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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DAN RUBY

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Fellow members,

This is my last Director's Message after six years. Thanks to the officers and members who dedicated their time and effort these past years. Everyone who contributed made my job easier. Special thanks to JoJo, who supported me and co-hosted the annual summer picnics at our home.

Congratulations to Larry Good, who is taking over as Director, and the slate of 2025-26 officers. As there was a vacancy for Car Show Coordinator, I decided to serve in that role again like I did in the past, following in my father Henry's footsteps.

What a great event at John Warner's on Sunday, November 17! Read about it and see pictures in this issue. We have one more event scheduled for 2024: the sale of Cadillac items from the late Jeff Gurski collection on Friday-Saturday, December 6-7. Here's an opportunity to purchase an item or two from his massive collection. More information is included in this issue.

Then, we hit the ground running in January with our annual participation in the Washington, DC Auto Show. The event will run from Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 9. Christopher Winter has lined up some great Cadillacs and a LaSalle, ranging in era and model. Volunteers are needed to staff the area to answer questions, provide information and watch over the cars. Please contact him at cchwinter@cavtel.net or 410-869-8619 if you can work a shift or two, which entitles you to free admission to the show during its duration.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please send your dues for one or two additional years by December 15. That will ensure you receive the **Caddie Chronicle** without interruption.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Dan Ruby





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NOVEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES BY VINCE TALIANO

PLACE: John Warner's Collection, Front Royal, VA

TIME: 11:10 am

PRESIDING: Regional Director Dan Ruby

ATTENDEES: Approximately forty including six officers: Franklin Gage (Membership Director), Bill Hilliard (Treasurer), Chuck Piel (Assistant Regional Director), Dan Ruby (Regional Director), Vince Taliano (Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager), Christopher Winter (Activity Director), Bill Anderson, Charlie Butler, Gary Cameron, Spencer Chaplain, Peter Chen, Randy & Susan Denchfield, Jack & Cher Gallagher, Lynn Gardner, Larry & Maia Good, Greg Huver, Constantin Jiga, Dan Mullane, Thomas Murphy, Jr. & daughter, Scott Patton, Debbie Piel & relatives, Harry Scott, Richard Sisson, Bill Thomas, Scott Wardinski, John Warner and Morgan Yeh, Chia-Hua Lu & children

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Dan Ruby thanked everyone for attending, and especially thanked John Warner for inviting the Region to tour his collection. Also, Dan thanked the officers and members for the support they provided him during the past six years.

SECRETARY'S REMARKS: The minutes from the previous meeting were not reviewed since they were published and distributed to all members in the November 2024 newsletter. This is the last meeting for 2024. Next year's meeting schedule and locations have not been finalized yet, but we anticipate more Sunday morning and Monday evening meetings in different locations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Hilliard reported on the financials since the last meeting. The Region had total revenue of \$1,358.13 and total expenses of \$25.44 for the period, resulting in a net profit of \$1,332.69. The majority of the revenue was from 2025-26 membership dues.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Franklin Gage reported we now have 175 dues-paying family memberships for 2024. Welcome to Roberto Barreiro, Gaithersburg, MD; Dean Edmonds, Great Falls, VA; Charles Phoenix, Los Angeles, CA; and John Warner, Front Royal, VA. The 2025 Membership Drive is well underway with 137 members signed up for 2025 and 38 for 2026. Thanks to all who have renewed, especially for two years. There are still 29 eligible 2024 members who haven't renewed for next year. We look forward to those renewals by December 15, 2024.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

• **Upcoming Events:**

- **Special Jeff Gurski Cadillac-LaSalle Collection Sale, Vienna (VA) Volunteer Fire Station, Friday, December 6, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, and Saturday, December 7, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.** Visit <https://clcpotomacregion.org/jeffgurskicollection.htm> to see pictures. If there is anything in particular you would like to buy, please contact Carol & Harold Blevins at dancers1023@aol.com prior to the sale.



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- **2025 Washington, DC Auto Show, Walter E. Washington Convention Center Washington, DC, Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 9.** It is anticipated four-five Cadillacs and/or LaSalle's will be on display. Volunteers will be needed to staff the space to answer questions, solicit membership, watch the cars, etc. Please contact Christopher Winter at cchwinter@cavtel.net or 410-869-8619 for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025-26 Potomac Region Officer Election: Below is a list of Potomac Region officer candidates for the 2025-26 term. Since there is only one nominee per position, the election by acclamation was held at the November meeting. Congratulations to the officers!

1. Regional Director: Larry Good
2. Assistant Regional Director: Chuck Piel
3. Treasurer: Bill Hilliard
4. Secretary: Vince Taliano
5. Activities Director: Christopher Winter
6. Newsletter Editor: Vince Taliano
7. Car Show Coordinator: Dan Ruby
8. Website Manager: Vince Taliano
9. Membership Director: Franklin Gage

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2025 CLC Museum & Research Center Calendar: Congratulations to Gary Cameron whose 1992 Eldorado was selected as the December car! Order your calendar online at <https://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org/product/2025-cadillac-calendar/>.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be announced at a later time.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.



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Jeff Gurski Collection

Special Cash-Only Sale of Cadillac-LaSalle items is being offered to CLC members and friends

Friday, December 6, 2024, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Vienna Volunteer Fire Station
400 Center St. S., Vienna, VA 22180

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**JOHN WARNER COLLECTION TOUR
STORY BY VINCE TALIANO**

**PHOTOS BY [GARY CAMERON](#), LYNN GARDNER, LARRY GOOD, DAN RUBY,
VINCE TALIANO, JOHN W. WARNER IV AND MORGAN YEH**

On Sunday, November 17, John Warner hosted approximately forty CLC Potomac Potomac members, friends and family for a tour of his collection in Front Royal, VA. The day started with a meet and greet, followed by lunch, a monthly meeting and a tour. The weather could not have been nicer for a mid-November day. Thanks to John for his generous hospitality and Christopher Winter for organizing the event.





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Enjoy more pictures from that great day on the [CLC Potomac Region website](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org).



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1953 CADILLAC ELDORADO "HOT CARS" COLLECTOR BROCHURE BY VINCE TALIANO

Recently, I saw an ad on [Craigslist](https://www.craigslist.com) for a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado "Hot Cars" Collector Brochure and sent it to Larry Good. Below is his response.

"I'm not sure about all the pictures on the first pages, but the fold-out with the white Eldorado is Stewart Homan's #314 in England. It has celebrity status. Twenty six years ago it was the wedding car for one of The Spice Girls. Then twenty three years ago, #314 was the hero car in the 'Somethin' Stupid' music video with Robbie Williams and Nicole Kidman (pictured below). View it on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)."





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LOWRIDERS OF NEW MEXICO BY VINCE TALIANO

On November 24, CBS News' 60 Minutes featured **Lowriders of New Mexico**. For those who appreciate the over-the-top workmanship these cars display, you can watch the segment [online](#).



60 Minutes correspondent Bill Whitaker (pictured above) interviewed many people including Rob Vanderslice (pictured left with his Cadillac Fleetwood), introducing him as "a legendary painter from Albuquerque, and a rare 'gringo' in New Mexico's lowrider world." Rob said a paint job like the one on the Fleetwood likely had "100 coats of material when it's all said and done." He demonstrates his skills in weekly [YouTube](#) tutorials with almost 12,000 followers.



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FIFTH ANNUAL CLC SOUTH FLORIDIA REGION FALL CAR SHOW BY LYNN GARDNER

On November 10, I drove from my home in Deltona, FL to Fort Lauderdale in South Florida for the Fifth Annual CLC South Florida Region (SFR) Fall Show at Ed Morse Cadillac–Bayview. Specifically, I left at 8:45 am and took the Florida Turnpike, but still didn't arrive until 1:00 pm. It took longer than I thought it would to get there. They were already giving out the awards, so I quickly took some photos of some of the winners and the cars.

There were about 50 cars in attendance. The Region and the Ed Morse dealership did a great job promoting the Club and the show, locally and on the internet. In addition, there were banners on the main road and two outstanding cars on display in the showroom for a couple of weeks prior: a 1961 Biarritz (pictured below right) and a 1958 Biarritz. Also, Ed Morse had tents set up with refreshments and registration, as well as for a few vendors. A nice food truck was on the lot, plus members filled the back of an Escalade with toys for Toys for Tots (pictured below left).

Approximately half the cars were customs or modified. There were some outstanding restored original cars, but the most outstanding ones were customs or modified. In my humble opinion, it was a very smart move to promote the ownership of these cars with the membership. As original parts and individuals who know how to work on 1950s-70s technology disappear, we are likely to see more and more of these cars in the future. The crew at Ed Morse Cadillac and the SFR put on a great show. Enjoy the photos!





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HILTON HEAD ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE BY TERRY SHEA HEMMINGS NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Daniel Jobe's 1967 Cadillac Eldorado was an excellent example of the model's first year on an all-new front-drive platform. GM's decision to switch things up with the Eldorado proved fruitful, as the model tripled its previous all-time sales with some 17,930 units sold. Daniel's Eldorado received a Palmetto Award in the Pop Culture Cars of the '50s & '60s class.





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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale



1941 Cadillac Series 60 Special – Owned by a longtime CLC member who passed away about 10 years ago – Rust free Forest Green exterior with tan interior – Lots of background paperwork on things done over the years (late owner's notes / receipts) – Last driven / started in 2012 – Always stored inside – Clean title – [See pictures](#) – **\$17,000 obo** – For more info, contact Jeannette Hytry at 414-690-0900 or [send email](#) – Car is located in Greenfield, WI



1990 Cadillac Eldorado – 114K miles – Blue with white quarter top and blue leather interior – 4.5L engine with auto transmission – PS and PB – New battery and like new tires – Garage kept in original condition – Intermittent instrument cluster display issue – [See pictures](#) – **\$2,100 obo** – For more info, contact Pauline at 613-277-358 (call or text) – Car is located in West Chester, OH

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