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Greetings from Armenia!
I came here this month to recruit members for the CLC Potomac Region (PR), but I only saw one Cadillac during this visit, and it got away from the zebra before I could hand the driver a membership application. Armenia may not be fertile ground for Cadillac clubs, but it is definitely a country of craftsmen. For example, meet Ashot Avagyan, metal worker supreme. He did the chrome on my '53 Eldorado, and it turned out beautiful. Now he is rechroming and reproducing more '53 Eldorado parts for another friend on the other side of the world.



**Larry & Ashot with a '53
taillight for restoration**

Meanwhile, back in the States, Dan Ruby, the PR Car Show Coordinator, is getting the Annual Dealer Show at Sport Cadillac ready. Dan reports that everything is on track for May 18. He is recruiting a volunteer staff:

- Parking assistants
- Coffee & donut courier
- Registrars
- Clean-up crew

Which position can you fill to help the Potomac Region produce another great show? Give Dan a call at 301-343-1463. Or you can e-mail him at drubyflyaa@aol.com. Tell him what you will do. Enter your car, too.

Sadly, we note the passing of Debbie Kaufman, the mother of Robin Kaufman, wife of long-time Potomac Region Director and current Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager, Vince Taliano. Also, Vince's brother Joe is recovering from a bad recent auto accident. Wish the Taliano/Kaufman family well, each in your own way.



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New members! Nancy Correll is keeping her 18-year-old Cadillac alive and well. John Tsaknis attended his first meeting right after becoming a member and drove one of his 1941 Cadillacs. Go to the meeting minutes below, "Membership Report," to learn about their cars and where they live.

Now, about auctions, we have two calls for auction donations this spring:

Potomac Region Annual Show (Sunday, May 18, Sport Cadillac, Silver Spring, MD)

The auction has been a part of our shows for a long time, and again, Dan is the man. Contact him at the coordinates on the previous page. Suggestions to donate:

- Cadillac and LaSalle memorabilia and literature
- Cadillac and LaSalle parts or souvenirs
- Framed automotive artwork
- Diecast or promo model cars
- Other classic car type items

Proceeds from this auction boost the Potomac Region's preservation of Cadillac history and fellowship (e.g., museum donations, subsidized events, etc.).

CLC Museum & Research Center Auction (Tuesday, June 3, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN)

Every year at the Grand National the Club holds a silent auction to benefit the CLC Museum & Research Center. PR's own Bill Harrison, CLC Auction Chairman, sent out the request for donations. Suggestions to donate:

- (Four items the same as first four in PR list above)
- National chain restaurant gift cards
- Classic Cadillacs (if you can get the car there)

You can't miss the huge difference between the two lists. The CLC Museum auction is accepting whole cars. PR didn't come right out and ask for that, but it's a thought.

Bill asks not just for gifts from individual members but also from businesses and club vendors. Hit them up.

Questions? Ask Bill at 410-299-2500 or bharrison@lee-associates.com.

Donations: Send to Alan Nowaczyk, 2117 Barrington Ln., Murfreesboro, TN 37127. His contact info is 708-846-2933 or alanpnowacyk@gmail.com.

You have choices. You may donate to either auction or both.

See you on May 18th!

Larry Good



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APRIL 21, 2025, MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

TIME: 7:20 pm

PRESIDING: Assistant Regional Director Chuck Piel

ATTENDEES: Seventeen including four officers: Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Chuck Piel (Assistant Regional Director), Dan Ruby (Car Show Coordinator), Vince Taliano (Newsletter Editor, Secretary and Webmaster), Joe Cerroni, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Lynn Gardner, Sandy Kemper, Dan Mullane, Debbie Piel, Harry Scott, John Tsaknis, Scott Wardinski, and Morgan Yeh

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Chuck Piel welcomed everyone to the meeting. On behalf of the Region, he offered condolences to Vince Taliano on the recent passing of his mother-in-law, Debbie Kaufman. The Region has submitted nominations for the following CLC awards that will be presented at the Grand National in June: the Maurice Hendry Award, Newsletter Award, Norm Uhler Regional Activity Award and Website Award. Good luck to everyone.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Hilliard reported the financials since the last meeting. The Region had total revenue of \$442.35 and total expenses of \$630.16, resulting in a net loss of \$187.81.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vince Taliano announced we have 164 dues-paying family memberships for 2025. Welcome to John Tsaknis of Washington, DC, owner of three 1941 Cadillacs (two Series 61 Sedans and a Series 63 Sedan), a 1951 Series 62 Convertible and a 2021 Escalade, and Nancy Correll of Silver Spring, MD, owner of a 2007 DTS Luxury I.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

- **Past Events:**
 - **AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region's 55th Annual Parts and Swap Meet, Westminster, MD, Friday-Saturday, March 21-22.** Jack Gallagher reported the event had a record turnout of vendors (240+) and attendees (1,700+). Thanks to everyone who participated.
 - **AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5.** Jack Gallagher attended and submitted a story and photos for a May newsletter story.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **The Greenbrier Concours D'Elegance, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV, Friday-Sunday, May 2-4.** Visit their [website](#) for more information. Malaise Motors International will once again be part of the Greenbrier Concours by hosting the MM Greenbrier Gathering at the Cars & Cocktails on Saturday, May 3, a day ahead of the Conours on Sunday, May 4. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



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- **18th Spring BOPC Car Show presented by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club, Concord Mall, Wilmington, DE, Saturday, May 17.** See [flyer](#) for more info.
- **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 16 vehicle pre-registrations to date plus a few donated items. The pre-registration deadline is Saturday, May 10. 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.
- **CLC Grand National, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN, Monday-Saturday, June 2-7.** Lynn Gardner reported as of Wednesday, April 16, total registration stands at 190, including members, guests, and children. A few odd nights are left at the host hotel, with a lot of rooms at the overflow hotels. The number of cars registered includes 31 in primary class, 17 in touring, three in specialty, and one in modified versus 29 for display only. A photo booth will be on available for vehicle pictures and Cadillac will be shipping two or three cars for display. To date, no indoor swap meet tables have been sold. Visit the Grand National [website](#) to register now, so you don't miss out on tours, as some have already sold out.
- **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 Thursday, 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 May 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.
- **Cadillac Fall Festival, CLC Museum & Research Center, Hickory Corners, MI, Saturday-Sunday, September 27-28.** Visit [website](#) for details and registration info.
- **CLC National Driving Tour, "Cruising the Capital," New York Capital District area, Monday-Saturday, October 13-18.** See [flyer](#) for details and registration info.

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

NEXT MEETING: Since the car show and automobilia auction will take place in the middle of May when we would normally be holding a meeting, a meeting next month will not be held. The next meeting date and location will be announced later.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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: _____ ☐

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

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

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.



The CLC Potomac Region has a [YouTube channel](#) with twelve videos posted, including six from Grand Nationals from 1988-2007 and three from Capitol Cadillac car shows from 2007-2019?

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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. Selteneim 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 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

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**

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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
Saturday AACA Museum Group Tour: w/ Richard Sills. AACA Club member admission is Free. Cost per non-AACA member and each additional Guest:	\$11.00		
Saturday AACA Museum "Behind the Scenes" Group Tour (storage buildings, detail shop; price per person including AACA Club Members):	\$10.00		
Saturday Dinner @ Giotti's - # of guests (separate checks for each party)			
Sun Car Show - Early Registration (per car; received on/before July 28th):	\$20.00		
Car Show - Late/ D.o.S Registration (per car; Registration rec'd after July 28th):	\$30.00		
Sunday Lunch (hoagie/sub slices, chips, drink)	\$10.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED make check Payable to VFR-CLC:			\$

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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**ELDORADO #6 – A DOUBLE-MOTORAMA, QUADRUPLE-CELEBRITY CADILLAC, PART II
BY LARRY GOOD
PHOTOS BY MAIA GOOD (EXCEPT AS NOTED)**

[Editor's Note: In the [previous issue](#) of the Caddie Chronicle, Part I related the history of Eldorado #6, first as a GM show car, then as owned by a string of colorful characters. Part II in this issue finishes that history and explains the car's special features.]

Finally, after searching for years it was show time! My wife Maia and I spent a whole day in January 2025, with Eldorado FW 6 and its owner Luizinho Leão at his collection in Curitiba, Brazil. I've got to thank Luizinho for his hospitality. To make things better, the second restorer of FW 6, Marcus Dalke, came by to join us and answer questions.



Second restoration (courtesy Luizinho Leão)



Luizinho (owner), Larry, Marcus (restorer)



Left: Screenshot at Araxá show

Foreground: Eldorado #6

Background: Eldorado #430

Caption: "BRAZIL CLASSICS SHOW - the rarest cars in the country get together at Araxá"



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EARLY VARIATIONS

Inspection revealed four visible, unusual early features on FW 6. Three are Eldorado-only. The last is common to all 1953 Cadillacs.

1. Eldorado #6 has the early, two-piece, wrap-around windshield frame. In 1953, they soon found that two bronze pieces were too difficult to handle in manufacture, so already in early January, before body FW 14, Fisher Body quickly changed the design to be three lighter pieces.

**Eldorado #6:
two-piece, bronze
windshield frame;
one joint**



**Later Eldorados:
three-piece, bronze
windshield frame;
two joints**



2. Hard parade boots were a new feature on the first Eldorados. FW 6 has the original early type of parade boot hinges. This design was too weak, and hinges often broke under stress. Sometime around FW 50, in the beginning of March 1953, Fisher Body started installing much stronger hinges on Eldorado parade boots. Fortunately, Luizinho's originals haven't broken yet.



**Left - FW 6 with early
parade boot hinge:**

- light duty arm
- small bolt hole pattern
- broke easily

**Right - Later Eldorado
parade boot hinge:**

- heavy duty arm
- large bolt hole pattern
- never broke

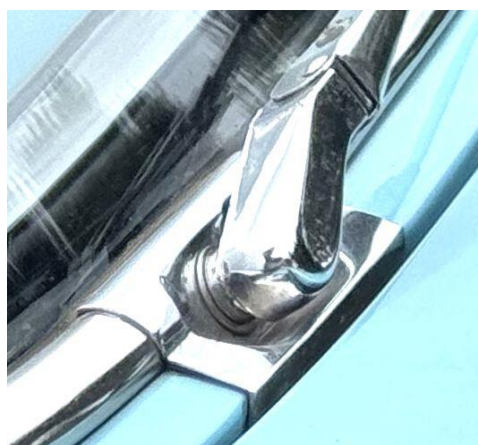




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3. 1953 Eldorados had special windshield wiper escutcheons, two versions for their unique custom cowl. Such trivia is interesting only to those who want their restoration correct to this level of detail. Early escutcheons on Eldorados up to FW 30 had the front part of their plate folded down over the front edge of the cowl with attaching screws hidden behind the large weatherstrip. During a gap in Eldorado production from mid-February to mid-March 1953, the escutcheons changed (learned this from Quentin Hall). The reason is unknown. Beginning with FW 31, the front part of the plate was eliminated, and it was attached by visible screws on top of the cowl. FW 6 has the early escutcheons.



**FW 6, old style escutcheon;
plate folds down over front
edge of cowl, screws hidden**



**FW 8, old style escutcheon;
screws exposed for photo**



**Later style; no front fold,
screws sit exposed on top**

4. Cadillac produced two types of bezel around the shift quadrant in 1953. The pictures below compare the unshaded with the shaded versions. This change didn't happen until mid-May, somewhere around engine serial number (VIN) 53 XX 55450. It applied to all models of Cadillac, not just to Eldorados.



**Left: FW 6 with
earlier unshaded
shift quadrant,
subject to glare**

**Right: Later shift
quadrant bezel with
lip on top to block
reflections**





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MODIFICATIONS

Remember, 45 or 50 years ago we didn't have the internet to shop for parts. So, when a restorer in another country needed something, he couldn't shop very well in the US, having to deal with expensive phone calls, slow mail, unwilling vendors, no American junkyards or flea markets, fluctuating import restrictions, and a language barrier on top of it all. The hobby just used what it could find locally to make cars work. I call this the "Cuba Syndrome." Here are two examples of modifications to Eldorado #6, done in the '70s for practical reasons but without serious impact on the car's value.

1. Rather than restore the original Hydro-Electric system with all its missing parts, FW 6 now has electrically operated windows and seat. A smaller hydraulic system in the back operates the top.
2. From 1950-52 the chrome spears on the doors of two-door Cadillacs extended all the way to the back edge. In 1953, however, after Eldorado #1, door spears stopped four inches short of the back edge (learned this from Bob Mooney). Eldorado #6 started life with the correct 1953 spears but in restoration ended up with pre-1953 spears. Evidently, the donor car that supplied the 1953 engine and transmission didn't have the right spears, so the restorer took what he could find in Brazil when he needed it.



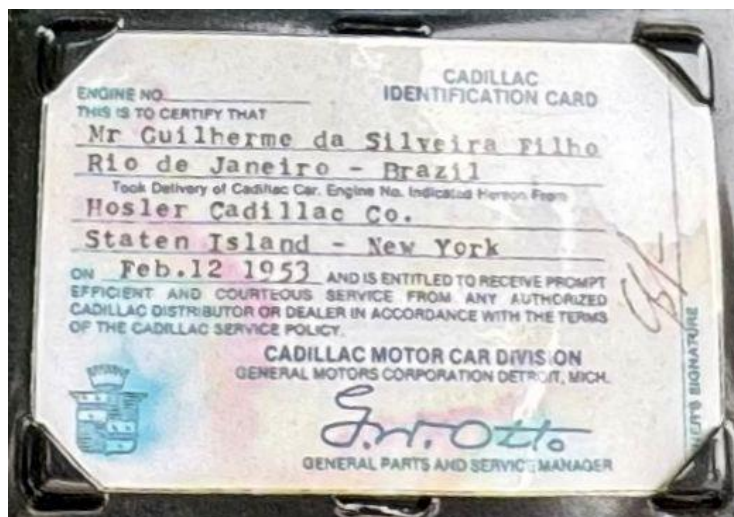
Left: FW 6 when new with correct chrome door spear (driver's side); does not reach back edge of door

Right: FW 6 after first restoration with pre-1953 chrome door spear (passenger's side); runs up to back edge of door



PROVENANCE

The owner's ID card (right) under the hood of FW 6 is a reproduction because a) its edges are not perforated, b) the delivery date is a half year too early, and c) the engine number is missing. However, the US dealer shown may be the correct one. In 1952 and 1953, Brazil banned auto imports, so Cadillac could have no distributorship there. It means a customer had to purchase a foreign car in another country, arrange his own shipping, and clear the car through customs as his own personal vehicle. That must be what Silverinha did to get Eldorado #6 into Brazil.





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There is a good chance that Silverinha did purchase his Eldorado from Hosler Cadillac in Staten Island, NY, because New York has convenient ports for export, and that dealer appears on the repro ID card. To choose Hosler out of all the Cadillac dealers in the US, the person who filled out the card might have known something. Although the whole front end of the car was removed before the Leão family bought it, maybe the old ID card got saved somewhere like the glove compartment.

The "Engine No." is missing from the repro ID card because when Luiz bought the car the engine was missing. He had to install a replacement engine with a number that was not "as delivered," so the number was just left off the card.

Left: Hosler Cadillac in 1953
(courtesy Staten Island Historical Society)

To put the provenance of Eldorado #6 into an American perspective, consider an analogy. Imagine you had found a GM **double Motorama** car that was then owned in sequence by

- 1st owner** - owner of Burlington Mills - textile magnate
- 2nd owner** - Don Corleone - gangster
- 3rd owner** - Quincy Jones - music producer
- 4th owner** - the Lipton family - tea magnate

You would be floating among the stars. Luizinho Leão actually has the Brazilian equivalent of all this with Eldorado #6.

PERIPHERAL LEÃO CADILLAC COLLECTIONS



Right: Fantasyland of '53 Eldorados



Left: Table lamp with top view (inset), year unknown

Right: Miniature Eldorado #6 with Lion
Family name Leão means "lion" in their native Portuguese.





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IMPERIAL CARRIAGE
BY STORYTELLER AND PHOTOGRAPHER RICHARD LENTINELLO
www.crankshaftmagazine.com

Having been the personal automobile of two Popes, few Cadillacs are as historic as this custom 1947 Series 75 Fleetwood Sedan.

Its prestigious badge accompanied by its spacious cabin accommodations and steadfast reliability made this 1947 Cadillac Imperial Sedan the definitive choice to chauffeur the Pope throughout Italy during his papacy at the Vatican. Its handsomely designed Derham body was well equipped to handle such assignments thanks to its inherent signature style and outstanding craftsmanship that befitted such a noble cause.

Of all the cars that make up Nicola Bulgari's incredible collection of Vatican-owned automobiles, this Cadillac may very well be the most significant. It was the Vatican's primary personal automobile of choice to transport two



Popes – Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII, plus several notable heads of state during this momentous period of time during the immediate post-war era.

Cadillac's Series 75 line of automobiles have always been their most prestigious and most expensive. With their exquisitely crafted bodies built by Fleetwood, during the 1947 model year a grand total of only 1,005 Imperial Sedans were produced. This seven-passenger automobile weighed a hefty 4,953 lbs. and had an equally immense base price of \$4,711.

Sometime during 1947, Cadillac's public relations department received a call from the Vatican inquiring about purchasing an Imperial Sedan. It was to be for the personal use of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. As expected of an automobile for someone as important as the Pope, the Vatican requested certain features, which required the Imperial Sedan to undergo a number of extensive modifications. Cadillac turned to the Derham Body Company located in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, to carry out the Vatican's request.

Although the Cadillac's exterior remained essentially unchanged it was inside its cabin where the alterations occurred. Specially designed for the Pope's needs, a single throne rear seat was installed accompanied by various

accessories. After the car was delivered to the Vatican, the Garage Nobile del Vaticano applied the Papal emblems and installed flag poles at each front fender. Then the notable license plate, 1 SCV, which is the special plate reserved for the Pope, was attached.



Original grab handles were well used by two Popes.



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Below the body shell lies all standard-issued mechanicals as fitted to all Imperial Sedans. The engine is an L-head V-8 displacing 346 cubic inches, and with its 7.25:1 compression ratio and hydraulic valve lifters, it develops 150 horsepower at 3,600 RPM and 274 lb. ft. of torque. It has a wheelbase of 136 inches with an overall length of 19 feet and wears 16-inch tires.



Shortly after the death of Pope Pius XII in 1958, this very same Imperial Sedan underwent a major change to suit the requirements of the new supreme pontiff, Pope John XXIII. The rear roof section above the Pope's seat was modified to open, so he would be able to stand up and greet and salute the faithful in a more friendly manner. Upon the death of Pope John XXIII in 1963, this Cadillac was relegated to secondary use, then taken out of service sometime during the late 1960s.

In 2003, this stately Imperial Sedan became an integral part of the NB Center's collection that is located in Rome. Now wearing the Italian license plate ZA 358WC, other than a mechanical overhaul and some minor body renovation, this historic Cadillac fundamentally remains in the same original condition as when Pope Pius was being chauffeured driven in Rome and all throughout Italy in the back seat. It's a Cadillac of truly historic proportions.



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The Cadillac's imposing stately character and strong durability made it an ideal choice to transport the Popes in secure comfort. Dash is all stock.



The original leather has been subjected to lots of wear during the years, but it remains in solid condition.



Original upholstery and jump seats have been well preserved; the foot rest provided comfort to the Popes during their long journeys.



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AACA SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS BY JACK GALLAGHER

The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Southeastern Spring Nationals were held as part of the Charlotte Auto Fair in Concord, NC, from April 3-5. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region, it is one of my wife Cher's and my favorite car show venues for several reasons. First, the show is held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, so there is always something automotive happening besides the show and swap meet. The venue is rich in automobile history. Second, the three-day event is exceptionally well run and coordinated. Lastly, we stop on the way to Charlotte for a two-hour plus lunch to connect with a forty-year business colleague who now lives in Greensboro, NC. This year, we took a side trip on the way home for two days to visit with former neighbors from Poolesville, MD, where we formerly lived for 18 years. Also, we visited Furnitureland South in Highpoint, NC, the largest furniture store in America. We successfully contracted for a new bedframe and computer desks, but so much for the social stuff!



For this year's Nationals, we chose to take our 1956 DeSoto two-door Fireflite Sportsman (pictured left) for repeat preservation judging, and in preparation for taking it in July to the AACA Grand National Show in Dayton, OH, where it will be up for its Senior Grand National Award. We wanted it critically judged in time to work out any flaws. It worked, as we attained the Repeat Preservation Award and have a list of corrections to work on.

Overall, the show featured 350+ great cars in 38 classes, including a 1960 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible owned by Frank Nicodemus, Jr. of Poughkeepsie, NY, (pictured bottom left) that received a Class ORG Original Award and a 1950 Cadillac Fleetwood owned by Alan Banner of Statesville, NC, (pictured bottom right). It received a Class DPC Repeat Driver Participation Award and was as close to being an original car as you will see.





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The most unusual car, and one I had never heard of or seen before, was a 1991 Mitsuoka Le Seyde, a four-cylinder coupe made in Japan and owned by Ian Bell of Warsaw, NC (pictured left). Even its license plate had a different look. It also received a Class DPC Repeat Driver Participation Award.

There was a gorgeous 1932 Packard Shovelnose that appeared to be flawless (pictured bottom left and right). It was owned by Terry Cullen of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and received a Class 19B First Junior award.



The Awards Dinner was held in the Speedway Tower's Conference Center on the fifth floor with awesome views of the show field, trailer parking and the racetrack.

See you all at the Sport Cadillac Automobilia Auction and Car Show in Silver Spring, MD, on Sunday, May 18.





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR OLD CADILLACS
BY CHUCK PIEL
PHOTOS BY GARY CAMERON AND LYNN GARDNER**

April 4 is not just three days after April Fools' Day. It is also the birthday of the two beloved Cadillac convertibles my wife Debbie and I own. This year one turned 84 and the other 58.

"Pops," our 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible Coupe (pictured top right) was invoiced on **April 4, 1941** to the selling dealer – the Chicago Cadillac Branch on the city's Gold Coast on S. Michigan Avenue. Pops has been in our family since early 2020 and we've enjoyed 5,000 miles of AACA and CCCA touring and general fun.

"Dad," our 1967 Cadillac DeVille Convertible (pictured bottom right) was built on **April 4, 1967** at the Clark Avenue plant in Detroit and was shipped to its selling dealer, Central Cadillac in Cleveland, OH, where it was delivered two days later. Since 2010, as Dad's third owners, we've enjoyed almost 40K miles, including five CLC Grand Nationals, three CLC National Driving Tours, six Miss America Parades in Atlantic City, NJ, and the guest of honor car for Ravens' Ray Lewis' NFL Hall of Fame Parade in Baltimore.

What are the odds the two cars' official birthdates would be exactly 26 years apart?





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1996 FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM BY DOUG BAILEY

SPECIAL CADDIE CHRONICLE ADVERTISING FEATURE



This 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham is a fine example of one of the most desirable Broughams. It's the last year for the ladderframed, rear-drive Cadillacs, featuring the well-regarded LT-1 350. Sold new at Frank Kent Cadillac in Fort Worth, it remained in Texas with the original owner until 2011, when I bought it from the owner's daughter at 47,000 miles. It has been my daily driver in Roswell, Georgia since then.



Of its current 130,200 miles, 83,200 miles are mine (5,900 miles/year). The body is Marblehead Gray Metallic (03T/03U) with a gray vinyl top and chrome lower cladding. The Light Gray (143) leather-upholstered cabin features a power adjustable driver's seat, a six-speaker AM/FM stereo system, automatic climate control, cruise control, power windows and locks.

Power is provided by a 5.7-liter LT1 V8, factory rated at 260 horsepower and 330 lb. ft. of torque, sent to the rear wheels

through a 4L60E four-speed automatic transmission. Variable-assist power steering and Electronic Level Control were standard on Fleetwoods, as were four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes. This Fleetwood Brougham has comprehensive service records and driving history in a ring binder going back to 2011. The car has a one-year-old battery and alternator, a one-year-old front-end rebuild, a four-year-old AC compressor and blower, and a six-year-old water pump and distributor. It has had documented fluid changes and tire rotations every 3,000 miles. A professional show car detailing was done in April 2025. It comes with an owner's manual, a clean Carfax report, and a clean Georgia title in my name. It's a well maintained and reliable cruiser.

Exterior details include an owner's medallion affixed to the grille, power-adjustable side mirrors, rear fender skirts, and Brougham C-pillar badging. Cast-aluminum 15" wheels are mounted with 235/75 Hankook narrow-whitewall tires installed in 2022 (only 8,000 miles of wear). A full-sized spare with cover is in the trunk. (The traction control function is not working, but if it did I would have it turned off because of its design, which operates through the ABS system.)



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Light Grey leather covers the seating surfaces, while woodgrain trim accents the dashboard and door panels. A six-way power-adjustable driver's seat was standard on Brougham models. The seat heater on the driver's side no longer works. Other amenities include cruise control, automatic climate control, rear seat vanity mirrors, power windows and door locks. There are small tears, as is typical with this model, on the driver's seat near the controls. The windshield washer does not work, but the wiper motor and blades are new. The vinyl top is just beginning to show wear.



The four-spoke leather-wrapped steering wheel frames the digital instrumentation, which includes a speedometer cluster rebuilt in 2025. The six-digit odometer registers an accurate 130,200 miles. The documentation from Jack Kent Cadillac in Fort Worth shows that factory equipment and selected options brought the total vehicle price to \$41,755. Detailed specifications are noted in the accompanying ring binder.

The Carfax report shows no accidents or other damage and lists the title in Georgia since 2011. Over 90 high-res photos are available for serious inquiries. **\$9,500** is my asking price. For more info, contact Doug Bailey at jdouglasbailey@bellsouth.net or 404-786-6077. Car is located in Roswell, Georgia.



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**OLD CARS FOR SALE
BY VINCE TALIANO**

SPECIAL CADDIE CHRONICLE ADVERTISING FEATURE

Neal Brooks of Phoenix, MD is selling two old cars: a **1940 LaSalle Series 52 Sedan** and a **1969 Pontiac Tempest Custom S Hardtop** (view on [Facebook Marketplace](#)). The 1940 LaSalle is a parts car with an intact engine that turns over and includes its original transmission plus left and right front fenders, hood and rear fenders that were cleaned up by a body shop and in primer. The car and parts have been stored inside a pole barn. The asking price for the lot is **\$1,200**. For more info on either car, contact Neal Brooks at nbrooks@ccbcm.edu or 443-834-4602.



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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 – Unusually 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 \$35,000 obo** – For more info, contact Larry Rice at 804-814-4606 – Located in Midlothian, VA



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NEW ARRIVAL 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 at 410-286-8733 or [send email](#) – Located in Chesapeake Beach, MD



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](#) – **Reduced to \$65,000 obo** – For more info, contact Alastair Brooke Colquhoun at 804-356-7250 or [send email](#) – Located in Henrico, VA



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NEW ARRIVAL 1989 Cadillac Fleetwood Sedan – Two owners – 70K miles – Always garaged and loved – Mint condition – White with blue leather – Vogue tires – 7 1/2" inches longer than a Sedan Deville – Ashtrays never used – No issues – Runs and drives perfect – Old Car Value Guide says \$12,500 for a Class 2 car; this one is better than that – **\$11,500** – For more info, contact Richard Sisson at 301-846-8287 or [send email](#) – Located in Walkersville, MD

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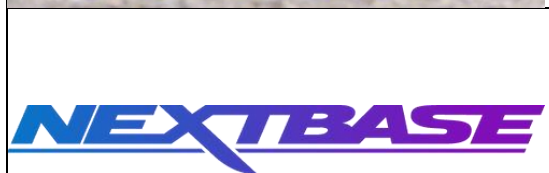
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