



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DAN RUBY

### 2023 OFFICERS:

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**AUTOMOBILIA AUCTIONEER**  
**SUMMER PICNIC HOST**  
DAN RUBY

**ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGION**  
**LIAISON**  
**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
CHUCK PIEL

**TREASURER**  
BILL HILLIARD

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**  
CHRISTOPHER WINTER

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**  
FRANKLIN GAGE

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**  
**SECRETARY**  
**WEBSITE MANAGER**  
VINCE TALIANO

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
JACK MCCLLOW

### OTHER KEY POSITIONS:

**ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER EDITOR**  
SANDY KEMPER

**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
RITA BIAL-BOXLEY

**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
CHRIS CUMMINGS

**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
SUSAN DENCHFIELD

**VALLEY FORGE REGION LIAISON**  
**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
LYNN GARDNER

**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
LARRY GOOD

**NEWSLETTER COLUMNIST**  
TOM MCQUEEN

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

Congratulations to Potomac Region member Larry Good (pictured with red tie) for winning ***The Self- Starter*** V-16 Author of the Year Award at the 2023 Grand National in Albuquerque, NM for his great series of articles on 1953 Eldorados. It was presented by Jim Jordan, Oklahoma City, OK, and Joe Kausse, Wichita, KS, the new CLC Awards Chairman who succeeded Gary Fisher, Columbus, OH.

Now that the 2023 Grand National is in the record books, all attention turns to next year's event in Gettysburg, PA. Please note that the tours will begin on Monday, June 10 and events will continue throughout the week. Also, for the first-time vehicle judging will be on a Friday (June 14) with vehicles required to remain on the show field through the next day (June 15). The event will conclude on Saturday evening with the Awards Banquet.

The 2024 Grand National planners are expecting an extremely large turnout, so it is important for members to book their hotel rooms as soon as possible. Rooms are now available at the host hotel and show site, Wyndham Gettysburg, at the CLC rate of \$149/night. That rate is good from Sunday, June 9 through Monday, June 17. [Reserve your room online](#) or call 717-339-0020. The adjacent Courtyard by Marriott also has rooms available now at the CLC rate of \$149/night for the same days. [Reserve your room online](#) or call 717-334-5600. Maximum of two rooms per member at either hotel.

A reminder to RSVP for the Potomac Region's Annual Summer Picnic and the Third Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet in Hershey, PA. Both flyers with more information are in this issue.

*Dan Ruby*





# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



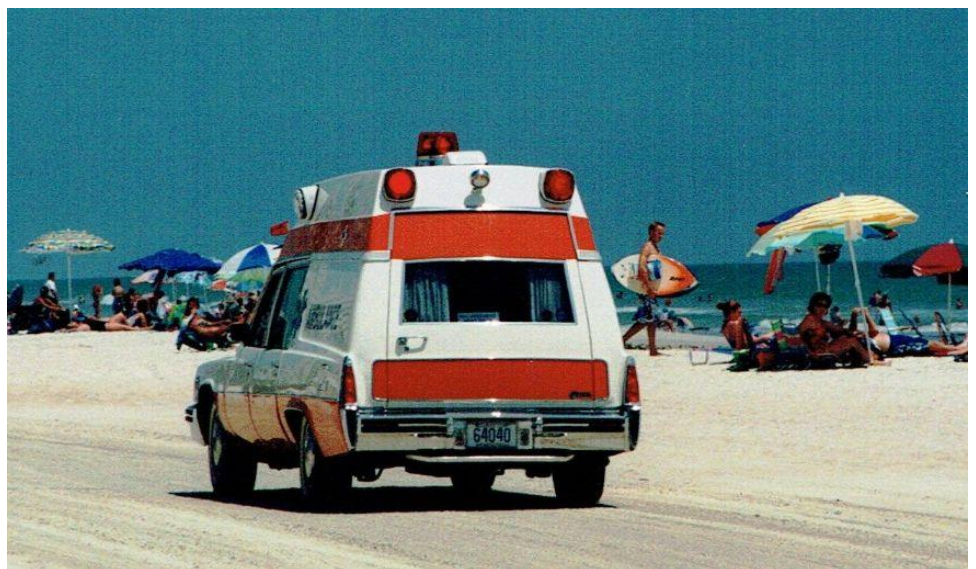
June 13, 2023

Here are photos I took of the late Vicky & Mike Barruzza getting married in Daytona Beach, FL on July 27, 2004. It was the only wedding I know that ever took place at a Professional Car Society International Meet. Below are the photo captions from when they were originally published.

*The Professional Car Society's 2004 International Meet in Daytona Beach, Florida began romantically, with the ocean-view exchange of marriage vows by past PCS President Mike Barruzza and Victoria Breed. Reverend Daniel Herrick (left), a PCS member from Chatham, N.Y., officiated, while Meet host Bill Wright (center) served as best man.*

*Following the poolside ceremony, the Bristol, PA couple climbed into their 1977 Superior Cadillac Ambulance (which would ultimately win the Best of Show award) and took their first ride as husband and wife along Daytona's world-famous Drive-On Beach.*

Gregg D. Merksamer  
Publicity & Media Relations  
[The Professional Car Society](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org)





# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## JUNE 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

**PLACE:** IHOP Restaurant, Rockville, MD

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

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

**ATTENDEES:** Thirteen attendees, including three officers: Franklin Gage (Membership Director), Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director), Vince Taliano (Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager), Gary Cameron, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jim Dillard, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Jeff Gurski, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton and Richard Sisson

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Chuck Piel thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed the newer members in attendance (Gary Cameron, Jim Dillard and Jack & Cher Gallagher) and asked them to introduce themselves.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Vince Taliano reported on the financials since the last meeting. Total revenue was \$1,245.60 and total expense of \$31.80 for the period, resulting in a net profit of \$1,213.80. Most of the revenue and expenses were car show related.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Franklin Gage announced that we have 170 members currently for 2023. Welcome to our newest members: Jack & Cher Gallagher of Bethesda, MD, Bill Gibson of Burtonsville, MD and Susan & Frank Parish of Lusby, MD. Jack & Cher recently purchased Vern Parker's 1939 LaSalle Series 50 Touring Sedan (Vern is the former automotive editor of *The Washington Times* and [Street Dreams](#) website). Bill attended the recently held car show at Sport Cadillac with his 1967 Miller Meteor Combination Ambulance / Hearse and won Best Professional Car and the 50/50 raffle. Susan & Frank are the owners of an original [1979 Coupe Deville](#) that is currently for sale.

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

- **Past Events: Father's Day Shows.** Congratulations to Chris Cummings on winning the Best of Show at the 48th Annual Sully Antique Car Show in Chantilly, VA with his 1930 V-16 Five-Passenger Imperial Sedan (pictured top right) and to Richard Sisson on winning 1st Place in the Oldsmobile & Pontiac through 1970 class with his 1960 Pontiac Ventura. Meanwhile in Southern Maryland, Dan Ruby's 1949 Mercury got a Top 20 award, and his 1953 Coupe Deville (pictured bottom right) won the Best Dad's Award at the Dunkirk Baptist Church's car show. Photos are from the respective owners.





# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023




• **Upcoming Events:**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
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 4 Tue	Line up at 9:30 am	Annual Independence Day Parade <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Takoma Park, MD	Tara Egan at 240-863-8837 or <a href="#">send email</a>
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 <a href="#">See flyer</a>	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 19-20 Sat-Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Third Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show <a href="#">See flyer</a>	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>	<b>NEW LOCATION</b> Manassah Lodge Manassas, VA	Gene Gilkey at 703-830-5313 or Randy Higgins at 703-853-2235
Sep 22-24 Fri-Sun		CLC Museum & Research Center Cadillac Fall Festival All-GM Motorama Theme	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>
Oct 21 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	16th Annual Potomac Day Classic Car Show <a href="#">See flyer</a>	Falls Rd. and River Rd. Potomac, MD	Jennifer Matheson at 301-299-2170 or <a href="#">send email</a>

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be on Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the 198 Restaurant in Burtonsville, MD. Members are encouraged to attend the adjacent Cars & Coffee in Burtonsville Town Square before the meeting. It starts at 7:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

 <i>Cadillac</i>	<b>SPORT CADILLAC</b> <small>3101 AUTOMOBILE BOULEVARD / SILVER SPRING, MD / 20904 301-890-6000 / SPORTCADILLAC.COM</small>	<b>CERTIFIED SERVICE FOR ALL GM MAKES AND MODELS</b>	
		<b>CADILLAC SALES &amp; LEASING</b>	<b>CADILLAC CERTIFIED SERVICE</b>
		PHONE: <b>301-890-6000</b>	PHONE: <b>240-802-7405</b>



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



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

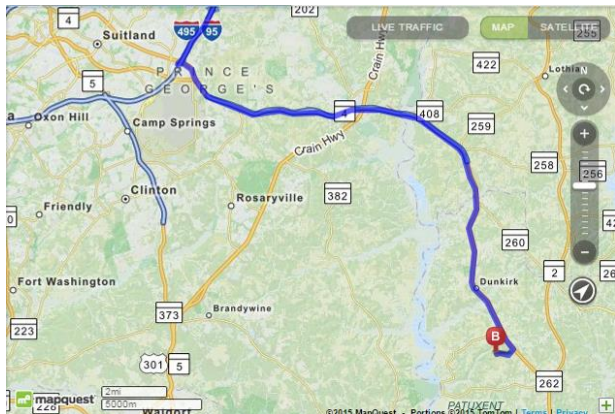


**Saturday, August 12, 2023  
1:00–6:00 p.m.  
301-343-1463  
[danruby@clcpotomacregion.org](mailto:danruby@clcpotomacregion.org)**

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):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**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.

**Visit us on the web!  
[www.clcpotomacregion.org](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org)**



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



The Valley Forge, Potomac and Central Pennsylvania Regions of

*The Cadillac & LaSalle Club*

Cordially invite you, your family, and friends to the Third Annual  
Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show at the ACA Museum, Hershey, PA  
Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, 2023

The Valley Forge, Potomac and Central Pennsylvania Regions of the CLC are pleased to announce the third annual Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show where CLC members and friends can reconnect and enjoy one another's cars. We will gather at the ACA Museum, Hershey PA on Saturday, August 19th at 1:30PM. Bring lunch or eat on the way. The museum's Model T Driving Experience is being held on Saturday. Separate registration and payment to the museum in advance are required to participate. Details and registration information for the Model T Driving Experience can be found on the [ACA Museum's website](#).



This year's special exhibit "Going Back in Time" features museum-owned cars, including Cadillacs, on display in the Clyne Gallery. You can also enjoy the Tucker, Bus, and motorcycle exhibits, displayed with unique depictions of scenes representing New York, Route 66, San Francisco, and other famous American settings serving as background for 71,000 square feet of exhibit space. You can tour the museum virtually by visiting the [ACA Museum's website](#) and clicking on "Virtual Visits."

The museum is open for self-guided tours on Saturday and Sunday. CLC's own Richard Sills will serve as our "private" Docent on Saturday. We will also take the "behind the scenes" tour of the storage and maintenance shops (Jim's Place) on Saturday. Stroll the grounds and admire fellow CLC members' cars. After the tours, we will travel as a group to Giotti's Restaurant for dinner. Separate checks for each party in our group. Out-of-towners may reserve a hotel room for the night at one of several hotels nearby.

**Please note** there are no **host hotels, room blocks or group rates** for this event. Reserve your room(s) as soon as possible, as August is the peak tourist season at Hershey. There are several hotels near Harrisburg (20-minute drive) that will have lower rates. Hotels close to the Museum:

- **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hershey:** 115 Museum Dr., Hershey, PA, 717-583-2222, [Visit website](#)
- **Quality Inn & Suites:** 181 Hershey Rd., Hershey, PA, 717-583-5151, [Visit website](#)
- **Hampton Inn & Suites Hershey:** 195 Hershey Rd., Hershey, PA, 717-566-3369, [Visit website](#)

Display your Cadillac, LaSalle, or other make at our peer-judged car show on Sunday, August 20th on the museum's grounds. Open to all makes & models, pre-war through modern. Registration/check-in starts at 9:00 AM; peer judging starts at 11:00 AM. Presentation of awards will start at 2:30 PM. Lunch will be available; advance purchase strongly recommended (see registration form).

Complete the registration form and return with your check made payable to **VFR-CLC**. Join us at the Museum or for dinner on Saturday, judged show on Sunday or all three! **Hurry! Pre-registration is required for the Museum tour & dinner** and highly recommended for the car show. Early Registration **is due by August 5th**. For more information, contact Michael Stinson, Director, VFR-CLC at [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com). Visit the [Valley Forge Region website](#) for more information. A portion of the costs of this event is subsidized by the VFR-CLC.



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show Registration Form Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, 2023

Pre-registration required for museum tour, dinner and requested for car show. Must be received by Aug. 5th. Day-of-Show Car registrations accepted. Questions: Michael Stinson, 267-251-8588, [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com)

Car Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLC Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Club Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of AACA Museum? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children Name(s) and Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest name(s), city/state of each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Information:**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Style (circle): Sedan, Coupe, Convertible, Other  
 Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Style (circle): Sedan, Coupe, Convertible, Other  
 Bringing a Trailer (circle)? Y / N

Car show is open to all make and model cars, trucks, and commercial/military vehicles, pre-war to present.

**Activity Registration and Fees:**

Activity	Cost/ Person	No. Guests	Total
<b>Saturday AACA Museum Group Tour: w/ Richard Sills. AACA Club member admission is Free. Cost per non-AACA member and each additional Guest:</b>	\$11.00		\$
<b>Saturday AACA Museum "Behind the Scenes" Group Tour (storage buildings, detail shop; price per person including AACA Club Members):</b>	\$10.00		\$
<b>Saturday Dinner @ Giotti's - # of guests (separate checks for each party)</b>			
<b>Sunday Car Show - Early Registration (per car; rec'd on/before Aug. 5th):</b>	\$20.00		\$
<b>Sunday Car Show - Late/Day of Show Registration (per car; rec'd after Aug. 5th):</b>	\$20.00		\$
<b>Sunday Lunch - Hoagie/sub slices, chips, drink</b>	\$9.00		\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED - Make check Payable to VFR-CLC:</b>			\$

There are **no host hotels, room blocks or group rates** for this event. AAA, AARP, or Military/Government discounts may be available. **Reserve your room(s) as soon as possible**, as August is the peak tourist season at Hershey. **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hershey:** 115 Museum Dr., Hershey, PA, 717-583-2222, [Visit website](#); **Quality Inn & Suites:** 181 Hershey Rd., Hershey, PA, 717-583-5151, [Visit website](#) and **Hampton Inn & Suites Hershey:** 195 Hershey Rd., Hershey, PA, 717-566-3369, [Visit website](#). Check with hotels regarding their cancellation policy.

I release the CLC, CLC Regions, the AACA Museum, their officers and representatives from any liability, damage or loss arising from my own, my guests' and family's participation in the 2023 CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show, including, but not limited to, the risk of contracting COVID-19 virus. I agree to adhere to all pandemic mitigation practices in effect at the AACA Museum during this event. AACA Museum reserves the right to deny attendees exhibiting COVID symptoms entry into the museum. I certify that I have public liability insurance for my vehicle.

**Member Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail a copy of this form along with the check made payable to VFR-CLC. Include a SASE to receive confirmation.  
**Mail to: CLC Inter-Regional Meet, C/O: Michael Stinson, 21 Windermere Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422**



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



## **CADILLAC DRIVE CADILLAC BY JASON CUNNINGHAM**

Here is a picture of my 1922 Cadillac Type 61 Seven-Passenger Touring car on Cadillac Drive in Gaithersburg, MD! I have owned the car for about two years. It has an 85 horsepower, 314 cubic inch L-head V8 engine, which is only slightly updated from the V8 engine Cadillac introduced in 1914 that is considered the first production V8 ever made. These Cadillacs were popular with the U.S. Army – General Pershing used one in Mexico while [chasing Pancho Villa](#) in 1916-17 and was



impressed by its reliability. Similar V8 Cadillacs were widely used by Pershing and others as staff cars during World War I. The reliable V8 would be Cadillac's premiere power plant until the early 1930s when the cylinder wars produced the V12 and V16 engines.





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



**CHESAPEAKE BAY MOTORING FESTIVAL – AN EASTERN SHORE EXPERIENCE  
STORY BY CHUCK PIEL  
PHOTOS BY THE CHESAPEAKE BAY MOTORING FESTIVAL, ISTVAN KEREKES,  
CHUCK PIEL AND KEN VISSER**

Three things my wife, Debbie, and I like are: (1) touring in our old Caddy convertibles, (2) visiting the Maryland Eastern Shore and (3) eating Maryland crab cakes! The annual [Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival](#) based at the Kent Island Yacht Club checked all those boxes for us! Held on Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, this year's festival was jam packed with cars and coffee events, a driving tour, great food and a mini Concours event, all luxuriating in fabulous weather on the waterfront.

We left early Saturday for the 50-mile trip over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in our black 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Coupe to the Kent Island Yacht Club. The trip was uneventful and traffic over the bridge was mild, so it only took us an hour to get there in time for the first cars and coffee event. Here we lined up in an eclectic procession of special interest and collector cars that included, among others, a new Rolls-Royce Phantom sedan, a Cobra CSX Coupe replica, a 1953 Chevy 3100 pick-up, a 1993 Porsche 911 Rensport, a 1937 Packard 120 sedan, a 1954 Corvette, a 1975 Chevy Caprice convertible and a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria Glass-top coupe (pictured below).





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



At about 9:30 a.m., our touring group departed under police escort to the historic [Cloverfields Mansion and Gardens](#) in Queenstown, MD.

Dating to 1705 and recently restored to its 1784 configuration, Cloverfields includes numerous outbuildings, including an icehouse. On the grounds are beautiful gardens and a very old cemetery plot that includes members of the original family on the estate – the Hemsley family. After



touring the grounds and soaking in the sun for about an hour, we headed back for the 12-mile drive to the Kent Island Yacht Club. There we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the clubhouse of – you guessed it – *crab cakes!*

When we returned to the yacht club, we drove onto the show grounds behind the club house for placement on the show field. Here our '41 Cadillac joined about 70 cars and a dozen or so antique boats on display. We were fortunate to be placed in a spot between an outdoor pavilion and a tiki-style bar! Drinks, shade, and rest rooms were close by! Each car was given a number for Peoples' Choice voting. We enjoyed touring the field and hanging by our car to answer questions.



As the Saturday show wound down at about 4:00 p.m., we were invited to take a cruise aboard the ***Maria Isabel***, a 67' motor yacht owned by Charles & Marisa Dolbey. On our 90-minute tour down Prospect Bay to Coxes Bay, among about 20 guests, we enjoyed the company of Luke Phipps, the Chairman of the Festival and the St. Michaels Concours, and our long-time friends Joe & Gail Hikel, and Gail's sister Cindy. We got back to the dock just in time for us to drive over to our local hotel, the Best Western, to shower and change clothes for dinner.



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

### **July 2023**



As participants in last year's St. Michaels Concours, we were invited to a special dinner hosted by Luke Phipps at the Narrows Restaurant on the waterfront of Kent Island that is owned by Luke's wife, Kelly Phipps. Here, our group enjoyed a fabulous Eastern Shore dinner of – you guessed it – *crab cakes* along with other libations and dessert. Kelly & Luke are involved in many Eastern Shore ventures and causes. At the dinner, she talked about an important group for which she volunteers and acts as Chairwoman – the [Queen Anne's County Mental Health Committee](#), which raise funds for various mental health-related organizations and facilities – a truly worthy cause! We have enjoyed the Narrows Restaurant before and it has become our favorite “go-to” seafood venue when visiting the area.

Sunday dawned with the same splendid weather we had the day before, albeit a little warmer. We arrived on the show field and parked in the same spot we had Saturday. More cars arrived and there were some additional Cadillacs, including a 1970 Coupe DeVille, a 1960 Eldorado Biarritz convertible, the late Charles Gillet's 1931 V-16 Fleetwood Convertible Sedan now owned by Leigh Brent and a far-out, full custom 1940 Cadillac Series 62 coupe.



We moved over to make room for the '40 coupe to provide an interesting contrast – a modern full-custom air-bagged and chopped '40 Coupe next to a bone stock '41 convertible designed by Harley Earl (pictured above). The '40 had a 4 1/2" chop – in fact the top came from a similar C-body 1940 Pontiac. Much of the rear body was from a '40 Buick, and the front end was definitely a '40 Cadillac, with the beautifully chromed prow grill and bumper with horizontal guards. So, this car was the product of three (3) donor cars! The air-bag suspension enabled the car to literally hug the ground when idle. Painted in a lustrous light metallic root beer color, this well-built gem eventually won Best of Show honors.

There were several very rare Dodges in attendance. One was a 1960 Polara convertible with a 383 engine with the wild cross-ram dual carburetor set-up that was famous in early '60s MOPARS. Restored in black with a red interior, this was a showstopper and award winner. Another was a 1954 Dodge Indianapolis Pace Car replica from the factory. This yellow beauty sported a 331 CI Hemi. In contrast, next to the 1954 was a 1922 Dodge Brothers touring car.



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



Packard fans enjoyed a 1940 Super Eight 160 Convertible Sedan that had been in the owner's family since 1946 and was his own first car. Said to have over 400K miles on the clock, the car was beautifully restored in a factory deep charcoal color with dark burgundy hides. Also on hand was our friend Chuck McDonald's 1937 120 sedan with its recently installed overdrive transmission. I have always felt the mid-thirties Packard 120s were some of the prettiest, best proportioned cars of the classic era (I also believe the LaSalles of the same era are equally appealing!). This one didn't disappoint.

Again, the show field reflected all genres of cars – a new Rolls Phantom convertible to join the sedan, a Ferrari America convertible, several race-ready Austin Healey's, C1, C2, C3, C5, C6 and C8 Corvettes, including a new ZL1, a 1940 Buick Series 90 limo, a 1935 Ford five-window coupe, a 1968 Porsche 911S, several Jaguar XKE's, a new Mercedes AMG SL63 roadster, a 1953 Fiberglass Studebaker kit car, and, not to be missed, a late '60s Meyers Manx dune 'Shark buggy' with a great white shark replica on top and all kinds of fishing gear hanging off it – also signed by Bruce Meyers himself!



We greatly enjoyed walking around all these cars until we returned to our car to find it had been dive-bombed by some big birds! Over a dozen white blotches all over our black canvas top and running down the sides of our black car. UGHH! It took about 45 minutes to get most of it off – and I still have a lot of work to do for the rest.

Around 2:00 p.m. the judges came around to get award winning cars lined up. We were fortunate to get a blue ribbon and award as a People's Choice winner – the award was sponsored by Land Rover. As mentioned before, the custom '40 Cadillac deservedly won Best of Show, and other winners of various categories included the 1960 Dodge Polara, 2022 ZL1 Corvette, 1953 Chevy 3100 pick-up, 1962 Ford pick-up, Austin Healey 3000 race car, 1966 Chevy Nova custom, 1940 Packard 160, and the Manx Shark dune buggy.

The show ended and many folks left. We enjoyed a few more cocktails and eventually had dinner at the Narrows Restaurant before heading home in heavy traffic. It was getting hot, and the 15 MPH ride from Kent Island over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge made it even hotter, but the '41 again got us home in good shape. In the 3 ½ years we've owned it; we have now put over 3,500 miles on it. To paraphrase Army slang – "drive 'em if you got 'em." We look forward to next year's Chesapeake Bay Motor Festival and hope more Cadillacs and LaSalles participate!



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



## **EPILOGUE**

During last year's St. Michael's Concours, in which our 1941 Cadillac was an invited entrant, we drove the car over to the Talbot Country Club the night before for the cocktail party and dinner. When we arrived, a photographer named [Istvan Kerekes](#) approached us and said if we could leave the car in its Concours show spot overnight, he would take some photos with special night effects. We said, "Sure," and got a ride back to the hotel after dinner. We didn't hear anything after the event, and I forgot all about it. When we drove into the Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival on June 10, he saw us come in and came over to tell me he was going to send photos but lost my email address. Here are several of the shots he sent us.





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



These photos were well worth the wait!



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## 2023 CLC GRAND NATIONAL PHOTOS BY ERIC DEVIRGILIS, LYNN GARDNER, BILL HARRISON, CONSTANTIN JIGA, JACK MCCLOW, CHUCK PIEL AND RICHARD SILLS



From new Cadillacs on display...



... to Pre-War Classics (far right 1939 V-16 was driven to Albuquerque - not trailed - from Missouri)



Colorful mid-1950s cars were in abundance too. The yellow '55 Coupe Deville was purchased new by its one and only owner when he was 20 years old. The Pacific Coral '55 Eldorado won Best of Show - Post War.



Maximum fin-year icons were in attendance, including in a "Taillights in the Twilight" pavilion where cocktails were served.

Visit us on the web!  
[www.clcpotomacregion.org](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org)



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



Not to be outdone, '60s Cadillacs were plentiful from near (first two from Albuquerque) and far (California).



A sample of the '70s and '80s, including a 75 Series that dutifully transported a family from Alabama along with a couple of Sevilles not seen as often anymore (Bustleback model and Grand Opera Coupe Convertible).



Roadside signs attracted some curious locals to the fiesta with a siesta, while souvenirs were available to remember the event.



Driving Tour to Santa Fe produced a line of Cadillacs, including a red '64 DVC from Canada, on their way to the destination.





# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



Worker bees sold 50/50 tickets, while Jim Dobier spoke about auto appraisals and Charles Phoenix entertained the crowd.



They say people join clubs for the cars but stay for the people – friends, new and old.



And what would a Grand National be without bus tours to see interesting local collections!



The Potomac Region was well-represented in Albuquerque; here are just a few of the members who were in attendance.

[Visit the Potomac Region website](http://www.clicpotomacregion.org) to see over 85 pictures from the 2023 Grand National.



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle July 2023



## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**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



**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



**NEW ARRIVAL 1979 Cadillac Coupe Deville** – As seen in the June 2023 issue of *The Self-Starter* magazine – 90,200 original miles – Always meticulously maintained in like-new condition and always garage-kept – Boston Post Road Brown exterior with original brown leather interior in excellent condition – New headliner – Current owners are non-smokers – [See pictures](#) – **\$25,000 obo** – For more info, contact Susan & Frank Parish at 410-703-8955 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Lusby, MD



**NEW ARRIVAL 1997 Cadillac Seville STS** – 26,583 miles – Only two owners – Pristine original condition – Original window sticker, owner's manuals and key tags – 4.6 Liter V8 engine – AM/FM stereo radio with cassette player and 12 compact disc player in trunk – Four Bose amplified speakers – Wheels chrome over cast aluminum – Heated front seats – Recently replaced serpentine belt, belt tensioner assembly, alternator and seat back link – [See pictures](#) – **\$16,500 obo** – For more info, contact Mary Cicciu at 508-250-3781 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Cotuit, MA



**NEW ARRIVAL 2006 Cadillac DTS** – 82k miles – Really nice overall condition – White Diamond exterior with Shale interior – Sunroof and chrome wheels – [See pictures](#) – **\$6,000** – For more info, contact Jim Canada at 804-545-1803 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Midlothian, VA

### Parts For Sale



**NEW ARRIVAL 1930s Classic Car Trunk** – Black leather – Belonged to the seller's grandfather who owned a 1930s Cadillac and said the trunk sat outside on the back of the car like the picture below shows – No mold or mildew inside and out and no rust on any of the metal latches – Been kept in a bedroom not in an attic or a basement – Key available for the lock in the front – [See pictures](#) – **\$350** – For more info, contact Lea Callahan at 301-717-8898 (mobile) or [send email](#) – Trunk is located in College Park, MD



**Cadillac & LaSalle Club  
Potomac Region  
Caddie Chronicle  
July 2023**



**Commercial Ads**



**MARKET YOUR CAR NATIONALLY!**

**A VIRTUAL MARKETPLACE  
FEATURING CLASSIC CARS  
FROM NEAR & FAR**

[www.easternshoreclassiccars.com](http://www.easternshoreclassiccars.com)

Contact Hank for more info  
[hank@easternshoreclassiccars.com](mailto:hank@easternshoreclassiccars.com)

**\* Actively seeking inventory \***

**Eastern Shore Classic Cars  
Market Your Car Nationally!  
A Virtual Marketplace  
Featuring Classic Cars  
From Near & Far**

**[Visit website](#) or [send email](#)  
for more info**



**Rubber the Right Way  
World Famous Rubber Parts & More**

**[Visit website](#) or [send email](#)  
for more info**



**Cadillac & LaSalle Club**  
**Potomac Region**  
**Caddie Chronicle**  
**July 2023**



*Cory's Cadillac Parts*

**Purveyor of Fine Cars & Parts**

Specializing in '93-96 Fleetwood Broughams  
Original supplier of '93-96 Stainless Fender Spears  
25 Years' Experience

1980-1996 Cadillac Parts for Sale  
Cadillac Collectibles Also Available  
920-210-2225, [Send Email](#)  
[Visit Website](#)

Affiliations:





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



## **2023 OFFICERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION(S)</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>
<b>Dan Ruby</b>	<b>Regional Director Automobilia Auctioneer Summer Picnic Host</b>	<b>301-343-1463</b>	<a href="mailto:danruby@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>danruby@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Chuck Piel</b>	<b>Assistant Regional Director Central Virginia Region Liaison Newsletter Columnist</b>	<b>240-888-5115</b>	<a href="mailto:chuckpiel@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>chuckpiel@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Bill Hilliard</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>301-622-3651</b>	<a href="mailto:billhilliard@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>billhilliard@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Christopher Winter</b>	<b>Activities Director</b>	<b>410-869-8619</b>	<a href="mailto:christopherwinter@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>christopherwinter@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Franklin Gage</b>	<b>Membership Director</b>	<b>703-869-8434</b>	<a href="mailto:franklingage@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>franklingage@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Vince Taliano</b>	<b>Newsletter Editor Secretary Website Manager</b>	<b>410-598-0488</b>	<a href="mailto:vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>
<b>Jack McClow</b>	<b>National Director Newsletter Columnist</b>	<b>301-330-5417</b>	<a href="mailto:jackmcclow@clcpotomacregion.org"><b>jackmcclow@clcpotomacregion.org</b></a>