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Fellow members,

Spring cleaning has officially begun! On March 23-24, Daniel Jobe held his warehouse sale in Beltsville, MD, with over 30 enthusiasts from Florida to New York in attendance. Thanks to Daniel for the hospitality, hosting members at the sale of historical merchandise from his family's dealership of 86 years, Capitol Cadillac. Thanks for his donation to the Potomac Region and the CLC Museum & Research Center for their upcoming auction at the Grand National in Gettysburg, PA. There was something for everyone at the two-day event.



**L to R: Robert Schles, Valley Forge
Region Newsletter Editor, and
Sandy Kemper at the Daniel Jobe
Warehouse Sale
Photo by Lynn Gardner**

Our annual car show and automobilia auction will be held on Sunday, May 5 at Sport Cadillac in Silver Spring, MD. A "1953 General Motors Motorama" reunion will be featured, along with our customary judging classes and automobilia auction (see flyer in this issue). As you do your Spring Cleaning, please consider making a donation to the auction. Proceeds help us subsidize events for our members. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The Region sends its condolences to Anne & Bill Hilliard on the recent passing of Anne's brother.

Happy motoring!

Dan Ruby



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**IN MEMORIAM: MAURICE "GENE" SAUTER
BY THE SAUTER FAMILY AND VINCE TALIANO
PHOTOS BY JACK MCCLOW AND THE SAUTER FAMILY**



Former CLC Potomac Region member Maurice "Gene" Sauter of Ellicott City, MD passed away on March 14, 2024, at age 84. Born in Baltimore, his journey began early in life with an innate curiosity and talent for all things mechanical. An honored Air Force veteran, this interest led him to pursue a career in automobile mechanics, a field where he not only excelled but also found great joy. Gene began working for Oldsmobile in Baltimore. His expertise and dedication to his craft culminated in his esteemed position as Vice President of 40 West Motors, owned by the late Potomac Region member Charles Gillet, Jr.

Gene was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, whose passion for mechanical wizardry touched everyone he knew. The family knew well of Gene's strong work ethic. While at 40 West Motors, he only took one sick day in 38 years. The story of Gene walking to work in blizzard conditions with snow two-feet deep to guard against vandals at the dealership will continue to be told. Gene's service in the Air Force was a significant chapter in his life, shaping his character and reinforcing his commitment to excellence and service.

A man of many interests, Gene was particularly known for his love of classic cars. His collection was not merely a hobby but a reflection of his appreciation for design, history and the thrill of restoration. English cars and hot rods were among his favorites, and he delighted in maintaining and showcasing these automotive treasures. Gene's hands were rarely still, as he could often be found tinkering in his garage, bringing life back to vehicles that others had long forgotten.

Gene and his wife Betty were close friends with the late Charles Gillet, Jr. Gene was Charles' Service Manager at 40 West Motors at the time Charles purchased his first classic automobile in 1975, a "barn find" 1954 Bentley. From that point forward, they enjoyed the hobby together.

Gene is survived by his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Sauter and children Timmy Sauter and Hillarie, Carol and Jeff Klessig, Kimberly and Ken Lewis, and Linda McArthur, plus nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother. Please consider a donation to [Gilcrest Hospice](https://www.gilcresthospice.org/) in honor of his memory.



**L to R: Gene & Betty Sauter and
Charles Gillet, Jr. at the 7th Annual St.
Michaels Concours d'Elegance
September 2013**



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



March 14, 2024

Everybody should know, I just finished renovating my garage. It's about time!

CNN wrote it up for all to read at <https://www.cnn.com/style/gil-dezer-billionaire-cars/index.html>.

Now I'm miffed because my \$385,000 TV blew a tube! Believe this, and I'll tell you another one.

APRIL FOOL!



Larry Good
Washington Grove, MD

[Editor's note: Read more about billionaire Michael Dezer and his collection in the March 2024 issue, pages 16-17.]



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



March 1, 2024

Between 1960 and 1979, I worked at the original Capitol Cadillac on 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC, as everything from a car jockey, lot boy, apprentice mechanic, mechanic (everything but front end), shop foreman, shop superintendent and assistant service manager. At times, the 1953 Cadillac LeMans was stored there. I believe that I drove it around once or twice on the lot while relocating it. The car was yellow back then. Below is what I was told by the elders who worked there.

The car was originally a concept car that was never intended to be driven. Capitol Cadillac owner Floyd Akers took a liking to it, and having much sway in Detroit, was able to obtain it. The engine, transmission and running gear were installed along with other equipment to make it drivable. The one thing I was told in person was that it also had no gauges. They had to be fabricated from scratch. The man who told me this was one of the fabricators, Howard Zinn (my ex-father-in-law). He said he and Johnny Coffin, another longtime employee of the shop, did the delicate work.

As an employee there, I also had the occasion to drive other exotic cars around (usually short moves) like the two 1956 Cadillac Secret Service convertibles everyone knows from the Kennedy assassination footage, as well as the infamous 1961 Lincoln Continental Presidential Limousine after it was armored following the tragic event (Charter Member Ellwood Brown recalls seeing the car there as well).

I also did much work on the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Cadillac limousines that were only armored from the glass down. I still have the wiring diagram from the 1968 model that was provided to me in case there were problems in the rear part of the car.

After 1979, I worked at Moore Cadillac in Virginia, then back to Capitol and now Sport Cadillac in Silver Spring, MD. Hope to see everyone at the Spring Car Show at Sport on Sunday, May 5.

Jim Churchill



This 1956 Cadillac 75 stretched limousine was used in presidential motorcades for Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. When a new Lincoln convertible was acquired for President Kennedy, it was demoted for use as a chase vehicle by the Secret Service and was, in fact, driving behind JFK on that fateful day in Dallas when he was shot.

Photo by conceptcarz.com



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MARCH 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: 198 Restaurant, Burtonsville, MD

TIME: 11:00 am

PRESIDING: Chuck Piel, Assistant Region Director

ATTENDEES: Nineteen including three officers: Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director), Vince Taliano (Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Website Manager), Steve Clay, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Larry & Maia Good, Bill Gibson, Jeff Gurski, Constantin Jiga, Sandy Kemper, Barry & Babs Leese, Debbie Piel, Harry Scott and Richard Sisson

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Chuck Piel thanked everyone for attending. He offered condolences to the family of former member Maurice "Gene" Sauter, of Ellicott City, MD, who recently passed away. Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm at Harry H. Witzke's Family Funeral Home, 4112 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The funeral service will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 21.

SECRETARY'S REMARKS: The minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed since they were published and distributed to all members in the March 2024 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the last meeting. Total revenue was \$125.82 and total expense of \$303.83 for the period, resulting in a **net loss of \$178.01**. Revenue included the first two Spring Car Show registrations: Steve Clark, Baltimore, MD, 1972 Eldorado coupe and Jack & Cher Gallagher, Bethesda, MD, 1939 LaSalle Series 50 sedan.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vince Taliano announced that we currently have 159 dues-paying family memberships for 2024. Member Terry Prevost, Leesburg, VA, won the holiday party door prize of one year's membership in the Region. Since he has paid his dues through 2025, his membership has been extended through 2026. Congratulations, Terry!

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

- **Past Events:**

- **Annual Holiday Party / 55th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, February 25, Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, MD.** Thanks to Mark Brodsky for his generosity as the host and sponsor of the well-attended event (over 50 members and guests attended). Thanks to Christopher Winter and Vince Taliano for running the show program that included recognition of the Charter members in attendance with special framed certificates. Read more about the early days of the Region in the April newsletter where additional Charter members who were unable to attend the party shared their stories and photographs.



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• **Upcoming Events:**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Apr 7 Sun	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Annual Spring Meet hosted by the Capitol Miniature Auto Collectors Club	Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire House Community Hall Dunn Loring, VA	James William Brostrom at 703-864-7244 or send email
Apr 17-21 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855 or Visit website
May 5 Sun Rain Date 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 send email
Jun 10-15 Mon-Sat		CLC Grand National Visit website	Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg, PA	Cynthia Rutledge at 727-742-9649 or send email
Jun 16 Sun		49th Annual Father's Day Antique and Classic Car Show Visit website	Sully Plantation Chantilly, VA	John Dougherty at 703-971-8033 or send email
Jun 21-22 Fri-Sat	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	GM Nationals featuring Cadillac	Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855 or Visit website
Jul 4 Thu	Assemble at 9:00 am	Annual 4th of July Parade Visit website	Carroll Ave. and Ethan Allen Ave. Takoma Park, MD	Tara Egan at 240-863-8837 or send email

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2024 Grand National 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2025-26 term election will be held in November. If anyone is interested in running for one of the positions listed below or would like more information, please contact Vince Taliano.
 - Regional Director
 - Assistant Regional Director
 - Treasurer
 - Activities Director
 - Car Show Coordinator
 - Membership Director
 - Secretary
 - Website Manager
 - Newsletter Editor

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 pm at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.



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32nd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction Special Display: 1953 General Motors Motorama Reunion



**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 the ramp right and follow signs for Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Bear right onto Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Turn left onto Automobile Blvd.

From Greenbelt (I-495/I-95)

- Take I-495 N / I-95 N
- Keep right to stay on I-95 N
- At Exit 31-32-33, head right on the ramp for MD-200 W/Intercounty Connector W toward Konterra Dr.
- At Exit 17, head on the ramp right and follow signs for Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Bear right onto Briggs Chaney Rd.
- Turn left onto Automobile Blvd.



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Car Show Rules

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

Car Show Registration Form

Judging Classes

Class A: 1903-1942 Cadillac/LaSalle
Class B: 1946-1964 Cadillac
Class C: 1965-1976 Cadillac
Class D: 1977-1985 Cadillac
Class E: 1986-1999 Cadillac
Class F: 2000-Present Cadillac
Class G: 1953 GM Cars (non-Cadillac)
Class H: Cadillac/LaSalle Display Only

Other Awards

Best of Show – Early (1970 or earlier)
Best of Show – Late (1971 or later)
Long Distance (Driven Cars Only)
Ladies' Choice
Henry Ruby Memorial
Dealer's Choice

A vehicle receiving any "Best of" award will not be eligible to receive an award in its respective judging class.

Registration Form

Make checks payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and U.S. mail with completed registration form to:

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

Name(s): _____ Total Number Attending: _____

Address: _____ Email Address (required): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle Registration Fee: (up until April 27: \$20/per car, after April 27 including day of show: \$25/per car)

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

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Check box if you do not
want your vehicle judged
for awards (e.g., display
only).

For further information, contact Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115 or chuckpiel@clcpotomacregion.org.

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CHARTER MEMBER UPDATES BY VINCE TALIANO

As part of the CLC Potomac Region's 55th Anniversary, I tried to connect with and/or locate all of the Charter Members who appeared in the photographs below from the first region meeting in January 1969 at Ron & Sherie Van Gelderen's house in McLean, VA. Not pictured below is Charter Member Bill Thomas who took the pictures (read more about Bill on the next page).

I was successful in many cases with Charter Members who no longer live in the area: Ellwood Brown - FL, George Teebay - CA and Fred Westenberg - FL. In the case of "Ralph Perkins," as spelled in ***The Self-Starter*** photo caption, I had difficulty because a Google search of the name did not result in anything, plus he is only listed once in the early Potomac Region material, as "Ralph Pekins." So, for the anniversary material, we settled with "Perkins" because there are quite a few Ralph Perkins in the world, including a 79-year-old in Northern Virginia who I called and was politely told wasn't the Ralph I was trying to locate.



L to R Standing - Martha Jane Kennedy, Fred Westenberg, Earl Broyles, Juan Aranda, C. P. "Johnny" Johnson, Robert Schilling and Ralph Perkins

L to R Kneeling - Zane Griner, Ellwood Brown, Steven Sisson and Richard Sisson



L to R Standing - George Teebay, Sue Teebay, Mike Smith, Sandy Smith, Carl Davis, Akin Davis, Glen Cole, Pat Cole, Bryce Frey and Nancy Frey

L to R Kneeling - Ron Van Gelderen and Sherie Van Gelderen

After the March newsletter was published with the attendees pictured, Charter Member Ellwood Brown contacted Dan Ruby and said that "Ralph's name was misspelled." He remembered it as "Peckins" and that last he heard Ralph was in Tennessee. A quick Google search found an obituary for a "Ralph Aubrey Peckins" from Clarkesville, GA who died in 2019 at the age of 85. It said that he was a retired licensed chauffeur who he had a great love for antique automobiles and in his spare time enjoyed restoring them (view [Ralph's obituary](#)). He would have been 34 years old in January 1969, which is a reasonable age considering how he looked in the photograph. Charter Member Bill Thomas also reached out saying that Ralph's name was misspelled and that he had passed away in Clarkesville, GA. Bill remembered that Ralph had a beautiful 1941 Cadillac Series 75 Formal Limousine with blind quarter panels (no windows behind the rear doors) and performed the concours quality restoration work on his Cadillac himself. Ellwood recalled that there was a vanity license plate with his initials RAP on Ralph's '41 Limo that caused him some trouble from time to time. People thought the car belonged to H. Rap Brown, an American human rights activist and black separatist. Ralph also wore a chauffeur's cap when he drove the car.

Ellwood also informed us that Charter Member Fred Westenberg of Winter Springs, FL passed away in 2021 at the age of 81 (view [Fred's obituary](#)). Fred drove a blue '57 Eldorado Biarritz back in the day and was in charge of the machinery at A&R Tool Rental. He was a close friend of Charter Member Glen Cole (pictured above) and a great mechanic. Rest in peace to all the Charter Members who have passed away!



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MEMORIES OF '69 BY BILL THOMAS

I remember well the taking of pictures at the CLC Potomac Region's first meeting at Ron and Sherie Van Gelderen's home in January 1969, as I took some of them and therefore, was not in the ones published [on the previous page]. It was great that so many people attended, but it meant the pictures needed to be taken in two shots because not all attendees could be accommodated in one picture. The pictures were taken between Ron and Sherie's living and dining room because it was the only area indoors that could accommodate a picture of up to half the attendees. Except for two children who were there, including Ron & Sherie's son, I was the youngest attendee at just eighteen years old!

Living not far from Ron at the time, I would see him driving his Cadillacs. That's how we met, as I was driving a 1956 Series 62 Sedan in 1968. My car was present at the first Potomac Region Car Show at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD in 1992 (pictured below), along with my parents, Bill & Virginia Thomas, pictured next to me in the center, and the late Juan Aranda. Juan was a great fellow and a true Cadillac enthusiast, who was also at the first meeting in 1969. We would park cars together at the City of Rockville shows.



***[Editor's note: Charter Member Bill Thomas served
as the Potomac Region Director from 1985-91.]***

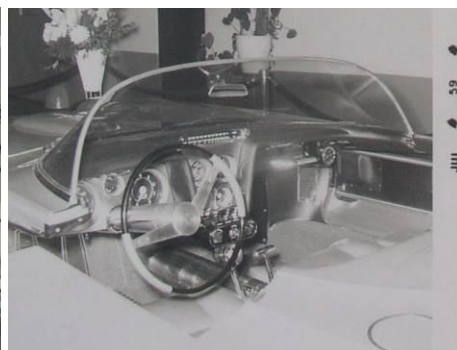
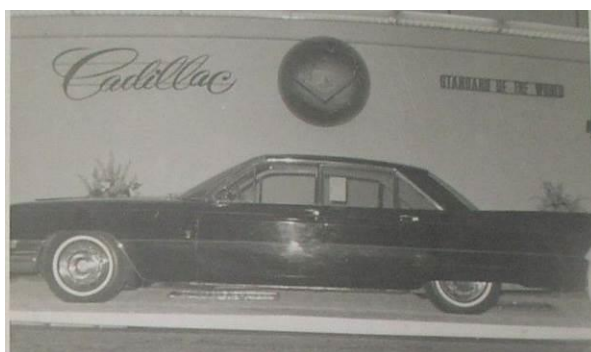
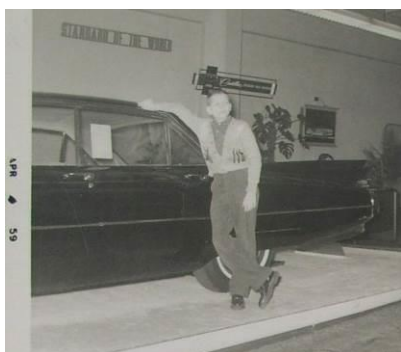


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THE EARLY DAYS BY ELLWOOD BROWN

My Cadillac story starts in the late 1950s. When I was 13 years old, I saw a black 1960 Eldorado Brougham imported from Italy and on display at Capitol Cadillac in Washington, DC in April 1959 (pictured below) and then the silver Cadillac Cyclone in July that year. I don't think the Cyclone had an engine in it yet, but one of my pictures below shows the extra gauges, so maybe it was drivable at that point. Obviously, they didn't want a 13-year-old poking around under the hood.



I saw the Kennedy Assassination Lincoln when it returned from Dallas and was stored in back of Capitol Cadillac [as mentioned in Jim Churchill's Letter to the Editor on page 4]. I wish, looking back, my camera was with me that day as the car was untouched from the incident. The dealership also took care of the Secret Service cars and kept them in a private garage outside. If you were nice to the guard, he would let you in to look around.

When the White House had late '30s V-16 parade cars, they would overheat so badly in parades that they finally installed V-8 engines in them. V-16 engines were lying around behind Capitol Cadillac, but after WWII you could barely give them away. Some were sold to buyers in Texas to run oil rigs, but nobody knows what happened to the rest of them.

By the time I attended the Region's first meeting in 1969 at Ron Van Gelderen's house, I already knew a lot about Cadillac's history. I have great memories of many early members like Fred Westenberger, Ralph Peckins, George Teebay, Martha Jane Kennedy, C.P. "Johnny" Johnson, Glen Cole, Steven and Richard Sisson, Bill Thomas, Bryce Frey, Juan Aranda, Charlie Lightbown, Henry Ruby, etc.



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MY RECOLLECTIONS BY GEORGE TEEBAY

Thanks to Vince Taliano and Ellwood Brown for reaching out to me! I was sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph Peckins and Fred Westenberger, but I am happy they lived long and productive lives.

I'm now 81 years old and living in San Leandro, CA in the San Francisco Bay Area. My 1939 Cadillac Series 75 Seven-Passenger Sedan, present at the region's founding meeting in 1969 (pictured upper far right), now lives two blocks away, owned by a close friend who has driven it 20,000 miles in the last 14 years or so. I bought that car in the Bay Area



in May 1968 upon my return from Vietnam, rebuilt the carburetor, and drove it the "Long Way" to my next Army assignment in Washington, DC, via the Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Fort Benning, Atlanta, Knoxville and up the Shenandoah Valley to suburban DC. I borrowed a 1968 CLC Directory from renowned Bay Area Cadillac collector (Bob) Schultz (even his wife calls him just "Schultz"), who has become a lifetime friend and who turned 88 recently. I wanted it in case I needed to find a part such as a water pump or generator from a member in another state on my cross-country run. I still have that directory and will return it to Schultz with all due ceremony on his 90th birthday! Hope that intention will keep both of us alive until then!

After arriving in the DC area, I used the borrowed directory to call Leonard Leimbach, owner of three 1939 75s, two of which were sedans and one a convertible coupe (total production = 27). I wanted the convertible coupe in the worst way, but it didn't fly with my then-wife. Mrs. Leimbach informed me that her husband had recently died and put me onto Glen Cole who became a close friend and Cadillac mentor. I was able to stay in touch with Glen until a year or so before he passed (RIP, Glen!). And that's how I came to be at the Potomac Region's founding meeting in January 1969, and meet many of the members. I knew Henry Ruby and Juan Aranda slightly through region activities and am sorry they are no longer with us. The best way to honor these members who were mentors to us is to be mentors to others – pay it forward!

I left active duty in September 1971 and returned to the Bay Area, flat towing the 1939 behind a 1964 Series 60 sedan purchased from a Potomac Region member. I was young and dumb to do that but got home without incident. I was active in CLC's Northern California Region for many years. Perhaps 15-20 years ago, the CLC had its Board Meeting in the Bay Area, and I joined the group afterwards for cocktails and vehicle admiration at Schultz's shop. Ron Van Gelderen, co-founder of Potomac Region, was there and he and I ventured out for dinner and a catching-up conversation. I was truly sorry to hear of his passing.



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Thirty years ago, I got hooked on Pierce-Arrow automobiles, and now have five: 1918 touring, 1925 sedan, 1930 roadster, 1934 (production) Silver Arrow coupe, and 1936 eight-cylinder sedan. Two are down for engine work but I drive the others quite a bit.

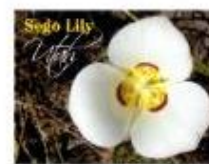


Nickel Era Touring Registry

UTah Nickel Era Tour

St. George, Bryce & Zion

Sept. 25-30, 2023



Last September we put 600 miles on the 1918 (pictured above) in six days on a Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) tour in Southwest Utah, including Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park, accompanied by 33 other pre-1933 cars of many makes.

I've remained a CLC member (#1953) and a couple of years ago had hopes (stalled) of acquiring a <45k-mile 1939 Series 60 Special, but I should be de-accessioning at my age. I'm blessed and extraordinarily fortunate to be able to drive the old iron and enjoy the hobby still, but no longer pull transmissions by myself!

I'd be happy to catch up with you old friends and if you ever find yourself out my way, please contact me!



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CADILLAC COLLECTION: BEFORE THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY BY BOB BAER

While in Ft Myers, FL recently, we visited the museum at the [Edison and Ford Winter Estates](#). On display was a 1906-08 Cadillac / Columbia Motor Car. Here is the description that was on the placard next to the car.

"In 1901, Henry Ford became one of the principal founders of the Henry Ford Company. His role was to design, create and manufacture a commercial car, but he left after just three months due to differences of opinion over the types of vehicles the company would produce. Afterward, the business reorganized as the Cadillac Automobile Company and began producing high-end vehicles. Cadillac was purchased by the General Motors Corporation in 1909 and continues to serve as their luxury brand.



This unique vehicle features a 1908 chassis and four-cylinder engine produced by the Cadillac Motor Car Company. However, it has been modified to accommodate a 1906 Columbia electric car cab.

Did you know? *Edison saw electric vehicles as the transportation of the future, and even experimented with the use of a nickel-iron alkaline storage battery as a clean source of power for automobiles."*



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FOOT-LONG FLEETWOOD BY JEFF GURSKI



Here is an impressive new Chinese-made 1:12 scale miniature auto variation of a stretched version of the 1996 Fleetwood. It takes two hands to even pick it up!





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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



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](#) – **Reduced to \$12,000** – For more info, contact Mary Cicciu at 508-250-3781 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Cotuit, MA



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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