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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE **BY LARRY GOOD**

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June 2025 was busy. In addition to our regular meeting, the CLC Potomac Region (PR) participated in the CLC Grand National in Tennessee in a big way (see photo below).



L to R: Mark Brodsky, Chuck Piel, Ronnie Hux, Anne Hilliard, Bill Hilliard, Larry Good, Grady Davis, Lynn Gardner, Gwen Davis, Jack McClow, Brady Como, Martina Butler, Scot Minesinger, Constantin Jiga and Bob Norrid
Photo by Alan Clark

See more pictures and read about the Grand National throughout this issue. Next, Scot Minesinger and Christopher Winter organized a tech session on Saturday, June 14 at Scot's house (pictured below – photo by Richard Sisson). See the June PR Meeting Minutes on pg. 5 for more information.





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The Potomac Region's officers are actively working for continuous improvement in a few areas:

- Streamlining dues payment
- Recruitment through social media
- CLC awards
- Dealer Show & Auction at Sport Cadillac

Follow progress in the ***Caddie Chronicle*** and at the monthly meetings.

Service awards at a Grand National are for activity in the previous calendar year, in this case 2024. PR did fairly well last month in Tennessee. We submitted four nominations and won two and a fraction: The [Website Excellence](#) Award went to Webmaster Vince Taliano and the [Maurice Hendry](#) Award (for research) to yours truly. I thank Chuck Piel for the nomination. It was an honor.

The Potomac Region also nominated itself for the [Norm Uhlir Regional Activity](#) Award under Past Director Dan Ruby and the [Newsletter Excellence](#) Award under Editor Vince Taliano. Although PR performance in these two categories was incredibly strong, it was not our turn to win. The Potomac Region congratulates the St. Louis Region, also very strong under the leadership of Todd Tobiasz, on winning the Norm Uhlir Award. See the Potomac Region's nominations, linked here for the sake of transparency (click on titles). As a consolation prize, PR won The Norm Uhlir Award Region of Merit, a badge which Vince will display on the Region's website.

PR always gets new members, starting this month with "Brady & Grady," i.e., Brady Como of Louisiana and Grady Davis of North Carolina, who is also CLC Regional Vice-President for the Southeastern US. Another new member is Lenny Millholland of Winchester, VA. See the June PR Meeting Minutes on pg. 4 for their cars and more.

Unfortunately, PR lost a member, Bob Arnold. Dan Ruby shared a fond memory: "I remember him & his son drove up to our meeting in Baltimore with the 59 Caddy. Great guy & car!" Our sympathies go out to Bob's surviving family and friends.

In closing, greetings from Brazil! I came back to recruit more members for the Potomac Region, but I picked a bad time of year. It gets dark at 5:00 pm now, so it's hard to find people. CLC should sell an official lantern.

Larry Good



**June 20, first day of winter,
open air restaurant,
waiter pouring fresh-squeezed
sugar cane juice
Photo by Aparna Ramaswamy**



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IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT "BOB" LESLIE ARNOLD, JR. BY THE ARNOLD FAMILY



Former CLC Potomac Region member Bob Arnold of Stafford, VA, passed away on May 25, 2025, at the age of 86. He was born on June 24, 1938, in Baltimore, MD, the son of the late Robert L. Arnold, Sr., and Almeda Arnold, and was the beloved husband of the late Carolyn Arnold.

Bob graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1960 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to found the business Wilbar and Arnold, and his dealership became the first in the United States to carry the English JCB backhoe. A passionate car enthusiast, Bob owned many Corvettes and was the co-owner of Cooper Corvettes in Triangle, VA. As an active member of the local Corvette club, he enjoyed both racing and touring.



He had a lifelong love of cars, tractors, and large construction equipment, and took great pride and joy in driving his bright red, award-winning 1959 Cadillac Series 62 convertible. In 2019, he attended the CLC Potomac Region's Spring Car Show at Capitol Cadillac in Greenbelt, MD, where his convertible won two awards: First Place in Class and Best Modified (pictured left with his car, awards and family).

Bob cherished the many lifelong friendships he built through his business ventures and the car club community. He is survived by his first wife, Sarah Bouscaren, and their three children, two step-daughters, one sister, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donations may be made in Bob's memory to the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, 15305 Vint Hill Rd., Nokesville, VA 20181.



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JUNE 16, 2025, MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

TIME: 7:30 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), Peter Chen, Chris & Barbara Cummings, Jim Dillard, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Les Mardiks, Tom McQueen, Dan Mullane, Scott Patton, Harry Scott, John Tsaknis and Scott Wardinski



DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Chuck Piel welcomed everyone to the meeting. On behalf of the Region, he congratulated Potomac Region officers Larry Good and Vince Taliano for winning the CLC's Maurice Hendry and Website Excellence awards, respectively, at the Grand National in Murfreesboro, TN. The Hendry Award recognized Larry for his excellent journalistic contributions in furtherance of the purposes of the Club, while the Website Excellence Award acknowledged Vince for his outstanding efforts as the Region's Webmaster. It should also be mentioned that while the Potomac Region did not win the Norm Uhler Regional Activity award, we did win an honorable mention as a "Region of Merit" which carries a logo we can publish on our website.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Hilliard reported the financials from the last meeting. The Region had total revenue of \$2,869.37 and total expenses of \$1,289.79, resulting in a net income of \$1,579.58. Most of the revenue and expenses were related to the car show and automobilia auction held at Sport Cadillac in May, including a donation for awards by the dealership.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vince Taliano announced we have 171 dues-paying family memberships for 2025. Welcome to Lenny Millholland of Winchester, VA, with 1941 and 1957 Series 62 Convertible Coupes, Les Mardiks of Falls Church, VA, with a 1938 Cadillac Convertible Sedan, Lorenzo Plater of Laurel, MD, with a 1974 Eldorado, Steve Plunkett of London, Ontario, Canada with 48 Cadillacs, one of them a hundred years old, Brady & Patricia Como of Broussard, LA, with two 1953 Cadillacs (Eldorado and Coupe Deville) and a 1956 Coupe Deville, and Grady & Gwen Davis of Rocky Mount, NC, with a 1932 Cadillac Seven-Passenger Sedan, 1938 Cadillac Imperial, 1957 Eldorado Seville and 1960 Series 62 Convertible Coupe.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

- **Past Events:**
 - **CLC Potomac Region's 33rd Annual Dealer Show and Automobilia Auction, Sport Cadillac, Silver Spring, MD, May 18.** Full coverage, including photos and list of winners, appeared in the [June](#) issue.



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- **CLC Grand National, Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN, June 2-7.** Chuck Piel reported quite a few Region members attended. Scott Wardinski and Chuck & Debbie Piel drove their classics: 1959 Coupe Deville and 1967 Deville Convertible, respectively, while others either drove their daily drivers or flew to Tennessee. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the event in one capacity or another. Next year's Grand National will be held in Concord, NC, from Monday-Saturday, June 1-6. [Book your hotel](#) now.
- **CLC Potomac Region Tech Day, Scot & Mercedes Minesinger's Home, Fairfax Station, VA, June 14.** Thanks to Scot & Mercedes and Christopher Winter for organizing another Tech Day. Climate control repairs were the order of the day as Scott Wardinski drove his 1959 Coupe Deville for work on its A/C system, Tom McQueen brought his 1975 Eldorado Convertible to install a new A/C programmer, and Dan Mullane got some help on the A/C in his 1987 Oldsmobile Station Wagon. Mercedes cooked burgers for the attendees, including some who came without classic cars needing service like Constantin Jiga, Terry Prevost and Richard Sisson, among others.
- **50th Sully Antique Car Show, Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, VA, June 15.** Despite the soggy conditions, the show was held. Several members attended, including Jack & Cher Gallagher with their 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury Convertible (second place in class), Richard Sisson with his 1970 Pontiac Grand Prix SJ (second place in class), Bill Hilliard with his 1969 Cadillac Eldorado (fresh from some restoration work by Penn Dutch in Glen Rock, PA), and Harry Scott, among others.



**L to R: Richard Sisson,
Cher Gallagher, Harry Scott
and Jack Gallagher**



In the 56-year history of the CLC Potomac Region, there have only been 10 directors:

Steven Sisson	1969-1976
Charlie Lightbown	1977-1982
Ralph Bennett	1983-1984
Bill Thomas	1985-1991
A. Keith Peirce	1992-1996
Nick Wilson	1997-2001
Bill Sessler	2002-2004
Vince Taliano	2005-2018
Dan Ruby	2019-2024
Larry Good	2025-Present



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• Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Jul 27 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	21st Annual All Vehicle Show hosted by the VCCA Free State Region Visit website	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown, MD	Mike Natale at 443-465-7492 or send email
Aug 9 Sat	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	51st Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club/Capitol City Rockets Oldsmobile Club All-GM Show Visit website	Eagle Ridge Middle School Ashburn, VA	Joe Padavano at 703-927-9196 or send email
Aug 16-17 Sat-Sun		*Fourth Annual CLC Northeast Inter- Regional Meet and Car Show See flyer	AACA Museum Hershey, PA	Michael Stinson at 267-251-8588 or send email
Sep 13 Sat	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Potomac Region Summer Picnic	Dan & JoJo Ruby's Owings MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or send email
Sep 20 Sat	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas, VA	Bill Sessler at 703-368-2367 or visit website
Sep 27-28 Sat-Sun		Cadillac Fall Festival	Gilmore Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Visit website
Oct 1-5 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle Visit website	Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	717-243-7855
Oct 7-10 Tue-Fri	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet Visit website	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey, PA	Kurt Froebel at send email
Oct 13-18 Mon-Sat		CLC National Driving Tour "Cruising the Capital" See flyer	New York Capital Area	Visit website
Oct 18 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show Visit website	Rockville Civic Center Rockville, MD	240-314-5022

*The AACA Museum will be open for self-guided tours 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.

Gray Shaded Events = Potomac Region Co-Sponsored Events

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 20 at 11:00 am at The Green Turtle in Burtonsville, MD. Members are invited to participate in the Church of the Holy Doughnut Cars & Coffee at that location prior to the meeting. They usually begin around 7:30 am and end at about 10:00-10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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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 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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**2025 CLC GRAND NATIONAL
BY LYNN GARDNER
PHOTOS BY LYNN GARDNER, CONSTANTIN JIGA, JACK MCCLOW
AND SCOTT WARDINSKI**



The CLC Grand National took place from Monday-Saturday, June 2-7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton located in Murfreesboro, TN. The hotel offered two-room suites along with daily complimentary made-to-order full breakfasts and cocktails and light snacks in the evening. CLC Meets and Tours Committee members arrived two days before the event to set up the registration, hospitality suite and show field, while attendees started arriving on Sunday, June 1.



Daylight broke on Monday, June 2, with a planned, 100-mile, self-directed driving tour. Dave Rubin (pictured left), VP for National Activities, conducted a briefing. He had previously mapped out the itinerary and visited the two facilities that participants would visit. The first stop was the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, TN, where participants toured a 78,000 square foot facility with 38 Beechcraft planes and various aviation artifacts. Next stop was the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN, that afforded members the opportunity to sample some

of the finest liquid refreshments, as well as pick up a few pints from the company store to take home. The 100-plus participants were provided a list of restaurants along the route, allowing them to branch out and explore various places on the way back to the hotel.

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The next day, Tuesday, June 3, was the first of several days of bus tours. Club members gathered in the lobby of the hotel conference center to board 55-passenger buses on their way to several private collections in the immediate Nashville, TN, area. The first stop was the Willis Johnson Collection. After enjoying the hospitality of the Johnsons, the tour continued to the



collection of Reba & Roger McCalmon. Participants not only experienced the southern hospitality of the collection owners but got to see a wide variety of over 500 preserved cars from multiple eras. After a morning and early afternoon of enjoying the two fine collections, members had the opportunity to participate in a gathering of the Cadillac Queens, the women of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club). Then, the Welcome Reception in the main ballroom of the hotel kicked off the 2025 CLC Grand National with a silent auction (pictured left) and musical entertainment provided by the Valley Forge Region's own resident crooner, Joe Caristo.

Wednesday, June 4, again began with scheduled bus tours. Two buses took additional members to visit the two car collections visited the day before. Meanwhile, one busload of members visited the Country Music Hall of Fame, where members had adequate time to see music venues and various western-themed shops on Broadway Street in downtown Nashville. That tour ended at the Lane Motor Museum, a facility with a variety of 150 antique cars. Once members returned to the hotel, they could participate in a Technical Advisors Meet & Greet before grabbing dinner at one of the many fine restaurants in the immediate area. Afterwards, there was an exciting game of BINGO with the opportunity to win cash prizes.



Johnny Cash's "One Piece at a Time" Cadillac in the collection of Reba & Roger McCalmon



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Thursday, June 5, started with two more bus tours, one repeating the trip to downtown Nashville and a second one to the Green Distillery in Rutherford County, TN, which was founded by a freed slave after The War Between the States. A nice onsite restaurant called The Barrel House served lunch for members, while those of the proper age participated in a tasting of the products of the Green Distillery. In the afternoon, new Chief Judge Fred Butalla conducted two Judging Seminars for the members who volunteered to judge the approximately 130 Cadillacs and LaSallees that graced the Show Field. Thursday ended with a Town Hall, providing members an opportunity to discuss the current state of the Club and goals for the future, with CLC leadership.



1930 LaSalle 259
Gary Hammond
Bogart, GA



1936 Cadillac Series 70 Convertible Sedan
Todd Tobiasz
Websters Groves, MO



1953 Cadillac Series 60 Special
Charles Beville
Clearwater, FL

The next day, Friday, June 6, was the day every member in attendance was looking forward to, as the vehicle judging commenced. Judging was accomplished in an organized manner by assigned teams of three to four judges led by a team leader, who had experience with the model years being judged. The teams were rewarded with a complimentary lunch. Tabulators worked hard to get the judging teams released by late afternoon. Meanwhile, the final bus trip of the event was Friday night and it was the keystone event: a trip to the Grand Old Opry in downtown Nashville. Four coaches were loaded and departed from the hotel at 5:00 pm for a night of great music and fellowship in a single section of the Opry Hall.



1953 Cadillac Eldorado
Larry Lawrence
Mount Pleasant, TX



1956 Cadillac Eldorado Seville
Robert Dye
Buchanan, VA



1959 Cadillac Coupe Deville
Scott Wardinski (center w/two Austrians)
Clifton, VA



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On the last day, Saturday, June 7, the CLC Board of Directors and CLC Museum and Research Center conducted their meetings. For those members not attending, there was one last bus tour, allowing members to visit the best of Murfreesboro that included visiting the original Capitol Building of the state of Tennessee from the 1800s and several estate homes built in the 1800s. The final activity of the 2025 Grand National was the Awards Banquet held in the hotel's grand ballroom. Hotel staff worked diligently to serve all the attendees a sit-down dinner prior to the service and car awards that were handed out to the deserving winners.



Alan Clark and Lynn Gardner



Bill & Anne Hilliard



The Jiga Family



The 2025 CLC Grand National is now a memory, but it was an outstanding event at a great location. The staff of the Embassy Suites were outstanding. Members were treated to true southern hospitality at all the venues visited. Attendees will long remember the great experience, and many are already looking forward to next year's Grand National to be held at another Embassy Suites in Concord, NC, from Monday-Saturday, June 1-6, 2026.

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ODD MEMORIES OF THE 2025 GRAND NATIONAL BY LARRY GOOD

PART I: THREE SHIPS IN A BOTTLE

What a display! Arriving at the 2025 Grand National last month, this is what people saw in the hotel corridor: Tom & Lynn Keegan's 1939 V-16; a 1929, 2½ ton, 7-passenger survivor; and a 1976 Brougham sandwiched in between them (pictured right).

I sent this picture to my brother, and right off he responded, "How did they get the cars in there?" Good question. All I could think of was putting ships in a bottle. With Cadillacs, you'd have to compress two of the dimensions, then pull the drawstrings after the cars were in place. Of course, this procedure would only aggravate the oil drips on the nice carpet.



Since this deranged theory could impact my reputation, I decided to get up early on Sunday morning and watch how they get these craft back out of the bottle. The cars are heavy, and the carpet is soft. It took five or six guys to push one. Two other men worked the plastic runners to catch oil. First, they unrolled plastic along the path in front of the car, then gathered it from behind and moved it to the front again as the car progressed. This went on for the first long corridor, the 90° turn, and the second long corridor until they ran out of rug.



Plastic placement



Pushing the survivor down the hall



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The last move was the test. The cars had to make another 90° turn in a confined space to get out through the roll-up service door. It took four or five moves back and forth with lock-to-lock steering at each end. Try doing that with a V-16 engine over your front wheels and no power steering. Tom has biceps! The '76 just turned on its engine to get power steering.

There you have it: The story of three boats in a hotel.

PART II: THE FLAG

A funny thing happened on the way from the 2025 Grand National. You see three '67 convertibles lined up here with the colors of the flag. The question is, which flag? No less than 15 countries spread over five continents are made of white, red and blue colors.



Out & off to Missouri - Keegans drive this car to every Grand National



Although the colors are a bit scrambled across the American flag, we always list them in order as red, white and blue. To achieve this arrangement in Tennessee, the white car had to move in between the red one and Potomac Region (PR) Assistant Director Chuck Piel's blue one. But at the end of the show, the white owner didn't get there in time, so the red and the blue gave up and went home. This picture is what we got.



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Back in 2012 at the St. Augustine Grand National we had better luck. Here you can see three '53 Eldorados, red, white and blue, lined up in the correct American order. Two of them belong to PR members: red, body number FW 107, Brady Como of Broussard, LA; and blue, FW 177, Mark Brodsky of Chevy Chase, MD. The white one is FW 156.

PART III: RAISING THE BAR



For '47 Cadillac lovers, fantastic beauty



**Fan belt #1440897
Generator belt #1435852**

Background: In 2002 when my own '47 made its show debut at the Grand National in Dearborn, MI, it was a point of pride that the radiator hoses showed "GM GM GM..." Nobody else had that then, but now everybody does.

This year Jack Shepherd of Michigan brought his '47 Series 62 Coupe, in his family since 1965. It set a new standard of authenticity that I've never seen. Jack's engine belts show their numbers, which are correct according to '47 Cadillac expert Steve Cooley. Not only are they correct, but they are NOS! Who else in the world is running 78-year-old, GM-factory-original belts in new condition on their car? Grand Nationals are worth the trip.

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TOURING THE NICKETT COLLECTION BY MORGAN YEH

Sunday, April 27 was windy, for sure, just like my visit to the Nickett Collection in Doylestown, PA, last year! Even during the drive to and from Doylestown, PA, we felt the crosswinds pummeling the 1992 Cadillac Brougham d'Elegance. Despite the rocking, the car tracked straight. I had made a trip the day before in my Toyota 4Runner, a day trip from home to NYC and back, and it was all-hands-on-deck, trying to straighten out the steering during all that heavy wind. The wind will let you know whether you are in a tall car versus a low car.

Despite the wind, the drive was wonderful and scenic, as we opted to take the backroads for most of the trip. Dan Mullane and Scott Patton met up at my place in Loudoun County at 7:00 am that Sunday morning, and we threaded up towards our destination, going on Route 15, Route 30, threading through York, PA, then Route 222, and finally hopping on I-76 for the last stretch. On the way, I pointed out the Lovettsville, VA, location to the guys to show them where Chia-Hua and I got married in 2013. Later, we stopped for breakfast and coffee at Deja Brew Coffee & Bakery in New Oxford, PA, my go-to pitstop on numerous Pennsylvania trips.

We got to the sprawling grounds of Scott & November Nickett's home. We exited the car and made a beeline towards the guests' cars that had come to visit. After lingering around and chatting with the folks we just met, I pointed out where the Nickett collection was, parked over in the back section of the lawn space. The guys were floored. The collection had an assortment of fully restored 1950's and 1960's vehicles. Cadillacs, Dodges, Lincolns, and a few other cars that were not of the era but were dear to Scott due to childhood or young-adult memories were on full display. My phone had died shortly after arriving as it was having charging issues that day (of all days!), so I could only take a few pictures.





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It was fun meeting Scott Nickett, his family and his team of restoration professionals. The food for lunch, just like last year, was amazing! Catered lasagna, a meat-lovers version and a vegetarian version (both were delicious with their own distinct taste and flavor), along with sliced bread, salad, desserts and drinks. Later, we had the pleasure of following Scott as he gave us a tour and described his collection to us. He had stories and fun facts for almost every car, including the painstaking detail on replicating the star-glitter carpeting of certain cars by hand (talk about attention to detail!). He also discussed trying to track down hard-to-find parts and having to let go of a fire-damaged 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham to the insurance company (I saw it last year; black with a stainless-steel roof). Then he found another 1958 Brougham, this time in burgundy and even with the original unused and unopened cigarettes and flasks that came with the car when purchased new.

Towards the end, we had a Winner's Choice award where guests chose their top ten favorite cars that were not part of the Nickett collection. My Cadillac placed 9th! We somehow also managed to snag the longest-distance award, as our mileage going up to Pennsylvania was around 240 miles. A silent auction wrapped things up for the day; I got my hands on a complete set of Cadillac hubcaps from the 1970s.

Going home we retraced our steps for the most part, stopping at Chipotle for dinner right before we got to York, PA. Dan, Scott, and I talked about cars and such during our drive, and it was an awesome experience. I aim to go next year, if the Nicketts will have us over again, and I hope to bring more people along. It is an amazing collection, with rare cars from an era that I kind of wish I was born in, a must-see-in-person car show!



**L to R: Dan Mullane and
Scott Patton**



The trophies obscured some of the bug carnage on the front of my Cadillac, a testament to winning the long-distance award!



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BEYONCÉ'S FLYING CADILLAC BY VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BBC AND SCOT MINESINGER



When Scot Minesinger's brother attended Beyoncé's **Cowboy Carter** concert at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, in May, he saw her transported across the stadium in a red Cadillac prop (pictured above). Coincidentally, the prop looks somewhat like Scot's red 1970 Deville Convertible that is for sale (see page 21). As you can see, the prop was connected to metal cables, allowing it to cross the venue horizontally.



Well, things didn't go as planned at the concert in her hometown of Houston, TX, on Saturday, June 28 (pictured left). According to a [BBC article](#), "Beyoncé was forced to stop her show when the car she was sitting in started to tilt mid-air. The elaborate stage prop - a red Cadillac - is suspended on cables and carries the superstar high over her fans near the end of her **Cowboy Carter** stadium show. She was quickly lowered unharmed."



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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 completely rebuilt – About 7,000 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. Bove 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 \$35,000 obo** – For more info, contact Larry Rice at 804-814-4606 – Located in Midlothian, VA



1941 Cadillac Series 75 Limousine – 60K miles – Original unmolested rust-free car w/o a divider window – Third owner purchased the car about a year ago – Previous owner's estate had the car since the 1960s – Purchased by the second owner from the locally-known first owner from the Short Hills/Millburn, NJ area – Current owner has not driven it much and had plans of keeping it in his collection, but is now downsizing – Sadly, the car will be sold – Smooth-running V8 flathead w/three-speed manual transmission that shifts well – Decent tires but old – Original brown seats are extremely presentable – Black body has nicks, road chips, thinning paint in areas and some checking and cracking in the lacquer, as expected on an original car – Chrome is presentable as a driver – Encourage anyone interested to see the car in person before purchasing – More pictures and videos available upon request – [See pictures](#) – **\$25,000** – For more info, contact Chris Pozarycki at 908-930-8105 or [send email](#) – Located in Oxford, NJ



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



NEW ARRIVAL 1956 Cadillac Eldorado Seville – 36K original miles – Third and current owner purchased the car 22 years ago with 26K miles – One of 3,900 Eldorado Seviles built in 1956 – Numbers matching 365/305hp V8 engine with original two four-barrel carb setup, generator, radiator and power brake booster – Transmission rebuilt – Impeccable survivor that resides in a climate-control garage during the winter months, in a regular garage the rest of the year – Meticulously maintained and pampered with premium fuel, zinc-additive oil and regular treatment of Marvel Mystery Oil – Refurbished braking system – Runs, drives and stops well – Participated in the **Eldorado Extravaganza** in 2006 – Featured on the front cover of **Hemmings Classic Car** magazine in February 2007 – Showcased in a [YouTube video](#) taken at the 2024 Syracuse Nationals (starts at 2:06 mark) – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$60,000** – For more info, contact Sal Buffa at 315-457-5294 (preferred) or [send email](#) – Located in Syracuse, NY



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NEW ARRIVAL 1970 Cadillac Deville Convertible – Purchased in 2005 partially restored with 90K miles – Final restoration finished shortly thereafter and included paint, engine, transmission, brakes, suspension, electrical and upholstery – Twenty years later, it is now showing 141K miles – Everything works such as the climate control, clock, automatic light-turn on, radio, etc. – Options include tilt/telescoping steering wheel, climate control, power locks, electric trunk release, six-way power seats and twilight sentinel – Modified with the eight-piece Fleetwood rocker molding stainless steel trim – Featured in 2009 “**Rock the Red**” promotional video for the Washington Capitals (view [YouTube video](#)) – **\$41,000** – For more info, contact Scot Minesinger at 703-283-2021 (leave text message, not voice mail) or [send email](#) – Located in Fairfax Station, VA



1989 Cadillac Fleetwood Sedan – Two owners – 70K miles – Always garaged and loved – Mint condition – White with blue leather – Vogue tires – 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 – **Reduced to \$10,500** – For more info, contact Richard Sisson at 301-846-8287 or [send email](#) – Located in Walkersville, MD



1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham – 130K miles, with 83K miles driven by current (second) owner since purchasing in 2011 – Marblehead Gray Metallic with a gray vinyl top and light gray leather seats – Strong-running 5.7-liter LT1 V8, factory rated at 260 horsepower – One-year-old battery and alternator, one-year-old front-end rebuild, four-year-old A/C compressor and blower and a six-year-old water pump and distributor – Hankook narrow-whitewall tires installed in 2022 (only 8,000 miles of wear) – Featured in the [May 2025 Caddie Chronicle](#) – **Reduced to \$8,500** – For more info, contact Doug Bailey at 404-786-6077 or [send email](#) – Located in Roswell, GA

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