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Hi! I'm Larry. I'm glad to be part of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's Potomac Region (CLC PR) and to take a turn serving as Director. Although I have been a CLC member for 50 years, it wasn't until retirement that I could turn much attention to the car hobby.



About myself (in reverse chronological order): A few years ago, I finished a career as an international energy consultant, last post in Ukraine. Before that I was a maintenance supervisor at NASA Goddard in Maryland, the Plant Engineer at an Anaconda-Ericsson factory in Pennsylvania, an antique auto body mechanic in New Jersey, a dock supervisor for Macy's in New York, a Volkswagen mechanic in Germany and a GI in the Army Security Agency. I've attended more schools and colleges for more years than I can count. That makes me an over-educated under-achiever.

As a volunteer I served eight years as President of the National Capital Chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers and 23 years as its International Director. I mention it because this professional society's structure was very close to that of CLC. The chapter had a few hundred members in territory covering Maryland, Washington, DC and Virginia. It was a very strong chapter that served the profession well. Politically, I hold views on the extreme right and on the extreme left, which puts me square in the extreme center. But we don't discuss politics in a car club, so everybody stays happy.

Of all the old cars I've accumulated, five remain in the collection: two Cadillacs and two Pontiacs in the United States and a Pobyeda in the Republic of Georgia (pictured right), where my wife Maia and I have a second home. The dozens of cars I've dumped were early onset mistakes, but I couldn't see that when I bought them.





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People ask what my agenda is. I have an approach, not an agenda. First, I hope the “well-oiled machine” that is the Potomac Region keeps running on autopilot. I will encourage and support all officers in doing what they’ve been doing all along to make PR the biggest and best in the CLC. Historically, I see that the Region’s emphasis has been on events, which is great. Events should continue being led by the people with that experience. My personal emphasis has been on Cadillac research, specifically of the 1953s, as you can tell from my articles. I intend to continue pursuing that interest.

The second part of my approach is to seize opportunities as they come up. An example is the recent tour of the John Warner collection in Virginia. When that opportunity appeared, the Region pounced on it, and the event was a smashing success. John is our hero of the month. More opportunities will come. Sometimes we may create opportunities. For example, I have an idea to stage a 75th anniversary re-enactment of President Dwight Eisenhower’s first inauguration parade in 1953, possibly with the original Eldorado #2 and the original Queen Elizabeth, a Secret Service Cadillac *armored convertible*. (Yes, you read right!)



Left to Right: President Eisenhower in 1953 Eldorado #2, 1938 Cadillac Secret Service chase cars – “Queen Elizabeth” and “Queen Mary” – and Vice President Nixon in a 1953 Series 62 Cadillac

I travel a lot, but communication media these days allow us all to stay in constant touch. It doesn’t matter what continent we are on anymore (except for in-person meetings). When I am not in town to chair a meeting, there is no shortage of former Directors, the Assistant Director or any other officer to fill in. The next big PR events are the Holiday Party (stay tuned for details) and the Washington Auto Show at the end of this month. We plan to hold a combined January-February meeting there.

In closing, I express my appreciation to my predecessors, particularly to Dan Ruby who held things steady all through the pandemic and until the present, and to Vince Taliano, who still fills three officer positions and devotes more time than anybody I know.

Elöre! (Onward! In Hungarian) 😊



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



December 28, 2024

Happy New Year, Potomac Region club members and congratulations to the newly elected officers listed below!

Regional Director: Larry Good
Assistant Regional Director: Chuck Piel
Treasurer: Bill Hilliard
Activities Director: Christopher Winter
Membership Director: Franklin Gage
Car Show Coordinator: Dan Ruby
Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Website Manager: Vince Taliano



It amazes me how fast the year goes by with all the car club activities. Even though George and I (pictured left) have not participated lately as much as we would have liked, we still have our conversations about the car club, reminiscing on past driving tours and the comradeship we have developed over the years.

Happy Motoring,
Rita Bial-Boxley
West River, Maryland



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC AUTO SHOW
BY CHRISTOPHER WINTER**

The CLC Potomac Region will once again participate in the Washington, DC Auto Show, running from Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 9, 2025, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Allen Y. Lew Place NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Like last year, we will have a large booth where we plan to have a minimum of four Cadillacs and LaSalles on display.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have 86 hours of exhibit time to fill over the nine days of the show. We need volunteers to staff the booth during show hours to watch over the cars, answer questions from attendees and help folks that may want to join the CLC and the Potomac Region! Many members have volunteered in the past, and quite a few will be needed this year as well. As a volunteer, you will receive an exhibitor pass that allows you free entry into the show. Parking will be the responsibility of each volunteer. Using the Metro is recommended (there is a Green Line stop for the Convention Center).



As in the past, to better manage the times, we have broken each day's show times into the shifts below. The ones highlighted in **yellow** indicate volunteers are still needed.

Friday, January 31	Noon to 3:00pm	3:00pm to 6:00 pm	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, February 1	10:00 am to 2:00pm	2:00pm to 6:00pm	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Sunday, February 2	10:00 am to 2:00pm	2:00pm to 6:00pm	
Monday, February 3	Noon to 4:00pm	4:00pm to 8:00pm	
Tuesday, February 4	Noon to 4:00pm	4:00pm to 8:00pm	
Wednesday, February 5	Noon to 4:00pm	4:00pm to 8:00pm	
Thursday, February 6	Noon to 4:00pm	4:00pm to 8:00pm	
Friday, February 7	Noon to 3:00pm	3:00pm to 6:00pm	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, February 8	10:00 am to 2:00pm	2:00pm to 6:00pm	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Sunday, February 9	10:00 am to 2:00pm	2:00pm to 6:00pm	

Please consider volunteering for as many shifts as possible. As illustrated above, we especially need help on the Friday and weekend shifts when there will be the greatest number of attendees.

Please send an email to cchwinter@cavtel.net with the days and shifts you can help.

Thanks for your consideration!

[See pictures](#) from last year's show.



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SPORT CADILLAC PURCHASE BY SCOT MINESINGER



My wife Mercedes (pictured above) and I recently bought a 2024 Cadillac Lyriq from Sport Cadillac in Silver Spring, MD. It would have been easier to buy from a Virginia dealer near our home in Fairfax Station, but we wanted to buy it at Sport because they sponsor our car shows. We're going to ship it to our other home in Puerto Rico, where we have a solar house and can charge it for free.



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BEYONCÉ PERFORMS WITH CADILLACS ON CHRISTMAS DAY BY VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS SOURCE: NETFLIX

On Christmas Day, Beyoncé performed at NRG Stadium in her hometown of Houston, TX at halftime of the Baltimore Ravens vs. Houston Texans football game. The performance was telecast live on Netflix to approximately 27 million viewers.

The promotion leading up to the performance showed Beyoncé standing in her *Cowboy Carter* outfit (her blockbuster 2024 album) on the hood of a 1967 Cadillac covered in red flowers (pictured right).

Although the '67 didn't appear in the nearly 13-minute live performance, many other classic Cadillacs and other vehicles were on display, including the ones pictured below in the opening (some featured the signature Texas longhorns on their hoods).





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After the long horse-drawn walk into the stadium, many other Cadillacs appeared, including two early '80s coupes covered in white flowers behind the stage.



Later in the set, a parade featuring floats and Cadillacs made its way across the football field while Beyoncé sang Dolly Parton's classic, *Jolene*.





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'65 CADILLAC ON DRIVING TOUR IN CHINA BY HARRY CLARK CLASSIC PROMENADE

***It is illegal to have a car older than 15 years old on the roads in China,
unless it is imported for a collector car tour!***



Who would have guessed that we would be weaving our massive 1965 Cadillac Eldorado through scooters, brown cattle, herds of solid black goats and random chickens whilst attempting to follow somewhat vague driving directions through China. But let's not get ahead of the story.

Spending ten days in November 2024 participating on a collector car tour through Hainan Island, China was a unique experience. The opportunity was presented through the online marketplace prewarcar.com and the proposition was too good to pass up. The organization would pay for the transport of a qualified and accepted pre-1970 collector car from a major port to China and back. In addition, the cost for the event was reasonable. My wife, Heather, and I just needed to ship the car from the Phoenix, Arizona area to the Los Angeles port and get ourselves to Hainan Island.



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The communication from the organizers was not clear nor plentiful, but luckily for us the owner of prewarcar.com, Laurens Klien, had been on several of these tours and was our intermediary. His communication was excellent. And since prewarcar.com is located in the Netherlands, nearly all of the 60 older cars on the tour were from either Belgium or the Netherlands. There were no other Americans on the tour and few anywhere we traveled.

We selected the 1965 Cadillac Eldorado because we wanted to use a car that was distinctly American, as well as imbued with the benefits of air conditioning, power everything and other creature comforts the Eldorado offers. Comfortable it was, fuel efficient, agile and small it was not. This was a five-day 800 mile tour held over ten days, when including the ceremony and organizing days.

The event started at the JW Marriott in Sanya, which is very comparable to Hawaii or Florida. The architecture is spectacular and most every aspect of the experience was that China is a very modern and sophisticated country. Most all of the sleek modern cars, buses and scooters were electric, silently maneuvering through the wide and modern roads. There were several brands of Chinese cars that have stunning design, incredible comfort and impressive electronics. This is not a backwards, agrarian country.

The opening ceremony was in the main beachfront plaza and open to the public with throngs of Chinese and Russian tourists enjoying the celebration. Live music, a red dancing dragon performance and at least one million photos were taken.





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There were about 35 cars from 16 countries ranging from a 1926 Bugatti Type 37 and a 1928 Cadillac V8 Convertible Coupe to a 1973 Porsche 911 2.7 RS, and then there were an additional 30 cars from eager Chinese participants.



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Outside of the cities we still caught a glimpse of the China of old with the rickshaws stacked with bags of coconuts, rice farmers working in the fields and the farm animals scattered everywhere, including in the middle of the streets and freeways!



Half of the island showed signs of a catastrophic typhoon that had hit a couple of months earlier, with trees fallen nearly everywhere. In the middle of this impacted region, we passed the Chinese satellite launch facility which looked much like the Kennedy Space Center facility. Throughout the tour we saw literally hundreds of huge empty high-rise buildings only half finished that had been abandoned, with no reasonable hope to ever be completed, a sign of a country with nearly unlimited resources trying to figure out how to continue its prosperity.

At the beginning and end of each day the organizers set up an entire ceremony site, always with music and an emcee, stages, flags, red carpets and seating for the audience. The Chinese certainly love their ceremonies and no opportunity was missed to offer one. Fortunately, the organizers were consistently brief in their remarks.



The food overall during the event was excellent Chinese fare, with wonderful aromas and flavors. Hainan Island offers a continuous bounty of fresh seafood as well as a seemingly unending offering of vegetables, pork and chicken. Needless to say, Heather and I did not go hungry throughout our stay.



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The end of the tour was also in Sanya and had a very long and enjoyable concluding ceremony. Awards were presented to nearly all of the participants and the public was invited to take photos and mingle with us. The Chinese people are very warm although there are few English speakers and little ability to communicate. Heather and I were presented with an award from the Organizing Committee,

perhaps for carrying with us through the tour a wonderful Dutch couple who became fast friends. I also was awarded Most Fashionable Gentleman, most likely because I had the guts to wear a *Barbie* pink-linen sport coat at the opening ceremony dinner. The overall winner was awarded to a well-deserved and hard-working couple of Dutch guys with a 1974 DAF Army Jeep (pictured below left), which can go equally as fast in forward and reverse!





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Overall, this was an incredible experience that would be impossible for us to duplicate. It was a pleasure and honor to represent the U.S. in this small way, learn so much about China and see it through a completely different set of lenses. China is impressive, formidable, advanced and in many ways, trying to figure itself out. There are no signs of old-school communism and nearly everyone is an employee or entrepreneur. It is a very safe, albeit controlled country, with amazing strengths and clear challenges. We look forward to the next opportunity to join in on a collector car tour in China!



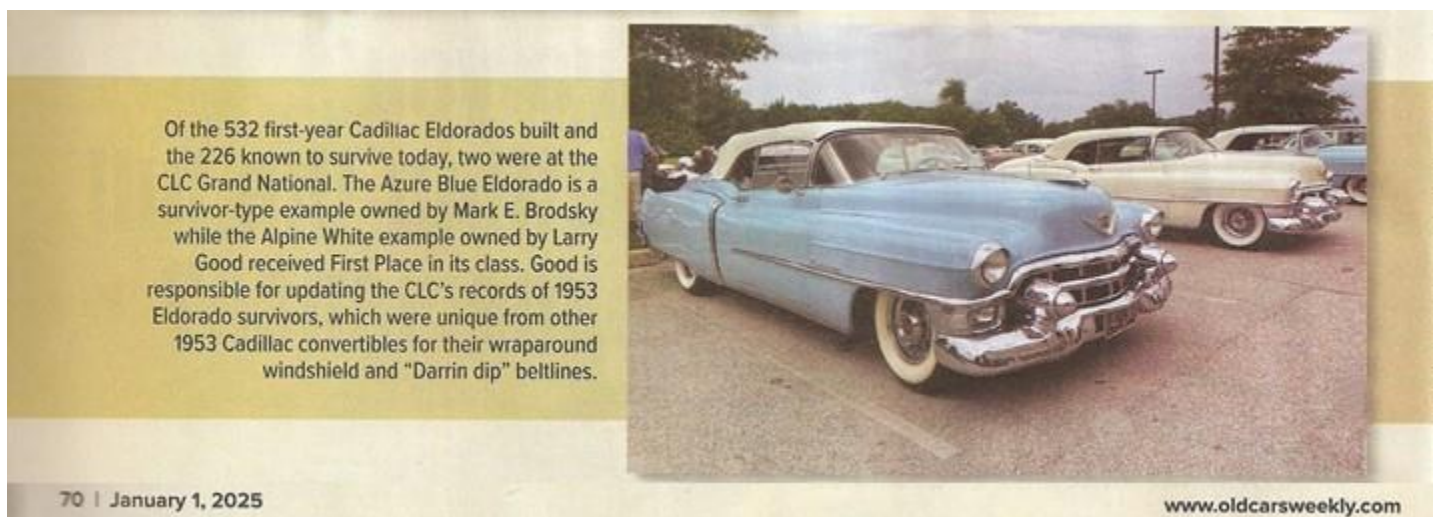


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**1953 CADILLAC ELDORADOS FEATURED IN OLD CARS
BY VINCE TALIANO
PHOTO SOURCE: OLD CARS
JANUARY 1, 2025**

Congratulations to Mark E. Brodsky and Larry Good for having their 1953 Eldorados featured in 2024 CLC Grand National coverage in the January 1, 2025 issue of **Old Cars** (see below). Larry was further recognized for his efforts as a historian of 1953 Eldorados.



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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 Hart at 414-690-0900 or [send email](#) – Located in Greenfield, WI

SOLD



NEW ARRIVAL 1954 Cadillac Coupe Deville – 77k miles – Authentic restoration completed – Numbers matching to frame – Body stripped down to bare metal and painted the original colors of 16 Apollo Gold with black top – Painted base coat / clear coat in 2012 and still looks great – All exterior stainless was buffed and the rear bumper and hood goddess ornament were re-chromed – Engine was rebuilt and detailed in 2017 as well as the Hydramatic transmission – Runs great – NOS fuel pump and rebuilt water pump installed – Radiator was pressure tested and painted – New front end wiring harness was installed in 2020 – Starter and generator rebuilt – Recently installed new period correct battery – Interior was redone in vinyl and original cloth material purchased at SMS interiors – Reupholstered in trim code 67, light green Crest cloth with dark green vinyl not leather – [See pictures and more details](#) – **Reduced to \$39,000 obo** – For more info, contact Gary DellaVecchio at 203-870-5248 or [send email](#) – Located in Oxford, CT



NEW ARRIVAL 1963 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible – Same owner for the past 30+ years – 85,000 miles – Palomino Iridescent exterior (code 47) with black leather interior and tan top – Runs pretty well but needs some TLC – Original condition with no known major issues – [See pictures](#) – **Reduced to \$12,500 obo** – For more info, contact Randy Hart at 443-205-0296 or [send email](#) – Located in Baltimore County, MD



NEW ARRIVAL 1965 Cadillac Coupe Deville – 119K miles – Original Central Maryland car – Two-owners – 850 miles since 429 C.I. engine rebuilt/re-bored – Original chrome and stainless – All power – Matte black finish w/saddle and black interior – Mag wheels – New tires and battery servpro – A/C updated and all new, needs refrigerant – Garaged always – Owner's manual and service records available – **\$12,000 obo** – For more info, contact Debbie Taylor Glaser at 240-447-2857 or [send email](#) – Located in Central Florida



NEW ARRIVAL 1979 Cadillac Eldorado – Approximately 125k miles – Two-owner car, with the same owner since 2001 – Purchased with 88.5k miles from the vice president of a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio and driven to Maryland – Two tone blue & silver paint – Body has some rust – Nice chrome bumpers – Leather interior (driver's seat has a tear but other seats look fine) with tilt & telescopic steering wheel – AM/FM radio with 8-track player – Original 350 CID V-8 Oldsmobile engine – Fuel injection replaced with a carburetor to pass emissions – Daily driver until 2015 when it started smoking out of the tailpipe (might be the valve seals) – Still running well and very dependable at that time – Repair paperwork available since 2001 plus owner's manual, factory shop manual and electrical troubleshooting manual – Clear title – Included is a complete 1983 Eldorado Biarritz parts car with clear title plus two sets of wire hubcaps – [See pictures](#) – **\$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Robert Lewis at 301-246-4278 or [send email](#) – Located in Nanjemoy, MD



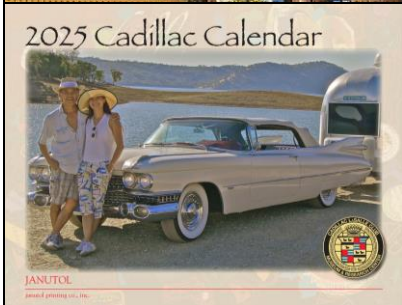
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Miscellaneous Items For Sale



1986 Empire Comfort Systems Garage Propane Heater – Output capacity 77,000 BTUs – Thermal efficiency 77% – Last used about ten years ago – Buyer will need to dismantle and remove – [See pictures](#) – **\$350 obo** – For more info, contact Herb Nunnally at 410-442-1647 or [send email](#) – Located in Marriottsville, MD



2025 Cadillac Calendar – Includes CLC Potomac Region's Kyle Lampela's 1976 Eldorado Convertible (July) and Gary Cameron's 1992 Eldorado (December) – **\$15** – [Order online](#) – Proceeds benefit the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center


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