



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

#### **April 2025**



#### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE** **BY LARRY GOOD**

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I'm always excited to share the thrill of chasing Cadillac history. Last month I found a fellow by the name of Vic Lipinsky, right here in Northern Virginia, who actually attended the 1953 Motorama in Dallas, TX. There aren't many such people around anymore. Vic was only five at the time and remembers the amusement park rides but not the cars. Lucky for us, his dad took a very rare picture of Eldorado #6, a GM show car. A few weeks ago I interviewed the same car and its current owner, Luizinho, in Brazil. The two-part article beginning in this issue tells why #6 is second in importance among Eldorados only to Eldorado #2, Eisenhower's inauguration parade car.

This issue features the first in a new trivia series, "Did You Know?" It aims to inform readers about the CLC Potomac Region one detail at a time. With 12 issues of the Caddie Chronicle annually, by the year 3035 (give or take), you should know it all. There will be a quiz.

The Potomac Region's flagship event at Sport Cadillac is coming up next month like the ground to a skydiver with a stuck ripcord. Register your Cadillac or LaSalle for the 33rd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction on Sunday, May 18. Start now, if you haven't already, to brush the snow off your cars. While you're at it, see if the engine starts. Fill out the registration form in this issue. Get your aunts and uncles and kids to register their Cadillacs, too. The weather's going to be beautiful. I'll resign if it's not (just kidding). One thing's for sure: We'll have fun.

We started a little late, but this year we're still determined to get one or more CLC awards for the Potomac Region's events and members. Nominations are being submitted to CLC as this goes to press. Let's hope. Next year we'll start sooner and get more. We know we're worth it.

*Larry Good*



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



March 22, 2025

Remember the photo below in the [September 2024 Caddie Chronicle](#) showing how my 1947 Cadillac Series 61 Sedan almost hit Barry Leese's 1937 LaSalle on the **Boomtown** movie set in Frederick, MD? Well, surprise! Barry was filming it on his phone, while my wife, Maia, was taking the photo! Watch the video on [YouTube](#).



**L to R: Barry Leese, with a case of the nerves, filming Paul Good displaying Olympic agility!**

Larry Good  
Washington Grove, Maryland



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#### **MARCH 17, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

#### **BY VINCE TALIANO**

**PLACE:** Best Western Premier Hotel & Suites, Rockville, MD

**TIME:** 7:32 pm

**PRESIDING:** Regional Director Larry Good

**ATTENDEES:** Twenty-three including seven officers: Franklin Gage (Membership Director), Larry Good (Regional Director), Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Jack McClow (National Director), Chuck Piel (Assistant Regional Director), Dan Ruby (Car Show Coordinator), Vince Taliano (Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Webmaster), Roberto Barreiro, Peter Chen, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Maia Good, Greg Huver, Constantin Jiga, Barry & Babs Leese, Bob Norrid, Scott Patton, Richard Sisson, Marc & Sylvia Tuwiner, Scott Wardinski and guest Cory Correll

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Larry Good welcomed everyone to this special St. Patrick's Day Meeting being held in a new meeting location. It is with great sadness that the CLC's last living [co-founder from 1958](#) (pictured right) and its first Secretary, Norman F. Uhler, passed away on Tuesday, March 11. Norm would have turned 98 on March 31. A full obituary is scheduled for the May issue of **The Self-Starter**. Larry introduced Cory Correll, Buick and Olds clubs, and thanked him for the use of their stanchions at the Washington Auto Show.



Ansel Sackett  
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Secretary

Bill Tite  
Membership

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President

Al Rodway  
Exec. VP

**SECRETARY'S REMARKS:** The minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed since they were published and distributed to all members in the February 2025 newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Hilliard reported the financials since the last meeting. The Region had total revenue of \$884.18 and total expenses of \$184.22, resulting in a net profit of \$659.96.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Franklin Gage announced we have 162 dues-paying family memberships for 2025. Welcome to Mark Beck of Glen Burnie, MD, owner of a 2025 Cadillac CT4, and Ronald Ritter of Linthicum, MD, owner of a 1955 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Coupe.

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

- Past Events:**

- AACA Chesapeake Region's 50th Annual Collector Car Swap Meet, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Saturday, March 8.** It was reported the weather was better than in past years, resulting in a large crowd of spectators and vendors.





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#### • **Upcoming Events:**

- **The Greenbrier Concours D'Elegance, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV, Friday-Sunday, May 2-4.** Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **CLC Potomac Region's 33rd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction, Sport Cadillac, Silver Spring, MD, Sunday, May 18.** Dan Ruby informed everyone we have received seven vehicle pre-registrations to date. If you are available to help with the show and/or donate items to the automobilia auction, please contact him at 301-343-1463 or [drubyflyaa@aol.com](mailto:drubyflyaa@aol.com).
- **CLC Grand National, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN, Monday-Saturday, June 2-7.** Tickets are going fast for the tours. To date, two have already sold out: What's Up? Nashville Tour for Thursday, June 5 and the Best of Murfreesboro Tour for Saturday, June 7. Visit [website](#) to register now, so you don't miss out on the other tours.
- **Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival, The Kent Island Yacht Club, Chester, MD, Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8.** Visit [website](#) for details and registration info.
- **50th Sully Antique Car Show, Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, VA, Sunday, June 15.** Hundreds of 25 years and older vehicles will be on display, plus flea market, food vendors, music, etc. Show cars must pre-register by June 12. Visit [website](#) by mid-April for registration info.
- **21st Annual VCCA Free State Region All-Vehicle Show, Reisterstown (MD) Regional Park Show, Sunday, July 27.** Visit [website](#) for details and registration info.
- **CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17.** The Museum will be open for self-guided tours on each day. Also, there will be a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the storage and maintenance shops (Jim's Place) on Saturday; afterwards the group will travel to Giotti's Restaurant for dinner. The car show will be on Sunday. See flyer in the April issue.
- **49th Annual AACA Bull Run Region Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Old Town Manassas, VA, Saturday, September 20.** Visit [website](#) for details and registration info.

Visit the [Potomac Region website](#) for a more complete list.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- At present, the CLC Potomac Region has three social media accounts: [Facebook](#) (109 followers), [Instagram](#) (589 followers) and [Twitter \(X\)](#) (31 followers). The accounts were created by Dan Ruby, Josh Pinho and Vince Taliano, respectively, but are not being maintained consistently. With that said, Scott Wardinski volunteered to be the social media coordinator and work with Dan, Josh and Vince.
- Larry Good led a discussion on the submission of Potomac Region members for 2025 CLC National Awards, including The Norm Uhler Regional Activity Award. The nomination deadline is March 31. Peter Chen volunteered to coordinate the CLC award submissions for next year.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 pm at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, VA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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## **33rd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction Sunday, May 18, 2025 *No Rain Date!***

**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

- **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: 1985-1999 Cadillac  
Class F: 2000-Present Cadillac  
Class G: 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**  
**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 May 10: \$20/per car, after May 10 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 Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or [drubyflyaa@aol.com](mailto:drubyflyaa@aol.com).





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The Valley Forge, Central Pennsylvania and Potomac Regions of  
**The Cadillac & LaSalle Club**  
Cordially invite you, your family, and friends to the  
**Fourth Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show**  
**AACA Museum, Hershey, PA**  
**Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17, 2025**



The Valley Forge, Central Pennsylvania and Potomac Regions are pleased to announce the Fourth Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show where members and friends can reconnect and enjoy one another's cars. Gather at the AACA Museum, Hershey PA on Saturday, August 16th at 1:30 pm. Bring lunch or eat on the way. Enjoy special Museum exhibits including "Don Allen Chevrolet Dealership Perspective," featuring items from the collection of Willett G. Seltene of Skillman, NJ. In the 1950s, Don Allen was the largest Chevrolet dealership in the world, with locations in New York City, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Miami and other American cities. In addition, "Tailgate Travelers – American Station Wagons," spotlighting American station wagons and their impact on decades of family road trips and daily motoring will be on display. Attendees can also enjoy the Tuckers, bus and motorcycle exhibits displayed with unique depictions of scenes representing New York, Route 66, San Francisco and other famous American settings. They serve as background for the 71,000 square feet of exhibit space. Members can tour the museum virtually by [visiting their website](#) and clicking on "Virtual Visits." Also, the Museum is open for self-guided tours on Saturday and Sunday. A "Behind the Scenes" tour of the storage and maintenance shops (Jim's Place) will also be available on Saturday. Before gathering for dinner, stroll the grounds and admire fellow CLC members' cars. Afterwards, the group will travel to Giotti's Restaurant for dinner. Separate checks will be provided to each party.

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

- **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hershey:** 115 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033, 717-583-2222, [Marriott.com](#)
- **Quality Inn & Suites:** 181 Hershey Rd, Hershey, PA 17033, 717-583-5151, [Choicehotels.com](#)
- **Hampton Inn & Suites Hershey:** 195 Hershey Rd, Hershey, PA 17033, 717-566-3369, [Hilton.com](#)

Display your Cadillac, LaSalle, or other make at our peer-judged car show on Sunday, August 17th on the Museum's grounds. Open to all makes & models, pre-war through modern. No heavily modified, customs, rods or racers. Lightly modified vehicles that preserve factory-built appearance and features are welcome. Registration/check-in starts at 9:00 am, peer judging starts at 11:00 am and presentation of awards will start at 2:30 pm. Lunch will be available; advance purchase strongly recommended.

Complete the attached form and return with your check made payable to **VFR-CLC**. Hurry! **Pre-registration is required by July 28th** for Museum tour & dinner, and is highly recommended for the car show. For more info, contact Michael Stinson, Director VFR-CLC, at [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com) or visit the [VFR website](#). A portion of the costs of this event will be subsidized by the VFR-CLC.



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## **Fourth Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show AACA Museum, Hershey, PA Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17, 2025**

**Registration Form: Pre-registration required by July 28th for Museum tour, dinner and car show. Day-of-Show car registrations accepted. Questions: Michael Stinson, 267-251-8588, [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com)**

**Car Owner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Partner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLC #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AACA #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of AACA Museum? (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Name(s) and Age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s), City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Car Information:**

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle): Sdn, Cpe, Conv, Other

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle): Sdn, Cpe, Conv, Other

**Bringing a Trailer? (Y/N):** \_\_\_\_\_

Car show open to all make and model cars, trucks, and commercial/military vehicles, pre-war to present. No heavily modified customs, rods, or racers. Lightly modified vehicles retaining features and appearance as delivered from the factory are accepted.

### **Activity Registration and Fees:**

Activity	Cost/ Person	No. Guests	Total
<b>Saturday AACA Museum Group Tour:</b> w/ Richard Sills. <b>AACA Club member admission is Free. Cost per non-AACA member and each additional Guest:</b>	\$11.00		
<b>Saturday AACA Museum "Behind the Scenes" Group Tour (storage buildings, detail shop; price per person including AACA Club Members):</b>	\$10.00		
<b>Saturday Dinner @ Giotti's - # of guests (separate checks for each party)</b>			
<b>Sun Car Show - Early Registration</b> (per car; received on/before July 28th):	\$20.00		
<b>Car Show - Late/ D.o.S Registration</b> (per car; Registration rec'd after July 28th):	\$30.00		
<b>Sunday Lunch (hoagie/sub slices, chips, drink)</b>	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED make check Payable to VFR-CLC:</b>			\$

Mail a copy of this form along with the check made payable to **VFR-CLC** to  
**CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet, C/O: John Wood**  
**327 Bellevue Ave., Penn del, PA 19047-5310.**

Include a SASE to receive confirmation.

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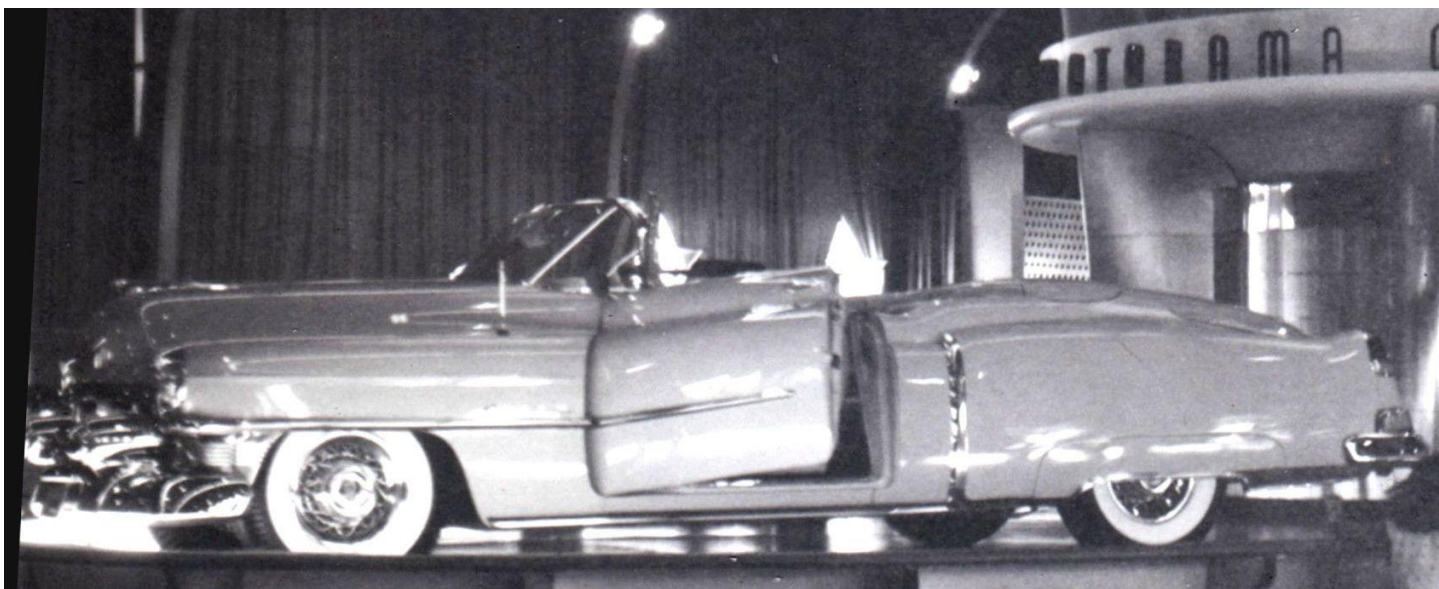




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**ELDORADO #6 – A DOUBLE-MOTORAMA, QUADRUPLE-CELEBRITY CADILLAC, PART I  
BY LARRY GOOD  
1953 PHOTOS COURTESY VIC LIPINSKI, 2025 PHOTOS BY MAIA GOOD**



**Eldorado #6: in 1953 (above), Dallas Motorama, only known period photo  
in 2025 (below), Curitiba, Brazil, (l. to r.) author with current owner Luizinho**



To automotive history fans, two GM Motoramas and four celebrity owners would make any collector car one of the most desirable on the planet. That describes 1953 Cadillac Eldorado #6 (or FW 6). I tracked it down in Brazil.

In 1953 Cadillac designated its first six Eldorados as "show cars in company use." FW 2 was sent to Eisenhower's inauguration. The rest

went to the six Motoramas. FW 6 did double duty, appearing both at Dallas in May and Kansas City in June. It was originally shipped from the factory on January 22 to the distributor in St. Louis, Lindburg Cadillac, four months ahead of its first Motorama. We have no records, but these show cars were likely on display in dealer show rooms when not in GM shows.



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Efforts to find official photographs of the 1953 Dallas Motorama and Kansas City Motorama have turned up practically nothing. There is one series of amateur photos, however, taken in 1953 by the family of James B. and Maria C. Lipinski, who stopped in to see the Dallas show on their way across the country. The venue was a site called Dallas Fair Park, a complex with 30 structures, including an amusement park and several event halls. There, at the Dallas Motorama, the Lipinskis took the only picture of Eldorado #6 known to survive from 1953.



**Entrance to Fair Park exhibition hall; two Buicks and a Cadillac parked out front; what kept the "GM" from tipping off the roof in a wind?**



**Five-car display stand, one turntable for each GM marque; display built and torn down at each Motorama site**

At the end of June after its second Motorama in Kansas City, Cadillac called FW 6 back from show service (see Return for Credit Notice below). Then on August 18 it was invoiced from the factory for public sale and sent to an illegible destination. Here's where the story shifts continents.

According to the current owner, Luizinho Leão, Eldorado #6 came to Brazil right away after release in 1953. There is evidence that the first owner, a Brazilian, may have purchased the car at Hosler Cadillac in Staten Island, NY, and shipped it home. During my visit with Luizinho, he shared the following oral history with me.

**1st owner, textile magnate** - The importer and first known owner of Eldorado #6 was Manuel Guilherme da Silveira Filho (filho = jr.), known to all as Silverinha. He was director of Bangu Textiles, the largest textile company in Brazil, based in Rio de Janeiro. It was so large that it had its own soccer team and Carnival samba school, cultural mainstays in Brazil. Bangu was a household name. Silverinha is the one who brought the car to Brazil in 1953.

Even though I'm married to a Brazilian, I never expected to find family connections to Eldorado #6, but there are two: a) my wife Maia's sister-in-law is Facebook "friends" with Silverinha's daughter Alice, and b) Maia's sisters remember that their mother, Leophia Penna, had a client named Candinha de Sousa Silveira. She was the daughter-in-law of Silverinha. My mother-in-law Leophia was a high-end seamstress who created designer fashions for the rich and famous in Rio de Janeiro, including for Candinha Silveira.





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RETURN FOR CREDIT NOTICE

DATE 6-29-53

TO: A. L. Sackett, Dept. P-10  
P. B. Carrigan, Dept. CF-1

Motor.....# 5362 10096

Returned from..... Factory

S.O..... FAC 448E

Shipped.... 1-22-53

Invoice.... A-2679

Reason for return... Car used in G.M. Motorama in Dallas & Kansas City

Requested by..... J. P. Connelly, Jr., memo 6-19-53

The copies of this order necessary for this return have been sent to the Sales Zone Man today.

jk

*S. Connelly*

**Factory document proving Eldorado #6 participation in two Motoramas;  
Return Notice was addressed to Ansel Sackett, Cadillac executive  
and founding member of Cadillac & LaSalle Club.**

**2nd owner, gangster** - Next, Castor de Andrade, the ruthless and slippery boss of a numbers running cartel, bought FW 6 from Silverinha. Castor had dominant influence over the Bangu soccer club and samba school, and he used them to conduct his illicit activities, so the two men knew each other. Castor's love of cars caused his "downfall." The law caught him in disguise at a car show one day, and he ended up under house arrest for his crimes, including suspected murder. His house, of course, was an opulent luxury apartment on Copacabana beach where he came and went pretty much as he pleased. He lived better after his downfall than I ever will before mine.

**3rd owner, music producer** - The third owner of Eldorado #6 was Pacifico Mascarenhas, a popular Brazilian song writer, music producer and performer. His father was the owner of another textile factory. All of the first three Eldorado owners were friends according to various internet sources.





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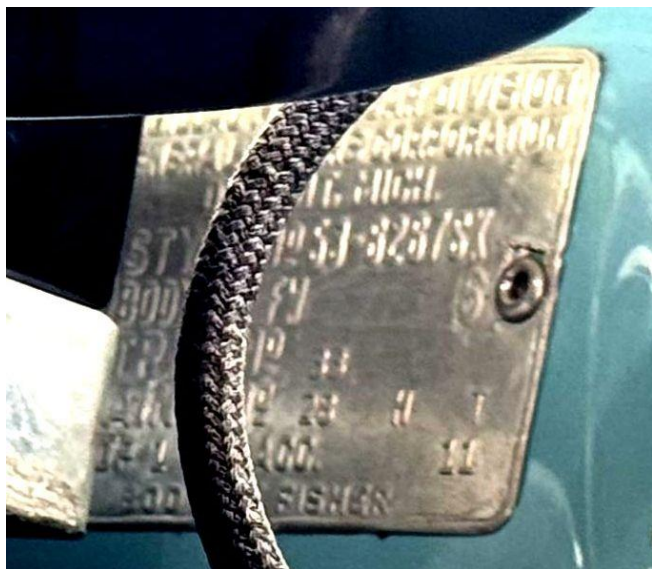


In 1975 Luiz Leão Filho bought the car. We don't know what happened, but by then Eldorado #6 was a wreck, just a raked-over parts car. So many Eldorado-only parts were missing and had to be fabricated from scratch for the first restoration. Pictured right you can see the repop waffle material and unique interior trim.



Today restorers would love to get their hands on the dies that produced those stainless steel waffle sheets, but it was decades ago. There is little hope of ever finding them again.

The front clip was gone. The engine and transmission were also gone, so it could never be a numbers-matching car again. It was, however, the actual Eldorado body FW 6 on its original chassis, stamped with the correct VIN 536210096, and Luiz Leão Filho saved it.



The partial picture of the body tag (left) shows all the important information:

Style N <sup>o</sup>	53-6267SX	(1953 Eldorado)
Body N <sup>o</sup>	FW 6	(of 532)
Trim N <sup>o</sup>	33	(all blue leather)
Paint N <sup>o</sup>	28	(exterior paint Azure Blue)
	H	(unknown)
	T	(interior paint/plastic blue)
Top	1	(white Orlon)
Acc.		(no accessories)
	11	(date code: Jan. 11, 1953 - scheduled departure from Fleetwood Fisher Body Plant)



There is something curious about the production timeline of Eldorado #6. Normally after leaving the Fleetwood Fisher plant, convertible bodies spent two to five weeks at Fisher Plant #21 for conversion by hand into Eldorados. Then they would move over to Cadillac Assembly on Clark Avenue and get their engine serial number (ESN, or VIN) assignment at the beginning of assembly. With Eldorado #6, however, there were only three working days from scheduled release at Fleetwood Fisher on January 11 until ESN assignment at Cadillac Assembly – record time. Two things had to happen: a) the car arrived at Plant #21 well ahead of schedule, and b) the craftsmen there worked very fast on this car.

**Correct Engine Serial Number  
(ESN = VIN) 536210096 on frame,  
1953 model year, Series 62, 10,096th  
of 109,650 Cadillacs made in MY53  
(ESNs do not designate models.)**





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## **4th owner, tea magnate -**

More about Luiz Gil Leão Filho, the 4th owner of Eldorado #6: He was director of Mate Leão, a huge brand of tea (since bought by Coca Cola) and a household name in Brazil. He had the car restored twice, the first time in Artesan Ochre with all black leather. With so much missing, this extreme restoration required a donor car, reportedly a sedan. The engine and transmission numbers appear to match each other from a Series 62 Cadillac assembled on July 7, 1953. We don't know anymore who did the restoration 50 years ago.



**First restoration (courtesy Luizinho Leão, taken 2007)**



**Interviewing Eldorado #6**

A generation later Luiz had FW 6 restored again, this time in the correct colors per the body tag. In 2014 Luiz passed away. His son Luizinho (young Luiz) took over custody of the car.



**Engine**

***[Editor's Note: See the next issue of the Caddie Chronicle for the second installment of the story. Learn about the Leão family's curatorship of the historic FW 6 and about the special features of this very early 1953 Eldorado.]***





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## **1954 ELDORADO FEATURED IN VEGAS-STYLE SHOW BY VINCE TALIANO SPECIAL CADDIE CHRONICLE ADVERTISING FEATURE**

On September 10, 1989, Philadelphia native and accordionist extraordinaire [Mike Martino](#) performed a Vegas-style show at the Pulsations nightclub in Glen Mills, PA. Along with Mike, Tony Marchione, Music Conductor and Trumpet, Tony Vigilante, Drums, Dave Boguslaw, Guitar, and Neil Wetzels, Saxophone, entertained the audience with a mixture of songs that ranged from musical standards to popular movie themes to early Rock and Roll. The 45-minute performance was captured on tape and is now available for viewing on [YouTube](#).



About 20 minutes into the act, Mike took the audience back to the '50s. That's when his 1954 Eldorado was rolled onto the stage, transporting the Performance Plus dancers (Lana Arcura, Felicia Castagna, Stephanie Crane and Patti Hasson). The first song played was "At the Hop" by **Danny & the Juniors**. Then, more songs of that era were performed including "Venus," "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," "Volare" and others. Personal highlights for me were the theme to "The Godfather" and "New York, New York."



Fast forward to March 2025 when a For Sale ad for the 1954 Eldorado appeared in **Hemmings Motor News**. Mike still owns the car his parents bought in 1965 but has decided to sell it plus Cadillac parts and literature from various years! He is asking **\$100K or best offer** for the car that also appeared in the movie **Silver Linings Playbook** in 2012. It runs and drives well. If you are interested, please call Mike at 215-809-0492 (no email or text) for more details and information.



Current photos of the Eldorado follow on the next page.





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## **LOCAL COLLECTION OF 1941 CADILLACS BY VINCE TALIANO SPECIAL CADDIE CHRONICLE ADVERTISING FEATURE**

CLC Potomac Region Charter Member Bryce Frey, CLC #79 (a contemporary of Norm Uhler), of Chesapeake Beach, MD is selling his three 1941 Cadillacs. **Each vehicle is priced at \$40,000 or \$100,000 for the lot of three.** The best way to contact him about these cars, including prices, is by phone at 410-286-8733.

**1941 Cadillac 6229D Convertible Sedan** – One of just 400 convertible sedans built in 1941– Former CLC Senior Car (#276 in 1998) that last ran in 2005 – McKinley Gray with tan top and red leather interior and trim – Acquired in 1961 – Complete with three-speed manual transmission, skirts, deluxe heater, radio, and spotlight – Original California car delivered new in Los Angeles – New fuel tank and other parts to mechanically re-commission included – **\$40,000**







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**1941 Cadillac  
6267D  
Convertible  
Coupe** – Black  
with black interior  
and tan top – Very  
rare Special Order  
(SO Data Plate) car  
with running  
boards, black  
painted dash,  
steering wheel,  
and hand brake –  
Factory rear seat  
delete with an  
opera seat on the



left side – Factory fender skirts, full wheel covers, spotlight, fog lights, deluxe radio and heating system – HydraMatic transmission – Very original car with replacement 1948 engine that needs some tuning to run properly – Last run in 2019 – Acquired in Los Angeles in 1963 – **\$40,000**

**1941 Cadillac  
6019S Series 60  
Special** – Black  
with tan interior –  
Equipped with  
three-speed  
manual  
transmission –  
Running and  
driving car when  
parked at  
beginning of  
COVID in 2020 –  
Purchased from the  
family of the late  
CLC Potomac  
Region member  
Karl Pohler – **\$40,000**



For more info, contact Bryce Frey of Chesapeake Beach, MD at 410-286-8733.





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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale



**1926 Cadillac Series 314 Limousine** – Rare car purchased about six months ago – Liquidated out of the Merrick Auto Museum in Ohio in 2019 – They purchased it in 1996 from Charles Baldwin of Colorado Springs, CO – Refurbished by the Museum at a cost of over \$130K – Painted maroon with red moldings, black fenders and body-color disc wheels with Lester whitewall tires – Interior is upholstered in brown mohair, and the floor is carpeted in the same theme – Dashboard is standard 1926 Cadillac, although the speedometer looks to have been changed – V8 engine compartment is sanitary, but not over-detailed, with the engine unit number matching the factory build record – No real miles since it has been completed, with about 12,000 overall total miles – One of the first Series 314 Cadillacs, it was shipped from the factory on August 14, 1925 and delivered on August 25 to customer J.L. Boyer of Greenville, OH – The Cadillac ledger shows it as a 132-inch Chassis Custom with disc wheels – No details are available on the body that was fitted for the customer – Current body is much like several that Cadillac offered to the professional and livery trade, with a slanted windshield and opera windows in the rear quarters, which, like the top, are covered in black leatherette – Unusual for a Cadillac of this period, it has vertical cowl ventilators on each side and side lamps that are flared into the cowl – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$50,000 obo** – For more info, contact Larry Rice at 804-814-4606 – Located in Midlothian, VA



**1948 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible** – Approximately 49K original miles – Same owner since 1989 – Horizon Blue with maroon interior – Fairly original condition including engine – New spark plugs, spark plug wires, distributor cap and ignition coil were installed at the time of purchase, with the original 1948 items stored in the trunk – Fan blade assembly was replaced with a modern one that moves more air to keep the engine cooler, but can easily be replaced back to the original blades – Wheels have re-chromed sombrero hubcaps – Comes with great provenance, photos and documents back to the time of the original owner, including a file of the most recent work completed by CLC member Ron Threadgill – Featured in the [September 2024 Caddie Chronicle](#) – [See pictures](#) – **\$75,000 obo** – For more info, contact Alastair Brooke Colquhoun at 804-356-7250 or [send email](#) – Located in Henrico, VA



**1965 Cadillac Coupe Deville** – 119K miles – Original Central Maryland car – Two-owners – 850 miles since 429 C.I. engine rebuilt/reboxed – Original chrome and stainless – All power – Matte black finish, saddle black interior – Mag wheels – New tires and battery servpro – A/C unit and all new, needs refrigerant – Garaged always – Owner's manual and service records available – **\$12,000 obo** – For more info, contact Debbie Taylor Glaser at 240-447-2877 or [send email](#) – Located in Central Florida



**1979 Cadillac Eldorado** – Approximately 125k miles – Two-owner car, with the same owner since 2001 – Purchased with 88.5k miles from the vice president of a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio and driven to Maryland – Two tone blue & silver paint – Body has some rust – Nice chrome bumpers – Leather interior (driver's seat has a tear but other seats look fine) with tilt & telescopic steering wheel – AM/FM radio with 8-track player – Original 350 CID V-8 Oldsmobile engine – Fuel injection replaced with a carburetor to pass emissions – Daily driver until 2015 when it started smoking out of the tailpipe (might be the valve seals) – Still running well and very dependable at that time – Repair paperwork available since 2001 plus owner's manual, factory shop manual and electrical troubleshooting manual – Clear title – Included is a complete 1983 Eldorado Biarritz parts car with clear title plus two sets of wire hubcaps – [See pictures](#) – **\$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Robert Lewis at 301-246-4278 or [send email](#) – Located in Nanjemoy, MD

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