



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle June 2023**



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Thanks to everyone for making the Sport Cadillac Car Show and Automobilia Auction on Sunday, May 7 one for the record books. It started with Gibbs Fogarty and Sport Cadillac (thank you!) agreeing to host the show for the third time and promoting it to their customers. Then, invitations were sent by the region to local chapters of the Cadillac-V Club and the Professional Car Society, respectively, in addition to recipients of the ***Caddie Chronicle***. As a result, the largest number of cars (approx. 50) were on-site at a Sport Cadillac show to date, with many of them winning awards (pictured above is Emcee Sandy Kemper hosting the Awards Ceremony, photo by [Gary Cameron](#)).

Advance promotion of the Automobilia Auction led to some great donations being received before and during the day of the show. See full coverage and photos of the show and auction in this issue, including a reunion that happened but didn't become apparent until after the day was over.

Also in this issue is the flyer for the Potomac Region's Annual Summer Picnic that will be held at our home in Owings, MD on Saturday, August 12 from 1:00-6:00 pm. As mentioned last month, the region has increased the price per person to \$20.00, with the club subsidizing the rest. Please see the RSVP instructions.

*Dan Ruby*



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## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

#### **June 2023**



#### **MAY 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO**

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

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

**PRESIDING:** Region Director Dan Ruby

**ATTENDEES:** Nine attendees, including four officers: **Dan Ruby (Region Director)**, **Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director)**, **Bill Hilliard (Treasurer)**, **Vince Taliano (Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager)**, Jeff Gurski, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton, Harry Scott and Morgan Yeh

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Dan Ruby thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed new member Morgan Yeh of Chantilly, VA to his first meeting. Morgan (pictured right with his family) introduced himself and described his [1992 Brougham d'Elegance](#) that he purchased from Specialty Motor Cars in New Hampshire. Also, get well soon wishes were expressed for Randy Denchfield, as he recovers from an illness.



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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the last meeting. Total revenue was \$2,588.41 and total expense of \$1,006.91 for the period, resulting in a net profit of \$1,581.50. Most of the revenue and expenses were car show related.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Dan Ruby announced that we have 167 members currently for 2023. Welcome to our newest member Daniel Coates of Gaithersburg, MD, 1973 Eldorado Convertible.

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

- **31st Annual Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sport Cadillac, Silver Spring, MD, Sunday, May 7.** Approximately 50 cars were in attendance from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, resulting in the biggest show to date at Sport Cadillac. Thanks to the vehicle owners who attended, Sport Cadillac Owner Gibbs Fogarty for his generosity and hospitality and Associate Frank Taylor for his assistance. In addition to the show, the Automobilia Auction was a big success. Thanks to the donors and bidders. Finally, thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the show a success. A full report will appear in the June newsletter.

• **Upcoming Events:**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Jun 10 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	The Royal GTOs and Pontiacs Car Show	Lincoln Tech Columbia, MD	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Jun 18 Sun	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	48th Annual Father's Day Antique and Classic Car Show <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Sully Plantation Chantilly, VA	John Dougherty at 703-971-8033 or <a href="#">send email</a>





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Jun 20-24 Wed-Sat	Various	CLC Grand National hosted by the New Mexico Region <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Marriott Pyramid North Albuquerque, NM	Cynthia Rutledge at 303-673-0011 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Jul 4 Tue	Line up at 10:30 am	Annual Independence Day Parade <a href="#">See flyer</a>	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 <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown, MD	Mike Natale at 443-465-7492 or <a href="#">send email</a>
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 <a href="#">send email</a>
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 <a href="#">send email</a>
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 <a href="#">send email</a>
Sep 16 Sat	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	47th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet hosted by the AACA Bull Run Region <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Manassah 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	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
Sep 27- Oct 1 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855 or <a href="#">Visit website</a>
Oct 3-6 Tue-Fri	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey, PA	<a href="#">Visit website</a>
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 <a href="#">Visit website</a>

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

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Jeff Gurski shared a picture of the replica Briggs Cunningham 1950 Cadillac Series 61 "Le Monstre" that he and John Neyhard created. The model is on display at Jeff's home, along with a tribute area to Briggs Cunningham. [Read](#) a great story with photos of this famous race car.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the IHOP Restaurant in Rockville, MD.

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



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**Potomac Region Summer Picnic  
in Scenic Southern Maryland  
Dan & JoJo Ruby's Home  
7018 Wilderness Ct.  
Owings, MD 20736**

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

**1:00–6:00 p.m.**

**301-343-1463**

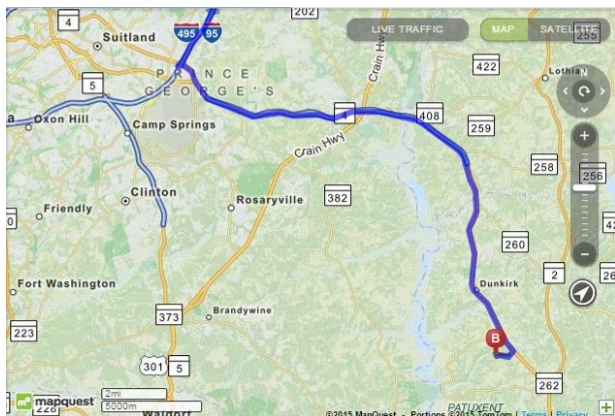
[danruby@clcpotomacregion.org](mailto:danruby@clcpotomacregion.org)



Please drive your Cadillac or LaSalle to the Summer Picnic at the Ruby home. The event will be catered with the Region providing soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. If you have a favorite dessert or beverage you want to share with others, please feel free to bring it.

Also please bring your folding chair(s). There is plenty of room to park your classic Cadillac or LaSalle in the yard.

**DIRECTIONS:** from Capitol Beltway, I-495/I-95, take exit 11A onto MD-4 E toward Upper Marlboro. Continue 19 miles and turn right onto Briscoes Turn Rd. Make first right onto Timberneck Dr. then left on Wilderness Ct.



**Please RSVP (accepts only) by  
Saturday, August 5**

**No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per person = \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**Send RSVP along with check made out to  
CLC Potomac Region to:**

**Bill Hilliard, Treasurer  
12602 Eldrid Ct.  
Silver Spring, MD 20904-3505**

[See pictures](#) from the 2022 picnic.

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**31ST ANNUAL DEALER CAR SHOW AND AUTOMOBILIA AUCTION  
BY VINCE TALIANO  
PHOTOS BY [GARY CAMERON](#), FRANKLIN GAGE, LARRY GOOD,  
JACK MCCLOW, BOB NORRID AND MIKE VEILLEUX**



**Facing the showroom entrance was a 2023 XT5 currently in Sport Cadillac's inventory alongside Chuck & Debbie Piel's 1967 Deville Convertible**

Our 31st Annual Dealer Car Show and Automobilia Auction was held on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at [Sport Cadillac](#) in Silver Spring, MD. Many thanks to Gibbs Fogarty, Sport Cadillac dealer principal, and his staff, particularly Frank Taylor, for supporting our show both financially and by providing use of their beautiful and spacious dealership.



**Constantin Jiga's 1959 Series 62 Coupe and his Cadillac Service sign from Capitol Cadillac**

Sunday, May 7 dawned warm and mostly cloudy, a nice weather scenario for our show. The forecasted rain held off until late in the afternoon after the show was completed, encouraging attendees to drive to Silver Spring from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, including members of the Cadillac-V Club (DMV Chapter) and the Professional Car Society (Mid-Atlantic Chapter). As a result, approximately 50 cars representing model years 1940 to 2023 were in attendance. That's the largest of the three shows held at Sport Cadillac to date!





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**Sandy Kemper's 1959 Coupe Deville**



**Dan Murray's 1957 Eldorado Biarritz**



**Maurice Jones' 1976 Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance    Craig Duerling's 1940 LaSalle Series 5219 Special**



**Gary Cameron's 1992 Eldorado**



**Bill Gibson's 1967 Miller Meteor Combination  
Ambulance / Hearse**





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Thanks to the volunteers, including Gary Cameron, Franklin Gage, Greg Huver, Constantin Jiga, Sandy Kemper, Chuck & Debbie Piel, Dan Ruby, Christopher Winter, Vince Taliano and others, who started arriving on-site by 7:30 AM to prepare for our guests.

Complimentary coffee and donuts were served to the early arrivals while [Mackie's Southern Barbeque](#) of Gaithersburg, MD arrived in time to serve lunch. Attendees especially enjoyed their offerings, as they nearly sold out of food!

Around 10:00 AM, DJ Mike Veilleux of Music Madness kicked off the event with the customary playing of the National Anthem. Not long after that the auction of automotive memorabilia was conducted by Dan Ruby (pictured above in action) and Vince Taliano. Thanks to donations received prior to the show from [B'Laster Products](#), the [Hank Williams Museum](#) and members [Gary Cameron](#), Noralee Frankel, Rick Mahan, Rick Menz, Rev. Nick Ferrantino plus others and those received day-of-show from Mike Carlin, Daniel Jobe, Christopher Winter and others. The variety of items gave the many bidders plenty of choices that led to many sales. Thanks to everyone who purchased items at the auction.

Constantin Jiga sold 50/50 tickets (pictured right selling tickets to Mike Kerwin). During the awards ceremony emceed by Sandy Kemper, Dan Ruby called upon Jeff Gurski to pull the winning ticket, which belonged to Bill Gibson of Burtonsville, MD. He graciously donated money back to the region. Thanks to Constantin for his efforts with the raffle.







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For the first time since shows started at Sport Cadillac during the pandemic, the showroom included two show cars: Harry Scott's 1941 Series 67 Imperial Sedan and Rick Menz's 1959 Series 62 Convertible (pictured below left to right). The two award-winning cars were a sight to behold in the beautiful indoor space.



Meanwhile, the outside show field wrapped around the front of the dealership, as illustrated in the photo below captured by DJ Mike's drone.







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With the weather forecast for the afternoon deteriorating, the judges and tabulators sped up the work, allowing the awards ceremony to start 30 minutes ahead of schedule. Emceed by Sandy Kemper (pictured right), the class awards were announced, and the winners came forward to receive their prize and have their photo taken with the award presenter.



**Left to Right: Dan Ruby, Mike Kerwin, Alyson & Terry Bradford and Jim Hartnett**



**Left to Right: Steve Clay, Christopher Winter, Bill Harrison and Mark E. Brodsky**



**Left to Right: Dan Ruby, John Troy, Frank Sherrill and Bill Gibson**

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The Best of Show and other special awards were presented last and did not disappoint. Best of Show – Early (1970 or earlier) went to Rich Taylor of Philadelphia, PA for his 1947 Series 75 Limousine and Best of Show – Late (1971 or later) was awarded to original owner Maurice Jones of Washington, DC for his 1976 Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance. For this show, a Best Professional Award was added and given to Bill Gibson's 1967 Miller Meteor Combination Ambulance / Hearse from Burtonsville, MD. He could have also won the 'Short Distance Award,' if there was one, for travelling from the neighboring town. Dan Ruby selected Don Pace's 1992 Brougham from Upper Marlboro, MD for the Henry Ruby Memorial Award, honoring Dan's late father and former Potomac Region Car Show Coordinator, and Maia Good presented the Ladies' Choice Award to Dan Murray 1957 Eldorado Biarritz from Washington, DC. When it came time to announce the Dealer's Choice Award, Daniel Jobe, former owner of Capitol Cadillac and sponsor of Potomac Region shows for 30 years, filled in for Gibbs Fogarty, who had to leave early. It was given to Patrick Flaherty of Edgewater, MD for his 1960 Coupe Deville. The last award was for Long Distance and was 'too close to call' between Rich Taylor's 1947 Series 75 Limousine from Philadelphia, PA and Michael Stinson's 1996 Fleetwood Brougham's from Blue Bell, PA. The consensus tiebreaker, suggested by Michael, was the age of the car, which resulted in a win for Rich and his Limo. Thanks to Sport Cadillac and Rick Menz for sponsoring the awards.



Left to Right: Dan Ruby, Rich Taylor and Maurice Jones



Left to Right: Dan Ruby, Don Pace, Maia Good, Dan Murray and Patrick Flaherty





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Below is the full list of winners.

CLASS	1st PLACE WINNER	2nd PLACE WINNER	
<b>CLASS A: 1903-1942 CADILLAC / LASALLE</b>	Craig Duerling 1940 LaSalle Series 5219 Special Cambridge, MD		
<b>CLASS B: 1946-1964 CADILLAC</b>	Bill Harrison 1964 Eldorado Fulton, MD	Steve Clay 1949 Series 62 Club Coupe Glenn Dale, MD	Bob & Kathy Ridolfi 1957 Eldorado Biarritz Dayton, MD
<b>CLASS C: 1965-1976 CADILLAC</b>	Mike Kerwin 1976 Sedan Deville Odenton, MD	Mark E. Brodsky 1970 Deville Convertible Chevy Chase, MD	
<b>CLASS D: 1977-1985 CADILLAC</b>	Terry & Alyson Bradford 1978 Coupe Deville Windsor Mill, MD		
<b>CLASS E: 1986-1999 CADILLAC</b>	Jim Hartnett 1992 Brougham Kensington, MD	Gary Cameron 1992 Eldorado Silver Spring, MD	
<b>CLASS F: 2000-PRESENT CADILLAC</b>	Joe Palmore 2008 XLR Rockville, MD	John Troy 2008 XLR Dillsburg, PA	Frank Sherrill 2014 CTS-V Reston, VA
CLASS	WINNER		
<b>LADIES' CHOICE AWARD</b>	Dan Murray 1957 Eldorado Biarritz Washington, DC		
<b>HENRY RUBY MEMORIAL AWARD</b>	Donald Pace 1992 Brougham Upper Marlboro, MD		
<b>DEALER'S CHOICE AWARD</b>	Patrick Flaherty 1960 Coupe Deville Edgewater, MD		
<b>BEST OF SHOW - EARLY (1970 OR EARLIER)</b>	Rich Taylor 1947 Series 75 Limousine Philadelphia, PA		
<b>BEST OF SHOW - LATE (1971 OR LATER)</b>	Maurice Jones 1976 Fleetwood Brougham d'Elegance Washington, DC		
<b>BEST PROFESSIONAL CAR</b>	Bill Gibson 1967 Miller Meteor Combination Ambulance / Hearse Burtonsville, MD		
<b>LONG DISTANCE AWARD</b>	Rich Taylor 1947 Series 75 Limousine Philadelphia, PA	Michael Stinson 1996 Fleetwood Brougham Blue Bell, PA	

Thanks again to Gibbs Fogarty, Frank Taylor, Sport Cadillac and the attendees and spectators for making it a great show. [Enjoy more pictures of the show](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org) on the Potomac Region website.



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## **50 YEARS AGO: REAL HORSEPOWER BY VINCE TALIANO**



**"Big Red Machine"  
(Secretariat)  
Oil on wood panel,  
48" x 22"**

By [Jaime Corum](#)  
[Equine Artist](#)

Growing up in Baltimore in the 1970s, it was hard not to have been a thoroughbred horse racing fan, especially with the Preakness Stakes taking place at Pimlico Racecourse on the third Saturday of May each year. Wikipedia describes it as "a Grade I race run over a distance of 9.5 furlongs (1 3/16 miles or 1,900 meters) on dirt. Colts and geldings carry 126 pounds (57 kilograms), fillies 121 pounds (55 kilograms). It is the second jewel of the Triple Crown, held two weeks after the Kentucky Derby and three weeks before the Belmont Stakes."

In Baltimore, Preakness day is a combination holiday and religious experience. In 1973, I was too young to attend in person, so I was home watching with my family. When the race ended, the great Secretariat and



Jockey Ron Turcotte followed up their come-from-behind victory at the Kentucky Derby with another impressive win over the field and top competitor, Sham. Then, what happened three weeks later at the Belmont made history that hasn't been matched since. They won by 31 lengths in what is regarded as one of the greatest horse races in history. Relive all three Triple Crown races in their entirety on [YouTube](#).

Fifty years later, Secretariat is as celebrated as he was when he won those races. Click the links below to view recent stories published on this horse racing GOAT (Greatest of All Time).

- [Fox Sports](#)
- [The Washington Post](#)
- [USA Today](#)

Secretariat died in 1989. According to [The Washington Post](#) article referenced above, "about 12,000 people per year visit Claiborne Farm, and everyone agrees most do so foremost to see Secretariat's gravestone. Some cry. Some place pennies atop in honor of [Penny Chenery](#), his beloved owner who died in 2017 at age 95."





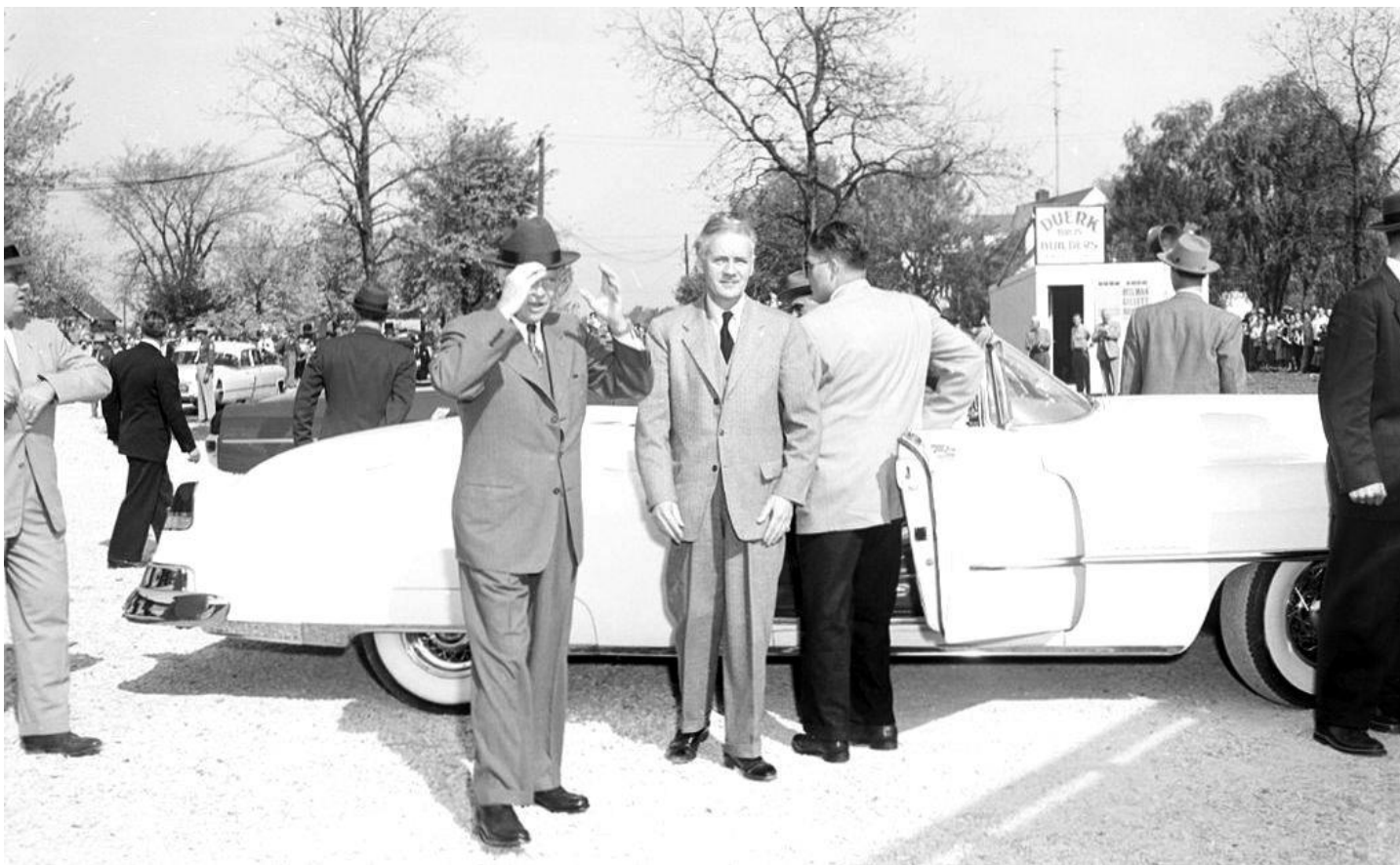
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## **THE DEFIANCE ELDORADO – PART II BY LARRY GOOD**

Last July we ran an article in the **Caddie Chronicle** on the "[Defiance Eldorado](#)," an Eldorado used by President Eisenhower on October 15, 1953, that nobody seemed to be aware of. It is not the famous inauguration parade car, Cadillac Eldorado #2. This mystery Eldorado carried Ike to a college ceremony in the town of Defiance, OH, nine months after the inauguration. The body number and engine serial number (VIN) are still not known, but with the recent discovery of Matt Larson's research we are looking hard to find them.

Now a new photo of the Defiance Eldorado at the event with Eisenhower has turned up (see below).



**Newly Discovered Photo: POTUS Dwight Eisenhower (ctr. l.) with Defiance College President Kevin McCann (ctr.) and Secret Service Agents Standing Next to the 1953 "Defiance Eldorado," Identification Unknown**

**Courtesy Robert D. Lindsey and Defiance College Archives**



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Ms. Barbara Sedlock, Lead Librarian and Coordinator of Metadata and Archives for Defiance College, forwarded this picture that she had just received from the son of Robert D. Lindsey, who took the picture. (Eldorado fan Ross Morgan would call this a "never before photo.")

Ms. Sedlock wrote, "Today (4-12-2023) a gentleman brought in a CD of some photos his father had taken on 10-15-1953 when Ike visited Defiance College, ones I hadn't seen before. Robert D. Lindsey (was) a part-time photographer in Bryan, OH. His son brought the pictures to me. He said his dad held other jobs too, but he was in demand for wedding and graduation pictures and that kind of work. The son donated his father's other pictures to the Williams County Library, but since this set was taken on the Defiance College campus, he made copies of those for us to have."

In the picture it looks like the crowds are held back 75 yards or so, but the shot of the President by the car looks much closer. I mentioned that the photographer must have had a telephoto lens. Ms. Sedlock replied, "The donor of the pictures said his father had a regular journalist's folding camera that was common in the '50s and he said it did not have telephoto or anything on it special. He himself marveled that his father was allowed to be that close to Ike. All before the Kennedy assassination, though attempts had been made on both Roosevelts before 1953. Maybe the Secret Service figured Defiance was a low-risk area, unlike a big city?"

On the other side of the Eldorado is the parked red Lincoln that transported the Secret Service team. Surrounded by agents, the Eldorado is as well protected at this stop as the President is.

I wondered where the motorcade had stopped in the new picture. The setting does not look like either the college campus or a train station. No stop between them was included in Ike's printed agenda. Ms. Sedwick explained, "I was told that after Ike's speech, the car carried him a short distance, from where he spoke, to a railroad track that runs along the edge of campus, where there is no station. Local contractors were apparently asked to build a platform that would enable Ike to board his special train car on that track, which I think explains the little hut with '**DUERK**' on it in the background, a local building firm (pictured right). The rail line still exists and occasionally we see slow trains coming down it. It's not used a lot; I think mostly rail cars bringing supplies to a factory near campus. Anyway, that would explain why the Ike arrival photos show a depot, but the departure ones don't."







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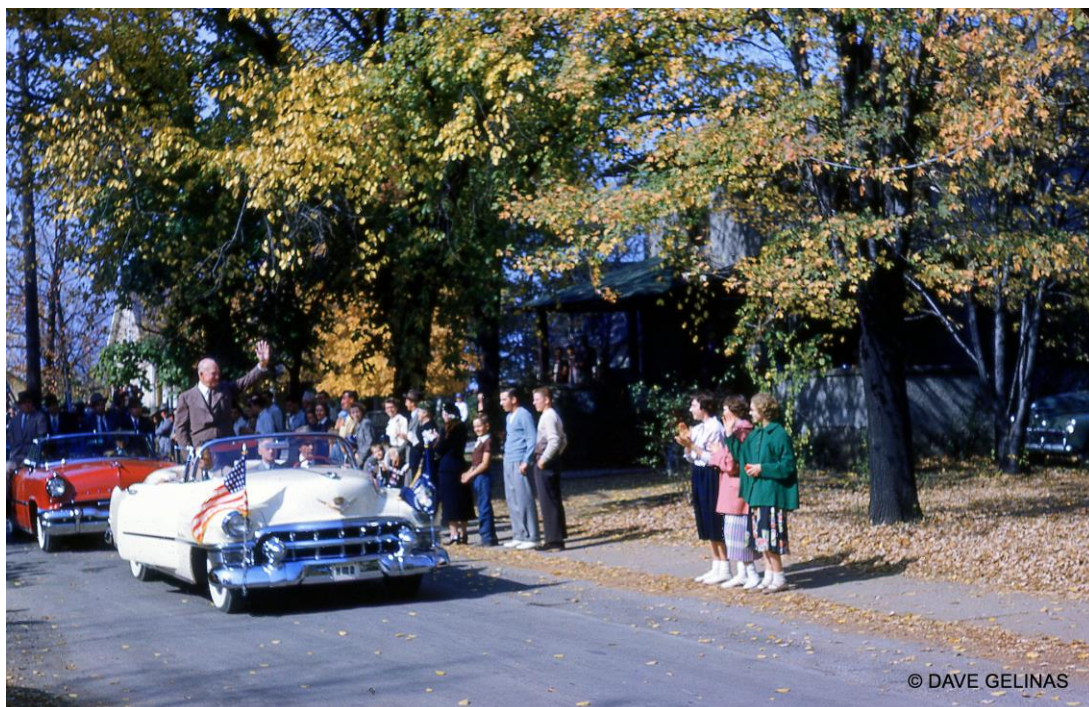
So, Ike was carried out of Defiance from a railroad spur. We knew that he left for Toledo on the Wabash Railroad, having arrived from somewhere else on the B&O. The engineer of the new train backed it into the Wabash siding and positioned it by Ike's special platform of the day, probably even before Ike arrived in town on the B&O. It means the grandiose departure pose on the observation platform of the tail car (right) was staged on this Wabash freight siding.

There is one more intriguing picture of Ike in the "Defiance Eldorado." For years this very nice color picture below was posted by Dave Gelinas on [Flickr](#), but then it disappeared. The original photographer is unknown. Efforts to reach Mr. Gelinas bring no results. As posted, it incorrectly labeled the scene as "Leipsic, OH campaign, ca. 1956." However, this is clearly the Eisenhower visit to Defiance, OH, in 1953. Both cars in this picture are the same 1953 models as in all other Defiance College photos of October 15, 1953. The license plate on the front of the Eldorado is the same number and font. Presidents Eisenhower and McCann are in the same positions in the back seat of the Eldorado. The same Secret Service agents are in the Lincoln chase car.

October 15 seems right for Ohio with the leaves turning colors and falling. It was a mild fall day with people wearing only light jackets. Back in the trees off to the right appears what may be a Hudson from the late '40s.



**Classic Departure**  
**Courtesy Defiance College Archives**



**From the Dave Gelinas Collection**



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With our latest information, we may assume that the route in this color picture on a very small street with a very small crowd was Ike's departure route to the railroad siding, probably unannounced. A local resident identified the street as running along the Defiance College campus boundary. It was not the grand entrance in the 40-car motorcade on main streets lined with thousands of people from the passenger station to the campus. Now we can understand why the President's Agenda called for only five minutes for the "Motorcade from Campus to Train" at the end of the visit instead of the 10 minutes scheduled for the two miles "from B & O Station to Campus" in the beginning.

What is amazing, after 70 subsequent years of violent world history, is the intimacy of this 1953 picture. Where are the barricades and crowd control? Talk about low risk! Spectators are casually standing with friends and family only eight or ten feet away from the President. They could have touched the Eldorado. And it was all real!

*[Author's note: Sincere thanks to Ms. Barbara Sedlock of Defiance College for thinking of CLC and immediately forwarding the new Eisenhower picture with explanations for the benefit of Cadillac history buffs. When this newsletter comes out at the end of May, I plan to be in Defiance, OH, to visit the scenes I've been writing about. Should be fun!]*

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## **CLC GRAND NATIONAL MEMORIES – PART II**

**BY VINCE TALIANO**

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As members prepare for this year's Grand National in Albuquerque, NM, relive past ones by viewing videos on the [Potomac Region's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqPOTomacRegion) by clicking the links below. Thanks to everyone who submitted videos.



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## **21-YEAR REUNION BY VINCE TALIANO CONTRIBUTIONS BY JUAN ARANDA, LUIS ARANDA, LARRY GOOD AND RICH TAYLOR**

In 2002, the CLC Grand National was held in Dearborn, MI. It commemorated the 100th Anniversary of Cadillac. To date, it is the largest Grand National held in terms of vehicles and participants.

Valley Forge Region member Rich Taylor was on-site filming the event, as he has done with other events. Afterwards, he made copies of the two VHS tapes and provided them to members, including Potomac Region charter member Juan Aranda. When Juan was selling his home a few years ago, he donated the VHS tapes to the Region's archives. The tapes were converted to digital files.

As I was watching the footage a few months ago for the first time, it took some time to figure out who was walking around the show field filming and interviewing attendees and their cars. Once it became apparent that it was Rich, I called him to introduce myself and get his permission to post to [YouTube](#) for others to see this 'lost' footage. He graciously agreed and mentioned he had other videos he would be willing to share with me.

After the videos were posted, I shared the link with many members, including Potomac Region member Larry Good. Ironically, Larry discovered that he was interviewed at the [51:20](#) mark (pictured right) about his 1947 Cadillac Series 61 Sedan. The car that he bought in Monterey, CA in 1965 for \$40.00 was fresh out of the restoration shop. He was interviewed again at 1:53:35 which drew another crowd. Larry and Rich talked about 1947 Cadillacs but didn't formally introduce themselves.



Fast forward to May 7, 2023, when Rich and Larry both attended the Sport Cadillac show with their 1947 Cadillacs. They took a picture together because of the cars but didn't realize that they had met 21 years earlier. After Larry sent me the picture to the right, I mentioned to him that Rich was the one who filmed the 2002 Grand National videos. Larry replied, "What a coincidence!" and contacted Rich to share the news. Maybe we'll see them and their cars together at another show.







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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**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



**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](#) – **Reduced to \$17,500** – For more info, contact Randy Hart at 443-205-0296 or [send email](#) – Located in Baltimore County, MD



**NEW ARRIVAL 1971 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible** – Florida car since new, same owners since 1971 – 116,561 miles (598 miles since 2006) – Colonial Ivory with white top and interior – Seat leather sun damage – Very extensive recent service and maintenance – Garaged – **\$15,000 Firm** – For more info and photos, contact Richard Blount at 912-312-4951 or [send email](#) – Car is located in the Savannah, GA area



**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



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