA	Visit website
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- **31st Annual Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sport Cadillac, Silver Spring, MD, Sunday, May 7.** To date, 16 cars have pre-registered for the show. The pre-registration deadline is Saturday, April 29. We encourage everyone who plans to show or display a car to do so; it saves them \$5.00 and decreases paperwork on the day of the show. Sunday, May 21 has been selected as a rain date, in case one is needed.

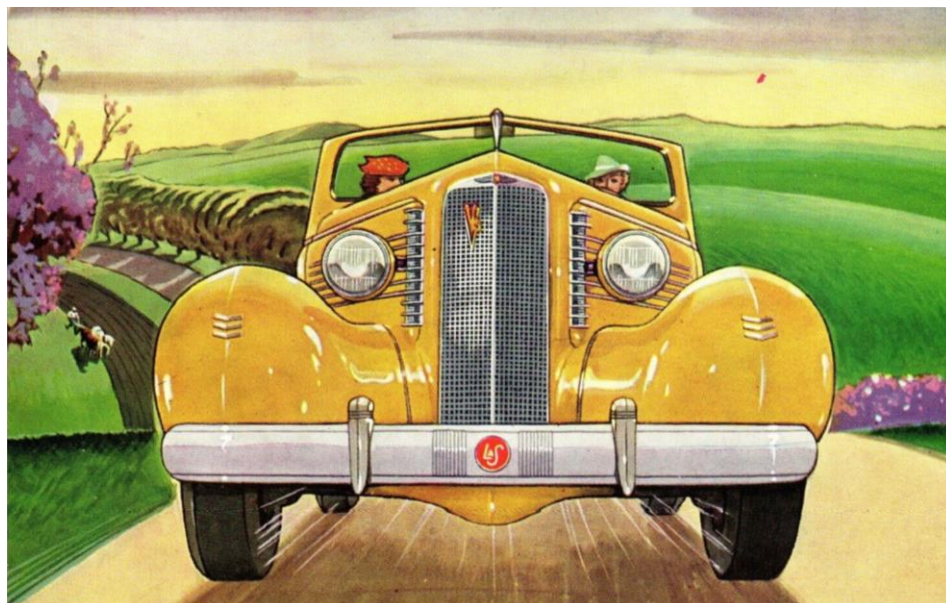
Again, thanks to donations already received from [B'Laster Products](#), the [Hank Williams Museum](#), and members Noralee Frankel, Rick Mahan, Rick Menz, Rev. Nick Ferrantino (since the last meeting Nick has donated a second box of rare Cadillac books) plus others. In addition, thanks to Gary Cameron who has donated his services to do one photo shoot of a classic car. Gary is a semi-retired professional photographer who did a lot of photography for Collectible Automobile Magazine - a quarterly publication specializing in classic cars. This service is normally priced at \$600.00. Visit [Gary's website](#) for more info and [see an example shoot](#) he did of a '53 Buick Skylark. If others have donations, please contact Dan Ruby for pick up arrangements or bring them to the show.

Volunteers are still needed to help. Contact Chuck Piel for more information.

- See May newsletter or [visit website](#) for a full list of events.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.





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May 7 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	31st Annual CLC Potomac Region Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction See flyer	Sport Cadillac Silver Spring, MD	Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115 or send email
May 15 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield, VA	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or send email
May 17-20 Wed-Sat	Various	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals See flyer	Wyndham Gettysburg, PA	Sue Gingrich at 717-525-4759 or send email
May 20 Sat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	17th Annual Spring BOPC Car Show presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club See flyer	West Goshen Community Park West Chester, PA	Visit website
Jun 10 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	The Royal GTOs and Pontiacs Car Show	Lincoln Tech Columbia, MD	Visit website
Jun 18 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	48th 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 20-24 Wed-Sat	Various	CLC Grand National hosted by the New Mexico Region See flyer	Marriott Pyramid North Albuquerque, NM	Cynthia Rutledge at 303-673-0011 or send email
Jul 4 Tue	Line up at 10:30 am	Annual Independence Day Parade See flyer	Morningside, MD	Town Hall at 301-736-2300
Jul 30 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	19th 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 5 Sat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	48th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club/Capitol City Rockets Oldsmobile Club All- GM Show	Eagle Ridge Middle School Ashburn, VA	Joe Padavano at 703-927-9196 or send email
Aug 12 Sat	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Potomac Region Summer Picnic	Dan & JoJo Ruby's Owings, MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or send email
Aug 20 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Third Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show	AACA Museum Hershey, PA	Michael Stinson at 267-251-8588 or send email
Sep 16 Sat	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	47th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet hosted by the AACA Bull Run Region See flyer	Manasseh Lodge Manassas, VA	Gene Gilkey at 703-830-5313 or Randy Higgins at 703-853-2235
Sep 22-24 Fri-Sun		CLCMRC Cadillac Fall Festival	Gilmore Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Visit website
Sep 27- Oct 1 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855 or Visit website
Oct 3-6 Tue-Fri	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey, PA	Visit website
Oct 14 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show	Rockville Civic Center Rockville, MD	240-314-5022 or Visit website



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**31st Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction
Sunday, May 7, 2023
Rain Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Car Registration:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please read the Car Show Rules
on the following page

Car Show Hours:

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Awards presented at 3:00 pm

Sport Cadillac

3101 Automobile Blvd.

Silver Spring, MD

301-800-7827



LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

From Northern Virginia (I-495/I-270)

- Take I-495 N / Capital Beltway N
- Keep left to get onto I-270 N / Dwight D Eisenhower Hwy N
- At Exit 9A-B, head right on the ramp for I-370 toward Metro Station
- Keep straight to get onto MD-200 E / Intercounty Connector E
- At Exit 17, head right on the ramp toward Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Turn right onto Briggs Chaney Rd., then immediately turn right onto Automobile Blvd.

From Baltimore (I-95)

- Take I-95 S
- At Exit 31B, head on the ramp right and follow signs for MD-200 W
- At Exit 17, take ramp right and follow signs for Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Bear right onto Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Turn left onto Automobile Blvd.

From Greenbelt (I-495/I-95)

Take I-495 N / I-95 N

- Keep right to stay on I-95 N
- At Exit 31-32-33, head right on the ramp for MD-200 W / Intercounty Connector W toward Konterra Dr.
- At Exit 17, head on the ramp right and follow signs for Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Bear right onto Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Turn left onto Automobile Blvd.



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31st Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction Sunday, May 7, 2023 Rain Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023

Car Show Rules

- **Rain Date:** Sunday, May 21, 2023, is the rain date for this show. If inclement weather causes a postponement or cancellation, an email will be sent to all pre-registered attendees (email address required on registration form) and Potomac Region members. In addition, an announcement will be posted on the club's website. **Rules of participation will be subject to any COVID-related restrictions by the county or dealership, if any, in effect on the show date.**
- **Safety:** If a vehicle has fluid drips or leaks, the owner must bring absorbent material or drip pans to avoid slippery conditions and to protect the show field parking lot. **The Potomac Region reserves the right to prevent any cars with excessive fluid leaks from entering the show field.** It is recommended that a working fire extinguisher be in every vehicle.
- **Judging / Parking Rules:** The Potomac Region reserves the right 1) to determine each vehicle's judging class and 2) placement in the show field. Vehicles will be peer judged by the individual owners of the registered cars, including their own. Awards will be given to winning vehicles in each class. Trailer parking is available.
- **Food and Drink:** A food vendor will be on-site. All participants and guests are responsible for their own food and beverages.
- **Chairs:** All participants and guests are responsible for bringing their own chairs.

Car Show Registration Form

Judging Classes	Other Awards
Class A: 1903-1942 Cadillac/LaSalle Class B: 1946-1964 Cadillac Class C: 1965-1976 Cadillac Class D: 1977-1985 Cadillac Class E: 1985-1999 Cadillac Class F: 2000-Present Cadillac Class G: Display Only	Best of Show – Early (1970 or earlier) Best of Show – Late (1971 or later) Best Professional Car Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) Ladies' Choice Henry Ruby Memorial Dealer's Choice
A vehicle receiving any "Best of" award will not be eligible to receive an award in its respective judging class.	

Registration Form

Make checks payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and U.S. mail with completed registration form to:
 Bill Hilliard, Treasurer
 12602 Eldrid Ct.
 Silver Spring, MD 20904-3505

Name(s): _____ Total Number Attending: _____

Address: _____ Email Address (required): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle Registration Fee: (up until April 29: \$20/per car, after April 29 including day of show: \$25/per car)

Circle Make: CAD LAS Year: _____ Class: _____ Model: _____

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Check box if you do not want your vehicle judged for awards / display only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
 Chuck Piel, Assistant Regional Director
 240-888-5115
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ESTATE OF MARK SMITH AUCTION BY GOODING & COMPANY

On Friday, April 7, Gooding & Company conducted the [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#) at Mark's very own Midland Motors Museum in Lynchburg, VA. A truly one-of-a-kind man and collector, Mark was born in upstate New York in 1952. With a deep love for automobiles and all things antique, Mark cultivated a keen eye for quality, prizing objects of rarity, historical significance, and excellence. Throughout his lifetime, he relentlessly chased hidden treasures, and particularly favored original Classic Era cars for his collection. He owned a great assortment of automobiles, from Brass Era antiques, American Classics, postwar sports cars, and great European classics. He largely preferred unrestored originals and well-kept early automobiles to gleaming show cars. As his car collection expanded into the hundreds, he acquired several buildings in historic downtown Lynchburg to house his extraordinary automotive treasures. This included Midland Motors, a former Chrysler dealership that was transformed into a showcase for his most prized possessions.

"Mark Smith was one of the most knowledgeable and passionate enthusiasts our industry has ever known, and I had the great pleasure of personally knowing him throughout my career in the collector car world," said Gooding & Company President and Founder, David Gooding. "A brilliant and refined collector, Mark put together an incredible and varied collection of primarily unrestored prewar American and European treasures, which he often acquired after years of research and persistence. A collector through and through, Mark greatly prized his greatest automotive finds, most of which are on offer here at the Estate of Mark Smith Auction."

The five Cadillacs and LaSalle's below were among the 86 vehicles sold at the auction.



2023 | [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#)

1910 Cadillac Model 30 Four-Passenger Demi-Tonneau
SOLD | \$69,440



2023 | [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#)

1913 Cadillac Model 30 Custom Pickup
SOLD | \$78,400



2023 | [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#)

1915 Cadillac Model 51 Roadster
SOLD | \$51,520



2023 | [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#)

1934 LaSalle Series 350 Convertible Coupe
SOLD | \$53,760



2023 | [Estate of Mark Smith Auction](#)

1934 LaSalle Series 350 Coupe
SOLD | \$49,280

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20 YEARS AGO: PICTURES FROM CAPITOL CADILLAC BY GARY CAMERON PHOTOS BY RAY LUSTIG

While cleaning out the home of my deceased friend and former co-worker at **The Washington Post**, photographer Ray Lustig, I came across sheets of color negative film from the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 Capitol Cadillac car shows. Ray was an excellent automotive photographer, so I contacted fellow Region member Sandy Kemper and asked him if the club would want them for their archives. He contacted Vince Taliano, who manages the club website that has over 3,000 pictures from over 20 years of events. His reply was, "Absolutely!" The sheets of negatives were given to Vince at the April meeting and then taken to Image Ace in Gaithersburg, MD for conversion into digital images. Enjoy some of the likely never-before-seen images below.





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To see more pictures, visit [2002 Fall Car Show](#) and [2003 Spring Car Show](#).

[Editor's Note: Thanks to Ray for taking and Gary for saving these historical photos. They are the only ones available on the Region's website from those two shows. Do you have any photos from Potomac Region car shows from 2003 or earlier? If so, please contact Vince Taliano at vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org.]

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ANSWERS TO THE MOVIE QUIZ: MY ONE AND ONLY

STARRING RENÉE ZELLWEGER, KEVIN BACON, LOGAN LERMAN AND OTHERS

BY LARRY GOOD

The results are in. We can all exhale. The winners of the April Fool's quiz on **My One and Only** are Lisa & Dick Jokiel of Douglassville, PA. They are married, so their entry counts as one.

WARNING: Some readers may find the following material to be offensive, irreverent and not funny. Sorry, but it was an April Fool's piece with no apologies for bad humor.

To know what we are talking about, see the quiz in the [previous issue](#) of the **Caddie Chronicle**.

Here we go.

1. What was the hero car in **My One and Only**?

Correct answer: b) 1953 Cadillac Eldorado

Lisa's comment: It had to be a model like yours, otherwise you wouldn't have written the quiz!



Larry's comments: Lisa has a 'Good' point. My trick answer didn't get past the editorial board: g) 1973 Ford Pinto. I thought that that would fool everybody, but this is a Cadillac publication.

2. How did the director (Richard Loncraine) have the tires and wheels changed on the hero car?

Correct answer: e) Replaced spokes with solid wheels

Larry's comments: Among the multiple ridiculous choices here, answer (a) Painted the whitewall tires black, is not without precedent. I did that with another car of mine in another movie last year, but director Loncraine was not so imaginative in **My One and Only**.

3. Why did he bother having the wheels changed?

Correct answer: b) Looked like they were spinning backwards

Larry's comments: Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, but my brother and I think that the optical illusion of spokes spinning backward at speed is super cool. Why would any director think otherwise? This is like airing bloopers at the end of a movie. The editorial board took out the last multiple choice on this question: h) Because he had a moral objection to square wheels. I wanted to see who would fall for that one.



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4. To save money, which city was used for filming in place of three others?

Correct answer: a) Baltimore for Boston, New York, and Pittsburgh

Comment: Dick and Lisa cheated and looked up this answer. Well done! Cheating was encouraged in the quiz rules.

Larry's comments: If readers had memorized back issues of the **Caddie Chronicle**, they would have known the answer, clearly spelled out in the [October 2009](#) issue.

5. What did the director do when Renée Zellweger couldn't drive the hero car at 80 mph?

Correct answer: d) Replaced her with a mechanic in drag

Lisa's comment: You want someone who knows what they're doing.

Editor's comments: The scenes were shot from enough distance that the audience couldn't tell the difference. That is often the case when stunt doubles are used, except for many of the fight scenes from the original **Star Trek** episodes, where Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock's doubles are clearly visible.

6. What color did the light blue hero car used to be before the movie?

Most correct answer: b) Another light blue

Alternate correct answer: g) White with white polka dots

Larry's comments: Ross Morgan's Eldorado #87 was originally color 28, Azure Blue. Marc Tuwiner's Eldorado #529 was originally color 27, Alpine White. If Marc's had polka dots, we couldn't see them because they were also color 27, Alpine White, so we'll never know if this ridiculous answer is true. Anyway, for the movie both cars were painted a shade of blue lighter than Cadillac color 28 simply because that's what the director wanted.

7. Why did the director remove the windshield from the car?

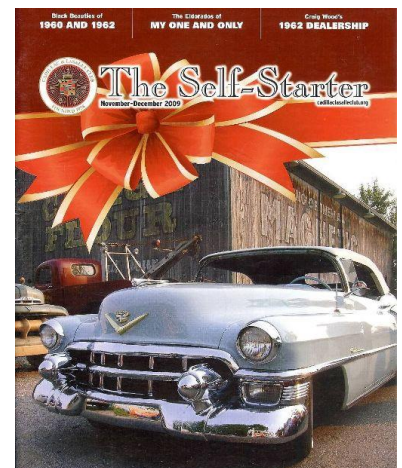
Correct answer: c) Clarify the view

Larry's comments: Although a windshield did break upon removal, that was not the objective. The front cover of **The Self-Starter** pictured on the right shows Marc's Eldorado without its windshield.

8. How did Anne Devereaux finally dispose of her car in the plot?

Correct answer: c) Sold it (for profit or loss?) to a dealer

Larry's comments: The plot would have been far more interesting for the CLC audience if the owner had sold the Eldorado for profit to a collector, but she was desperate for money at that point in the trip. A dealer got it, and the Devereaux family wound up on foot with cash in their pockets.





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9. Why was Anne arrested in the movie?

Correct answer: d) Soliciting

Larry's comments: Renée Zellweger's script had her talking to a stranger in a bar like maybe, just maybe, she was practicing the oldest profession and soliciting business. Then the stranger flashed his badge and handcuffed her. What was he thinking!

10. What role did Kevin Bacon play in the movie?

Most correct answer: h) Some of the above

Alternate correct answers: a) Jazz musician, c) Deadbeat father or e) Womanizer

Lisa's comment: We really enjoyed all the Kevin answers (Costner, Spacey, Good), with (f) being the best one!

Larry's comments: Kevin Good (f) is my son, also in the movie business, not disgraced, awaiting his nomination. Bacon's Danny Devereaux was a colorful character in the movie. He was all of the things listed above and more. Answer (h) is comprehensive.

BONUS QUESTION: How can you tell the difference between the alternate hero cars with bodies #87 and #529?

Correct answer: d) One car has option U (Autronic Eye headlight dimmer), but the other does not

Larry's comments: By all appearances, the two cars are identical, even down to their inverted upholstery color pattern, but with one exception: Autronic Eye. Compare their dashboards below.



Eldorado #87 with Autronic Eye



Eldorado #529 with no Autronic Eye



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By now it should be intuitively obvious to the most casual observer that this quiz was a bit shallow, not ready for prime-time scholars. Since much of the quiz was ambiguous, everybody give yourselves 100%. Since the Jokiels were first to turn in their completed test, they won the movie DVD prize. For readers with no sense of humor, attached you may find an application for membership in the Trabant Owners' Club. (Just kidding... again)

FYI: The Jokiels at first got a 70% grade on the quiz, which of course was bumped up to 100% by applying our CLC curve hammer.

Congratulations Lisa & Dick!



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**1978 CADILLAC ELDORADO KEPT IN STORAGE SINCE NEW
GETS FIRST WASH IN 45 YEARS
BY CIPRIAN FLOREA, [AUTO EVOLUTION](#)
PHOTOS BY [AMMO NYC](#)
MARCH 13, 2023**

When talking about classic cars that spent more than 40 years in storage, we usually think about derelict vehicles that are too rotten to save. While that may be the case with most barn finds that emerge after four decades, this 1978 Cadillac Eldorado is a different story. Because even though it spent a whopping 45 years off the road, it's been stored in proper conditions.



And yes, that's not a mistake: 1978 plus 45 equals 2023. This Cadillac has been in storage since it was new and was only driven, according to the odometer, for only 209 miles (336 km). Why would someone keep a brand-new car in storage for so long? Well, we don't get the story behind it, but the owner finally decided it's time to let it go and commissioned the folks over at YouTube's [AMMO NYC](#) to give it a full detailing.



Unlike most cars that have been parked for almost a half-century, this Cadillac is not only still in one piece, but also in relatively excellent condition. And I say "relatively" because there is some corrosion here and there and the leather upholstery is a bit weathered in places, but it's as close to showroom condition as they get. Especially when our host is done cleaning and detailing everything inside and out.



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However, the Eldorado did arrive at the shop with a bigger issue hidden under the hood. While the car was kept safe from the elements, the garage wasn't enough to prevent animals from getting under the hood. And while rats usually take refuge in the engine bay, this Cadillac was home to a cat for some time. It might not seem all that bad since cats aren't likely to chew through wires and hoses, but it turns out the feline has been using the engine as a potty and the urine left both oxidation and a foul odor behind.

Thankfully enough, the damage isn't all that bad and our host managed to clean everything up and get rid of the smell. Granted, this engine will not fire up on its own after 45 years without a sip of gasoline, but at least now it's ready for a proper inspection and revival.

What exactly is under the hood you ask? Well, 1978 was the final model year for the ninth-generation Eldorado and the luxury coupe came with a 425-cubic-inch (7.0-liter) V8 engine at the time. The mill replaced the even larger 500-cubic-inch (8.2-liter) V8 in 1977. Don't let the big displacement fool you though, it was the 'Malaise Era' and the mill delivered only 180 horsepower and the massive two-door needed more than 10 seconds to hit 60 mph (97 kph) from a standing start.

But even so, this Eldorado is one of the fanciest land yachts from the late 1970s and definitely a looker compared to the tenth-gen version that followed. The [first-wash video](#) is also a good tutorial on how to clean various materials, including vinyl, so go ahead and watch it for a very satisfying process with a tremendous result.



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Cars For Sale



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 lotus – All fittings (side-mirror stanchions, parking light brackets, windshield shade brackets, fender guards, sector gear, carburetor and mount, headlight stanchions and valve lead screws and dashboard and headlight control handles were machined by own – Wheel covers 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

SOLD



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](#) – **Reduced to \$28,000 obo** – 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



1956 Cadillac Eldorado Seville – 68,020 actual miles – Factory original colors of Mountain Laurel with black Vicodec top – Black and white full leather interior – Original black carpeting with chrome inserts unique to the Eldorado – 305 horsepower 365 C.I. V8 with dual four-barrel carburetors, correct gold-colored "batwing" air cleaner, and dual exhausts – Equipment includes chrome Sabre Spoke wheels, power windows, six-way power seat, push-button signal-seeking radio with power antenna, E-Z-eye glass, heater, power trunk release and Autronic Eye headlight dimmer – Tires are correct 8.20-15 B.F. Goodrich Silvertown bias-ply whitewall tires with a full-size spare mounted in the trunk – Car still has T-3 headlights – Outstanding condition in every respect -- paint, top, chrome, interior, undercarriage, engine compartment and trunk compartment. No rust or rust repairs – Runs and drives as great as it looks – Car is said to have been owned previously by actress Merrie Lynn Ross, although not documented – The Eldorado Seville was offered for five model years, 1956 through 1960, at the same price as the Hertz convertible – Owned by a long-time Cadillac & LaSalle Club member, this is an exceptionally beautiful and authentic example of the first year of this iconic body style. The cowl tag decodes as follows:

SOLD

- * Style No. 56-6237SDX – Eldorado Seville Coupe
- * Body No. F W 3605 – Body sequence number
- * Trim No. 10 – Black and white leather
- * Paint No. 46 – Mountain Laurel
- * Top 2 – Black roof
- * ACC E – E-Z Eye glass
- * H – Heater
- * S – Remote control trunk lock

\$55,900 – [See pictures and contact info](#) – Car is located in West Springfield, MA



NEW ARRIVAL 1963 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible – Same owner for the past 30+ years – 85,000 miles – Palomino Iridescent exterior (code 47) with black leather interior and tan top – Runs pretty good but needs some TLC – Original condition with no known major issues – [See pictures](#) – **\$19,500** – For more info, contact Randy Hart at 443-205-0296 or [send email](#) – Located in Baltimore County, MD



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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](#) – **Reduced to \$8,999** – For more info, contact Barbaros at 937-304-1084 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Massanutten, VA



2017 Cadillac XT5 Premium Luxury AWD – 48,899 miles – 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 \$28,995** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at 610-836-8200 or [make inquiry](#) – Car is located in West Chester, PA

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