



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle May 2024



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DAN RUBY

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Fellow members,

Our Annual Car Show & Automobilia Auction is coming up on Sunday, May 5th at Sport Cadillac in Silver Spring, MD. It is our biggest event of the year. The officers will be monitoring the extended weather forecast closely and will inform everyone who pre-registered, along with all club members, via email and on our website's '[In the News](#)' page if the show needs to be switched to the rain date of Sunday, May 19. Let's hope we can go forward with the original date. Members who didn't pre-register their cars can register at the gate. Also, don't forget to donate something for our Automobilia Auction that day. I look forward to seeing everyone there.



A reminder, this year's show will feature a special 1953 GM Motorama Reunion of various models scheduled to be on display. Special thanks to Chuck Piel, Larry Good, Mark Brodsky, Jim Mitchell, Richard Sisson and others on their recruitment of 1953 owners.



It's hard to believe the 2024 Grand National in Gettysburg, PA is next month! Avoid costly late registration fees and [register](#) before the upcoming deadline of Friday, May 10, if you haven't already, as some events have already sold out.

Happy motoring!

*Dan Ruby*



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



April 3, 2024

Yesterday, I received a call about an old Cadillac that has been in one family and in storage for quite some time. It was recently handed down to one of their younger members. He asked me to source tires for it through my import business.

I saw the car and thought he said it was a 1922 model. It has a seven-seat touring body with a "Fisher" plate on it and is right-hand drive. What a great old car that runs but badly needs some servicing!

Regards,

John DeBrincat  
Sydney, Australia





# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

#### **May 2024**



#### **APRIL 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES** **BY VINCE TALIANO**

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

**TIME:** 7:30 pm

**PRESIDING:** Dan Ruby, Region Director

**ATTENDEES:** Seventeen including five officers: Franklin Gage (Membership Director), Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Chuck Piel (Assistant Region Director), Vince Taliano (Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Website Manager), Dan Ruby (Regional Director), Joe Cerroni, Jim Dillard, Larry & Maia Good, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Jeff Gurski, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton, Harry Scott, Gabe Simerson and Morgan Yeh

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Dan Ruby thanked everyone for attending. If you plan to attend the Car Show and Automobilia Auction on Sunday, May 5 and haven't pre-registered yet, please do so. The deadline for the discounted fee of \$20 is Saturday, April 27. To date, less than 20 cars have been pre-registered. In addition, volunteers are still needed to help with day of show activities ranging from registering and parking cars to assisting with other duties as needed. Please reach out to Dan or Chuck Piel for more information.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the last meeting. Total revenue was \$654.82 and total expense of \$264.49 for the period, resulting in a net gain of \$390.33. Most of the revenue was from car show registrations and a donation.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Franklin Gage announced that we currently have 160 dues-paying family memberships for 2024. Region information has been shared with two relatively new CLC members in the area, who have expressed interest.

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

• **Past Events:**

- **54th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts and Swap Meet, Fri-Sat, Mar 22-23, Westminster, MD.** Jack Gallagher reported that over 1,600 people attended, representing the largest attendance in the ten years in the current location.
- **Daniel Jobe Warehouse Sale, Sat-Sun, Mar 23-24, Beltsville, MD.** Over 30 enthusiasts from Florida (Lynn Gardner and Dave Murray) to New York (Bill Aprile) attended. There was something for everyone at the two-day sale of historical merchandise from Daniel's family's dealership of 86 years, Capitol Cadillac. Thanks to Daniel for his generous donation to the Potomac Region of some of the proceeds, and additional items he is donating to the CLC Museum & Research Center for the upcoming auction at the Grand National in Gettysburg, PA.



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• **Upcoming Events:**

| Date                                       | Time                           | Event   | Location  | Contact   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| May 5<br>Sun<br>Rain Date<br>May 19<br>Sun | 9:00 am –<br>3:00 pm           | 32nd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction featuring a 1953 General Motors Motorama Reunion<br><i>Check website's 'In the News' for weather updates!</i> | Sport Cadillac<br>Silver Spring, MD   | Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115<br>or <a href="#">send email</a>       |
| May 18<br>Sat<br>Fair Weather Only         | 9:00 am –<br>2:00 pm           | 18th Spring BOPC Car Show Presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club<br><a href="#">Visit website</a>   | West Goshen<br>Community Park<br>West Chester, PA                             | <a href="#">Send email</a>  |
| June 8<br>Sat                              | 9:00 am –<br>2:00 pm           | Classic Car Show<br><a href="#">See flyer</a>   | VFW Post #521<br>Owings Mills, MD   | Wendle Billips at 667-755-9056<br>or <a href="#">send email</a>   |
| Jun 10-15<br>Mon-Sat                       |                                | CLC Grand National<br><a href="#">Visit website</a>   | Wyndham Hotel<br>Gettysburg, PA   | Cynthia Rutledge at 727-742-9649<br>or <a href="#">send email</a> |
| Jun 16<br>Sun                              | 10:00 am –<br>3:30 pm          | 49th Annual Father's Day Antique and Classic Car Show<br><a href="#">Visit website</a>  | Sully Plantation<br>Chantilly, VA   | John Dougherty at 703-971-8033<br>or <a href="#">send email</a>   |
| Jun 21-22<br>Sat-Sun                       | Gates open daily<br>at 7:00 am | GM Nationals featuring Cadillac   | Carlisle, PA  | 717-243-7855 or<br><a href="#">Visit website</a>                  |
| Jun 22<br>Sun<br>Rain Date<br>Aug 3<br>Sat | 9:00 am –<br>2:00 pm           | Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County and the CLC Raritan River Region Car Show and Garage Tour  | Joe & Rita Puleo's<br>Museum featuring<br>1959 Cadillacs<br>Wall Township, NJ | Joe Puleo at 908-963-2063   |
| Jul 4<br>Thu                               | Line up at<br>10:30 am         | Annual 4th of July Parade<br><a href="#">See flyer</a>  | Morningside, MD   | Town Hall at 301-736-2300   |
| Jul 4<br>Thu                               | Assemble at<br>9:00 am         | Annual 4th of July Parade<br><a href="#">Visit website</a>  | Carroll Ave. and<br>Ethan Allen Ave.<br>Takoma Park, MD                       | Tara Egan at 240-863-8837 or<br><a href="#">send email</a>        |
| Sep 21-22<br>Sat-Sun                       | 9:00 am –<br>3:00 pm           | Fourth Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show  | AACA Museum<br>Hershey, PA  | Michael Stinson at 267-251-8588<br>or <a href="#">send email</a>  |

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe Cerroni presented a story on a car he once owned, a 1955 Packard Patrician (pictured top right), and compared it to a 1955 Cadillac (pictured bottom right). He purchased the car in 1990 from Idaho based only on photographs and discussions with the seller. That was a big year for Packard with its new 352 CI V8 engine, Ultramatic transmission and torsion level suspension. Overall, he liked Packard's design better (e.g., hood and cathedral tail lights), but felt Cadillacs were assembled better.



**NEXT MEETING:** In lieu of a May meeting, members are invited to participate in the Cars and Coffee at Westfield Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, MD on Saturday, May 18, starting at approximately 8:00 am. Participants use the parking lot at the corner of Westlake Dr. and Westlake Terrace Dr. Food and beverages are available at The Corner Bakery.



**Paul Sevag's 1955 Fleetwood  
For Sale: \$39,500  
[View Pictures](#)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 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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**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**Rain Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024**

### 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

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| <p><b>Judging Classes</b></p> <p>Class A: 1903-1942 Cadillac/LaSalle<br/>         Class B: 1946-1964 Cadillac<br/>         Class C: 1965-1976 Cadillac<br/>         Class D: 1977-1985 Cadillac<br/>         Class E: 1985-1999 Cadillac<br/>         Class F: 2000-Present Cadillac<br/>         Class G: Cadillac/LaSalle Display Only<br/>         Class H: 1953 GM Cars (non-Cadillac)</p> | <p><b>Other Awards</b></p> <p><b>Best of Show – Early (1970 or earlier)</b><br/> <b>Best of Show – Late (1971 or later)</b><br/> <b>Long Distance (Driven Cars Only)</b><br/> <b>Ladies' Choice</b><br/> <b>Henry Ruby Memorial</b><br/> <b>Dealer's Choice</b></p> <p>A vehicle receiving any "Best of" award will not be eligible to receive an award in its respective judging class.</p> |
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### 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: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Check box if you do not want your vehicle judged for awards (e.g., display only).</b> |
| Circle Make: CAD LAS | Year: _____ | Class: _____ | Model: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Circle Make: CAD LAS | Year: _____ | Class: _____ | Model: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

For further information, contact Chuck Piel at 240-888-5115 or [chuckpiel@clcpotomacregion.org](mailto:chuckpiel@clcpotomacregion.org).



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**TIRED OF I-95 TRAFFIC AROUND THE RICHMOND / NORTHERN VA CORRIDOR?  
DO A PITSTOP AND VISIT THESE GEMS ALONG THE ROUTE!  
BY MORGAN YEH**

We saw some gems along the route on a recent family road trip! Our first stop was the [Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum](#), just south of Richmond, VA right off of I-95. Do not let the name deceive you because the trucks and tractors are only the beginning of the collection. On display among a large selection of cars at the museum is a beautiful 1967 Cadillac DeVille Convertible, plus vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycles (pictured bottom right).



Other vehicles include a 1960 Studebaker Hawk Coupe and a selection of hot rods in gleaming colors. Actually, there are Studebaker trucks in the museum too, as they were a major truck / "motorized wagon" manufacturer in the early 20th century. And of course, the trucks, tractor trailers and farm tractors are eye-candy for those interested in massive workhorse machinery.



When I was in seventh grade, my dream job was to be a truck driver (today I have a desk job). During the lockdown, I nearly got my Commercial Driver's License (CDL) because I heard the roads were literally wide open and free of traffic. It sounded like a ton of fun, but we just had our third child and my wife, Chia-Hua, hinted that "it was not the best idea" for the family, which made sense. The closest I get now is a major family road trip!





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Next up on our trip is a place you will want to call up before visiting, the [Classic Car Center](#) of Fredericksburg, VA. They restore and sell unique automobiles, plus restored lawn care equipment (proceeds support Virginia's Families of the Wounded). In the back of the warehouse area, they store a lot of personal vehicles for people who want to winterize their cars in an ideal location away from the elements.



For my son's birthday in 2023 he asked me to bring him to a place where there were lots of unique cars that one would not normally see on the road. I did some research and discovered this place, also off of I-95, but between Richmond and Northern Virginia.

I called to request a visit. They welcomed us to stop by, and allowed us to tour the rear warehouse to check out people's personal vehicles, with the understanding that we would not touch the cars, which we promised to abide by. They also had a few featured showroom vehicles for sale. From April through October, they host a Cars and Coffee with yummy goodies on the last Saturday of the month from 8:00-10:00 am. There is no admission fee to attend. One time, we took our 1992 Cadillac Brougham d'Elegance (pictured above) to visit, and people were flagging us down when we were leaving to get a closer look at the car. Of course, we stayed a bit longer that time!

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More pictures from the [Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum](https://www.keystone-truck.com/)





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**MY STUFF: THE WHEEL DEAL  
BY TEDDY AMENABAR  
PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VENTURA  
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN BETHESDA MAGAZINE, MAY/JUNE 2014**

**This story, featuring CLC Potomac Region members Randy & Susan Denchfield, was published 10 years ago this month!**

## mySTUFF

### The Wheel Deal

Randy Denchfield doesn't like to say how many antique cars he owns. But you can get an idea from this: Some are stored in a private, 14-car garage under a local Giant supermarket; one is at a friend's house in Bethesda; another three are at his home in Chevy Chase.

"I have a disease," Denchfield admits. "I'm a car nut."

Denchfield delivered newspapers when he was growing up in the D.C. area, and he always noticed the cars in neighbors' driveways. He often could remember a car model more easily than a neighbor's name. Today at 66, he owns the commercial roofing company he started 40 years ago. But antique cars remain his passion.

Denchfield refers to automobiles as "rolling art." Many of the cars he owns—which he began collecting seriously at about age 40—date to the 1930s, when art deco was big. One of his favorites is an orange 1935 LaSalle with a rumble seat and suicide doors, which open from left to right. Only nine 1935 LaSalle convertible coupes are known to exist, according to Denchfield, and he owns two of them (the second features the classic pairing of maroon and black).

Many people see car collecting as an expensive hobby, but Denchfield says you can find a 1970s-circa running convertible for as little as \$4,000. Collectors, however, can spend thousands more renovating one to factory condition. Denchfield goes to a dozen car shows a year, in addition to local events. Two of his cars have won Grand National Awards from the Antique Automobile Club of America, and another four have won senior awards from the Cadillac Club. Car collectors are all the same, Denchfield says: "They love to show them, they love to talk about them." ■



A fire in a friend's garage destroyed some of the man's vintage cars. Like many car enthusiasts, Denchfield likes to collect parts, and his friend gave him this **1949 Buick grille**. Denchfield figures it's worth about \$500.

This **1937 Packard 120 convertible coupe** was made with a signature oxbow grille so it would stand out from competitors. Denchfield likens it to Mercedes' iconic star.

This **1937 Packard 115** was one of the cheapest models sold during the Great Depression, Denchfield says. Packard sold more cars that year than any other.

Denchfield bought this **1968 Harley-Davidson FLH-1200** because it was one of the last made before the company was bought out by American Machine & Foundry. Because of its custom paint job and modifications made by Denchfield, the motorcycle is often confused with an older duo-glide Harley Davidson.



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These **teardrop headlights** on the orange **1935 LaSalle convertible coupe** illustrate the art deco aesthetic of the era.

Denchfield's wife, **Susan**, enjoys the car collection nearly as much as he does. Denchfield says she often takes one of the cars out to drive around on nice days.

In 1934 and 1935, many cars came with **suicide doors**, which are hinged at the rear. Denchfield says one theory behind the name was that the door would fly off the hinges if it was opened while the car was moving.

This is the second of the two **La Salle convertible coupes** that Denchfield owns. He loves the color scheme, which is typical of a 1930s car.



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**CAPITOL CADILLAC: 1963  
PHOTOS BY LOUIS DELAVIGNE  
NEGATIVES BY ROBERT FARRELL  
PRESENTED BY HOWARD BROMSTEIN, DANIEL JOBE AND CONSTANTIN JIGA**





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#### **THE DUKE OF MARLBORO**

##### **BY GABE SIMERSON**



My family tells me my fascination with things that go began in infancy, when I would hang over the edge of the stroller to watch the wheels. It was said that summer rides in my dad's red NA Mazda Miata were a surefire way to get me to quiet down and fall asleep for the night. Later on, I was mesmerized by the barely-together 1964 Chrysler Imperial a neighbor daily drove to his job at the bar, with an exhaust leak so major it rattled the window screens. Car shows were my favorite summer activity—smelling the interiors, admiring the lines, hearing the startups, etc. But in our average suburban life, the closest I got to tinkering myself was helping my dad with oil changes on the Miata. He told stories of the days of carburetors, but they were only stories. By last year, when I turned 25, I realized this was the cheapest my life will ever be—no health issues, no kids and no mortgage. So, I decided it was time to just do it and buy a classic car for myself. I could watch as many YouTube videos as I wanted, but I would never learn until I finally tried.

Since my taste varies from British roadsters and pre-fin Americana to malaise-era barges and beyond, I wanted to start with something "new" enough that fundamental parts wouldn't all need to be fabricated or bought at auction, domestic and mainstream enough that I didn't need an über-specialist mechanic, and a non-ragtop, probably non-European specimen (as for the time being it needs to live outside – I hear your cringes!). That meant no MGB yet, and nothing pre-'60s. The '77-92 Caddies seemed ideal (as my last criterion was relative parkability). After weeks of research and scrolling the

ever-trustworthy medium known as Facebook Marketplace, I decided either a late 350-powered rig or a '77-79 425 was the way to go. Luckily, I found my best bet: a triple-white '77 Coupe de Ville with red trim for sale at a fair price in Upper Marlboro, MD. I bought the car and dubbed it "Duke—the Duke of Marlboro."





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After cruising over the Potomac River to my home in Alexandria, VA, Duke was filled up with his ceremonial first tank, and parked overnight. The first day of the rest of my life began the next morning with an urgent knock from a neighbor who reported the gas tank was leaking in the parking lot and had been all night! From that moment on, I learned something the hard way about the car nearly every day. Except for when it involved unavoidable expense or social unrest, I enjoyed it, at least after the fact.



Duke has an older repaint that's deceptively pretty from about 25 feet away. Other than aftermarket (but correctly sized) wheels and inauthentic wire wheel covers, most else is original, for better or worse. Despite an alleged 72,000 miles, it feels tired enough to convince me some routine maintenance was neglected. The biggest threat to its health is a knocking rear end that still keeps me up at night. But these things have made for a valuable crash course on the fundamentals.



In my first five months as a classic car owner, I've learned:

- No issue is ever isolated
- Cars are never "finished"
- Nothing is free, and shortcuts never work in the long term
- Second opinions are good; third opinions are better
- Learn to do as much as you can yourself, with the guidance of wise friends
- Best resources are experienced peers (I never felt so relieved as at my first CLC Potomac Region meeting in February 2024 when every issue I named was met with an "oh, I've dealt with that" from a seasoned veteran)

As I wasn't raised living and breathing oil, sweat and gears, I'm grateful to have found CLC members to shepherd me through this wonderful hobby.





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## **"CADILLAC" BY KARL STOLL AND THE DANGER ZONE**

Well, I have been saving all my money  
I have been saving all my pay  
I have been saving all my money  
I have been saving all my pay  
I'm gonna buy me a great big car today

Well, I took all my pennies  
I took them down to the store  
Yes, I took all my pennies  
I took them down to the store  
And I bought me an Eldorado station wagon  
With four on the floor

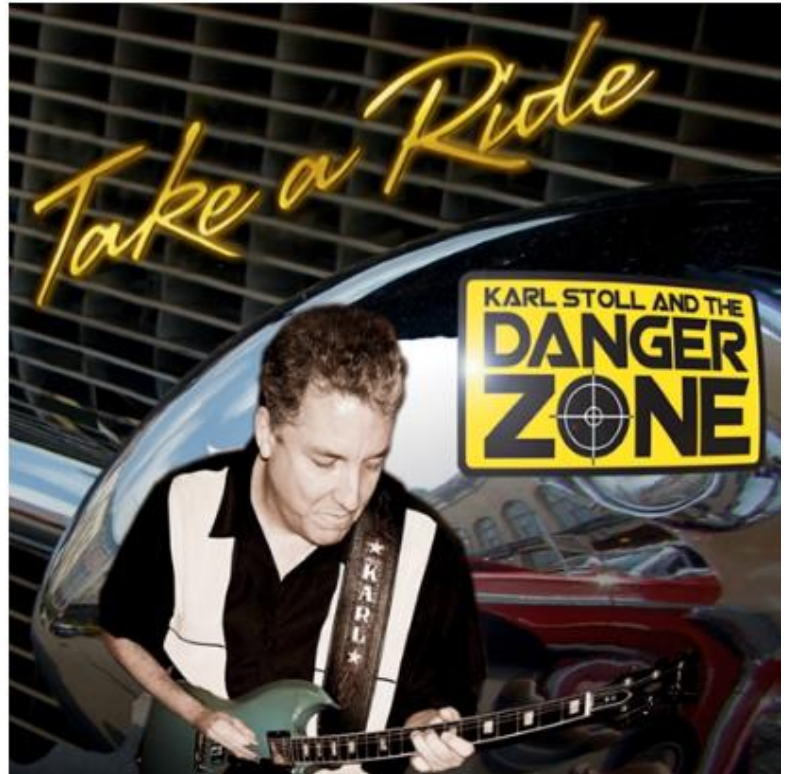
Come on baby; take a great in my Cadillac  
(Take a ride, take a ride, take a ride)  
Come on baby; take a great in my Cadillac  
(Take a ride, take a ride, take a ride)  
I said we're going to Chicago  
We're never coming back!

Well, I am rolling down the highway  
Ninety miles an hour  
Yeah, I am rolling down Lee Highway  
Ninety miles an hour  
I see officer bearing in my mirror  
This is gonna be my finest hour

Well, the cop pulled up beside me  
He told me, "Pull over son!"  
Yeah, the cop pulled up beside me  
And he told me, "I got a gun!"  
Yeah, my Eldorado station wagon  
Has got me on the run

Come on baby; take a great in my Cadillac  
(Take a ride, take a ride, take a ride)  
Come on baby; take a great in my Cadillac  
(Take a ride, take a ride, take a ride)  
I said we're going downtown, you know  
We're never coming back!

Well, I slammed it into second, I slammed it into third  
My Eldorado was moving so fast it flew just like a bird  
Oh baby, take a ride in my Cadillac  
(Take a ride, take a ride, take a ride)  
I said we're going to Chicago  
We're never coming back!



**"Cadillac"**  
By Karl Stoll and The Danger Zone  
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## **NICKETT COLLECTION TOUR BY MORGAN YEH**



The Valley Forge Region flyer announcing the tour of the Nickett Collection in Doylestown, PA on Sunday, April 21 said to bring a lawn chair. I had absolutely no need to sit down, not with all the 85+ amazing cars all around the compound! The day before was dreary and somewhat wet, at least in the morning in Northern Virginia. My family and I made a one-day round trip to New York City for a piano lesson for my kids and me. Most of our lessons were virtual, but it was crunch time for my kids, as they prepared for an upcoming piano competition. After arriving home safely, my wife, Chia-Hua, asked me if I had enough energy to make the drive up to Pennsylvania by myself the next day. Biting off more than I could chew with all the driving did cross my mind! Seconds passed as I thought about it and I said, "Nahhh, I got this!" As soon as I got into my 1992 Brougham d'Elegance the next morning, I already knew that it was all worth it. I had just enough sleep and coffee to fuel me, so I had the energy. The excitement made up for all the rest. I prayed for decent weather, and we got it!





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As I got close, I followed a DeSoto onto the compound. What amazing views and landscaping! Many thanks to Scott & November Nickett for opening their home and showing us some amazing automotive history, and the cars – WOW! Some I have never seen in person, not to mention up close!



They served three types of delicious lasagna, salad, desserts, drinks, spirits and lots of coffee. And of course, 175+ people came with their very own treasured cars! I bumped into Bill & Anne Hilliard (pictured left) from our very own Region! I also met some Valley Forge Region members too, and I recognized some of their cars as well!



Of course, I stayed to the very end, giving my thanks to Scott and all the helpers who assisted in organizing and directing traffic. I made it home, taking the same scenic route through York, PA and then Rt. 30 and 15 back to Northern Virginia. The gas tank on the Cadillac is a beast. 250+ miles and it was only down to half a tank. My trip back was non-stop, with four hours of pleasure driving. Those double-padded seats were a joy to relax in. The trip, no matter how long, was worth it!

[View over 40 pictures](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org) on the CLC Potomac Region website.



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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



**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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