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100th Issue!

Well everyone, we hit a significant milestone with this issue: 100 consecutive monthly issues. Who would have thought we would have grown as much as we have? When we started in November 2003, our goal was to keep the Potomac Region members informed on upcoming events and note-worthy happenings in the hobby and the area. Over the past eight plus years, the newsletter has evolved into a world-wide publication that has won numerous awards. Not only do we have readers all over the world, but we receive contributions from those readers, as well. Thanks to everyone who have submitted articles and photos over the years. The list is too numerous to include here. Special thanks to Sandy Kemper, Richard Sills, the late Steven Sisson and Margo Sisson for proof-reading each issue prior to publication!

To celebrate our achievement of reaching 100 issues, I have included one of my favorite stories that has been published. It was really hard to just pick one, but the uniqueness of the story is what influenced my decision. Hint: see sentence above about world-wide audience. I am curious to hear what some of your favorite stories have been. Feel free to send me an email telling me and we'll dig them up and re-print for all to enjoy again.

Thanks again for everyone's support these past eight plus years.

Vince Taliano



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



January 30, 2012

Vince,

Here is a picture of club members attending the 2012 Washington Auto Show, many of whom attended with tickets donated by Daniel Jobe as Holiday Party door prizes. In attendance, from left to right, are Potomac Region members Scot Minesinger, Tom McQueen, Jack McClow, Tom Alsop, Bob Norrid and Randy Edison. The new Cadillacs looked fantastic and drew crowds of people. We had a ball!

Tom Alsop
Fairfax, VA



February 1, 2012

Vince,

While I always find something of interest in your newsletters, this issue [January 2012] hit a home run. The Korea article was a great call and the Cadillac Professional vehicle article was also excellent. This issue should find interest way beyond just Cadillac owners.

Great effort!

Thanks.

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Feb 9-11 Thu-Sat		AACA Annual Meeting	Philadelphia PA	http://www.aaca.org/
Feb 19 Sun	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Feb 19 Sun	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	39th Annual Old Car and Train Day	The Clement Home Fairfax VA	Clem Clement at 703-830-5597 (home), 571-239-1701 (cell) or clem.clement@cox.net
Feb 24-26 Fri-Sun		Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction	Atlantic City Convention Center Atlantic City NJ	G. Potter King, Inc. at 800-227-3868 or www.acclassiccars.com
Mar 10 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	39th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD	Tom Young at 410-653-3108 or tbirdtom@comcast.net
Mar 17 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	"Roll With Cole" Car, Truck & Bike Show -- 100% of the proceeds go to Cole Sydnor, a 16 year old who broke his neck and is now a quadriplegic	Atlee High School Mechanicsville VA	Justin Spurlock at 804-514-5407 or cntwlk@yahoo.com
Mar 19 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Mar 23-24 Fri-Sat	Gate opens at 6:00 am	42nd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet	Frederick Fairgrounds Frederick MD	Robert Clubb at 301-831-0300 or smraaca@aol.com
Apr 14 Sat	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Trip to Seatco Upholstery Shop	Baileys Crossroads VA	R. Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Apr 18 Wed	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Apr 19-22 Thu-Sun		AACA Southeastern Spring Meet	Charlotte NC	www.aaca.org
Apr 22 Sun	10:00 am – 5:00 pm	3rd Annual Spring Car/ Truck/Bike Show	Adventure Park New Market MD	Erik Stottlemeyer at 240-357-6752 or www.adventureparkusa.com
Apr 25-29 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
May 6 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	21st Annual Capitol Cadillac Spring Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Car Show: Henry Ruby at 301-675-5438 Automobilia Auction: Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
May 12 Sat	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	54th Annual AACA Apple Blossom Meet	Jim Barnett Park Winchester VA	Duane Catlett at 540-869-6668 or www.sraaca.com
May 17-19 Thu-Sun		AACA Eastern Spring Meet	Wyomissing PA	www.aaca.org
Jun 2 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 23rd Annual Spring Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com
Jun 2 Sat		23rd Annual Orphan Car Tour	Starting from Harpers Ferry WV	Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, TourDirector@orphancartour.org or www.orphancartour.org
Jun 13-16 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National Meet hosted by the Florida Suncoast Region	St. Augustine FL	https://www.cadillacclasalleclub.org/2012-grand-national?layout=blog
Jun 16 Sat	8:30 am – 3:00 pm	4th Annual Car Show featuring Buick, Cadillac, GMC, Olds, and Pontiac	Freysinger Buick Mechanicsburg PA	Tim Spigelmyer at 717-938-9368 or TLSPSU@aol.com or Dick Beckley at 717-395-7128 or dbeckley@epix.net
Jun 30 Sat	11:00 am – 4:00 pm	8th Annual Picnic with Lincoln Mercury friends	J. Roger Bentley's Home Brinklow MD	R. Scot Minesinger at rscotm@cox.net or 703-283-2021
Jul 7 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	6th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com

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FEBRUARY 19, 2012 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Snyder's Restaurant, Linthicum, MD

TIME: 2:00 PM

PRESIDING: Assistant Director Dan Ruby

ATTENDANCE: Byron & Alida Alsop; Paul & Virginia Habicht; Sandy Kemper; Grady & Darlene McMahan; Jack McClow; Robert Meekins; Chuck Piel; Henry Ruby and Jo Jo Ruby; Harry Scott, Ruth Synodinos & Bill Schmuck; Frances & Margaret Werneth and Harry & Carol Yarnell

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan Ruby thanked everyone for attending – a good turnout!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Kemper reported that the Minutes from the January meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the February, 2012 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the January meeting to date. The Region's income was \$1,417.85. The total expenses for the same time period were \$1,535.85.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Debbie Taylor has agreed to serve in this role until an official replacement is elected under our By-Laws. Our current 2012 membership total is 203 members. Welcome to Gary Niemeyer, Oakton, VA; Dan Ryan, College Park, MD and Bradley Pearson, Leesburg, VA. Gary owns a low-mileage original 1956 Sedan DeVille. Dan has a 1977 Sedan DeVille. Bradley is the owner of a 1961 Sedan DeVille and a 1999 Seville STS.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recently Held Events:

- **24th Annual AACA Bay Country Region's Winter Parts Meet, Cambridge, MD, Sat, Jan 28:** Dan Ruby, Henry Ruby and Harry Scott attended. Unfortunately, they didn't see any Cadillacs or Cadillac parts.
- **AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, Feb 9-11.**

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Visit to Seatco, Sat, Apr 14th.** Scot Minesinger has arranged a visit to Seatco, an auto upholstery supplier in the Bailey's Crossroads area, on Saturday April 14th from 10:00 am–2:00 pm. They will provide a gourmet lunch for our group and discuss convertible tops and upholstery; perform demonstrations and answer questions. Jack McClow asked if we should combine our April region mtg w/ the Seatco event. Dan and Sandy reported that we always hold region meetings at Capitol Cadillac the month before our car shows to focus on show preparations with Daniel Jobe. **This April's meeting will be held at Capitol Cadillac on Wednesday, April 18.**
- **21st Annual Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sun, May 6th.** Derrick Fisher has agreed to be the auctioneer since George Boxley will be unable to attend. We have already received a donation for the auction. Dave Kinney, a local collector who was friends with the late Steven Sisson, contacted Vince Taliano and donated a number of framed Cadillac ads and a 1980 Service Manual. Thanks to Dave for his generosity.



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The food vendor and DJ have been booked. Volunteers to help on the day of the show with parking, registration, auction, clean-up are needed also. The Show flyer will be published in the March newsletter.

- **8th Annual Picnic with Lincoln Mercury friends, Roger Bentley's Home, Brinklow MD, Sat, June 30th.**

3. Other upcoming events: Chuck Piel described two events that may be of interest to club members:

- The **CLC Central VA Region** has invited us to participate in the **"Roll With Cole" Car, Truck & Bike Show in Mechanicsville, VA on Sat. March 17**. This is a charity show to benefit a 16 year old student who is a quadriplegic.
- The **CLC-Valley Forge Region** is considering another drive to the **Baltimore Streetcar Museum** and they have asked us if we are interested in joining them.

The following events were mentioned also:

- **Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City NJ, Fri-Sun, Feb 24-26**
- **39th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Sat, Mar 10**
- **42nd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 23-24**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sandy, Richard Sills and Vince Taliano have reviewed and updated the Region's Constitution and By-Laws. The amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws has been approved by the officers. Sandy had a copy of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws available for review at the meeting. Also the proposed amendment to the By-Laws is available for review by any and all members of the Region by requesting a copy from Sandy or viewing at www.clcpotomacregion.org/forms/CLCPR.BylawsRevision2012.pdf. He will have a copy at the March Region meeting too. A vote by the membership to accept or reject the proposed amendments will be held at the April meeting.
- Carol Yarnell provided a presentation about the bill before the Maryland House of Delegates (HB550) and a companion bill in the State Senate (S846) that is applicable to the collector car community. The bill proposes three primary changes the Maryland motor vehicle law that are somewhat more restrictive than the current statute for the registration of "historic" vehicles. The proposed changes are: (1) increasing from 20 to 25 years the age that a motor vehicle must be before it may be registered as a historic motor vehicle (2) prohibiting a specified historic motor vehicle from being used for "occasional use" (3) requiring that the vehicle is insured by a historic vehicle, show vehicle, or antique vehicle insurance policy. The first hearing on this bill will be held in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 28. The hearing is open to the public and Carol encouraged everyone to attend.
- The theme for this year's Fall Show will be **Commercial Cars**. But, because of the proximity of Capitol Cadillac to FedEx Field and the traffic on game days, the date for the show will be set after the NFL publishes its 2012 game schedule, usually in late April.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 19th, 7:30 PM at the Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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**MARYLAND BILLS TO RESTRICT ELIGIBILITY FOR HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION
AMENDED TO SATISFY HOBBYIST CONCERNS
SOURCE: SEMA ACTION NETWORK (SAN)**



In consultation with the hobbyist community in the state, the SEMA Action Network has worked with Del. Kirill Reznik to amend legislation in the House (H.B. 550) and Senate (S.B. 846) that originally threatened to further limit the use of "historic motor vehicles." Under the introduced bills, the age requirement would have been raised from 20 to at least 25 years old, historic cars would have been prohibited from being used for "occasional transportation" and an historic vehicle, show vehicle or antique insurance policy would have been required.

Under the amendments, vehicles would continue to be eligible for the historic class upon their 20th year; the collector insurance mandate would be deleted and the "occasional use" provision would be restored. Further, permissible use would now include "for the purposes of obtaining repairs and routine maintenance." We also increased the classes of vehicles among those eligible for historic status to include Class B (taxi cabs), Class C (funeral vehicles and ambulances and Class Q (limousines).

We Urge You to Contact Members of the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Immediately to Request Their Support for the Amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846. Please e-mail a copy of your letter to Steve McDonald at stevem@sema.org. Also, please forward this Alert to your fellow car enthusiasts. Urge them to join the SAN and help defend the hobby!

- The amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846 will require that there be a "daily driver" registered to the same address as the historic vehicle that would be used for primary transportation. The bill would also clearly stipulate that the historic vehicle not be "an individual's or a family's primary method of transportation."
- The amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846 enhance law enforcement authority to target violators of the historic vehicle laws without inconveniencing legitimate hobbyists.
- The amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846 would continue to allow legitimate historic vehicles to enjoy existing benefits, including the special historic license plate and exemptions from equipment and emissions inspection requirements.
- The amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846 recognize that abusers of the historic vehicle law are a minority and that legitimate historic vehicles in Maryland constitute a small portion of the vehicle fleet and are already well-maintained and infrequently operated.
- The amended H.B. 550 and S.B. 846 demonstrate a real effort by Del. Reznik and his staff to enact reasonable and fair compromise legislation.

[Editor's Note: CLC Potomac Region members Franklin Gage and Harry & Carol Yarnell have been following these bills very closely. To find out more on what you can do, please contact either Franklin at f.gage@hotmail.com or Harry & Carol at hyarnell1@earthlink.net.]

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***CLC WINTER BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13-14, 2012
GALVESTON, TEXAS
STORY & PHOTOS BY JACK MCCLOW***

If this is January, then there must be a Cadillac and LaSalle Club winter board meeting scheduled for somewhere out there among the lower 48 United States. Interesting that it has never been suggested we have one of our winter board meetings in either Alaska or Hawaii. Maybe I will bring this up at the next semi-annual board meeting to see if anyone else thinks I might have a good idea.

This year's board meeting, which was hosted by the Gulf Coast (Houston) Region, and headquartered at the beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel on the little island of Galveston, Texas; just a stone's throw from the mainland of Texas, but still a legitimate island. Our award winning editor of ***The Self-Starter***, Steve Stewart, and his wife Maggi, worked tirelessly long before and then during the meeting week to be sure we had everything we needed, from a spectacular tenth floor hospitality suite overlooking the Gulf of Mexico (pictured right) to two full days of local tours for entertainment, all designed to make our trip relaxing, productive and memorable. This was my ninth consecutive winter board meeting; my sixth representing the Potomac Region.



As is the tradition, the CLC board meeting is always held on a Saturday, but many of us have made a custom of arriving a few days early in order to participate in the planned activities the local hosting region arranges for us well in advance. Thanks to the planning of Steve and Maggi, we toured all the significant historical sites in Galveston. Sadly, due to the number of violent hurricanes that have attacked the island since it was settled, the locals have had a long, hard struggle trying to keep the history alive.



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The latest assault on the island was in September, 2008, when Hurricane Ike sent a swell into the Galveston Bay that swamped the city with up to ten feet of salt water that did not recede for more than two days and caused almost incalculable damage. The level of destruction was enormous, and there is still plenty of evidence in plain sight as to the damage caused by that miserable Ike. Pictured right are CLC Potomac Region members Jeff Montgomery and Martina Butler standing below the high water mark in one of Galveston's establishments.



Also on the tour were two of the island's most amazing 19th century mansions. These amazing architectural gems have managed to stand the test of a number of hurricanes, including the one that roared ashore less than five years after the homes were built that claimed the lives of over 6,000 residents of Galveston in 1900. One of the historic homes is the Moody Mansion which was built in 1895 (pictured left). This four level 28,000 square foot home was purchased by the Galveston financial wizard, Mr. William Lewis Moody, Jr. in 1900 just days after the devastating hurricane.



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Mr. Moody's financial success started with a trading business in cotton. Soon his financial empire included banking, ranching, insurance and hotels. I found the hotel connection particularly interesting as I already had known of the Moody family name as they had been heavily involved in the Conrad Hilton Hotel brand of hotels during the middle part of the 1900s, plus, I knew that one of our historic local Washington, D.C. hotels, the former Hotel Washington, had been a part of the Moody family holdings from the mid-1930s until just about four years ago. Descendants of Mr. Moody, Jr. continue to run his various business concerns to this day, with the host hotel for our winter board meeting, the Moody Gardens Hotel, being a vibrant part of the current Moody business empire. Descendants of Mr. Moody, Jr. lived in the Moody home we toured for the following 80 years, and many of the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. Moody, Jr. still make Galveston their home to this day.

In fact, during our last evening in the Shearn Lounge atop the Moody Gardens Hotel, we struck up a conversation with three couples at the next table who had asked what we had been doing during our visit to Galveston. When we mentioned some of the sights we had gone to see on tour, the Moody Mansion came up and the one gentleman said, "Then you went to visit my grandparents' home." Yes, consider us more than a little surprised when we discovered we had been sitting next to, and visiting with, Mr. William Lewis Moody, IV; the grandson of the founder of the Moody empire. Pictured right is CLC Potomac Region member Bob Crimmins with Mr. & Mrs. William Lewis Moody, IV. After they left, the server told us that the Moodys come to the hotel every Saturday evening for dinner in the hotel's restaurant, and then for drinks in the lounge later with their friends. It was such a pleasure for us to meet them so unexpectedly, and they could not have been more hospitable. Our evening could not have ended on a more interesting note.





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The Moody family has also been a very long-time supporter of Cadillac Motor Cars. During our tour of the Moody family home, we found two elderly and well-worn Cadillac cars on display in the carriage barn that had been two of the family favorites (pictured left).

But now back to the reason I was in Galveston to begin with: the twin board meetings covering both the Cadillac & LaSalle Club itself and the CLC Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC). I had never before been to the Museum board meeting so I decided it was time to find out for myself exactly how well the museum fund raising campaign

was doing in terms of reaching the \$1 Million dollar plus goal that had been established in order to be able to begin construction of the new Cadillac and LaSalle Museum on the Gilmore Complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The CLC Museum and Research Center board meeting was held on Friday afternoon and lasted approximately two hours. In summary, during this past year the original building plan, that of a classic, post art deco Cadillac dealership design that dates to back 1948 and was originally part of the grand, General Motors dealership plan for its emerging postwar dealer network, looked as though it was going to cost too much to construct based upon the fund raising master plan the CLCMRC board had agreed upon. The museum building, as is currently envisioned, will be in the range of 10,000 square feet to begin with, and then could be expanded to up to a total of 20,000 square feet at a later time. Approximately \$1 Million had been budgeted for construction expenses, but it looked as though the building, as envisioned, would run closer to \$1.7 Million. A new design plan, for a similar building that would be less costly to construct, was presented to the Gilmore board, but approval was not granted. In the end, a local firm, the Cornerstone Construction Management Company, was located which was able to produce a proposal to build the original building design at a reduced cost of just under \$1.2 Million. A further savings might be able to be realized if the construction of our building could be coordinated with the construction of that of our neighboring museum, the Model A Museum. While this new construction proposal dollar amount was a greater amount than what was originally planned, the CLCMRC board is of the opinion it was within reason and it is hoped the funds to begin construction of the building will materialize once the to-build agreements have been made and the construction schedule can be established.



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As to the funds needed for this museum project to become a reality, along with the funds raised so far, the ultimate goal is to raise a minimum of \$2 Million, of which \$1.2 Million will be needed to complete the museum building itself and another \$1 Million or so will need to be raised for investment purposes in order to generate some or all of the ongoing income stream that will be needed to fund the annual operating expenses of between \$20-\$25K. To date, approximately \$400K is available as liquid assets in the building fund, with another \$185K which has been pledged as near term contributions. Further fund raising programs are still being developed and will soon be implemented. In terms of fund raising from within the membership of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club, approximately two percent of the 7,231 members of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club have made contributions to-date.

The Gilmore Museum Complex has been experiencing an unprecedented growth spurt of late. In addition to our own soon-to-open (keep those building fund contributions coming in please!) Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center, there is the recently opened Pierce-Arrow Museum, then it looks as though the Lincoln Motor Car museum is a near certainty, and finally the Model A Ford Foundation is expecting to break ground for their own museum sometime later this year. As the Gilmore Car Museum complex continues to expand, more and more visitors will be touring the facility. The museum complex is now in its 45th year and, just this past year, it has gone to year-round operation with the opening of the \$10 Million, 40,000 square foot Automotive Heritage Center which now enables The Gilmore to display even more of the museum's extensive automotive collection and related artifacts, and also to properly house its research library and archives. Once the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center has joined the Model A and Lincoln Motor Car museums, there will be eight, distinct independent automotive museums on the Gilmore Car Museum campus.

Now on to the meeting! Saturday morning, 8 AM sharp, found about forty of us ready to get started on club business under the direction of our CLC President, Dr. Lars Kneller. The meeting went exceptionally smoothly, we all agreed, and I was pleased to see a number of younger (younger than me anyway) faces sitting around the table becoming seriously involved in club business. I have had a number of discussions with those who worry, with justification I do feel, that clubs such as ours may one day find themselves unable to carry on unless there are new and energetic members ready to come on board and to keep the club going. Well, if I was concerned before I am not so much anymore as it was just wonderful to see a number of newly active members attending the meeting and beginning to have their voices heard.





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Approximately six hours of actual business was handled, and reports given; too much to go into great detail here, but following are what I consider to be the highlight topics.

- Current membership is 7,231. Slightly down (by just 25 members) from last year. Still a fine trend considering we have reports from other clubs similar to ours which have been experiencing declining membership trends for several years running.
- A small operating loss has been reported for the most recent fiscal year of \$12,320. That, combined with a one-time matching funds donation to the CLCMRC in the amount of \$78,606, has resulted in a net loss for the year of \$90,926. The club is still in excellent financial shape with liquid assets of just under \$500K.
- For those planning to attend this year's Grand National in St. Augustine hosted by the Florida Suncoast Region (June 13 -16) it was announced that the host hotel, the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, has already sold out of the room block, so all those who have not already made their room reservations will need to switch over to the backup hotel, the Comfort Suites at World Golf Village. Call: 904-940-9500. Rate is \$94.99 per night. Registration and tour information was published in the January edition of ***The Self-Starter***. This year the event registration forms will be mailed to Lauren Switzer who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lauren has graciously offered to act as registrar for the 2012 Grand National after having so expertly handed the same duties for her own region's Grand National back in 2009. **Also, please, please remember to send your VEHICLE registration form(s) to Mike & Nancy Book in Columbus, Ohio.** This new procedure has been in place since the 2007 Grand National, but a number of our folks still forget about the new system and fail to have their show vehicles properly registered in time for the event.
- Due to a combination of stable membership and excellent management of the club's finances, no increase in dues will be necessary or considered for this coming year. Congratulations to all those CLC members who have in the past and continue to manage the club so well, as I honestly cannot remember the last time there was an increase in our annual dues. Well done.
- More and more progress is taking place to make it possible to soon view our ***The Self-Starter*** magazine in an electronic format. One option under consideration is to establish a two-tier dues schedule which would allow for a savings on the annual dues to those who would be interested in receiving ***The Self-Starter*** in electronic-only format. Read more about it in the March issue of ***The Self-Starter***.
- Our club's Facebook page is approximately two years old now, has been well received, and is very active. For those CLC members who are devoted Facebook users please sign on and have a look to see if this might suit some of your on-line social networking urges. And please remember to "Like" our page at every opportunity you can as this will help us in ways I still don't fully understand.
- As a part of the Chapters Report it was reported that the 1963-1964 Chapter has been granted permanent chapter status. Congratulations to Jason Edge and those members for moving along so quickly in establishing this exciting new Cadillac chapter.



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- Our Chief Judge, Carl Steig, has announced the completion of the project to produce the new CLC Judging DVD. This DVD will be used for the first time at the St. Augustine Grand National to assist with the training of our car show judges. Since many judges are needed every year for the Grand National, this new DVD should help in many ways to ease the burden on the national judging committee.
- We have a new, provisional region up and running nicely in Idaho, started and directed by former Las Vegas members, Bernie & Cheryl Moen. This new region is called the **Snake River Region**. Also, we have two new international affiliates now on board: one in Finland and another in Denmark.
- Melissa Adams, our dedicated Advertising Manager based out of Palm Springs, California, unveiled the new classified and display advertising portion of our CLC website for our review. To visit this newly developed section, go to the "Publications" link from the CLC home page and scroll down to the bottom of the page where a link will take you to the new pages with all the advertising programs offered by our club.
- Dave Rubin, VP of Information Technology, unveiled two new website features. The first, found under the "Regions and Chapters" link, shows a map of the USA with a pin-drop in every area where there is a CLC region. This new feature will be very useful to potential new members looking for a region close to where they live. Also, under the "Calendar" link, there is a new feature that displays all the published CLC activities on a monthly calendar. Every region is encouraged to submit their upcoming events to be included in this new calendar feature.
- Richard Sill passed on to the board a request from Scot Minesinger with a suggestion for a way to improve the "Buy-Sell" portion of the CLC Message Forum. Scot's suggestion was to have this particular section broken down into the following categories: "Cars for Sale", (listed by year); "Cars Wanted", (listed by year); "Parts for Sale" and "Parts Wanted". Richard brought this suggestion before the board and it was agreed that the idea was a good idea, and that it would be implemented as soon as the parties responsible for doing so within the club could reasonably do so.
- Tim Coy mentioned that a QR code (I didn't know what it was, either) is being developed for our club. A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response code) is a type of two-dimensional, matrix barcode that was at first developed by the automotive industry and has since become popular outside that industry due to its fast readability and its ability to store large amounts of information compared to the more traditional bar codes. With this code, anyone with a smart phone would be able to scan any of our CLC printed material and be instantly transported to our CLC website for further information.
- The National Driving Tour for 2012 will be hosted by the Las Vegas Region and will run from October 10th through the 13th. Mark your calendars and watch for the details in an upcoming issue of ***The Self-Starter***. The host hotel will be the same hotel that held the Grand National for us back in 2009. The rate for this amazing hotel is just \$69.00 per night for up to two guests, with plenty of dedicated garage parking for the collector cars while parked overnight for this hub and spoke type tour.



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- It is never too early to begin thinking about the Grand Nationals and National Driving Tours of the future. In 2013 the Grand National will be hosted by the New England Region and based out of a beautiful Marriott facility just south of Boston. This GN will run from July 31st through August 3rd. And also in 2013 we will have a National Driving Tour hosted by the Northern California Region which will begin near San Francisco and tour through the Mendocino and Sonoma Coastal areas.
- In 2014, the New York Capitol District Region will host the Grand National way up north on the shores of beautiful Lake George, New York. This Grand National will run from July 8th through July 12th. The 2014 National Driving Tour will be hosted by the Indiana Region with more information to be provided at a later date.
- And, looking far, far down the road, The Motor City Region is planning to submit a proposal to host a National Driving Tour in my home state of Michigan in 2015. Considering all the amazing automotive historical sites and museums and related venues available for them to choose from for this driving tour event, I think we all should begin making plans to mark off a week during the summer of 2015 to attend what I expect will be a very, very memorable CLC National Driving Tour.
- Our very own Sandy Kemper, co-director of the 2009 National Capitol Driving Tour and member of the National Meets and Tours Committee, is working on updating the National Driving Tour Handbook. Also, thanks to Sandy, a new National Driving Tour Host Agreement and a National Driving Tours Protocols Agreement will be added to the manual.
- The CLC Hershey Tent is a continuing success; however, there is always a need for extra volunteers to man the tent in four hour shifts. I have done this myself in the past and have always had a great time. Anyone interested in helping out in this area may contact the chair of the Hershey Tent program, CLC Potomac Region member Rob Robison at robscads@verizon.net or 302-239-4096. He will very happy to hear from you and you will have a great time representing the CLC at Hershey.
- The two-year term of all the elected board members for the Cadillac & LaSalle Club will be coming to an end with the conclusion of the Grand National Awards banquet ceremonies this June in St. Augustine. If you or anyone you know would like to be placed on the ballot for one of the twenty board positions that will need to be filled for the next two year term, please contact Richard Sills at rpsills@yahoo.com as he has graciously agreed to be the chair of the nominating committee for this year's election cycle.

With all business decisions made and all the committee reports filed it was time to bring the meeting to a close and look forward to any number of great spring and summer of classic car driving and social events. Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make this board meeting such and efficient, enjoyable and memorable experience. See you all in St. Augustine!!!



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***THE MARBLEOUS CADILLAC
STORY AND PHOTOS BY ROLAND BALADI
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN JULY, 2008***



***THE MARBLEOUS CADILLAC
1953 Fleetwood carved in stone by French artist Roland Baladi***

When I was a kid, my parents did not have a car, but I remember being picked up at school by my close friend's family chauffeur. They had a Plymouth for every day use and from time to time, when the chauffeur was coming directly from the office of my friend's father, he came with a '47 or '48 Cadillac. That was very special to us. We were maybe seven or eight years old and at that age the senses are very developed. The Cadillac did really smell different. The little knob to set the window up and down was transparent plastic and the steering wheel was very glamorous. The car was kept in very good shape and was the object of care of the chauffeur and the admiration of the people on the street. It was a treat to ride in it. I liked the car before I knew what Cadillac meant. Saying "Cadillac" described the quality of the car.

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The Marbleous Cadillac is not exactly the car I used to ride in but a 1953 Fleetwood, which I think is more representative of cars in general and American car production in particular. For me, it is more a symbol and a car I admired from outside, looking at it on the streets and in gas stations.

I chose marble for the replica because it is a unique material and not because of its tradition and what people see in it as a symbol of durability. You have to carve every chip out and you can't make an addition, like in bronze for example. I like the no-return aspect. Marble does not offer a chance to redeem yourself. If you make a mistake, it's too late. You better buy another block and start again. In other materials, you can add or subtract mater. In marble and in wood also, you cannot add you can only subtract. But I do prefer marble to wood because while wood pulls you, marble pushes you - I mean your chisel.

The Marbleous Cadillac took 14 years to complete (1985-1999) and is currently for sale with an asking price of USD \$594,225. For more information on Roland Baladi and his work, visit http://www.artmajeur.com/?go=artworks/display_mini_gallery&login=baladi&mini_gallery_id=145&image_id=286714



Artist Roland Baladi in **his own REAL** Cadillac Fleetwood, the model.



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**WASHINGTON CADILLAC
CIRCA 1927
STORY BY JIM CHURCHILL
PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BARRY**

[Editor's Note: The history of Capitol Cadillac has been well-documented in the Caddie Chronicle, but how much do you know about its predecessors? Thanks to John Barry, Editor of the Valley Forge Region's newsletter, who contacted Capitol Cadillac inquiring about a picture of Washington Cadillac circa 1927 and Jim Churchill, Capitol Cadillac's Internet Buying Service Consultant, we now know the rest of the Cadillac story in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy!]



The Washington Cadillac Company was located on 18th St NW between K and L. In the early 1930s, Washington Cadillac failed and for a short time was succeeded by the Kemp-Stoddard Cadillac Company in the same location (spelling subject to correction as this was told to me verbally by Mr. M.G. (Marion Guy) Brown, who actually worked for Washington Cadillac, Kemp-Stoddard Cadillac and Capitol Cadillac, which was founded in 1934 by Floyd Akers. Brown was one of Capitol Cadillac's original employees along with Louis Delavigne and John Abell, Sr., and worked there well into the 1960s-70s.

Pictured above is Washington Cadillac Company circa 1927. On the left is a tree, maybe a Christmas tree with the Cadillac logo of the time with Standard of the World slogan below it. On the right is LaSalle script and block letters (fitting, as the LaSalle was introduced in 1927). There are two posters in the photo. The one on the left says: Prof. Langley's day 35 mph. On the right, it says Col. Lindbergh's day (1927) 105 mph. Langley was no doubt Professor Samuel Pierpont Langley, once Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Pittsburgh's Allegheny Observatory. He did a lot of experiments with flight of models and machines at the end of the 19th century and coincident with the Wright Brother's work, much done right in Washington when he was Secretary of the Smithsonian. Of course Lindbergh refers to Col. Charles Lindbergh who completed his solo flight from Roosevelt Field, Garden City Long Island to Le Bourget Field in Paris May 20-21, 1927! I assume the beautiful Cadillac and LaSalles represented speeds in between.



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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale

1932 Buick 8, 90 Series – Excellent Condition – Tan - **\$48,000 or best offer**

1933 Cadillac V-12 Victoria 5 Passenger Town Coupe – 34 made – 368 c.i.d. engine – Tan and brown – Excellent condition – See picture at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/33cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$87,000 or best offer**

1979 Chrysler Cordoba – 2 Door Coupe – V8 – Fair condition - \$1,600 or best offer

For more info, contact Ruth Synodinos at 410-821-8580 – Cars are located in the Baltimore, MD area

1976 Eldorado Convertible – One owner car with **65 original miles** – Firethorn with white top – 50-50 soft white leather 6 way electric seats with passenger recliner – Fully powered and equipped including, AM/FM 8 track radio, cruise control, twilight sentinel, illuminated entry system, automatic climate control, t & t wheel, parade boot, remote control rear view mirrors, automatic level control, high altitude performance package, delayed wiper, remote control trunk, dual 4-wheel disc power brakes and a host of other standard equipment – New battery, antenna mast & headlight adjusters – Flawless show car condition, meticulously maintained, no snow or smoke – Window stickers on car – Original keys, title and owners manual go with the car – Rides impeccably – #1 vehicle condition – One of the finest in the country, a real time capsule – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/76cadillac2forsale.htm> – **\$58,000** – For more info, contact Bob Williams at rfw122927@aol.com or 864-246-0318 – Car is located in South Carolina

1991 Allanté – Great looking car – Garaged and occasionally driven by retired teacher – Maintained and updated regularly – New convertible top, ice cold air, new brake system and all electronic systems work – Ready to drive and enjoy with confidence – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/91cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$6,500 or best offer** – For more info, contact George Boxley at georgeboxley@verizon.net or 301-261-5634 – Car is located in the Annapolis, MD area

Tires For Sale

Four (like new-25 miles) P215-70 R14 B.F. Goodrich Radial T/A Tires - Raised white letter tires - **\$275**

For more info, contact Mike at 410-456-7170 – Tires located in the Baltimore area

Parking Space For Rent

Parking space for rent in a well secured and nicely kept building in the Chevy Chase Village-Friendship Heights area, off Wisconsin avenue – Two and half blocks to a Metro stop – Space is located close to the elevator which is very convenient and is secluded – Great place to keep your Caddie – Owner desires a long term tenant, if possible **Cost is \$70 per month** – For more info, contact Mrs. Ein Winthrop at 301-652-8230 or ewinthrop@verizon.net – Previous tenant kept a 1948 Packard there so there is plenty of space for a Caddie.



My name is Tim Gregorio from Cooper Classic Cars based in NYC. We have a film car division where we have provided automobiles and other props to the entertainment industry for over 30 years. We have a client in Chestertown, Maryland looking to rent (2) late '20s to early '30s Gatsby-era vehicles for a grand gala event on Feb 25th. If any of your members are interested, I would love to talk to them. There would be appropriate compensation, of course. Please check us out on the web @ www.cooperclassiccars.com/filmcars. Thank you.

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