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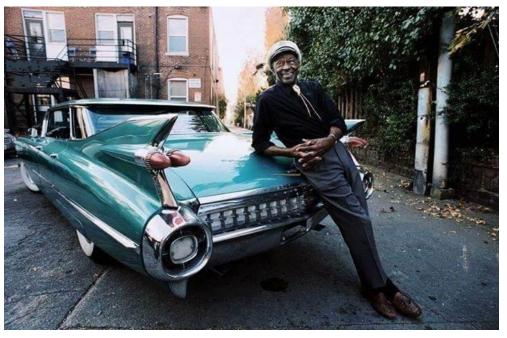
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Chuck Berry 1926-2017

In all the years I traveled to St Louis for work, I never got a chance to see Chuck Berry perform live at the Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Music Club (he would perform there monthly up until a few years ago for a total of 209 shows). But I did, however, share a flight with him to St Louis from Reagan National Airport one early Monday morning years ago. By the time I arrived at the gate half-asleep, I didn't notice him sitting there wearing his trademark yacht captain's hat and baby blue Members' Only jacket circa 1980s. When we landed in St Louis I saw him walking ahead of me in the terminal with a guitar case connected to his roller bag. I started to wonder if that could be him because he matched Chuck's description so I walked as fast as I could to try to catch up to him. I almost caught up to him when we approached the end of the terminal where Chuck went to the right and I went to the left to exit, but I got close enough to confirm it was him. What a thrill it was to have seen him in person. When I got to my office, I visited his website where it listed Chuck's appearance at a weekend blues festival on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Rest in peace, Chuck! Your music will live on forever.

Vince Taliano





#### 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Apr 1 Sat	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	2nd Annual American Corner Automotive Classic Parts, Swab	A. Curtis Andrew Auction Facility	Mike Roe, Sr. or Miles Roe at 410-754-8826 or <u>milesroe06@yahoo.com</u>
Apr 8	8:00 am -	Meet, Car show and Auction 2nd Chance Auction, Car Corral	Federalsburg MD AACA Museum	info@AACAMuseum.org, 717-566-7100
Sat	afternoon	& Flea Market	Hershey PA	or http://www.aacamuseum.org
Apr 9	10:00 am -	4th Annual Kensington	Howard Ave	http://www.kensingtoncarshow.com/
Sun	4:00 pm	Car Show	Kensington MD	
Apr 19-23	Gates open	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Wed-Sun	daily at 7:00 am			
Apr 22	9:00 am –	CLC Valley Forge Region	Cadillac of	Ronnie Hux at <u>cadiman59@aol.com</u> or
Sat	2:00 pm	Car Show	Turnersville Turnersville NJ	302-745-8850
Apr 24	7:30 pm –	Potomac Region	Capitol Cadillac	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321
Mon	9:00 pm	Monthly Meeting	Greenbelt MD	or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Apr 29	9:00 am –	CLC Judges' Workshop Hosted	Hilton McLean	William C. "Bill" Anderson, P.E., National Chief
Sat	5:00 pm	by the Valley Forge and Potomac Regions	Tysons Corner VA	Judge at 443-994-5455 or <u>Rivsrgr8@aol.com</u>
Apr 29	8:00 am -	Classic Car Show	Bretton Woods	Joe Palmore at 301-785-6622 or
Sat	6:00 pm	(FREE Admission)	Recreation Center Seneca MD	https://www.bwrc.org/
Apr 30 Sun	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	2nd Annual Car & Bike Show	McDaniel College Westminster MD	Alexandra DeJohn at <u>adejohn@mcdaniel.edu</u>
May 6	11:00 am -	9th Annual Kentlands Day	The Kentlands	301-591-3899 or
Sat	2:30 pm	Celebration Classic Car Show	Gaithersburg MD	<u>kentlandsday@gmail.com</u>
May 6	9:00 am –	CLC Valley Forge Region	Delaware Cadillac	Ronnie Hux at <u>cadiman59@aol.com</u> or
Sat	3:00 pm	Car Show	Wilmington DE	302-745-8850
May 13	8:00 am -	59th Annual AACA	Jim Barnett Park	Duane Catlett 540-533-7376 or
Sat	4:00 pm	Apple Blossom Meet	Winchester VA	sheanandoahregion@gmail.com
May 20	9:00 am -	CLC Central PA Region's	Kelly Cadillac	Dick Parsons at 717-653-6393 or
Sat	3:00 pm	28th Annual Spring Show	Lancaster PA	<u>rparsons@comcast.net</u>
May 20	10:00 am -	City of Fairfax	City Hall	<u>www.nvrg.org</u>
Sat Navi 21	3:00 pm	Antique Car Show	Fairfax VA	AL Zimmermann at 410 ECO 0227 ar
May 21	8:00 am -	3rd Annual Car Show	Howard County	Al Zimmermann at 410-560-0237 or
Sun	2:00 pm	All Makes & Models Welcome	Living Farm Heritage Museum	zimmco1@comcast.net
			West Friendship MD	
Jun 17	2:00 pm –	2017 CLC Grand National	Hilton McLean	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321
Sat	4:30 pm	Planning Meeting	Tysons Corner VA	or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Jun 17	9:00 am -	Annual Museum CARnival	AACA Museum	info@AACAMuseum.org, 717-566-7100
Sat	2:00 pm	Car Show	Hershey PA	or <u>http://www.aacamuseum.org</u>
Jun 18	10:00 am -	44th Annual Father's Day	Sully Plantation	Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474,
Sun	3:30 pm	Antique and Classic Car Show	Chantilly VA	<u>billworsham@aol.com</u>
Jul 4	10:30 am -	37th Annual Independence Day	Town of	Morningside Town Hall at 301-736-2300
Tue	12:30 pm	Parade and Celebration	Morningside MD	
Jul 8	9:00 am –	11th Annual CLC	AACA Museum	Dick Parsons at 717-653-6393 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Inter-Regional Meet	Hershey PA	rparsons@comcast.net
Jul 30	10:00 am -	14th Annual All Vehicle Show	Reisterstown	Bill Scott at 410-527-0953 or
Sun	3:00 pm	Hosted by the Free State	Regional Park	grand1917@comcast.net
		Region VCCA and the Buick Owners of Maryland BCA	Reisterstown MD	
Aug 1-5		CLC Grand National Meet	Hilton McLean	http://www.vfrclc.org/2017gn.html
Tue-Sat		Hosted by the Valley Forge and Potomac Regions	Tysons Corner VA	
Sep 10	2:00 pm -	Potomac Region	Dan & JoJo Ruby's	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463
Sun	?????	Summer Picnic	Owings MD	danruby@clcpotomacregion.org





#### MARCH 19, 2017 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER AND VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: Olive Grove Restaurant, Linthicum Heights, MD
TIME: 3:00 pm
PRESIDING: Vince Taliano
ATTENDANCE: Franklin Gage, Bill Harrison, Mary Moscati and guest Jane Phillips, Chu

**ATTENDANCE:** Franklin Gage, Bill Harrison, Mary Moscati and guest Jane Phillips, Chuck Piel, Ron Renoff, JoJo & Dan Ruby, Richard Sills, Ruth Synodonis and Christopher Winter

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Vince thanked everyone for attending. He reminded everyone about the CLC Judges' Workshop on Saturday, April 29th at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner that the Valley Forge and Potomac Regions are co-sponsoring. If you are interested in judging at the Grand National or learning how your car(s) will be judged based on the new judging system, it is important that you attend this one-day session. A minimum of 25 participants is needed to hold this event (maximum of 50). If 25 don't sign up, the Judges' Workshop will be cancelled.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Minutes from the November 2016 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the December 2016 newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the November meeting to date. The Region's income was \$41. The total expenses for the same time period were \$270.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** To date, we have 184 members for 2017. Welcome to our newest members: **Alvin Guttman**, owner of a 1979 Seville from Washington, DC; **Neil Reddy**, owner of a 1957 Series 62 Convertible from Fairfax Station, VA; **Butch Sevila**, owner of a 1969 Sedan Deville Station Wagon from Great Falls, VA; and **Brewster Thackeray** owner of a 1992 Brougham Stretch Limo from Alexandria, VA.

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

#### 1. Recent Events:

- **Holiday Party:** Special thanks to Scot Minesinger for hosting the event and to Mark Brodsky for once again paying for the members who attended (approximately 45 this year). A silent auction of donated items took place and Scot provided attendees with a 2017 Grand National update.
- **2017 Washington Auto Show, Washington D.C. Convention Center:** Special thanks to Daniel Jobe's sponsorship, the Potomac Region had a display area at this show for the second year in a row. And many thanks to Franklin Gage who did all of the coordinating for our participation, including recruiting volunteers, and special thanks to Mark Brodsky and Randy & Susan Denchfield for displaying their 1970 Deville Convertible and 1935 LaSalle Convertible, respectively. Thanks to all of our Auto Show volunteers too. Also, thanks to Alvin Ferguson of Alexandria VA who stopped by the booth and informed volunteer Bill Harrison that he would like to donate his collection of vintage Cadillac ads to the club. A few days later, Harry Scott received the portfolio binder of approximately 60 ads ranging from 1948-1964 in the U.S. mail. The ads will be sold at the Grand National.





- 2. Upcoming PR Events: Vince reminded everyone that the Region will not be holding our annual car shows at Capitol Cadillac in 2017 in order to commit our resources to the Grand National. However, we are still considering a "cars and coffee" type of "cruise-in" event at Capitol Cadillac during 2017. This event would not require the amount of work as a car show and it would keep our annual tradition of having our cars on display at Capitol Cadillac. Also, a date was selected for the Potomac Region Summer Picnic at the home of Dan & JoJo Ruby: Sunday, September 10th. More details to follow.
- **3. Other Upcoming Events:** 
  - 47th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 24-25. This is the fifth year at this location for this well-attended meet.
  - 2nd Annual American Corner Automotive Classic Parts, Swap Meet, Car Show and Auction, A. Curtis Andrew Auction Facility, Federalsburg MD, Sat, Apr 1, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
  - 4th Annual Kensington Car Show, Howard Ave, Kensington, MD, Sun, Apr 9, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. This is one of the first outdoor car shows of the season. PR member Randy Denchfield participated last year.

To view more events, visit <u>http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm</u>.

#### **GRAND NATIONAL 2017:** Below is the latest update from Ronnie Hux.

- To date, there are 246 cars registered (max of 435 available) with 138 in primary class, 56 in display only, 32 in touring class, 13 in modified class and seven in the specialty & unique class. The oldest car registered is a 1903!
- To date, there are 245 members registered with 181 spouses/partners, 65 additional guests and 25 children for a total of 516 so far. 43 members along with 40 spouses/partners will be first time Grand National attendees. We are expecting a total of 1,000 + attendees.
- 3. The Hilton is virtually sold out, but they may have 3-4 rooms available for Thursday -Saturday nights. The host hotel continues their weekly employee and management meetings to review the information we supply and to make all employees aware of the magnitude of our event. We are arranging for the Hilton to have a buffet breakfast in one of the ballrooms for members to be able to eat quickly and get on to their destinations without delay. The Westin, our back-up hotel, has 91 rooms booked, with a max of 125.
- 4. We have secured our trailer storage lot. George Marshall High School on Leesburg Pike, adjacent to the Westin hotel, is going to allow us to use the back lot during our Grand National. The lot is paved, well lit, and has fencing around most of it. We should be able to accommodate 100 truck and trailers easily, and will have security on the lot. We already have 46 attendees requesting trailer parking.
- 5. The indoor/outdoor flea market spaces are selling fast, a few left and the car corral is almost sold out as well.
- 6. We have arranged for an on-site vehicle detail service, *Antonio Details*, which will be located adjacent to the self-serve wash rack.





- 7. Signs and other merchandising items for the Wednesday night Welcome Reception sponsored by Cadillac have started arriving. A 6' x 10' Cadillac flag will be flying out front of the Hilton for the entire week!
- 8. Goody bags with the Grand National logo have arrived. They are very classy with our logo embroidered nicely. Donated items for the goody bags have been received from *Apple Hydraulics, Pollock Auto Restoration, Steele Rubber Products,* and *TD Bank*, but more are needed. When asking merchants, please inform them we will have 550 bags to fill. Any auto related items will be acceptable. Also, *Cadillac Parts & Restoration (CPR)* will be donating multiple cases of bottled water for Saturday's car show judges and *Fastenal* will be donating two pallets of water for consumption during the week.
- 9. Attendee lanyards and badge holders are ordered and will arrive soon.
- 10. The ladies are busy working on table decorations for the Wednesday night welcome reception, Friday night party, and Saturday night awards banquet.
- 11.To date, ads for the program book have being procured from the following organizations: **AACA Museum, Antonio Details, High Fidelity Mastering, Jenkins Interior, John Gately, LaSalle Appreciation Society, Pollock Auto Restoration, Steve Cooley Motors** and **The Stage Left Band.** We have also procured Platinum sponsorships from **Cadillac Motor Car Company, Capitol Cadillac, Capitol Trailers** and an Individual sponsorship from **Lynn Gardner**. Please send leads for possible sponsors and/or advertisers to Vince Taliano and/or Marty Watkins.
- 12. Merchandise sales are doing well. The official Grand National posters have been ordered and received with sales underway. Polo shirts and t-shirt sales thru the registration form are flowing in. It seems everyone wants a couple of each. Also, we will have some hats in our navy-blue color with the logo embroidered on them as well. These will be limited availability. If you want one, contact Vicky Barruzza to reserve yours now.
- 13.We have booked an emcee and a guest for the Friday night party to assist with the dance contest, costume contest and more. This is going to be one fine night. Know how to use a hula-hoop?
- 14.Scot Minesinger is compiling the list of volunteers and will be assigning responsibilities. Everyone who is volunteering will be notified sometime in June as to their assignment(s). Volunteers will be wearing fluorescent vests that have been ordered and received.
- 15.We will have a final pre-planning meeting in mid-June. Arrangements are being made and a date will be sent out soon.
- 16.At the Wednesday night welcome reception an auction of Cadillac items will take place to benefit the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center. Richard Dormois will serve as the Auctioneer. To date, items include four framed prints donated by the Sonoran Desert Region and a framed painting by Dan Reed donated by the Potomac and Valley Forge Regions. In support of the Museum, we are requesting all Grand National attendees consider donating an item or two. Please contact Richard at 702-461-3679 or cadseventyfive@earthlink.net for more information.



Richard Dormois in action at the 2016 Grand National in Las

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm





#### DRIVER OF CLASSIC CADILLAC HOSPITALIZED AFTER CRASH SOURCE: <u>http://www.kvoa.com/story/34711786/driver-of-classic-cadillac-</u> <u>hospitalized-after-crash</u> March 9, 2017

ORCUTT, Calif. – 87-year-old John Shuffield was taken to the hospital after a car crash in Orcutt Thursday afternoon.

It happened just after 1:30 p.m. at Clark Avenue and Highway 135.

California Highway Patrol officers at the scene said the driver of a pickup began to turn onto the Highway 135 off-ramp in the wrong direction, and when he realized he was going the wrong way, started to back up onto Clark Avenue.

Mr. Shuffield, who was driving his '59 Cadillac convertible, tried to avoid the truck but ended up grazing

it, then crashing into a signal light pole. Authorities say he suffered major injuries.

The pickup truck driver was not injured.

View the news story at <u>http://www.kvoa.com/</u> story/34711786/driverof-classic-cadillachospitalized-aftercrash.

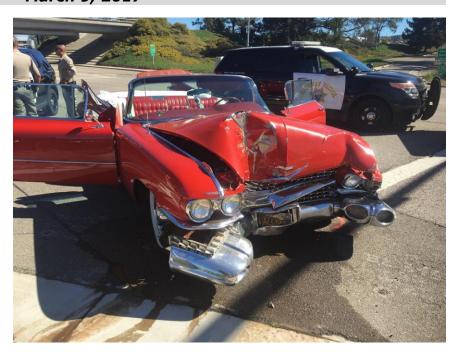




Photo by Leah Thompson

Caption: John Shuffield of Orcutt talks about the restored interior of his 1959 Cadillac convertible Saturday at the Cruisin' for Christ car show hosted by the Pacific Christian Center's Men's Ministry where more than 60 cars and motorcycle were displayed. Leah Thompson/Staff Date: 11/13/2012 Album ID: 1567460 Photo ID: 44802651



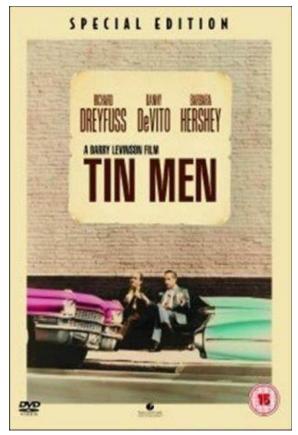


#### 30 YEARS OF TIN MEN STORY BY VINCE TALIANO CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE BALTIMORE SUN PHOTOS COURTESY OF TIN MEN

On March 7, 1987, the movie **Tin Men** was released. Directed by Barry Levinson, it was set in Baltimore in 1963 and starred Danny DeVito (Ernest Tilley) and Richard Dreyfuss (Bill "BB" Babowsky) as aluminum siding salesmen who used different scams on their unsuspecting prospective customers.



In the opening scene BB buys a new 1963 Cadillac from Chesapeake Cadillac. While negotiating the price of the car with the salesman, who asks him what he's willing to pay, BB replies, "Four dollars. I'd like to pay four dollars a month."



While backing out of the dealership, BB crashes into the 1961 Cadillac driven by Tilley. The accident is caused by BB as he "bolted out of nowhere" in reverse into the street. Tilley, though distracted, clearly had the right of way. A heated argument ensues as both BB and Tilley blame each other for the car accident.



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As the argument continues BB rips off the mirror of Tilley's car (*Ed. Note: the late CLC member Gary Anderson from the Philadelphia area supplied as many 1961 Cadillac outside driver's side mirrors as he could for that scene*). BB and Tilley leave the scene vowing to get even with each other.

[Ed. Note: The famous scene took place on Remington Avenue outside of a building that was constructed in 1926 for the Wilson Nash Motor Co.



The automobile showroom faced 29th Street. C. Henry Reeves, a prominent Baltimore Pierce-Arrow dealer, was the next owner. He sold Fords and Lincolns there as well. Harry O. Norris' United Automotive Service, Bob Fleigh's Studebaker and University Ford followed. Chesapeake Cadillac arrived about 1957 to sell and repair used cars. The historic building was demolished in 1992 to make way for a neighborhood shopping center. That's progress for you.]

After the accident, BB is provided a loaner car, a Chevrolet Corvair sedan. He is seen getting out of the car in the Gibraltar Aluminum Company's parking lot where two 1959 Cadillac convertibles, a 1961 Cadillac coupe, a 1958 Cadillac coupe, a 1960 Cadillac coupe and a 1960 Cadillac convertible are parked on either side of his car. The "Tin Men" of that era including BB and Tilley thought that arriving for a siding consultation in a Cadillac "would instill confidence" with the prospective customers. It meant they were dealing with "someone of importance."



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Here is a scene where BB and Moe Adams (played by John Mahoney) are using the Life magazine scam. The way it worked was that they would find a house without aluminum siding and pretend they were taking pictures of it for a spread in Life magazine on the benefits of aluminum siding. The nonaluminum siding house would represent the "before" picture. The unsuspecting prospective customer comes outside to see what they are doing. After they tell her, she is embarrassed to have her house serve as the "before" picture and pleads for her



house to be the "after" picture. After pretending to deliberate on an answer, Moe asks what time her husband will be home (saying he didn't know if a salesman was even available). Another "Tin Man" from the company arrives that evening after work to make the \$3,700 sale (over \$29,000 in 2017 dollars)!

If you get a chance, watch the movie. You will enjoy it not just for the vintage Cadillacs on display but for the nostalgia of the era.





CLC WINTER BOARD MEETING MARCH 2017 ALBUQUERQUE NM STORY BY JACK MCCLOW PHOTOS BY RON ZAHN

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club is run by a Board of Directors currently numbering close to 50. Of these, 20 are elected every other year to a two year term by a vote of the 6,700 +/- current CLC members to a two year term. Approximately 25 others are appointed by their regions to serve on the board (a region can only appoint a board representative if there is no elected board member currently serving from the region). And then the board is rounded out by the past presidents of the CLC who are honored for their service by lifetime appointments to the CLC Board of Directors. Yes, this is a large board by most standards, but it was deemed important many years ago that every region within the CLC was deserving of representation on the board, and that decision has paid generous dividends in countless ways ever since. The CLC Board is comprised of a very diverse group of dedicated Cadillac fans who each bring their life's experiences and professional talents to every meeting. As a group, these folks consistently make decisions that work for the betterment of the club and the hobby. This is all the more apparent now as the CLC is quickly approaching its 60th anniversary and continues to thrive in most every respect. Our founders would be very pleased, indeed, to see the success of the club they started way back in the summer of 1958.

I joined the CLC Board in late 2003 and attended my first board meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona in January of 2004. Since that first board meeting I have attended every winter and summer board meeting since, for a total of twenty seven consecutive CLC Board meetings. Since my first meeting in Scottsdale, three more winter board meetings have been held in Scottsdale: 2008, 2014 and 2015. The Scottsdale meeting sites were always extra enjoyable since the meeting dates were purposely set to match the big auction dates. So once the CLC business was completed, off we would go as a group to haunt the various auction sites, with Barrett-Jackson being one of the favorites for most of us. In addition to the Scottsdale meeting sites, winter meetings have been held in Hershey, Las Vegas, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, Galveston, Denver, and most recently, Albuquerque, New Mexico. When I joined the board I had absolutely no idea I would be entering the world of all of these wonderful meeting sites. Not only have I had a chance to visit places I might never have gone to on my own, but in each location the local CLC members have come out in force to welcome us to their area and to make sure we saw the best their areas have to offer, not only in terms of car collections and other historical sights, but also what makes the areas so special to those who live there: from private car collections we would never have been able to visit without the special invitation from a local member to the special eatery in Chicago CLC Past President Glenn Brown arranged for us to visit only the locals would have known existed. In every location we have visited we have been treated like out-of-town-family, there to be shown a great time, and in every case the experience has been fantastic and very, very memorable.





This year our meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico was no exception. Our host, second generation Albuquerquian Nick Manole, set about making sure all of us attending the 2017 winter board meeting would have the time of our lives, and we most certainly did! Nick arranged for us to stay in the Hotel Albuquerque, steeped in the classic style of Southwestern architecture and located just steps from the center of Old Town Albuquerque. Parked in front of the main entrance to the hotel, just so we would know we were in the right place, was the exquisite 1933 Cadillac owned by Hoyt Sullivan (pictured right).



From the minute I arrived on Wednesday, March 1st, until I left for home the following Sunday, Nick had something for us to do almost every minute of every day if that suited our style. On Thursday we visited the Albuquerque International Balloon Museum (pictures below).











We also visited the J & R Vintage Auto Museum and the Unser Racing Museum (pictured left is Martina Butler behind the wheel of a vintage race car).

On Friday, we took a trip to the amazing town of Santa Fe, followed by a luncheon at the home of Jim Hailey and George Pelletier, a home dating back to the 1920's that is a perfect example of classic Southwestern architecture, and one that has been expanded over the years to nicely incorporate their extensive collection of collectible Cadillacs on the grounds (pictured middle left is a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz). A few of the fine Cadillacs and other vehicles in Mr. Hailey's collection are available for sale; to see more of his cars and to see more photos of our group visiting his home, click on www.jimhaileyclassiccars.com and select "Front Page".

Following our luncheon was a presentation by friend of Mr. Hailey and Mr. Pelletier, retired General Motors Chief Designer of the Cadillac Design Studio Dennis Little, standing in front of a late 1990's Eldorado that was one of his designs (pictured bottom left). We ended our day of touring by visiting the home, private collection, and recording studio of another collector of Cadillacs and related memorabilia, Andy Rogulich, back in a suburb of Albuguergue. That evening, Nick took all of us to one of his favorite diners located right on Route 66 in downtown Albuquerque and, before returning us to our hotel, took us on a tour of the historic parts of Albuquerque and Route 66 that could only be told by someone who had spent his whole life in the area.





With two full days of touring and rekindling friendships behind us, Saturday morning was a time to get down to business. Promptly at 8:00 AM CLC President Dave Ritchie called our board meeting to order and approximately 40 CLC board members began reviewing the business at hand. Nearly every member of the CLC Board has a job to do, and many of us are expected to report to the board on the status of our responsibilities with a written report. Many years ago, some very smart leader of our group decided to give all of us with reports to present a dedicated and secure spot on the CLC website for us to use for posting our reports. Our deadline for posting our reports is generally two weeks prior to each board meeting. All board members have instructions to review those posted reports before attending the board meeting so, when we were all assembled for the actual board meeting, we would all be familiar with every report focused on that particular meeting. The upside to all of this "pre-reporting" is that the board meetings have gone from an all-day affair of reports being read word for word to meetings that oftentimes end shortly after lunch since matters that need to be discussed can be handled without all the reports being read individually during the meeting. For example, as Treasurer it is my responsibility to report on the financial health of the CLC for the interval between the last board meeting and the current board meeting, as well as presenting any budgets as required by the club's by-laws. The report I prepared for this winter board meeting, which I posted to the special "Directors Site" on February 10th, consisted of seven pages, but my time speaking was minimal as I just hit on the basic highlights of the club's financial stats for the preceding six months and then opened the floor for questions. Only two questions were asked; they were dealt with quickly and we were then able to move on to the next item on the agenda.

The first item on the agenda was the reading of the minutes from the previous board meeting held in Kalamazoo, Michigan last September, followed by my presentation of the club's financial reports. Of the many reports and discussions that came next, following are the highlights:

- Membership numbers continue to decline. This is basically the only negative issue our club is facing. After peaking in early 2011 with 7,256 members, the CLC membership is now 6,705, a decline of 551 members. Much discussion was focused on the reasons for the slowly declining numbers and what steps might be taken to stem this descent. I pointed out that the cost to the club in terms of lost revenue is now in the range of \$23,500.00 per year; a considerable sum considering our total annual dues income is about \$274,450.00.
- Steve Stewart reported *The Self-Starter* has just won its 13th consecutive Golden Quill Award from *Old Cars Weekly*, a distinction he is proud to be a part of along with Tim Coy and all of the members who have worked so hard over the years with the stories they have contributed to the magazine.





- In the March issue there is, for the first time, a card to be returned to the CLC office in Columbus, Ohio, for those members who wish to receive the annual CLC International Directory in hardcover form. This year the Directory will be online for the first time, but for those who wish to continue to receive a hard copy version this special "opt-in" postcard must be returned to the CLC office no later than this August 11th. The reason for trying to determine who would like to have a hard copy of the Directory versus having the information available on-line has solely to do with cost: the annual cost to the club for the printing and physical distribution of the Directory is significant. The Board's thinking is that there may be a number of members who do not necessarily care to receive a hard copy and if those un-needed copies can be removed from the distribution system those dollars saved can go directly to the bottom line of the club's financial statements.
- There is a new Chapter in the CLC. It is the "Fleetwood & Fleetwood Brougham Four Door Chapter". The Director of the chapter is Nick Manole. There are no dues to pay for joining this new chapter, and Nick and his associate, John Houlsby, will be happy to answer any questions and to help with the enrollment with a call or an e-mail.
- John Houlsby is the Region Director for the new South Florida Region of the CLC. Florida has long needed a second region to augment the Suncoast Region based out of the Tampa/St. Petersburg area and John has gone the extra distance to get the new region up and running.
- Ron Zahn, Vice President of International Affiliates, reported on the upcoming 2017 Grand European meet scheduled for August 23rd through the 27th in Copenhagen which will be hosted by the Cadillac Club of Denmark. All event details and registration information can be found at <u>www.grandeuropean2017.dk</u>. While not too many folks from the US are able to make the trip overseas to one of the annual international CLC events, those who do ALWAYS come back home with tales of the best possible times they have enjoyed. To see the giant Cadillacs of the mid-1900's roaming the little roads of these foreign lands is a sight to see we are always told, and our International CLC members are always so happy to have as their guests those from where these old Cadillacs originated. I am looking forward to the day when I will be able to make my first trip to enjoy an International CLC event firsthand.
- Bill Anderson reported he is continuing to run his Judge's Training Workshops with great success and so far has 208 judges currently enrolled in his new Judges/Tabulators Recognition System. The next Judge's Training Workshop will be on April 29th in the Washington, D.C. area.
- Our Cadillac Corporate Liaison reported the financial support from the Cadillac Motor Car Division of General Motors continues to fund a number of very worthwhile endeavors and events within our club and regions. Over the last several years the Wednesday evening Welcome Receptions at our Grand Nationals have been fully funded by Cadillac Corporate, as have all the awards that are handed out during the Saturday evening Awards Banquets. The significant advertising Cadillac runs in our *The Self-Starter* continues to contribute mightily to our club's bottom-line positive health.





- In terms of upcoming events, in June of this year the West of the Lake Region (Chicago area) will be hosting a driving tour encompassing the first section of Route 66. Then in August will be our Grand National in McLean, Virginia, hosted in conjunction with the Valley Forge Region. In 2018 the Grand National will be held in San Marcos, Texas (approximately mid-way between San Antonio and Austin), followed by a driving tour in 2018 hosted by the Southern California Region. The 2019 Grand National will most likely be in the Louisville, Kentucky area, followed in 2020 by the Grand National's return to the Kansas City area. The Missouri Valley Region hosted the very successful 2010 Grand National in the Kansas City area and is inviting us to come back for another helping of their wonderful western hospitality. In 2021 the Grand National will return to the east coast at a New Jersey location (Raritan River Region).
- The next winter board meeting will be in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area, tentatively scheduled for February 2018. A four day cruise has been proposed to be included in conjunction with the board meeting and, if accepted by the board members, this new twist will add a bit of variety to our normal routine.
- The Touring Badge program has 106 participants, and 54 Touring Badges have been awarded so far. To earn the first badge a qualified car must have traveled over 500 miles to two or more approved events. The program is now gearing up for the second level of recognition. To earn the second level the qualified car must travel over 2,000 miles to approved events. So far seven participants have exceeded that mark. To learn more about the CLC Touring Program, see Page 33 of the 2017 CLC International Directory.
- Paul Ayres reported the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center continues to thrive in every way. The mortgage for the current building has been fully satisfied and plans are being explored for an expansion which would likely double the size of the current museum while also, sometime down the road, allow for an enclosed breezeway to be built, with restroom facilities included, between our museum and the Model A Museum next door. Space is already at a premium in the current facility as donated automobiles and other related materials are exceeding expectations. Watch for new tax deductible fund-raising programs to be announced soon.
- Authenticity manuals are still selling well. Work is progressing on the Class 18 manual (1959-1960) and revisions are nearing completion on the Class 16 (1957-1958) manual which is hoped to be released during 2017. A new judging video is nearing completion and will be going on sale very soon.





- The biggest news of the year is the successful transformation of our membership program to an interactive web-based membership program powered by YourMembership. By now, most members have probably gone into the new site, created their new password, checked/updated their vehicle listings and personal details, and maybe added a special photo to their profile page. As more and more members become accustomed to this new membership site and the features it provides, the happier everyone should be. And, if all goes according to plan, as your Treasurer, I should be happier, too, as there are some significant cost savings to be realized once the majority of our members begin renewing their memberships on-line instead of the old method of using postage and paper to keep the memberships current. Also, there is a special spot in each member's profile where the choice for a hard copy of the CLC International Directory or the on-line version only can be selected. Using this feature will negate the need for sending your "opt-in" postcard to the CLC office in Columbus, Ohio.
- From October 27 through November 5th plan to attend the Hilton Head Concours D'Elegance where the Honored Marque will be Cadillacs from 1903 through 1973. Contact Bill Anderson for more information.

After five hours of conducting club business, with everything found to be in sound shape, we were released to enjoy a two hour stretch before Nick Manole had us back on his schedule. A few folks made a quick trip to the nearby National Museum of Nuclear Science and History while others made one more sweep through Old Town Albuquerque. At 3:00 PM sharp our vans left the Hotel Albuquerque for the home of Nick & Asimina Manole in the foothills of the Sandia Mountain range. Upon arrival at the Manole home we were treated to Nick's full collection of 18 classic and unique automobiles; some in the main garage, some in the garage behind his home, and the remainder grouped in the circular drive in front of his home. Nick has a very eclectic interest in automobiles, staying mostly within the General Motors family, but there are a few

choice and vintage Chrysler Imperials in residence as well. Nick is all about the uniquely luxurious character of the finer American automobiles, such as the tilt-up, lighted make-up mirror and tissue dispenser that was a part of the Luxury Sedan package in his 1966 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight for the pampered rear seat passengers, a special luxury feature found only on top of the line Oldsmobiles during the mid-to-late 1960s, the eight power window controls on the driver's door and the drop down writing trays for the back seat passengers of his 1966 Cadillac Brougham (pictured right), or the extra length of the 1998 Cadillac Fleetwood Limited (of which only 314 were built that



year) that his aunt ordered new and has now been in his family ever since.





After an hour or so of viewing his very special collection, Nick had us on our way to ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram located just minutes from his home. The tram took us up to the 10,378 foot peak in about fifteen minutes, and provided us with an amazing view of the Albuquerque Valley below.



Soon we were back on the tram for the trip down, then back to Nick's home where he and Asimina had appetizers, cocktails, and a delicious dinner waiting for our entire group in their beautiful home. I did not get an accurate count, but I am thinking there were at least 50 of us

in their home and on their back decks for dinner counting our group, a few close friends and immediate family members, including 18 month old grandson, Theo (pictured right). As the sun set over the dessert to the west, the lights of the city of Albuquerque began to light up in the valley below giving all of us all a spectacular view from the back decks of Nick's home that was absolutely breathtaking. What an incredible way to end our four day adventure in Albuquerque! Where else but in the Cadillac & LaSalle Club are you likely to find such wonderful friends and such amazing and hospitable folks as Nick and Asimina who were willing to not only host a group from all over the country for days on end, but then open up their home and serve an amazing dinner with open and welcoming arms to us all. It was a wonderful trip: a trip I will never forget. One of the luckiest days of my own life was when I accepted the invitation to join the CLC Board of Directors back in 2003; little did I know then all the terrific friends and all the wonderful times that lav in store for me. My best to everybody, and here is wishing all of us



a wonderful spring and summer of nothing but Cadillac pleasures along the smooth roads ahead.





#### ESCAPING IN A CADILLAC THE BERLIN WALL: A MULTIMEDIA HISTORY SOURCE: <u>http://www.the-berlin-wall.com/videos/escape-helpers-and-escaping-in-a-</u> cadillac-562/



By 1965, the wall has divided Berlin for four years. It was becoming an ever more impenetrable barrier. However, escape helpers such as medicine student Burkhart Veigel (pictured below) still found ways.

"I didn't study medicine because I was a Grade A student, but because I wanted to help other people," Veigel recalls. "That was my motivation for helping people escape as well. Escape helpers were secret heroes in West Berlin. Everyone complained that there was nothing they could do to help a poor compatriot, but a few people did do something."



Burkhart Veigel had helped people escape since 1961. Escape-routes were often uncovered so new ideas were always needed. Veigel used a special escape car, a battered old 1957 Cadillac which he had remodeled. A less than smooth ride to the West cramped behind the dashboard.







"This one time the car was up on a vehicle hoist for an hour and a half and they searched it, but they did not find the escapee who was hiding inside," Veigel recounts. "She was happy as anything when she got out in the West though. She felt the border checks were always that thorough."

In almost ten years, Veigel and his assistance helped some 650 people get from East to West.

"It was a great time because we achieved something that others didn't. We knew what to do and we made people happy. It was the most fulfilling experience of my life," says Veigel.



Watch the interview at <u>http://www.the-berlin-wall.com/videos/escape-helpers-and-escaping-in-a-cadillac-562/</u>





#### 1967 CADILLAC CALAIS LIKE NEW AFTER <del>25</del> 50 YEARS THE WASHINGTON TIMES STORY BY VERN PARKER PHOTOS BY WARREN OATES ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 19, 1992



Keith Peirce got his '67 Cadillac Calais in 1984 with fewer than 10,000 miles on it.

From 1965 through 1976, Cadillac offered Calais models that shared the same wheelbase and engine with the DeVille line, but was priced slightly lower, based in part on having less standard equipment. True, the DeVille may have offered a few more niceties – but if a Cadillac was what you wanted, a Calais was a good deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson thought so, and in 1967 they drove a new four-door sedan Cadillac Calais home to Bethesda, MD. It was one of 2,865 such models built and sold new for a base price of \$5,215. General Motors described the color as Doeskin – a new color for 1967 – but Mrs. Johnson called it fawn.

In 1981, Keith Peirce, then a Washington Gas Light employee, was making a service call at the Johnson household. While Mr. Johnson and Mr. Peirce were chatting, they discovered a mutual interest in automobiles. Mr. Johnson showed Mr. Peirce his wife's 14-year-old Cadillac. At that time, it had been driven only 7,200 miles and still had the protective plastic on the back seat. "If you ever sell it," Mr. Peirce offered, "I'd like to buy it." The Johnsons' response was, "We'll never sell that car." Consequently, Mr. Peirce forgot about ever owning a Cadillac.

Mr. Peirce made a few more service calls in the ensuing years and became quite friendly with the Johnsons. Mr. Johnson died in 1983. In the early months of 1984, Mr. Peirce was driving by the Johnson house and saw no footprints or tracks in the snow. He stopped to make sure

Mrs. Johnson was alright, and it was then that she asked if he was still interested in the Cadillac. Figuring this was his only chance at owning a Cadillac, he said yes. By the time the car changed hands, it was April 1984. The odometer read 10,480 miles. Mr. Peirce retired in August 1984 and enjoys maintaining his all-original Cadillac at his Darnestown home.





When he first got the squeaky-clean car home, he recalls all he did was wipe the big 429-cubic-inch V-8 engine. Everything else is incredibly clean and appears unused. The pleated sandalwood-colored leather upholstery is without creases, wrinkles or smudges. For that matter, the original floor mats are spotless and in like-new condition. The 4,499-pound car has a luxurious 129 1/2inch wheelbase and is 18 feet, 9 inches long. The 340 horsepower engine handles the car nicely, and Mr. Peirce reports highway mileage of 18 and 12 to 14



The ultraclean 429 cubic-inch V-8 develops 340-horsepower.

around town despite the thirsty Quadrajet four-barrel carburetor. Separate hydraulic brake circuits on the front and rear brakes ensure a safe, sure stop. The 9.20x15-inch Uniroyal tires call for 24 pounds of air pressure. "That's too low," Mr. Peirce says, "but it sure rides nicely."

Mr. Peirce's wife, Nancy, has always been reluctant to drive the large Cadillac. Upon Mr. Peirce's urging, she finally agreed to take a cruise, just around the neighborhood. As she turned into the driveway, a heater hose broke. It could have happened to anybody.

Each rear door is equipped with a cigarette lighter and ashtray. "There are 'his' and 'hers' ashtrays in the front," Mr. Peirce points out. The AM radio has a signal-seeking device and the front seat can be adjusted six ways. The windows are electrically operated except for the hand-cranked vents. When the car is put in gear, the emergency brake automatically releases. The dashboard is padded, as are the notched sun visors. A tilt-steering wheel function adjusts the three-spoke wheel. Mounted on the dashboard is a sliding intermittent windshield wiper control. Besides the air conditioner to control the climate in the cavernous car, a rear window defogger (a fan) is positioned to blow air on the rear window from the package shelf.

The Cadillac Calais now has 14,300 miles under its belted tires, and Mr. Peirce has every intention of adding many more. Not everybody has the pleasure of driving a brand new 25-year-old Cadillac.





[Editorial Note -Keith Peirce served as **Director of the Potomac** Region from 1992 -1996. In 2010, I had the pleasure of meeting him for the first time. Keith, then 82, had fond memories of the Region and his time served as Director. While visiting with him, he gave me his trophies and dash plaques from the earliest car shows held at Capitol Cadillac, which began during his term as Director.

His beloved 1967 Cadillac Calais is now owned by Richard Sills, who points out that this model is the only one of its kind listed in the **CLC** International Directory. It also represents the last year of production for this model (Calais Pillared Sedan). Its level of optional equipment is comparable to, or greater than, many deVilles of the same year.

The Johnsons kept the car for 17 years and drove it about 10,000 miles. Keith kept it another 17 years and drove it even less than that. Richard has now owned it for 16 years. The car currently has 17,658 miles.]



Keith Peirce at his Darnestown MD home in 2010 Photo by Vince Taliano



The 1967 Cadillac Calais at the 2006 Brenner Cadillac Show in Harrisburg PA Photo by Vince Taliano

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1953 CADILLAC LEMANS MOTORAMA CAR TO APPEAR AT 2017 GRAND NATIONAL BY VINCE TALIANO



#### 1953 Cadillac LeMans #3 2008 Cadillac Dream Cars Weekend Photo by Dan Reed

We have received confirmation that the 1953 Cadillac LeMans Motorama car owned by Scott Milestone (LeMans #3) will appear at the 2017 Grand National. Of the four LeMans ever built, LeMans #3 is the only one remaining in original condition. The only other one known to exist is LeMans #4, which is owned by the General Motors (GM) Heritage Center. It was substantially restyled by GM in the late '50s included being fitted with a new engine. The two were together perhaps for the first time ever at Capitol Cadillac for *Cadillac Dream Cars Weekend* in 2008. Here is an opportunity to see one of the most significant cars ever built by General Motors!

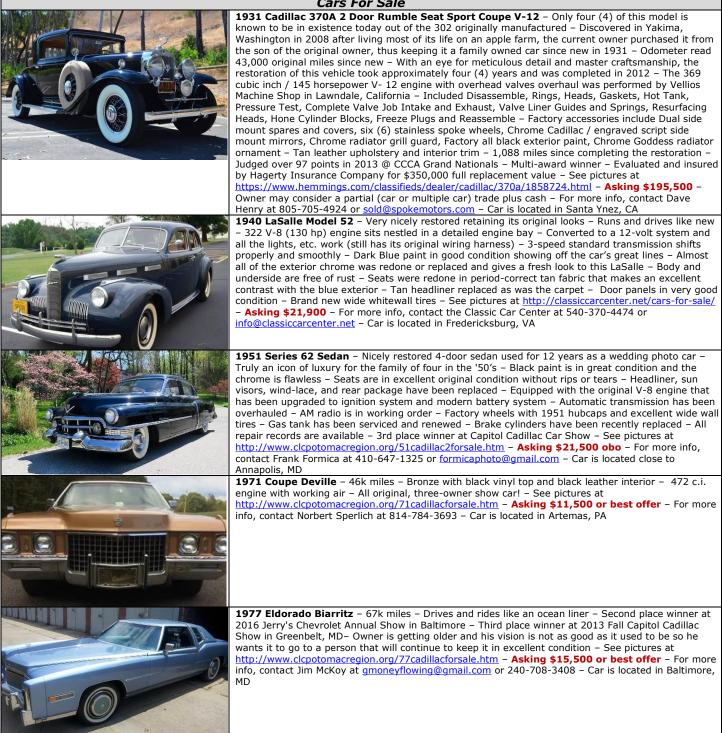
To read the history of the LeMans Motorama cars, visit <u>http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2008fallcarshow.htm</u>.





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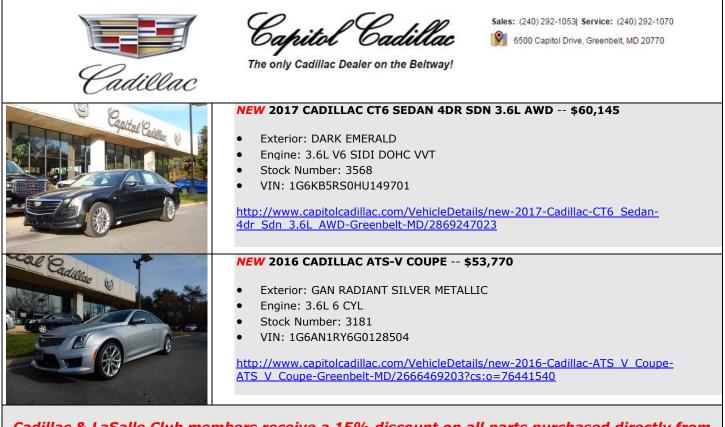




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