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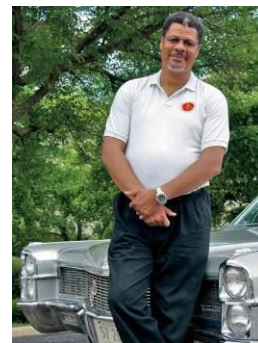
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The CLC Grand National in San Marcos, TX marked the end of Dave Ritchie's (DR1) and Dave Rubin's (DR2) terms as President and Executive Vice President, respectively. DR1 (pictured right waving his hat) and DR2 (pictured below right) have provided leadership and dedication to the club these past four years and beyond.

The GN also signaled the retirement of Lee Herbermann as Southeastern Regions Vice President and Andy Zizolfo as Northeastern Regions Vice President. Lee, pictured above to the right of DR1, was our Region's VP, providing guidance, support and national perspective for 20 years. Andy, pictured above in front of DR1, served for a similar period of time in the same capacity for his regions. Thanks to each one of them for their long-standing contributions to the club and the hobby.



The CLC's new President is Glenn Brown (pictured right) and the new Executive Vice President is Potomac Region member Ronnie Hux (pictured far right). The new Southeastern Regions Vice President is Grady Davis (pictured right) and the new Northeastern Regions Vice President is Potomac Region member Jeff Montgomery (pictured far right). Please join me in congratulating them in their new roles!



Vince Taliano



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



June 14, 2018

Hi Vince,

I just thought I'd share my latest painting with you because it happens to be of one of the Potomac Region member's car. It is Randy & Susan Denchfield's 1935 LaSalle known as "Pumpkin." The image is going to be used on the cover of the next CLC International Directory.

At present, the acrylic on board, 9x12 original painting is available for \$325. I am hoping to have prints available at some point, but don't have a timeframe yet. I'll keep you posted.

Thanks.

Dan Reed
Reading, Pennsylvania





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JUNE 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: IHOP Restaurant, Rockville, MD

TIME: 7:30 pm

PRESIDING: Vince Taliano, Director

ATTENDANCE: Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jeff Gurski, Bill Hilliard, Sandy Kemper, Jack McClow and guest, Joan Taylor, Tom McQueen, Dianna Moy, Chuck Piel, Dan Ruby and Harry Scott

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Vince thanked everyone for attending. Following last meeting, Jerry Rij reported that his wife Dorothy has recovered from her illness, is doing well and back at work. Lynn Gardner received a visit recently from Bruce & Bronwyn Reynolds of Lindisfarno, Tasmania, Australia. Bruce is Chief Moderator for the CLC's Discussion Forum. He and his wife are touring the U.S. with a stop in the Washington, DC area. We hope that they have a great time and safe travels back to Australia. Also, congrats to Bill Harrison who recently purchased a 35,000-mile 1966 Fleetwood Brougham. Lastly, thanks to Randy & Susan who took part in last month's Memorial Day Parade with three cars. We didn't know this and we regret not acknowledging their participation in the article in the June **Caddie Chronicle**. An article on their participation will appear in the July newsletter.



SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the May 2018 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the June 2018 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the May 2018 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$61.87 and the expenses for the same time period were \$114.73, mostly printing expenses.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Currently, our 2018 membership stands at 190. Welcome to Regina Hehir from Alexandria, VA. She attended the 2018 GN in San Marcos, TX with Scot Minesinger.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **2018 CLC Grand National Meet, San Marcos, TX, Tues-Sat, Jun 5-9.** Many PR members attended. An article and photos will be included in the July issue of the **Caddie Chronicle**. At the meeting, several members recounted their experiences at the GN.
- **The Elegance at Hershey, Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA, Sun, Jun 10.** Jeff Gurski reported that this event was held despite the rain and there were fabulous cars on display. He said that The Marketplace (flea market) featured many automotive artists including Dan Reed.
- **45th Annual Sully Plantation Father's Day Car Show, Chantilly, VA, Sun, Jun 17.** There wasn't a separate Cadillac Class at this meet this year and Tom McQueen reported that there were only a few Cadillacs on the show field.



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2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Annual Picnic, Dan & JoJo Ruby's, Owings, MD, Sun, Sep 9, 2:00 pm-????.**
Everyone is encouraged to drive their Cadillacs; there is plenty of parking at Dan & JoJo's house. A flyer with more details will be published in the July newsletter.
- **Cars and Coffee at Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sat, Oct 27, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.**
More information will be available in the coming months.

3. Other Upcoming Events:

- **Faces of Valor Family Fundraiser (Classic Car Show), Annapolis Elks Lodge 622, Edgewater, MD, Sun, Jun 24, 9:00am-1:30pm.** Dan Ruby reported that this show is part of a day's events to raise funds for scholarships and financial assistance to service members and first responders.
- **12th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, Jul 7, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.** This show is popular with many PR members.
- **15th Annual All-Vehicles Car Show, Reisterstown Regional Park, Reisterstown, MD, Hosted by Free State Region, VCCA & Buick Owners of MD, BCA, Sun, Jul 29, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.**
- **CLC 2018 National Driving Tour, San Luis Obispo, CA, Fri, Aug 3-Fri, Aug 10.** A few PR members plan to participate.
- **44th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, Sat, Aug 11, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.**
- **Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Park, Sat, Oct 20, 11:00 am-3:30 pm.** Sandy distributed show flyers. Registration for the public opens July 1. The Special Display this year will be Brass Era cars. Important note: there is no rain date.
- **2019 CLC Grand National, Louisville, KY, Jun 11-15, 2019.** Hosted by the Indiana Region. The Crowne Plaza Louisville will be host hotel and is taking reservations now. The hotel was accepting bookings at the 2018 GN in San Marcos, and the email below was sent to all CLC members with registration information.

**HOST HOTEL:
THE CROWNE PLAZA LOUISVILLE
830 Phillips Ln,
Louisville, KY 40209**

The Host hotel is located in the heart of Louisville, just ten minutes from downtown and within 3-7 miles of every major Louisville attraction. The Crowne Plaza is only minutes from the Louisville International Airport and offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport as well as within a three-mile radius of the hotel.

MAKING RESERVATIONS

- Room Rate is \$129 plus tax.
- Reservations can be made at: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49699913>
- Or call Group Reservations at 888-233-9527. Ask for the Cadillac LaSalle Club rate

Please note CLC members may reserve a maximum of two rooms. A deposit of one night room and tax per room will be charged on or around July 30, 2018. Reservations must be cancelled 30 days prior to arrival to receive a deposit refund.



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

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy reminded everyone that the August Region Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Olive Grove Restaurant in Linthicum Heights, MD. If there is interest, following the meeting, we can drive to the "Lost in the Fifties" Cruise-In at Marley Station Mall in Glen Burnie, MD, about a fifteen (15) minute drive (8-10 miles, depending upon one's route).


CLC NEWS: Although this wasn't announced at the GN 2018 banquet, the CLC board has appointed Glenn Brown as the incoming President of the CLC and Potomac Region member Ronnie Hux as Executive Vice President. Glenn served as the CLC President previously in 2006-10. Also, Lee Herbermann has retired as Southeastern Regions VP and is succeeded by Grady Davis. Further, Andy Zizolfo has also retired as Northeastern Regions VP and is succeeded by Potomac Region member and Raritan River Region Director Jeff Montgomery. Thanks to the outgoing officers and congratulations to the new ones.

OFFICER ELECTIONS for 2019-2020: Both Vince and Harry plan to retire as Director and Treasurer, respectively, when their terms end in 2018. Some of the other current officers may choose to resign from their positions also. In the latter part of 2018, in accordance with our By-Laws, we will be holding the bi-annual Election of Officers for the term 2019-2020.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Silver Diner, Merrifield, VA
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jul 4 Wed	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	37th Annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration	Town of Morningside MD	Morningside Town Hall at 301-736-2300
Jul 7 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	12th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or richard.sills@hklaw.com
Jul 14-15 Sat-Sun		From the Front Lines to the Home Front: Oatlands, WW I & WW II	Oatlands Historic House & Gardens Leesburg VA	Doug Ahlert at ahlertdouq@hotmail.com
Jul 16 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Jul 29 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	15th Annual All Vehicle Show Hosted by the VCCA Free State Region and BCA BOOM	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown MD	Bill Scott at 410-527-0953 or grand1917@comcast.net
Aug 3-10 Fri-Fri		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the SOCAL Region	Begins in San Luis Obispo CA	http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1008243
Aug 11 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	44th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@gmail.com
Aug 18 Sat	8:00 am – 2:30 pm	33rd Annual Vehicle Show Benefits Frederick County Hospice and Other Orgs	Rose Hill Manor Frederick MD	Ed at ezclassics@comcast.net or 301-514-2207 Skip at demason113@comcast.net or 240-422-0368
Aug 18 Sat	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Olive Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Aug 29 – Sep 2 Wed-Sun		Sixty Years CLC Celebration in France	Relais du Plessis Chaveignes France	Sigrid Hofmann at Hofmann_Family@t-online.de
Sep 9 Sun	2:00 pm – ??????	Potomac Region Summer Picnic	Dan & JoJo Ruby's Owings MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 9 Sun	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	49th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show	Urbana Volunteer Fireman's Field Urbana MD	Jack Gallagher at 301-674-5431 or smraaca@aol.com
Sep 15 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	43rd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Manassas Museum Manassas VA	Bill Sessler at 703-368-2367 or seesslerize@comcast.net
Sep 17 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 20-22 Thu-Sat		CLCMRC Fall Festival	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners MI	http://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org/calendar.html
Oct 3-7 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 10-13 Wed-Sat	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	AACA National Eastern Fall Meet	Giant Center and Show Grounds Hershey PA	www.hersheyaaca.org
Oct 15 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
Oct 20 Sat	8:30 am – 3:30 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 27 Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Cars & Coffee	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Nov 19 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	IHOP Restaurant Rockville MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org



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**Potomac Region Summer Picnic
in Scenic Southern Maryland
Dan & JoJo Ruby's Home
7018 Wilderness Ct
Owings, MD 20736**

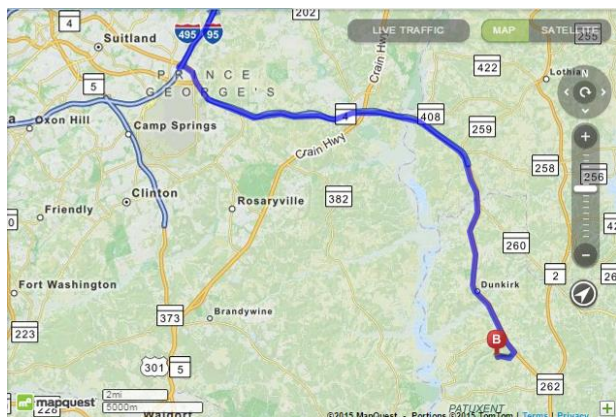
**Sunday, September 9, 2018
2:00 pm till
301-343-1463
danruby@clcpotomacregion.org**



Please drive your Cadillac or LaSalle to the Summer Picnic at the Ruby home. **Red, Hot & Blue** BBQ and sides will be provided to attendees. The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. If you have a favorite dessert or beverage you want to share with others, please bring with you. **RSVP to Dan by September 1st.**

Also please bring folding chairs to sit on. There is plenty of room to park your classic Cadillac or LaSalle in the yard.

DIRECTIONS: from Capitol Beltway, I-495/I-95, take exit 11A onto MD-4 E toward Upper Marlboro. Continue 19 miles and turn right onto Briscoes Turn Rd. Make first right onto Timberneck Dr then left on Wilderness Ct.





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SOME VERY RIVETING ROSIES: A VERY SPECIAL PARADE ASSIGNMENT STORY AND PHOTOS BY SUSAN DENCHFIELD

For many years, we have driven cars in several parades throughout the year. However, our very favorite is the National Memorial Day Parade on the National Mall along Constitution Avenue. We have driven many World War II vets and vets of other wars. Many are celebrities such as Buzz Aldrin, Ernest Borgnine, Bob Feller, J.R. Martinez, the Tuskegee Airmen, etc. I drove Joe Montegna several times. His Uncle Willy, who always rode with us until he passed, was a vet. Joe Mantegna, along with Gary Sinise, is also instrumental in the Memorial Day Concert held on the Mall. They have a mission to honor all vets and keep vets informed of all services available to them. The WW II vets are quickly disappearing, so we feel especially honored to have connected with many of them over the years.

This year's parade was super special. We had signed up to bring two convertibles, but the parade administrators asked us to bring three. We found some extra drivers and brought three Cadillac convertibles: a 1948 Series 62 known as "Green Goddess", a 1964 Eldorado and a 1976 Eldorado. We had the honor of transporting three "Rosies the Riveters." Now these ladies are something else!!

Our place in the parade was about half-way through. That meant that we had some time to kill before we actually "stepped off". Elinor Otto of Long Beach, CA (pictured right) arrived to ride with Randy and me in the "Green Goddess." She is the Rosie who has been the longest-working Rosie. She began working in 1942 and retired from the Boeing company in 2014! I said, "Wow, you must have begun working at about age 5 and 1/2!" She looked quite "young." Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather when she said that she will be 99 years old in October, and that she is planning to renew her driver's license at that time. Then, I asked her if she would like to sit and rest in the car while we waited to begin the parade. There was about an hour before we would go. She said that she preferred to stand and walk around since she would be sitting so long in the parade. She had brought a large picture of herself as a young Elinor that was almost as stunning as the 98-year-old Elinor. The other two Rosies were also full of youthful energy. One was from Portland, Oregon and the third Rosie, Virginia Cassidy, was more local from southern Maryland. Virginia regaled Randy with jokes that made his face a bit "rosy."





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"Rosie the Riveter" became the star of the "We Can Do It!" ad campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for defense industries during World War II. There were songs and posters that plugged these necessary positions. While their men were away, these women stepped up to build the airplanes and war equipment needed for the war effort. Their determination and fortitude were every bit as important to victory as the effort of the men fighting the war. After the war, many were reluctant to return to their lower paying pre-war jobs or to their jobs of wives and mothers.



The Rosies in the parade were located and brought to Washington by "The Spirit of '45" which is an organization that is working hard to recognize all members of the WW II effort that teamed together to keep us free. One of their projects is planting "Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Gardens" around the country. More information and the chance to support them is available at <http://www.spiritof45.org/home0.aspx>.



Also, I would like to mention that a local "Rosie the Riveter" was a member of the Bethesda Chapter of the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region. Her name was "Boo" Law. She frequently attended SMR meetings up to last December when she passed away at the age of 94. During the war, Boo worked at Lockheed in Burbank, CA building B-17's. This was just the beginning of a very full life with many, many accomplishments.



To see more pictures, visit <http://clcpotomacregion.org/2018nationalmemorialdayparade.htm>.



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CADILLAC, OR A PART OF ONE, FOUND STORY AND PHOTO BY SANDY KEMPER

Besides classic cars, an interest of mine is gardening. If I don't have automotive grease or car wax under my nails, I suppose that it's probable that garden soil is there instead. I am not alone in this pursuit of somewhat diverse hobbies. While attending a horticulture lecture a few years ago, I was seated next to the managing directors of two noteworthy public gardens. I found myself eavesdropping on their conversation because I realized that they were not talking about plants, but rather, each of their current car restoration projects.

More recently, my car and garden interests had an unexpected merger. I was volunteering at a Metropolitan Washington Area public garden performing the tasks of digging weeds and pruning tree branches. A garden staff member and I were removing the lower limbs of an old and very dense evergreen tree. This action was exposing an accumulation of litter and the weedy undergrowth that was mostly inaccessible prior to our pruning. As I gathered and raked the bits of trash, including metallic plastic snack food bags that hadn't decomposed in the soil, a small portion of a shiny solid metal object was exposed. As I pried the object up from the earth, it became apparent that the mystery object was an automobile hubcap, caked in mud. I removed what dirt that I could without water or a brush and a medallion in the center became recognizable. It was a Cadillac hubcap! I received permission to take this piece of "trash" home instead of consigning it to the garden's waste dumpster. But I had to promise that I would find out the vintage of the hubcap and report back to the garden staffer.

At home, a strong jet of water from my garden hose and a soft brush revealed that, except for the corroded medallion, the hubcap was practically unblemished. I took it to the next CLC Potomac Region meeting to share the story of its discovery. But, more importantly, I knew that some of my fellow club members would be able to identify the hubcap. And I wasn't disappointed. Very quickly, the general consensus was that the hubcap was the standard wheel cover for the 1977 Cadillac Deville.

Back at the garden, a brief inspection of the area resulted in no more hubcaps, nor any parts from a Cadillac or any other automobile. But the question remains, how did the hubcap get there?





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2018 GRAND NATIONAL STORY AND PHOTOS BY LYNN GARDNER

To attend the 2018 Grand National, I traveled 4,511 miles round-trip through nine states. On the way, I went via I-95 from VA to FL and then I-10 to TX and north from San Antonio on I-35 to San Marcos, TX. When I arrived on Sunday, June 3rd at 4:30 pm, it was 101 degrees, but a dry 101. The high and dry temps held for the rest of the week.



There were a number of interesting cars in attendance. The 1976 Mirage pictured left was a real beauty. It is a one of one prototype built by Traditional Coach Works. Another very interesting car was a black 1958 Fleetwood that had an extremely high-dollar, frame-off restoration. Amazing that someone would spend that kind of money on a 1958, and a four-door car at that. But, boy was it knockdown beautiful. Another 1958 Fleetwood was all-original with only 22,000 miles. Overall, the total number of cars was approximately 120.

The fun began in earnest on Tuesday with a driving tour to former President Lyndon Baines Johnson's (LBJ) Ranch in the Texas Hill County. By direction of President Johnson, it will always be a working cattle ranch. It was interesting that all the farm trucks had GSA license plates and as one of the regional members says there are never any job openings. The ranch hands have been there for decades and typically when one retires a son or grandson takes over. Also, on-site is a smaller version of Air Force One (pictured right) that President Johnson used to fly from Washington to the LBJ Ranch.



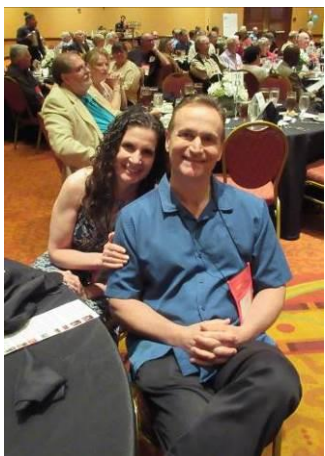
A 2018 ATS-V (pictured left) that is part of the Cadillac V-Series Racing team was on display in the ballroom during the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening.



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The Welcome Reception also included an automobilia auction for the CLC Museum & Research Center. Potomac Region members in attendance included Chuck & Debbie Piel, Richard Sills, Harry Scott, Jack McClow, Bob Norrid, Mark Brodsky, Marc Tuwiner, Scot Minesinger and Regina Hehir, Bob Crimmins, Frank & Martina Butler, Jeff Montgomery, me and possibly others who I didn't see.



On Saturday, as a volunteer judge, I was assigned to a team that judged a 1973 Caribou and a 1975 Mirage (pictured left), in addition to other cars.

On the way home, I drove north to Dallas, and then traveled east on I-40 to Bristol, VA where I picked up I-81. When I got home, I washed and waxed the rental car before I turned it in. It was the least I could do. Plus, I told the attendant that it was time for the vehicle to be serviced!



Thanks to the national CLC, the Central Texas Region and Cadillac for making it a very nice Grand National. Everyone had a great time.

To view over 60 pictures from the Grand National, visit <http://clcpotomacregion.org/2018grandnational.htm>.



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VISITORS FROM DOWN UNDER: BRUCE & BRONWYN REYNOLDS STORY BY LYNN GARDNER PHOTOS BY LYNN GARDNER AND BRUCE REYNOLDS

CLC members Bruce & Bronwyn Reynolds of Lindisfarno, Tasmania, Australia recently flew to London from Sidney to take a cruise on the Queen Victoria. Then, they boarded the RMS Queen Mary 2 for a Trans-Atlantic voyage from Southampton, England to New York City. After arriving in NYC and spending a few days in Gotham City, they proceeded to Delaware to visit with Rob & Chevonne Robison and see their outstanding cars. They drove down to Arlington, VA to visit me and take a look at my minor collection of Cadillacs.

Unfortunately on their way to Arlington, their rental car experienced a flat tire, resulting in an extended layover in a shop while the tire was repaired. Once they arrived, we had a wonderful visit. Bruce explained that the Australian CLC members only see each other every two years due to the extreme distances. For example, Warren Crawford, who attended the GN in San Marcos, TX lives in Perth and if he wants to visit CLC members in Sidney, it is a six day drive. Bruce explained that one of the reasons that driving in Australia takes so long is that the national highways in the outback are two lanes and in some places gravel roads. In addition, you can not drive at night because a herd of animals may cross the road in front of you because it is open range. Another reason is the road trains, which are tractor trailers with three, four, or five 43' trailers. Hence the name road trains. Bruce says that at speed it can take them 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile to stop. In other words, you don't want to be in their way.



We had a wonderful visit. I learned so much about the members of the Australian CLC and the car hobby in Australia. Just think about how hard parts are to get here in the U.S. In Australia, everything that the CLC members need must be imported from the U.S., pass through customs and is taxed at the port of entry. Bruce was sorry that he did not have an opportunity to meet Scot Minesinger and others this visit with whom he has conversed on the CLC's Discussion Forum (Bruce is the Chief Moderator of the forum). He wanted to let everyone know in the Potomac Region to please consider coming down under to the Australian Grand National in 2020. He said Aussie members would be happy to provide transportation to and around the Grand National. He also explained that the Australian Grand Nationals are driving events. Everyday there is a different road trip and only on the last day do they park the cars at the event location for everyone to view.



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After our visit, Bruce & Bronwyn headed west to Winchester, VA to catch I-81 to take a leisurely drive to the finger lakes in upstate NY. Bruce said just before he left the torsion bars on his 1973 Eldorado's (pictured above) deck lid broke and he had lined up a set that he needed to pick up in upstate NY. Then they will be returning to NYC in about a week and a half for their flight to LAX and then across the Pacific to Sidney and home to Tasmania.



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Club History

Our club was founded in Australia in 1970, and is affiliated with the Cadillac LaSalle Club Incorporated, Columbus, Ohio, USA.



The primary purpose of our club is to encourage the restoration, preservation and use of all Cadillac and LaSalle vehicles regardless of age, and to promote activities in the interests of club members.

Through these activities, and our quarterly publication "La Cad", we strive to uphold the great tradition of Cadillac and LaSalle cars, and their owners.

We have about 600 members and around 1000 cars. Our Cadillac Club events include drive-in nights, displaying our cars in car shows, and runs to places of interest. Any person with an interest in these cars is most welcome to join, ownership of one of these vehicles is not a condition of membership.

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GRAND NATIONAL TRAVELS BY RICHARD SILLS

One of the great benefits of attending CLC national events is getting the opportunity to sightsee in parts of the country that you might not visit otherwise. This year, I drove my 2007 Escalade about 3,800 miles round-trip to the Grand National in San Marcos, TX from Lancaster, PA, and enjoyed the trip thoroughly. I got to visit Bill Clinton's boyhood home, the Sam Rayburn home, the LBJ ranch and the LBJ Presidential Library. Here's an "only in Texas" experience: I stopped at a restaurant for lunch, and when I looked around the parking lot, I realized that my Escalade was by far the smallest vehicle in the lot!

The Sam Rayburn house was really interesting. Built in 1916, it was the family home located on a 121-acre farm. They opened the garage so I could see the 1947 Fleetwood (pictured right) that was purchased as a gift for Mr. Sam. It is really a beauty, and the story is legendary. After the election of 1946, the Republicans won the majority of the House of Representatives, so Rayburn lost the Speaker position and became the Minority Leader (and lost the use of the congressionally-funded Cadillac provided to the Speaker). His colleagues could not bear to see their beloved former "boss" without a car, so 192 Congressmen donated \$25 each toward the purchase of the car. When Mr. Sam learned that 50 of the donations were from Republicans, he insisted on returning their donations (with gracious thanks), out of concern that his acceptance might be considered a conflict of interest. Fortunately, that left \$3,550, which was just about enough to cover the purchase of the brand-new 1947 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special from **Capitol Cadillac** in Washington, DC.



Then they asked if I would like to see the family's other cars, which were kept in another building. These consisted of a 1951 Dodge truck (with farm truck license plates) which Mr. Sam bought to use on his farm, a 1955 Plymouth Savoy 4-door sedan he bought for his sister after he wore out her car driving it around the farm, and a 1953 Chevrolet 150 4-door sedan (pictured left) that he bought for his own use. The Chevy is a very basic model, with a 3-speed manual shift and no radio. All three vehicles were bought from dealerships owned by a personal friend. All were sold after Mr. Sam's death in 1961, but were donated back to the foundation by the subsequent owner.



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Carlton	ME	8-2626
Congressional	LI	6-9920
Hamilton	DI	7-2580
Hay Adams House	ME	8-2260
Jefferson Apt.	DI	7-4704
Kennedy-Warren	AD	4-9100
Mayflower	DI	7-3000
Raleigh	NA	8-3810
Shoreham	AD	4-0700
Statler	EX	3-1000
Sheraton Park	CO	5-2000
Washington	ME	8-5900
Willard	NA	8-4420
Woodley Park	CO	5-2312

Here is a picture showing a page from Mr. Sam's address book, listing the prominent hotels in Washington from the late '50s.

At the Grand National, I bumped into Pete Phillips, the editor of the **Buick Bugle** (the Buick Club of America's national magazine). I knew he is from Texas, but did not expect to see him at a CLC GN. When he told me he lives in "North Texas", I asked him where, and he said he lives in Bonham. I mentioned that I had just visited the Sam Rayburn house, and he told me I was only 1/2 mile away from his shop. When I mentioned the '47 Cadillac, Pete said that the Rayburn Foundation displays the Fleetwood at all the local car shows. When I mentioned Mr. Sam's 1953 Chevrolet 150 sedan, Pete said he is the one who replaced the upholstery in the car. This connection made it a real "small world" story.



1955 Plymouth Savoy 4-door sedan



1951 Dodge truck

The Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Presidential Library is a 10-story building containing 45 million documents. Several floors are devoted to exhibits that include a wealth of information about national issues that dominated the 1960s. One of the most interesting features was the opportunity to listen to actual taped telephone conversations between President Johnson and other luminaries of that era. The LBJ Ranch had several of the President's cars on display, but that will be the subject of another story.

The Club had a representative of next year's GN host hotel (the Crowne Plaza in Louisville) on site to take reservations. As a result, the 2019 host hotel is likely to fill up very quickly. Members should be encouraged to reserve hotel rooms promptly.



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BARN FIND UTOPIA STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHUCK PIEL

One of the interesting trends in our hobby is the celebration of "barn finds" – or as author Tom Cotter calls it – "automotive archeology." Now it is trendy (and profitable) to haul an old car out of long-term storage and to display or sell it without even washing it. In reality, barn finds occur in a variety of settings: warehouses, old garages, basements, storage units and sometimes actual barns. The point is the car or truck hasn't seen the light of day in decades and is now rescued for further display, use or restoration. Like many other collectibles, originality of condition is desired over extensive cleaning and restoration. If barn finds interest you, but you don't want to dive into dirty and smelly spaces, I found the perfect place for you - Classic Auto Mall (CAM) in Morgantown, PA. Visit <https://www.classicautomall.com/> for more information.

On June 20th, I participated in a tour co-hosted by local chapters of the AACA and Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) to the CAM. Among the attendees were CLC PR members Jerry & Helen Gordon. It is a repurposed shopping mall that closed in 2011. We were told a retired real estate developer, who likes original cars, bought and rehabbed it to house his collection, and uses as a place to buy and sell all kinds of old cars and trucks on a consignment basis. It has 336,000 square feet (about eight acres) under roof and currently houses 400 barn-find vehicles, as well as several hundred vehicles for sale. A tram is used to provide regular tours of the facility.



**Above is a row of 20 rough barn find vehicles all from the '20's and '30's.
A tram with docent offers a tour of the facility.**

CAM is organized into display areas that are the original retail store-front spaces where the private collection of the owner is displayed. Here you see the cars through the store windows and there are information placards in place for most cars. In the hallways of the mall cars are also displayed, some for sale, as well as some of the roughest barn finds. Additionally, there are large showrooms of cars and trucks for sale on consignment.



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As relayed by the docent, the owner likes to keep all his cars exactly as he bought them, except that every one of them is started and run at least once. A team with auxiliary batteries and gas cans works on each car. When it starts and runs, it is videotaped for posterity. At that point, the car is put back "to sleep" for display. It is hard for me to believe some of these cars actually ran, but that is what we were told. Below are photos of some interesting Cadillacs among these barn finds.



1935 355D V-8 Cadillacs – Convertible Coupe and Long Wheelbase Sedan



1948 Series 62 Club Coupe



1918 Cadillac Touring Car with Jump Seats

These cars all looked like restorable cars or cars that could be re-commissioned with some mechanical work. The 1918 Touring Car looked like you could drive it now – it was truly an enormous car!!

There are hundreds of additional cars that range in condition from barely recognizable to decent original shape. There was a 1933 Pierce Arrow eight-cylinder limo that looked like it was on a 1943 used car lot with bald tires and an "A" gas rationing sticker.



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The consignment cars featured some Cadillacs as well, ranging from 1936 to 1987, including:

- 1936 Fleetwood 60 Series Convertible Coupe
- 1940 Series 62 ("C-bodied") Convertible Sedan with dual side mounts
- 1972 Eldorado Convertible
- 1973 Eldorado Coupe
- 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Coupe
- 1987 Allanté



1936 Fleetwood Convertible Coupe



1940 Series 62 Convertible Sedan

The 1936 Fleetwood Convertible Coupe (pictured above left) looked like an older restoration that would be a nice driver. The 1940 Convertible Sedan (pictured above right) was a fresher restoration that was beginning to age as well. According to Roy Schneider in ***Cadillacs of the Forties***, only 75 Series 62 Convertible Sedans were built in the 1940 model year – a very rare car indeed!

For truck lovers, there is a gallery of about 100 barn-find original trucks of all kinds – the newest I saw was late '50's. A couple of special note were a 1923 Chevrolet based Pop-out Camper (pictured right) and a 1948 Diamond T 306 H 1 ½ ton Truck. The Chevrolet Camper had all its original camping equipment, including mattresses and pop-out tent canvas. It looked exactly like it would have if you found it in 1950. How would you like to drive this to Yosemite and back?





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The 1948 Diamond T 1 ½ ton Truck (pictured right), known as the "Cadillac of Trucks" in its day, was rough but restorable, and was for sale. It is quite a "fixer-upper."



The Classic Auto Mall is a must-see for all antique car and truck lovers who like originality, and aren't offended by extreme patina. It is located about 20 miles northeast of Lancaster, PA, and is a very pleasant drive through beautiful country. There is a 188 room Holiday Inn with a walk-thru entrance attached to the facility that has a full-service restaurant, lounge, meeting facilities and an indoor swimming pool. The hotel just underwent a \$3M renovation.

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1957 Chevy on display

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1939 Cadillac Series 61 Convertible Sedan – Rare barn find – 1 of 140 produced and 1 of only 6 known to exist – 40,883 original miles – Elegant designed four-door convertible with suicide doors and rare dual spare tire covers on the front fenders – V8 engine runs smoother than the day it was built – Running and driving car, not a project – Car went through a complete restoration in 1976 by Coach-craft Restoration's in Pompano Beach, FL – Has been owned by the same family since that time – Less than 500 miles have been driven since the restoration 40 years ago – Similar Cadillac convertibles have sold at collector auctions from \$200,000 to \$400,000 – Great addition to any serious collector's auto collection – See pictures at <http://victorynaples.com/1939-Cadillac-Series61/Used-CV/Naples-FL/9296605/Details.aspx> – **\$51,995** – For more info, contact Carl Hendricks at Carl@victorynaples.com, 239-228-7595 or 239-961-3240 – Car is located in Naples, FL



NEW ARRIVAL 1953 Fleetwood Series Sixty Special – Almost perfect example of one of the most luxurious cars built in that era – Only 20,000 of the 109,651 Cadillacs built in 1953 were Fleetwood 60S models – Top of the line Cadillac mostly purchased by doctors, lawyers, corporate CEOs and other top professionals – Today, only 2,200 of these rare Fleetwoods remain on state auto registries, with an estimated additional 2,000 spread around in junk yards across the country – First Cadillac model year to utilize the 12 volt electrical system, and the one piece rear window – 331 c.i. V8 engine rated at 210 hp with a Dynaflo automatic transmission that were professionally rebuilt – Odometer shows 86,325 and appears to be authentic – This fine automobile spent most of its life in a garage – Radiator, generator, transmission cooler, new tires, glass, window regulators, window rubbers and the list of small detail parts purchased is endless – The photos tell the story – Drives like a Cadillac should; smooth, quiet, and fairly quick for its age and weight – Feel the luxury as soon as you sit in the couch-like seats with the interior by Jenkins in North Carolina just as perfect as the exterior – Dash is exquisite in detail and class – Car has a clear title – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/53cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$32,500** – For more info, contact George Boxley at 301-261-5634 or georgeboxley@verizon.net – Car is located in West River, MD



1959 Fleetwood 60 Special – Exceptional original car acquired from the original owner's family who purchased it new from Capitol Cadillac in Washington, DC – Garage-kept since new and has been in the same garage since 1985 – Original 1959 Maryland tags and dealer license plate frames – All chrome and stainless are beautiful and interior is complete but dirty – Odometer states 83,000 original miles – Has the beautiful Fleetwood and Eldorado hubcaps – Rare color combination ordered without A/C – New tires recently installed – Trunk is very nice and complete with original jack and spare – These cars are hard to find in original condition and the 1959 Cadillac is one of the most sought after cars – Guarantee you couldn't restore this car at my asking price – Car is currently not running as I just brought it home – Engine turns freely but fuel system needs to be cleaned – Car has a clear title – Absolutely no trades or "low ballers" – Buyer responsible for transport – See pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10214290625452642&set=gm.1677610798986521&type=3> – **Asking \$19,000** – For more info, contact Dan Ruby at danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-343-1463 – Car is located in Owings, MD



1959 Series 62 Convertible – Seminole red with red/white interior and white top – Completely restored, and in mint condition – Everything works – New tires with real wire wheels – Financing and leasing available – See pictures at http://cadillaccreampufts.com/1959-cadillac-62-series-convertible-c1315/?locale=en_US&wppa-album=108&wppa-cover=0&wppa-occur=1&wppa-photo=4187 – **\$136,500** – For more info, contact Bob Williams at 864-246-0318 or Bob@CadillacCreamPuffs.com – Car is located in Greenville, SC



1960 Coupe Deville – 58k miles – Same owner (third overall) since 1989 – Outstanding, genuine, authentic, original car loaded with the following 390 c.i. / 325 hp engine, Hydramatic transmission, factory air conditioning, power steering, brakes, windows, seats and antenna, AM push button radio with Wonderbar, front & rear speakers and foot switch, Guidematic headlamps, tinted glass, door edge guards, front & rear floor mats and much more! – Many awards including Second Place in the Primary P-18 class at the 2017 Grand National – Difficult to replicate at the asking price of **\$37,900 but offers considered** – For more info, contact Derrick Fisher at 301-651-0648 (cell), 301-762-8052 (home) or tallbaldfish@aol.com – Car is located in Rockville, MD



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1961 Sedan DeVille Custom – A favorite of the Hampden Parade in Baltimore – Current owner painted the car a Candy color Raspberry a few years ago – Previous owner redid the interior pink, along with the dash, seats, rugs and headliner – Not original but looks great with new custom paint – Underneath is solid – Very expensive and difficult disc brake conversion means this car can be driven in heavy traffic – Not intended to be a show car - Lots of fun and not for the faint of heart – Great car for a NFL player or a pimp daddy – Looking for a quick sale – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/61cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$9,495** – For more info, contact Jeff at 443-983-1014 – Car is located in Baltimore



NEW ARRIVAL 1964 DeVille Convertible Project Car – Originally Nevada Silver Metallic, currently red – Showing 39,571 miles on odometer – Accessories include climate control, AM/FM, power bench seat and parade boot – Interior is red vinyl in the original seat pattern – Original transmission, engine and climate control system have been rebuilt but need some work – Many spare parts included – Clean Virginia title – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/64cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$8,000** – Additional photos available upon request – For more info, contact Steve Zaricki at 570-814-6418 or TerpMtneer@aol.com – Car is located in Annandale, VA



1984 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible – Beautiful pillow top leather interior – Excellent condition with only 61,000 miles – Painstakingly maintained and stored in a climate-controlled facility year-round – Multiple CLC award winner including First Place in Class at 2018 Spring Car Show at Capitol Cadillac – **Asking \$17,500** – For more info, contact Mike Kerwin at 240-461-0436 or mikekerwin@verizon.net – Car is located in Laurel, MD



1994 Seville STS Touring Sedan – 24,000 mile original car that has never been smoked in, garage-kept and extremely well-maintained with a clean Carfax history report – Beautifully trimmed in Garnet Red Metallic paint with a complimentary Dark Saddle leather interior – Most Expensive Cadillac you could buy in 1994 with an original sticker price of \$50,141 as equipped! – Equipped with every available factory option including High-Output 295HP V8 Engine, Touring Suspension, Analog Instrumentation with Full Console, Power Glass Moonroof, Factory Chrome Wheels, Leather Power Reclining Bucket Seats, Heated and Lumbar Front Seats, Quick De-Ice Front Windshield, Factory Bronze Tint Glass, Twilight Sentinel Headlamps, Power Trunk Pulldown, Front Fog Lamps and Delco Bose Gold Series AM/FM ETR Stereo with Cassette and Compact Disc – Every option functions as it should and the car drives effortlessly with power, luxury and style! – Professionally detailed with no expenses spared – Fully-serviced for the next owner including four new Goodyear Eagle Sport All Season Radial Tires, all new Brakes both Front and Rear, new Engine Battery and PA Safety and Emission Inspected – Wonderfully preserved STS Touring Sedan is truly Impressive and ready for show judging – Accompanied with its Original Gold Keys, Owner's Books and Carpeted Floor Mats – If you are interested in a collectible quality Seville to show or even to drive, we invite your close inspection of this car – See pictures at <https://www.paulsevagmotors.com/used/Cadillac/1994-Cadillac-Seville+STS+Touring+Sedan-24d069fb0a0e08bc135fc7d1602804d6.htm> – **\$12,950** – For more info, contact Paul Sevag at 610-836-8200 – Car is located in West Chester, PA



1996 Fleetwood Brougham – Approximately 118k miles – Adriatic blue with medium blue leather interior – Vogue tires – Overall condition is very good – Award-winner at Capitol Cadillac car shows – Rare livery package but never used commercially – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/96cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$7,900 or best offer** – For more info, contact Ron Renoff at 410-544-0001 – Car is located in Anne Arundel County, MD



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