



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

#### **February 2024**



#### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

##### **BY DAN RUBY**

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Fellow members,

As January comes to a close, I'd like to thank Mark Brodsky, Larry Good, Dan Lewandowski and Richard Sisson for exhibiting their cars (pictured below), and the volunteers led by Chuck Piel and Christopher Winter who staffed our "1953 GM Motorama Re-Creation" display at the 2024 Washington, DC Auto Show. Our display was a great success and received an outstanding response from show attendees. [View more pictures](#) from the event.



We will be hosting our Annual Holiday Party, where we will be celebrating the Region's 55th Anniversary, on Sunday, February 25 from 12:00–4:00 pm at the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD. All are welcome to attend this **FREE** event for members and their spouses / significant others (\$20 per additional family member or guest) to enjoy a great meal and fellowship, but an RSVP to Christopher Winter and payment to Bill Hilliard, if necessary, are required. I hope to see many of you at the party. Also, please remember to get your registration filled out for the 2024 CLC GN in Gettysburg in June. Events and hotels are filling up fast.

Finally, I'm sad to announce the recent passing of charter member Juan Aranda (pictured right). My sincere condolences to his family. Visitation will be on Monday, February 12 from 6:00–8:00 pm at the [Lee Funeral Home](#) in Owings, MD and the funeral will be the next morning at 10:00 am at [St. Anthony's Catholic Church](#) in North Beach, MD. A full In Memoriam will appear in the March issue. Also, please keep CLC President Ronnie Hux in your thoughts and prayers as he's dealing with a few health issues.



*Dan Ruby*



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



January 7, 2024

I'll be taking a break from articles this year, but letters to the editor are still fun.

Chuck Piel is to be commended for his discovery and article in the January 2024 issue of the **Caddie Chronicle** issue titled Old Cadillac Repair Orders – The Rest of the Story.

The highlight was learning that on November 23, 1943, Chesapeake Cadillac did NOT charge the customer for cleaning fingerprints off the CARPET! Very impressive attention to detail in Baltimore considering a world war was raging across the pond. We need before and after pictures of this crucial carpet cleaning operation for a cover story.

I love it when Cadillac fans find rabbit holes like this. I've been wanting to start a CLC chapter on tailpipe hangers, but only after Chuck starts a Repair Orders Chapter (I'm only kidding).

Larry Good  
Washington Grove, Maryland



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### **OLD CADILLAC REPAIR ORDERS – THE REST OF THE STORY STORY BY CHUCK PIEL PHOTOS BY CHUCK PIEL AND VINCE TALIANO**

I am always intrigued by dealer paperwork, particularly from the 1940's during war-time, and recently I found some documents from Chesapeake Cadillac on eBay for cheap. I bought two items, both addressed to the same owner, meaning that someone may have been liquidating some old estate paperwork.

Chesapeake Cadillac was an iconic dealer/distributor for the Baltimore area with an impressive Art Deco dealership building at 2401 N. Charles Street in Baltimore that dated from 1925.

The first item is a Chesapeake Cadillac Repair Order, dated 12-9-42, for a 1942 Series 6719 Sedan owned by Mr. Felix Goldsborough at 309 Somerset Rd. in Baltimore. (See next page.) The car is identified as a Series 6719, Serial #9380161 with 12,995 miles on the odometer. It includes rotating tires and "remove slip covers from backseat". [I remember my grand-parents rotating slipcovers on their living room sofa!] This RO included adding 7 gallons of gas for a total of \$1.57! It also included lubrication and maintenance items covered under the Cadillac Lubrication Agreement. A complete checklist was attached to the back of the RO detailing 17 maintenance steps/operations.



**1942 Cadillac Series 67 Limo**



**The Goldsborough house as it looks today**

Several things intrigued me about this repair order. First, a 1942 Series 67 Limousine is an extremely rare car and due to the war, the government usually controlled who got these special vehicles. That meant Mr. Goldsborough had to be someone special to even be allowed to acquire a '42

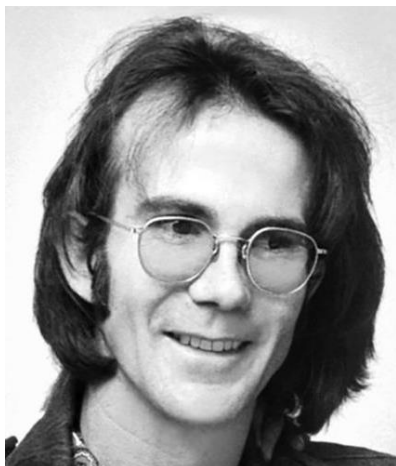




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## **IN MEMORIAM: NICK WILSON BY SHARON EVANS AND VINCE TALIANO**



Past CLC Potomac Region Director Nicholas "Nick" Cavender Wilson of Brookeville, MD passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at the age of 78, peacefully with his wife Sharon Evans and sister-in-law Carol by his side. The son of Vincent J. Wilson, Jr. and Mary Jo Cavender Wilson, Nick was born on November 13, 1945 in Worcester, MA. In addition to his loving and ever supportive wife, Sharon, Nick will be missed by his sister Liza Jane Wilson Bernard and brother-in-law Thomas J. Bernard, Jr. of Berwyn, PA, and nephew Thomas Maxwell Bernard of Wynnwood, PA.

Nick lived a robust, eclectic and full life. A longtime resident of Brookeville, MD, together with Sharon, they owned and managed a beloved family business, The Cricket Book and Gift Shop in Ashton, MD.

From a very young age he loved cars and motorcycles: how they ran and how they were designed. So it's not a surprise that in his adult life he was a long-time member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and the Potomac Region Director from 1997-2001. Nick and Sharon hosted gatherings / shows of vintage Cadillacs at the family home in Brookeville. A photo from a 1994 picnic was copied off the Region's website and circulated incorrectly throughout the internet as cars at the infamous meeting in Apalachin, NY on November 14, 1957 of Mafia leaders (see story on pages 4-5).

A "chef" of his own training, he launched, managed, and cooked for his restaurant, South by Southwest, successfully for many years in Baltimore's Fells Point. He generously created delicious meals for family, guests and even his dogs all of whom benefitted from Nick's homemade meals. A lover of music, he personally embraced the changing world of popular music. He played guitar but, as with cars, found great interest in the finer details of the instrument to create the desired performance. For quite a few years he did advance work and support on the road for Willie Nelson and Jamie Brockett, among others. All of his adult life Nick had a great appreciation for the finer execution of music and various mediums of fine art and crafts as well as the history and people behind their creation.

A memorial may be planned for springtime. Please remember Nick with a donation to the [Capital Area Food Bank](#) or [The Audubon Society](#). Rest in Peace, Nick!



**Nick Wilson (seated) with Ben Berman (left) and the late Buddy Abell (right) at an early 1990s region car show at Capitol Cadillac.  
Photo by George & Rita Boxley**



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**DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON THE INTERNET  
BY VINCE TALIANO  
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 2020 CADDIE CHRONICLE**

In May 2004, the CLC's *The Self-Starter* magazine featured [a story](#) on the 35th Anniversary of the Potomac Region. Included in the piece was a black & white picture of cars, mostly Cadillacs, parked on the lawn of past Region Director Nick Wilson's home in Brookeville, MD for a Region picnic in August 1994 (pictured left). The image has also appeared in the September-October 1994 issue of *The Laurel Wreath*, the April 1996 issue of *The Self-Starter*, and has been on the Potomac Region's [Region History webpage](#) since 2006.



At some point the picture was "lifted" from the Region website and posted on the [National Crime Syndicate](#) (NCS) website and misidentified as cars parked at Joseph "Joe the Barber" Barbara's house in Apalachin, NY on November 14, 1957 for the infamous Mafia gathering that was foiled by the New York State Police. NCS later used it in a [YouTube](#) video of the meeting with the image visible at the 3:03-3:05 minute mark. In 2016, a user posted it to the copyright-free [Wikimedia Commons](#) and [Wikipedia](#) sites, linking it to the historic event. Doing a Google search shows it's since spread to [75+ websites](#) and the [Smithsonian Magazine](#).

When I shared this discovery with the CLC, Past CLC President Richard Sills wondered how no one questioned why Mafia chieftains would be driving Cadillacs as old as 1940 and 1946 to a meeting held in 1957. When [Wikimedia Commons](#), [Wikipedia](#) and the [Smithsonian Magazine](#) were contacted about the improper use of the image, they immediately replied acknowledging what happened and removed it. The [National Crime Syndicate](#) was also contacted, but they didn't reply, even though they removed the image. However, they left the [YouTube](#) video picture and link to it on their site. Considering the nature of the "Goodfellas" sit-down, it is only fitting that the main picture that has been used to depict it was appropriated!







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Below is the picture when it made its debut in the September-October 1994 issue of *The Laurel Wreath* at that time, the CLC Potomac Region's newsletter, along with the story on the picnic written by Rita Bial-Boxley & George Boxley.

## **Potomac Region 1994 Picnic Brooke Meadow Farm**



(left to right) Steve Sisson's green 1953 Model 62; Andy & Daria Pogan's maroon 1940 Series 62 coupe; George & Rita Boxley's yellow 1956 Coupe deVille; Lou & Linda Baksa's blue 1957 Fleetwood 60 Special; Nick Wilson & Sharon Evan's blue/grey 1946 Series 61 Sedan; and Barry & Babs Leese's 1956 Faux Fleetwood

## **THANK YOU NICK & SHARON**

By: Rita Bial-Boxley  
George Boxley

For the past three years George and I have been attending the annual picnic at your lovely homestead. We have decided it was time and shamefully so, to thank both of you personally for all the hard work (time, preparation, etc.) it takes in preparing all the tasty, appealing fare that is always served the club members.

It is appreciated! We are confident this sentiment is not only from

us, but other club members too.

The attendance was fairly good considering all the other events taking place at the time. But, with the Nationals and the Woodstock reenactment it probably took away from the appearance of some members. Even so, as always the fellowship of members is there when we get together. There were some non-Cadillacs dispersed about such as: a

Lincoln and a Dodge. It was an added flare among the Cadillacs.

The auction at the end helped the club's treasury fund. Everything from hub caps, antique magazines and other items sold at very reasonable prices. And, the delicious deserts Sharon's always are sold with none left over.

Again, thank you Nick and Sharon.



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#### **JANUARY 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

#### **BY VINCE TALIANO**

**PLACE:** Washington Auto Show, Washington, DC

**TIME:** 11:10 am

**PRESIDING:** Dan Ruby, Region Director

**ATTENDEES:** Eleven attendees, including five officers: Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director), Dan Ruby (Region Director), Vince Taliano (Secretary and Website Manager), Christopher Winter (Activities Director), Jim Dillard, Constantin Jiga, Sandy Kemper, Dan Lewandowski, Harry Scott and Richard Sisson

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Dan Ruby thanked everyone for attending. He especially thanked Chuck Piel for organizing the Motorama re-creation display at the Washington Auto Show (a 1953 Buick Skylark, two 1953 Cadillac Eldorados and a 1954 Chevrolet Corvette), the owners of the aforementioned display vehicles and all the volunteers who signed-up to staff the display area over the course of the 10-day event.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the beginning of the new fiscal (calendar) year. Total revenue was \$100.00 and total expense of \$300.43 for the period, resulting in a **net loss of \$200.43**. Most of the expenses were from the Washington Auto Show, specifically a custom Motorama sign ordered for the display.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Vince Taliano announced that we currently have 154 dues-paying family memberships for 2024. Welcome to our four newest: Gerard & Sharon Bellerose, Easton, MD, 1951 Series 62 Coupe; Alastair & Sharon Colquhoun, Frederick, MD, 1948 Series 62 Convertible; Gabe Simerson & Hannah Scolare, Alexandria, VA, 1977 Coupe Deville, and Steven Tuck & Lawrence Nelson, Seaford, DE, 1962 Eldorado Biarritz. The 2024 membership drive continues as the region is following up with 19 members from 2023 that haven't renewed yet.

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

- **Past Events:**

- **Cars and Coffee, Saturday, December 30, Westfield Montgomery, Bethesda, MD.** Region members were invited to participate in a long-running Saturday morning Cars and Coffee in Montgomery County. Thanks to decent weather for late December, a number of members attended with either their classics or late-model drivers. The nearby Corner Bakery was available for attendees to get coffee and/or breakfast items.
- **Potomac Region Happy Hour, Friday, January 5, Andy's Pizza at Tysons Galleria, McLean, VA.** Another early winter event was held and was well-attended. This was strictly a social event with about 18 attendees present, sharing holiday stories as well as updates on their vehicles.



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## • Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Feb 25 Sun	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Annual Potomac Region Holiday Party / 55th Anniversary Party	Columbia Country Club Chevy Chase, MD	Christopher Winter at 410-869-8619 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Mar 9 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	49th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Collector Car Swap Meet <a href="#">View flyer</a>	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship, MD	Tom Young at 443-744-6338 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Mar 22-23 Fri-Sat	Doors open at 8:00 am	54th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts and Swap Meet	Carroll County Agriculture Center Westminster, MD	Jack Gallagher at 301-674-5431 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Mar 23-24 Sat-Sun	TBD	Daniel Jobe Warehouse Sale <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Beltsville, MD	Daniel Jobe at <a href="#">send email</a>
May 5 Sun May 19 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	32nd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction featuring a 1953 General Motors Motorama Reunion	Sport Cadillac Silver Spring, MD	Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115 or <a href="#">send email</a>
Jun 10-15 Mon-Sat		CLC Grand National <a href="#">Visit website</a>	Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg, PA	Cynthia Rutledge at 727-742-9649 or <a href="#">send email</a>

- [Visit website](#) for a full list of events.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2024 Grand National registration form was published in January issue of **The Self-Starter** magazine. Tours are filling up fast, so submit your registration as soon as possible. If you are interested and available to volunteer, please contact Lynn Gardner at [lynnwgardnerusa@aol.com](mailto:lynnwgardnerusa@aol.com).

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 marks the 55th Anniversary of the Potomac Region with its first meeting held in January 1969. To commemorate the anniversary, this year's holiday party that is being planned for Sunday, February 25 will feature an anniversary theme. Stay tuned for more details.
- Daniel Jobe has informed the Region that he will be selling items including vehicles, framed prints & posters, die-cast cars, books, signs, advertisements, furniture, etc. that are in his Beltsville, MD warehouse on Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Region. [View pictures](#) of the warehouse items. Stay tuned for more information.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 19 at 7:30 pm at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.



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## **Announcing the Potomac Region's Annual Holiday Party / 55th Anniversary Celebration**

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

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**12:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Columbia Country Club  
7900 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
301-951-5000**

**Price: FREE to members and their  
spouses / significant others  
\$20 per additional family member  
or guest**

**RSVP required to Christopher Winter  
at 410-869-8619 or  
[cchwinter@cavtel.net](mailto:cchwinter@cavtel.net)  
by Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

The Columbia Country Club is located at the intersection of Connecticut Ave. (MD 185) and East West Hwy. (MD 410). When heading south on Connecticut Ave. (Exit 33 of the Capitol Beltway - Interstate 495) take a right turn before East West Hwy. into the main entrance to Columbia Country Club. You will see the front of the Club House and the entry portico.

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

**RSVP (Accepts Only by Wednesday, February 21)**

**Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Additional Family Member or Guest x \$20 per = \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

Make check payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and mail to:

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

**Dress Code: *Holiday Casual***

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## **32nd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction Sunday, May 5, 2024 Rain Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**Car Registration:  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**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 Tysons Corner (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.



**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**

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## **2024 WASHINGTON, DC AUTO SHOW – BACK IN TIME TO THE 1953 GM MOTORAMA BY CHUCK PIEL PHOTOS BY CHUCK PIEL AND LARRY GOOD**

Cadillac has been a perpetually celebrated aspirational brand that symbolizes innovation and quality from its invention of **the self-starter** all the way to today with the iconic Cadillac V-cars and Escalades. However, it was never celebrated more than the during halcyon days of General Motor's Motorama Road shows, which ran from the late 1940's to 1961.

Perhaps the most notable Motorama year was 1953, during which GM rolled out the first Corvette, the first Eldorado, as well as special edition convertibles like the Buick Skylark and Oldsmobile Fiesta. The Potomac Region is blessed to have members who own sensational examples of some of these cars, so we decided to "recreate" the 1953 GM Motorama via our exhibit at this year's [Washington, DC Auto Show](#), which ran from January 19-28 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.



**Custom banner made by [GM Club Apparel](#) – thanks, Dave Leash!**

Our four-car line-up included two 1953 Eldorados, a 1953 Buick Skylark and a 1954 Corvette, which is identical aesthetically to the original 1953 Corvette. Thanks to the display cars' owners listed below, who graciously sacrificed their time and resources to exhibit their fine cars.

- 1953 Eldorado, number 352 of 532, in Alpine White owned by Potomac Region member Larry Good
- 1953 Eldorado, number 177, in Azure Blue owned by Potomac Region member Mark Brodsky
- 1953 Buick Skylark, number 1610 of 1690, in Majestic White owned by Potomac Region charter member Richard Sisson
- 1954 Corvette, number 3299 of 3600 owned by National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) member Dan Lewandowski

Over the 10 days and 86 hours of exhibit time, the many volunteers who staffed our exhibit were able to answer questions and explain to show attendees why these particular cars are so notable. Special thanks to Christopher Winter and Larry Good, who were there for over nine days of the show! And also thanks to Denise & Douglas Robinson, who handled shifts every other day of the event.





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Thanks also to Dan Ruby, Vince Taliano, Harry Scott, Lou Harrington, Cathy Shairer, Bill & Ann Hilliard, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton, Constantin Jiga, Greg Huver, Sandy Kemper, Gary Cameron, Jim Dillard, Morgan Yeh, Rick Mahan, Dave Durkin and Potomac Region friends Dave Otto and Ed Der for helping at this year's event. Car owners Larry & Maia Good, Dan & Laurie Lewandowski, Richard Sisson and Mark Brodsky also provided personal feedback on their special cars to Auto Show attendees.



**Our display featured four notable Motorama vehicles and was very well attended**

Each display car has an interesting story behind it. Larry Good's Eldorado #352, an almost exact duplicate to Eldorado #2 that was famously ridden by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his January 20, 1953 Inaugural Parade, was painstakingly restored over the last 4 ½ years. Visitors were agog at the "BEFORE" picture of how the car looked when Larry first acquired it in California and the "AFTER" results on display (see below).



**"Before" and "After" results of Larry Good's Eldorado #352 are very compelling**





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Richard Sisson's #1610 1953 Buick Skylark also has an interesting story. Richard owned this Skylark from 1968 to 1971, and sold it to buy an older Cadillac. Fast forward to the summer of 2023, and Past CLC President and Central Pennsylvania Region Director Richard Sills saw this car at an auction and noticed Sisson's name engraved in the steering wheel hub, a practice of Buick dealers for owners of Skylarks. Sills notified Vince Taliano who then notified Sisson of the car, and Mr. Sisson ended up re-acquiring his former pride and joy!

Richard's Skylark was originally Pinehurst Green with a green and white leather interior. It was completely restored in 2005 and repainted in its current factory color. Richard Sisson's Buick Skylark represents the best of Buick that year.



Mark Brodsky's #177 Eldorado (pictured below) stands out as an unrestored car, only refreshed as needed - a very rare example in the world of 1953 Eldorados. Acquired from a collector in Buffalo, NY in 2003, the Brodsky Eldorado was delivered new to McKeller Cadillac in Orlando, FL on June 3, 1953, after having been shipped through the Nolan Brown Cadillac Distributorship in Jacksonville, FL. Now with ~92K original miles, much of the original paint is still on the car, with other areas refreshed as needed. About 25 years ago, the seats were reappolstered and a new top was installed. Mark is the 4th or 5th owner of the car.





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Our attempts to book a 1953 Corvette were unfruitful as there was a competing NCRS event in Orlando, FL during the time of the local Auto Show. Originally unveiled at the 1953 Motorama kick-off at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York in January of 1953, these are among the rarest stock Corvettes, with only 300 built on a special assembly line in Flint, MI. However, with the help of Jim Moxley, NCRS Mid-Atlantic Director, we were connected with Dan Lewandowski of Purcellville, VA, who owns an intriguing 1954 Corvette.



**Dan Lewandowski's '54 "rescued" Corvette. Dan is pictured left at center to the rear of the car.**

It takes a Corvette expert to visually tell a 1953 and 1954 Corvette apart. All 1953s, and over 90% of 1954 Corvettes, were Polo White with a red interior. Dan's 1954 Vette, #3299 of 3600 built, was rescued from being parted out and is now an aesthetically authentic 1954 resto mod. The original Stovebolt straight six-cylinder engine with triple carbs was unsalvageable, so Dan installed a 1961 283 CID Corvette engine with two four-barrel carburetors and a Muncie four-speed transmission.

We were amazed at the number of people who came by the exhibit and had never seen any of these cars, even in pictures. As the oldest cars in the entire show, show attendees and kids of all ages were attracted to our Motorama Exhibit like bees to honey. This was an unusual opportunity to expose the general public to our beloved cars and hobby.

It was gratifying to talk to one young man who had just enrolled at [McPherson College](#) in Kansas. McPherson is home to one of the premier auto restoration professional education programs in the US, famously supported by Wayne Carini and Jay Leno, among others. This is the future of our hobby!

[Visit the Potomac Region website](#) to see more pictures from our 1953 GM Motorama re-creation. Additionally, Christopher Winter recorded a video walk through presentation. Watch on [YouTube](#).





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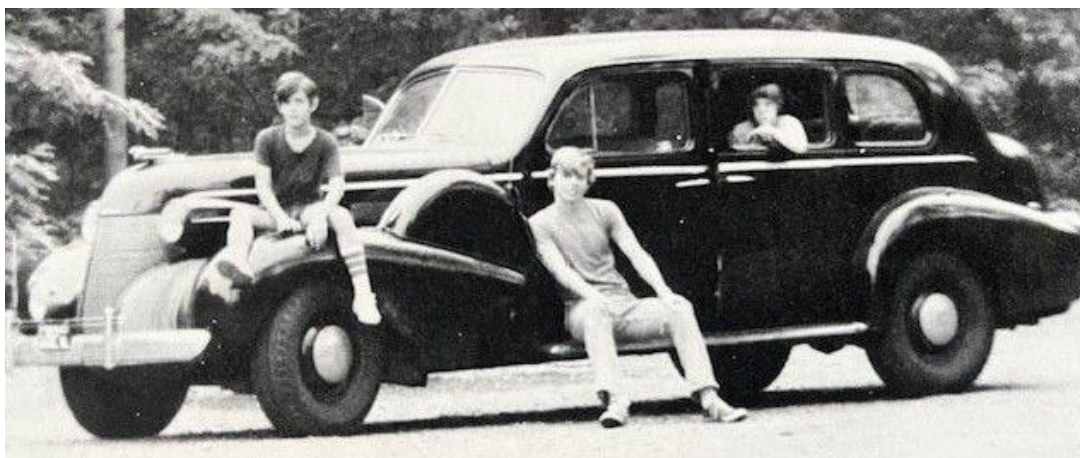


## ***THE FAMILY CADILLAC BY CHARLIE RUMRILL***



My father, Clark Rumrill, was a former U.S. Air Force and Foreign Service officer who spent a lifetime doing challenging things in interesting places. He loved beautiful and historic keepsakes, collecting rugs from Afghanistan, jewelry from India, and a 1939 Cadillac Series 75 Imperial Sedan from Florida. Dad bought the car for \$275 in 1965, when I was a young child. It had been in an accident and had substantial damage to the right front fender, but the 346 cc flathead (L-head) V8 was in solid shape and the big limousine was otherwise a solid runner.

That purchase began decades of our family's joyful association with the '39 Cadillac. The car spent years in a barn at our family farm outside Richmond, VA. The fender was eventually replaced in 1971 (a birthday present from my mother), engine and brake work was done, and the car was repainted its factory black. The Cadillac then began many years of reliable service as a fun mode of transport for our extended family. When we visited the farm it would hold up to eight, including parents, cousins, uncles and my brothers and sister on jaunts to the local ice cream shop and around town. It lived mostly in that barn for about 15 years as my family traveled overseas, but eventually made its way to Reston, VA in 1985 after my father's retirement from the Foreign Service.



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By the mid '90s the car had seen better days and the exterior, interior and flathead were all in need of major repair. The engine had seized and there was rust on many of the panels. I went with my father and a flatbed to White Post Restorations in White Post, VA to get the car worked on in 1996. His initial intention was to get the Cadillac running again and maybe have it painted. However, as classic car folks well know, once work began, there always seemed to be more to do. My father really loved the car and decided to invest in a frame-off restoration, which began in 1996 and was completed in 2000. He loved taking family and friends out to visit the Cadillac during that process.



We would hear tales from Billy, W.R., and the rest of the staff at White Post and would be amazed by the other cars in residence, while checking on the Cadillac's slow but very deliberate transition back to life. After the restoration was complete, the Cadillac (with seven fresh coats of Oxblood Maroon lacquer) was effectively factory new and my father drove it wherever and whenever he could: airport pickups, trips to the grocery store, and a road trip to Syracuse, NY and back, where it served as the bridal transport for my sister's wedding!



My father passed in 2021 and unfortunately the car had sat unused for years as his mobility declined. We took the car back to White Post to get it running again and had planned to sell it. But having my hands back on that beauty after so many years reminded me of the over 50 years of remarkable memories we had together and I could not let it go. After some brake, carburetor, water pump, suspension, electrical and paint work, the '39 Cadillac is again running well. My kids get a kick out of riding around the neighborhood and I am happy every day I see it sitting in my garage, where it very barely fits!



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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**1947 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible** – Originally a California car that has been with the same owner in eastern Canada the past 23 years – Professional modifications include 1987 Firebird 305 H.O. tuned engine with automatic transmission – Power steering with tilt column, power brakes (front disc), electric windows (doors), gauge set including clock, James Coy wheels, third brake light, amber turn signal lenses and tinted glass – Air conditioning installed but not working at present – Hartz top is like new – Frame and all components underneath are absolutely rust free – Faultless fun with this local show winner that has been driven as far west as British Columbia – Drives and rides like a new car – Owner is in his mid-80s now with limited eyesight, so it's time for a new home – [See pictures](#) – **\$85,000** – For more info, contact Bob Schilling at 905-875-5109 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Ontario Canada



**2001 Cadillac Seville SLS** – One owner car with 60k miles – Personally ordered and leased for three years before purchasing – Pristine condition overall and recently detailed – Original paperwork available including sales documents, service records, owner's manual, window sticker and sales brochures with leather swatches used by Cadillac dealers – Also includes never used 10 CD disc changer in original packaging – Owner is retiring and doesn't have room to keep it – Looking for a new caretaker – [See pictures](#) – **\$11,500** – For more information, contact Karen at 724-388-1989 or [send email](#) – Car is being stored in Frederick, MD

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