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The Cadillac & LaSalle Club regrets to announce that Elizabeth A. "Liz" Coy of Louisville, Colorado passed away suddenly during the early morning of August 31. Liz, the wife of *The Self-Starters* Art Director Tim Coy, was the advertising



Tim and Liz Coy
2007 CLC Grand National
Savannah, GA

coordinator for the magazine, the representative to the CLC's Board of Directors for the Rocky Mountain Region, a moderator on our Message Forum, and a friend to many in the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and beyond. The CLC would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Tim and the entire Coy family. We will all miss Liz dearly.

Caravanning to the Grand National in Savannah with Derrick Fisher in his 1960 Coupe Deville and Mike Fahey in his 1964 Sedan Deville was the ultimate road trip. So many Potomac Region members were on I-95 that the cell phone traffic between us was reminiscent of 18-wheeler CB radio chatter in the 1970s. It was great to see so many local members at the event, as well as CLC friends from all over. Congratulations to the Peach State Region for hosting such a great event. For those who weren't in Savannah, the stories and pictures in this issue, as well as the pictures on our website, will make you feel as if you were there.

Preparations for our *Legacy of LaSalle* show have moved into high gear. To date, over 15 pre-registrations have been received. Out of town guests from South Carolina to New Jersey have made reservations at the Holiday Inn Greenbelt for the Saturday night before the show at our special rate of \$89. The Holiday Inn will also be the location for the dinner the night before the show hosted by Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick. If you plan to attend the dinner, please contact Shelley at shelley.chadick@hklaw.com or 202-862-5965.

Vince Taliano

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



August 28, 2007

Dear Cadillac friends,

Last Sunday, the **Cadillac BIG Meet** was held in Kremsmünster Austria for the 4th time. Cadillacs from seven nations attended. This year really was the best of them all. Weather was perfect and the show had the theme "**The Cadillac Eldorado**" and more than 35 Eldorados showed up - among them Eldorados from 1954 to 2002. We had a '54, three '56 Biarritzes, a '56 Seville, a '57 Biarritz, a '57 Eldorado Brougham (another one unfortunately broke down on the way to the show), two '58 Eldorado Seviles (one coming all the way from Sweden!! - the other being mine), two '59 Biarritzes, a '59 Seville, (a '59 Brougham was also planned, but restoration was not finished on time), a '63 and '64, two '67s (one of them with only 30k miles), a '68 (with 20k miles), a '71, '72, '73, '74 and '75, two '76s including a low mileage '76 Bicentennial, a '79, '80, '81, '86 and lots of other Eldorados. Altogether, 113 Cadillacs showed up in the park of the Kremsegg castle during the show - and about 10 more after the show was already finished. The oldest Cadillac was from 1921.

The mood was excellent and everybody loved it very much. I had the pleasure to meet two Cadillac Mailing List (CML) members as well. Davy came all the way from Belgium with his friends in a gorgeous '57. They had a fuel-related issue during the cruising tour which was held the Saturday before the meeting. Fortunately it could be solved by the mechanic we had at the meeting and they made it home safely. I also met Anja who arrived with her '79.

Our guest from Sweden in his '58 Seville had a problem with his freshly rebuilt power booster which resulted in no brakes - which could also be temporarily fixed.

The last weekend probably was the best Cadillac related weekend I ever had, and you should not miss next year's edition of the **Cadillac BIG Meet**.

Check out the pictures at <http://www.cadillac-meeting.com/pics2007> (in German with some English)!

All the best,

Gerald

Gerald Loidl
1967 Cadillac DeVille
1958 Cadillac Eldorado Seville
<http://www.eldorado-seville.com>
<http://www.cadillac-bigmeet.com>





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Vince,

The trip down and back to Savannah turned out to be quite an adventure for Alida and me. Our trailer came with five new Carlisle tires that we had only used a few times since purchasing it new about two years ago. Just before leaving home, I purchased a new bottle jack just in case I might need it. Good thing I did, as the first tire blew out just before Richmond. The first change took about an hour or more plus a stop at a local tire shop where we purchased two new tires -- one which was mounted on the trailer's spare wheel and one not mounted. We spent the first night someplace in North Carolina thinking we could get an early start on Wednesday and arrive in plenty of time for the 6:00 PM welcome reception. Well, we got off to a good start the next day, but had a second blowout in lower NC. Now we had a spare, but it was not mounted. We found a local person at a truck stop and got the spare mounted for \$75. We were off again and found a rest area just south of the border in SC. There, we spotted a tire service person from the area in a pickup truck. She said that Green's Tire Service at Exit 181 had trailer tires and wheels. We called ahead and indeed, they were willing to sell us two more tires and a second spare wheel. We did learn a valuable lesson at the tire shop. We watched them change a tire on a fully loaded bus by running one of the good wheels up on a stack of three two by six boards nailed together. This lifted the bus high enough to change a tire without using a jack, taking only a very short time.

Off to Savannah again, at reduced speed, without further incident, arriving too late for the reception. We had dinner at the hotel bar. Next, we found that we had a room with paper-thin walls and a very active couple in the next room. They were there for only one night and not part of our group.

After a very great time in Savannah seeing some of the best cars in the world and wonderful people attending, we started home about 11:00 AM Sunday. Before leaving, Alida spotted some two by six boards near the parking area that someone had left behind. Into the trailer they went, just in case! Good thing that we had them because as we entered NC, we heard the sound of a shotgun again. This was starting to become a familiar sound and indeed meant another tire change. The boards worked great and we were on our way in less than 30 minutes. We found a motel for the night and had to listen to a celebration of some kind in the next room that lasted all-night. Still having a mounted spare and a new tire not mounted, we continued on to Richmond and stopped at the same tire shop that we visited on the way down to have the bad spare replaced with the new tire that we still had. This got us about another 45 miles, where we heard the shotgun sound again. We changed this one in 20 minutes. We made it home without further incident, having only one of the five tires that we started with. We now feel qualified to work with a NASCAR pit crew. A few phone calls after returning home to other people attending the show with trailers revealed that all who used Goodyear tires had no problems at all.

We are now ready to hit the road again!

Byron & Alida Alsop
Oak Hill VA

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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Sep 1	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	2007 Baltimore Cadillac Parade	Pennsylvania Ave Baltimore MD	George Gilliam or Jim Hamlin at 410-669-5397 or 410-795-2346 or jwhamlin@verizon.net
Sep 2	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	19th Annual Out of the Past Revue, sponsored by The Washington Times	Spring Hill Recreation Center McLean VA	www.washtimes.com/autoweekend/ (Auto Notes section)
Sep 8	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Hampton Roads Region 11th Annual Suttle Motors Show	Suttle Motors Newport News VA	Bob Geiger at 757-253-6501 or bobnlettygeiger@aol.com
Sep 8	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Ride In for Breast Cancer Awareness	Federalsburg VFW Federalsburg MD	Shelley Abbott at 410-943-1035, ssabbott@verizon.net or www.shelleyabbott.com/ridein/
Sep 9	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	38th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Car Show	Mt Airy Fireman's Park Mt Airy MD	Don Jenkins at 301-898-5671
Sep 9	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Classic Car Show / American Red Cross Blood Drive See flyer	IBEW #1805 Complex Glen Burnie MD	Nila Kay Coleman at 410-778-5722, 410-708-1275 or nahlkay@atlanticbb.net
Sep 17	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 eddieamendo@comcast.net
Sep 22	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Highway to Health: Driving out Cancer Motor Rally & Car Show	Edgewater MD to Solomon's Island MD	410-467-3600 or www.thegoc.org
Sep 22	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	32nd Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas VA	Mike Jones at 804-338-1404 or http://www.aaca.org/bullrun
Sep 23	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Valley Forge Region's Annual Fall Meet	Peddler's Village Lahaska PA	www.vfrclc.org/upcoming_events.htm
Sep 29	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Raritan River Region Car Show	Royal Cadillac-Hummer Florham Park NJ	Bernie Cooney at 732-563-2755 or dunbar53@optonline.net
Sep 29	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Motorama 2007	Mt Airy Fireman's Park Mt Airy MD	www.musclicarfederation.com or Tom Ward at 540-664-9273 or tom.ward6@comcast.net
Oct 3-7	Opens at 7am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 7	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	50th Annual Antique Auto Assembly	Old Soldiers Home Washington DC	Clint Brown at 301-593-0789
Oct 10-13	Opens at 7am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center Hershey PA	http://local.aaca.org/hershey
Oct 18	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 eddieamendo@comcast.net
Oct 20	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	City of Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show	Rockville Civic Center Rockville MD	240-314-5022 or www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Oct 20	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Central PA Region 2nd Annual Fall Show	Brenner Cadillac Harrisburg PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
Oct 28	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Capitol Cadillac/Potomac Region Fall Car Show Legacy of LaSalle	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Diane & Henry Ruby at 301-894-8026 or henry.ladydi@verizon.net
Nov 1-4		Sixth Annual Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival	Honey Horn Plantation Hilton Head SC	Jamie Christie at 434-525-3720 or www.hhiconcours.com
Nov 4		Potomac Region Fall Driving Tour		Steven Sisson at 703-724-7652 or sissonse01@cs.com
Dec 1-2		East Coast Indoor Nationals	Timonium Fairgrounds Timonium MD	David Cohen at 410-628-6262 or www.eastcoastindoornats.com

The United States Muscle Car Federation invites you to attend the Motorama 2007 at the Mount Airy Fireman's Park on September 29th. The event includes raffles, a silent auction and contests where winners receive awards and prizes. Entry fee to this event is \$10 plus one can good item that will be donated to the local food bank (a \$1 donation can be made in lieu of a can good). This show features over 100 judged classes and will include numerous vendors. Each of the first 200 entrants will receive a commemorative dash plaque and the first 100 participants will receive a limited edition dash plaque of the 2007 feature car, the Dodge Super Bee. Please visit www.musclicarfederation.com for further details. If interested in attending, contact Mike Fahey at mikefahey64@verizon.net or 301-829-7542.



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AUGUST 20, 2007 MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: Pony Express Grill, The Bolger Center, Potomac, Maryland
TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Director Vince Taliano

ATTENDANCE: Jeff & Nola Gurski, Jim & Brenda George, Henry & Diane Ruby, Dan Ruby, Steven & Margo Sisson, Byron & Alida Alsop, Mike Fahey, Jim Govoni & Jeffrey Jorney, Jack McClow, Richard Sills & Shelley Chadick, Tom McQueen, Derrick Fisher, Alex Figueroa and Daniel Jobe

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Vince thanked everyone for coming and introduced Tom McQueen, one of our newest members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the July meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the August, 2007 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the July meeting to date. Harry Scott reported that the Region's income was \$814.35. The total expenses for the same time period were \$599.96. The checking account balance as of the meeting was \$3,947.11 and the Certificate of Deposit principal was \$5,436.81.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vince Taliano reported that the membership is at 192 with the addition of Robert Farmer, Tom McQueen and Sandy Partridge. Robert is from Baltimore, MD and owns a 1938 Series 60 Special and two '67 Cadillacs. Tom lives in McLean, VA and recently won Best Buick/Marquette at the 33rd Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM show with his 1959 Electra Indy 500 Pace Car Convertible. Sandy is from Kennesaw, GA and owns a 1976 Coupe Deville, which he hopes to drive to our upcoming fall show. Welcome to Robert, Tom and Sandy. Reaching 200 members is still a possibility!

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

1. Recently held events:

- **2007 New England Concours d'Elegance, July 20-22, Stratton, VT:** Jim Govoni & Jeffrey Jorney provided their account of the event, including a description of a few of the Cadillacs and LaSalles that were in attendance – one of the featured marquees – and some of the other stunning cars that caught their attention.
- **2007 CLC Grand National, Aug 1-4, Savannah, GA:** Jack McClow gave a first-hand summary of the event from his perspective as event Registrar. He acknowledged and thanked Diane Ruby for working the registration table each day of the event and Vince Taliano for helping with the six-month long registration process. Registration, which began on March 5th with the receipt of the first registration, included the development of the name tags.
- **33rd Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Aug 11, Rockville, MD:** Steven Sisson reported that the weather could not have been finer and the turnout of Cadillacs and LaSalles was impressive. Congratulations to the winners (see page 18).



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- **22nd Annual Francis Scott Key Antique Car Show, Aug 19, Frederick, MD:** Steven mentioned that unlike the All-GM Show the week before, the weather for this event was not good. Rain kept a lot of people from attending but those who did made the best of it.

2. Upcoming PR events:

- **Summer Picnic, Aug 26, J. Roger Bentley's home, Brinklow, MD:** Preparations have been finalized for the picnic. A gathering of up to 75 people and their cars is expected. Weather forecast is promising: no rain but hot and humid – a typical Sunday afternoon in August.
- **"Legacy of LaSalle" Fall Show, Oct 28, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD:** Pre-registrations are arriving at a pretty good pace. Invitations have been mailed to the LaSalle owners and phone calls will begin after Labor Day. Work on a dash plaque design has been completed (see right).



3. Other upcoming events: Steven announced a detailed list of shows & events, including the following:

- **Annual Cadillac Parade, Sep 1, Baltimore, MD** – Dan Ruby, along with Henry's '58 Eldo Biarritz, will appear on WJZ TV Channel 13's Morning Show to promote the event.
- **19th Annual Out of the Past Revue, Sep 2, McLean, VA**
- **32nd Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Show, Sep 22, Manassas, VA**
- **50th Annual Old Soldiers Home Show, Oct 7, Washington, DC**
- **City of Rockville Show, Oct 20, Rockville, MD** – Pre-register by Sep 14th to guarantee that your car will be listed in the show program.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2009 National Driving Tour:** Toni Rothman, CLC VP for National Activities, suggested that we research other hotels to serve as the host facility. Once the Region has identified a possible host hotel, a proposal will be submitted to the National CLC for review and approval. Sandy & Steven have begun to research other facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2008 CLC Grand National:** Henry Ruby reported that the host hotel, Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, NJ, has begun to accept reservations. Contact the hotel directly at 856-665-6666. For more info on next year's Grand National, visit www.vfrclc.org/GN08.htm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL DISCUSSION: Richard Sills announced that Vince Taliano received the CLC Distinguished Service Award at the Grand National (see page 16).

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 17, 2007 at the Silver Diner, Merrifield, Virginia
(Please note that the September meeting location has been changed from Capitol Cadillac to the Silver Diner. We will be meeting at Capitol Cadillac on Thursday October 18th.)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

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***2007 CLC GRAND NATIONAL
STORY BY RITA BIAL-BOXLEY***

PHOTOS BY EMERSON DUKE, SAVANNAH RIVERFRONT MARRIOTT AND VINCE TALIANO



**A few of the 25+ Potomac Region members in attendance
(L to R) Byron Alsop, Rita Bial-Boxley, George Boxley, Alida Alsop,
Randy Denchfield and Alex Figueroa**

We have been anticipating this Grand National for many months before the actual event. This was my first trip to the Deep South. All my life, I had heard what a beautiful city Savannah, Georgia is. If I recall correctly, the last Potomac Region meeting focused on the upcoming Grand National. A question was raised on what mode of transportation was to be used. The options were 1) by the commercial transport (Rhoades Scholar gave us a very competitive quote), 2) by caravan or 3) by private trailers. In the end, the members more or less did their own thing.

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The dilemma for my husband George and I was whether to trailer down with the V-16 or drive a collector car. As a woman CLC member, who is also an enthusiast and adventuresome, I thought driving a collector car was the best way to go. That way, we could take turns at the wheel. I thought I had George convinced, but he said, "We will take the car trailer and trailer down to Savannah on Tuesday." After second thoughts at the last minute, we drove the F-350 truck. Knowing my husband the way I do, this sudden change didn't affect me. I just called the pet kennel to add an extra day for our dog (WOLF); stopped the newspapers and mail a day earlier; and, of course, the ladies can attest to this, packing, etc. was sped up a day ahead of schedule. Oh well, such is life when attending a Grand National, especially one in the **HEAT OF THE SUMMER**. The necessities were attended to and we headed off to Georgia bright and early Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY

After a 12-hour drive, we arrived at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront. We unpacked and headed to "**BLUE**", the hotel restaurant, for a late dinner. Afterwards, we retired for the evening to await Wednesday's activities.

WEDNESDAY

The sun shined brightly in the room on Wednesday morning. We had a suite with a balcony that gave us a view of the gorgeous Savannah River right outside the hotel. We leisurely enjoyed a relaxing day by the outdoor pool. At poolside, we met a nice gentleman, who along with his wife, are fellow CLC members from Phoenix, Arizona. We invited them to join us in our next day's activities, including the dinner cruise. He and George had quite a chat regarding their respective car collections and experiences with various vendors advertised in **Hemmings** and eBay. They were just as excited and enthusiastic as we were about the upcoming events of this Grand National.

Later in the evening, we retreated to the scene of some outstanding examples of vintage Cadillacs arriving with their owners behind the wheel or with their classic chassis in tow. We observed some outstanding examples of just about every year especially from the '50's and '60's. And naturally, George had conversations with some of these participants that he already was acquainted with or had met through eBay transactions or other old car publications.

At dinner, discussion was mainly about the modes of transportation used by members for this Grand National. Some flew into Atlanta and rented a car, others took the train, which stopped not far from the hotel, and, of course, other members trailered their cars. Almost as to be expected, a few members had roadside glitches, but being experienced drivers, these minor problems were taken in stride and they were soon on their way again. They were a little bit weary to say the least, but I can imagine they were glad to finally be at the hotel.

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The Denchfield Family in their '76 Eldo



Richard Sisson, Shelley Chadick and Jack Hotz



Austin and Alex Figueroa at the Welcome Reception



Maurice Jones and Carl Caffey



Various PR Members with CLC President Glen Brown



The Sissons: Steven, Margo and Richard



Band at the Welcome Reception



Georgia Queen Dinner Boat



Diane Ruby's Cadillac Shoes



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The hospitality welcome reception was fabulous and everyone was relaxed and in a festive mood. The festivities were enhanced by musicians who contributed to the atmosphere, while the guests milled around and dined on the many "finger foods" that were served. We watched, in awe, the huge vessels that sailed in from the Atlantic Ocean up the Savannah River past our hotel. Let's hope this exchange of goods arriving and departing helps to balance the trade deficit with other countries. Members enjoyed a cocktail at the bar, while chatting with fellow enthusiasts about their collections. Later that evening, a few of us ventured out and walked down River Street to get a confectionary delight at the local ice cream parlor. On the way back, some members observed an alligator in the Savannah River. There are large signs posted that stated "Please do not feed the alligators because a hand-out may be considered a hand by the alligators." After walking the entire length of the hotel's Riverwalk, another great day came to a memorable close.



Hotel's Riverwalk

THURSDAY

Early Thursday morning, we were back at the pool. We stayed at the pool enjoying a swim and the beautiful sunshine until the afternoon. Austin Figueroa, Potomac Region member Alex Figueroa's son, struck up a conversation with George. Since both of them have competitive spirits, they decided on some pool races. George reluctantly admitted that Austin won all the races. He felt better when I reminded him that Austin is 12-years-old; George is in his 70's. Oh, men will always compete, young or old.

After changing, we decided to be adventuresome and sampled some of the cuisine at the Riverwalk restaurant. Afterward, as usual, we ventured on our own and selected tours that appealed to us from a historical view point. Our tour guide was CeCe, who was 26-years-old. What good luck we had! This young lady had just gotten her tour guide license and informed us that her family was one of the original settlers in Savannah back in the early 1700's. Her grasp of the historical significance of the city was astounding. She gave us an account of how and why General Sherman spared the city. She drove past the cemetery where her great...great...grandfather was buried. He came from France and settled in Savannah. The time we spent with CeCe, our brand new tour guide, was rewarding and educational. Frankly, it's what I think visiting new places and destinations is all about.



Bonaventure Cemetery



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We arrived back to the hotel where more cars were driving in and parking in their designated spaces on the upper and lower levels of the parking garage. One of the activities we signed up for that evening was a dinner cruise and a ghost walking tour. The dinner cruise was good. After departing the cruise boat, we started out for the ghost walk. I love ghost stories so I was most anxious about the second part of the evening after the cruise. We split up into groups in one of the many parks. Our tour guide, Adam, was beginning to tell us some interesting ghost stories when a torrential rain came barreling down upon us. After walking several blocks in the torrential downpour, George finally hailed a taxi cab. Once in the cab, he persuaded the driver to pick up Henry Ruby and Jim George, who were still walking in the rain.

The rest of our ghost hunter group, which included the Denchfields (Susan, Robyn, Ryan and Regan), Alex & Austin Figueroa, Brenda George, Jeff Millsaps & Jeanne Eury, Diane Ruby, Harry Scott, Bill Sessler, Margo Sisson, Vince Taliano and others, continued on for another block, but it got the best of us, as the rain continued fiercely. In any event, our tour guide gave us a virtual tour the best he could in the driving down rain. Alex Figueroa got soaking wet running to hail a cab for our group. After he finally got one a couple of blocks away, he came back to get us. We couldn't all fit so the cab driver, who admitted humorously that **he preferred GTOs to Cadillacs**, agreed to come back for the second group after dropping us off at the hotel. To say the least, that was not the best way to end an evening. It continued to rain the whole night and into Friday morning. We all had a good laugh on Friday with other members of our ghost walking tour. It appears the ghosts had their way with us after all!



Ghost Tour Guide Adam became a ghost!



Drenched Ghost Tour Group!



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FRIDAY

On Friday morning, we were entranced with the news about the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota and awaited more details. As we discussed the tragedy, it continued to rain through the day. However, it didn't deter a group of us who were determined to dine at Paula Deen's restaurant. Paula Deen is a well-known personality featured on the cooking shows. We watched her on Larry King Live shortly after we returned from Savannah. Many thanks go out to Maurice Jones, who handled all the lunch arrangements. Afterwards, we stopped at Paula's store and purchased her cookbooks. I can't wait to try some of the recipes.

In the evening, two bus loads strong headed out to dine at Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House. Another famous restaurant known for its southern cuisine served family-style. As our Potomac Region Director Vince Taliano stated, "This is Thanksgiving in August." By the time we left, the rain finally subsided. After we returned to the hotel, members of several groups meandered up to the hospitality suite for refreshments and chatter. The enthusiasm and comradeship of car club members from different parts of the country was like a story unfolding before our eyes. This is what America is all about.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning was overcast with rain. At 7:00 AM, George headed down to the Judges Breakfast primarily to find out how the judging event was going to be held. With all the rain, the lower level of the garage was nearly flooded. In lieu of judging cars in their designated spots, it was decided to judge cars in designated spots on the lower level of the garage. Fortunately, the sun finally came out but it was too late to change the judging set-up.

I was planning on doing some shopping, but our plans changed drastically. The security alarm at our home in Maryland had malfunctioned. We contacted our neighbor and were assured that everything was OK. But by that time, I was a nervous wreck. We definitely knew we could not enjoy ourselves the rest of the day or at the evening's awards banquet. I hurriedly packed and after a quick bite to eat, we left for our long trip home. So Saturday's judging and the evening ceremonies will have to be chronicled by a fellow member.

All in all, we had a great time. I would like to acknowledge Jack McClow and his affiliates of the Peach State Region for making the Savannah Grand National a great event to attend. I also want to thank my friend and fellow CLC member, Diane Ruby, Potomac Region member, for her diligence, friendliness and perseverance in keeping the registration desk running smoothly. It was truly a beautiful stay and the city of Savannah lives up to its reputation as one of the South's most elegant and historic cities. We plan to come back for another visit soon.

As the residents in Savannah would say, ***"Y'all come back now!"***

Happy motoring,

Rita



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2007 CLC GRAND NATIONAL WINNERS
STORY BY VINCE TALIANO
PHOTOS BY DAN REED AND VINCE TALIANO



Pete Sanders' 1930 V-16 "Madam X" Sedan
Best Pre-War and First Place Class P6: 1930-33 Cadillac V-12/V-16

Congratulations to the many Potomac Region members who won awards in Savannah. Below is the list of winners and pictures of some of the beautiful cars at the Grand National:

Category	Owner	City and State	Year and Model
Best Pre-War	Pete Sanders	McLean VA	1930 V-16 "Madam X" Sedan
Past Presidents' Preservation Award	Mark E. Brodsky	Chevy Chase MD	1969 Deville Convertible
Second Place Senior Class S9: 1961-76 Cadillac	Michael J. Fahey	Mt Airy MD	1964 Sedan Deville
First Place Primary Class P6: 1930-33 Cadillac V-12/V-16	Pete Sanders	McLean VA	1930 V-16 "Madam X" Sedan
First Place Primary Class P7: 1934-37 Cadillac V-12/V-16	Byron Alsop	Oak Hill VA	1936 Series 85 V-12 Convertible Sedan
Second Place Primary Class P18: 1959-60 Cadillac	Derrick Fisher	Rockville MD	1960 Coupe Deville



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Category	Owner	City and State	Year and Model
Second Place Primary Class P22B: 1969-70 Cadillac wo Eldo	Mark E. Brodsky	Chevy Chase MD	1969 Coupe Deville
Third Place Primary Class P22B: 1969-70 Cadillac wo Eldo	Mark E. Brodsky	Chevy Chase MD	1969 Deville Convertible
Second Place Primary Class P24: 1971-78 Cadillac Eldorado	Randy Denchfield	Chevy Chase MD	1976 Eldorado Convertible
First Place Primary Class P28: 1985-Current Cadillac wo '85 Eldo or Seville	Michael A. Barruzza	Bristol PA	1995 Fleetwood Brougham
First Place Touring Class T2: 1927-40 LaSalle	Aaron "Bud" Coleman	Malvern PA	1940 LaSalle 5019 Sedan
Third Place Touring Class T10: 1989 Cadillac-current Cadillac plus all Allantes	Benjamin Berman	Sarasota FL	1989 Coupe Deville Convertible
First Place Touring Class T99: Commercial and Professional Vehicles	Michael A. Barruzza	Bristol PA	1976 Miller-Meteor Landau Hearse
CLC Ken Moss Lifetime Achievement Award	Lee Herbermann	Pittsburgh PA	Southeastern Region Vice President
CLC Distinguished Service Award	Vincent A. Taliano	North Potomac MD	Potomac Region
CLC Newsletter Excellence Award	Nancy Hotz	Haddonfield NJ	LaSalle Appreciation Society (LAS) "Sallee Speaks"



LaSalles



1930s Cadillacs



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1940s Cadillacs



1950s Cadillacs



1960s Cadillacs



1970s Cadillacs

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***2007 CLC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO VINCE TALIANO
STORY BY RICHARD SILLS
PHOTO BY TIM COY***

Each year, at the Awards Banquet at the Grand National Meet, the Cadillac & LaSalle Club presents many awards to honor the best cars entered in the meet – and just a few awards to honor individual members for outstanding achievements on behalf of the Club. One of the most prestigious awards, the Distinguished Service Award, was presented to Vince Taliano this year.

Vince did not want an article lauding him for his accomplishments that earned him this award. But several of us in the Region prevailed, and decided it is important for Region members to know the significance of this award and why he was selected.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor a member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club who gives freely of his or her time and energy in such a way that provides results that benefit all members of the CLC. According to the Club Directory, "the service could exemplify leadership, organizational skills or personal involvement in a project in the areas of technical services, research, information systems, etc." The award is bestowed as a token of the Club's appreciation for a job well done, and as a more permanent expression of the words, "Thank you and keep up the good work."

During his tenure as Director of the Potomac Region, Vince has helped to make the Region a shining example of what a CLC Region should be – for the quantity and quality of its activities, for the value provided to its members, for interaction with and support of other Regions and Chapters of the CLC, for developing the Region's award-winning ***Caddie Chronicle*** newsletter and its acclaimed "***Standard of the World Wide Web***" website, for cooperation and joint sponsorship of activities with other antique car clubs, and in general, for the promotion and support of the Cadillac and LaSalle marques and the betterment of the CLC. His efforts were previously recognized when he received the Mary Lou Evans Membership Award in 2004, and contributed greatly to the Potomac Region receiving the Norm Uhlir Regional Activity Award in 2004 and the Newsletter Excellence Award in 2005.

Vince would be the first to acknowledge that these achievements did not result from his efforts alone. But we all know that he has had a major role in all of these successes. In the finest sense, Vince exemplifies "the standard of the world" among Club members. The Potomac Region congratulates him for winning the CLC Distinguished Service Award for 2007.



Glenn Brown presents Vince Taliano with the 2007 CLC Distinguished Service Award



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***2007 CLC SUMMER BOARD MEETING
STORY BY BILL SESSLER
PHOTO BY VINCE TALIANO***



The CLC Board hard at work

The 2007 CLC Summer Board Meeting was held on Friday August 3rd in Savannah GA. In my opinion, the most important topics discussed were 1) the increased control and standardization by the National CLC of Grand Nationals and National Driving Tours and 2) improved membership compliance. As we prepare for our 2009 National Driving Tour, we will work closely with the National CLC to ensure a successful event. Their input will be beneficial as we identify a host facility and plan each day's activities.



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**33RD ANNUAL METRO CHAPTER BUICK CLUB ALL-GM SHOW
STORY & PHOTO BY VINCE TALIANO**



4-year-old Jack Taliano behind the wheel of a 1957 Series 62 Convertible

The weather gods were smiling on Cory Correll and his colleagues on August 11th at the 33rd Annual Metro Chapter Buick All-GM Show in Rockville MD. We can only hope the weather will be as nice when we host our National Driving Tour in August 2009. It was great to see such a large turnout of Cadillacs and LaSalle's at the event. Many did well in the head-to-head competition with their GM cousins. Winners included **J. Roger Bentley** (First Place Class One: 1948 and older – 1940 LaSalle 4 Door Convertible), **Mark Brodsky** (Third Place Class Two: 1949-59 – 1959 Coupe Deville), **James Hartnett** (First Place Class Seven: 1990-Present – 1992 Fleetwood Brougham), **Bill Redfern** (Second Place Class 11: Eldos, Rivs, Toros, GPs, Monte Carlos – 1976 Eldorado Convertible) and **Bill Youngblood** (Best Cadillac / LaSalle – modified 1947 Convertible Coupe).

To see over 20 pictures from the show, visit www.clcpotomacregion.org/2007pictures.htm.

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***3RD ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC WITH LINCOLN MERCURY FRIENDS
STORY BY J. ROGER BENTLEY
PHOTO BY DAN REED***



Fans of Henry Leland

Everyone who came to our 3rd Annual Leland Connection picnic seemed to have fun. Where else could you have found over 35 Lincolns / Mercurys / Cadillacs / LaSalles parked side by side? The music provided by John Mills was great and the breeze was a big help for a hot August day. It was wonderful to see so many new people and their cars. I was very happy to see another LaSalle, Nancy & Frank Lindberg's beautiful charcoal 1940 sedan. "Samantha," my '40, was not so lonely this year.

Several people called to give me their regrets, because of conflicting schedules. I suggest that we consider moving next year's event to the spring. How about May? Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped make our picnic flow so smoothly, especially Diane & Henry Ruby, Margo & Steven Sisson, Dan Reed, Alex Figueroa, Bill Shaw, Jack McCLOW and Vince Taliano.

To see over 50 pictures from the picnic, visit www.clcpotomacregion.org/2007pictures.htm.

[Editorial note: Thanks to Roger for his continued hospitality. We look forward to next year's event!]

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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale

1972 Limousine – Seamist green with black interior – 44K miles – Exterior relatively good shape – Interior perfect – Runs well – www.clcpotomacregion.org/72cadillacforsale.htm for pictures - **Asking \$4,850** – For more info, contact Jay Burger, Capitol Cadillac, at 301-441-9600 – Car is located in Maryland

1976 Eldorado Convertible – Cadillac declared that the '76 Eldorado would be their "last" convertible – The buyer's premium to capture one of these collectibles reached as much as \$4,000 over list price – 69,000 miles – Special order accessories include a passenger-side vanity mirror, hard convertible boot and two-way power seats – Recently received a 2nd place award at the Grand National in Savannah – **Asking \$14,900** – For more info, contact Randy Denchfield at 301-270-7665 or denchroof@aol.com – Other cars for sale include:

- 1946 Willys C.J. - **\$1,999**
- 1949 Studebaker starlight coupe, restoration started - **\$3,999**
- 1950 Chevrolet Bel Air hardtop convertible, no engine /transmission - **\$3,999**
- 1950 Packard 4 door sedan - **\$999**
- 1951 GMC one ton truck - **\$999**
- 1953 Chevrolet 4 door sedan, 6 cylinder, 3 speed - **\$999**
- 1953 Packard Clipper 4 door sedan - **\$999**
- 1960 Bonneville parts car - **\$499**
- 1965 Buick Special 4 door sedan - **\$999**
- 1980 280 CE Mercedes 2 door coupe - **\$3,999**

Cars are located in Maryland

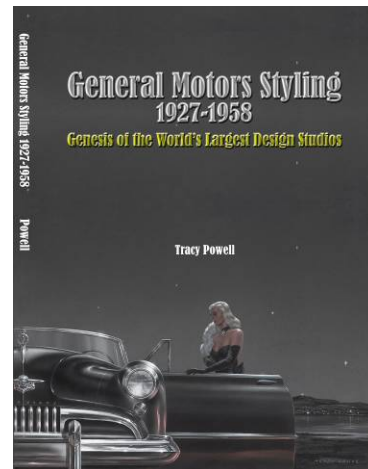


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