



# **Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

## **Potomac Region**

### **Caddie Chronicle**

## **February 2013**



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At the 2013 CLC Winter Board Meeting, the CLC Awards Committee voted in favor of creating a special certificate to honor Pat Caruso's memory. Pat, who died last year at the age of 45, was the CLC's first winner and only two-time winner of the CLC Website Excellence Award as webmaster for the Raritan River Region. The framed certificate will be presented to Raritan River Region representatives at this year's Grand National, who will pass it on to Pat's mother. Thanks to Gary Fisher and Martina Butler, co-chairs of the Awards Committee, and to the members of the committee. Special thanks to Bob Crimmins for championing this worthy tribute.

I received a nice email from Gup & Lulu Gascoigne letting us know that they appreciate our best wishes for their speedy recovery. As reported in the December issue, they were involved in a serious car accident on the morning of Thursday October 11th on their way to Hershey. Gup reports that Lulu continues to make steady progress. It is their goal to attend the Grand Nationals this year in Boston. As part of Gup's "therapy", he has taken on a 1948 Cadillac Series 7523X needing a drivetrain!

Our 2013 membership drive is still underway. There are still a number of 2012 region members who haven't renewed with our region for 2013. Those region members have been contacted and encouraged to renew. For those members who haven't renewed yet, this will be their last issue of the ***Caddie Chronicle*** until they renew. If members are unsure of their Potomac Region membership status, please contact us and we'll let them know.

I am happy to report that we have a date for our 2013 Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac. It will be held on Sunday May 5th. More details to follow in the next issue of the Chronicle!

*Vince Taliano*



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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



December 22, 2012

Hi Vince,

I have been enjoying my electronic copies of the Potomac Region newsletter. Thanks for the nice welcome in a recent issue, and I'm sorry to see the recent loss of some longtime members.

I have had a lot of fun driving my '56 Caddy around this past summer. It attracts lots of attention. I met one gentleman at a diner who worked on the Cadillac body and trim line from 1954-69, and as a line supervisor from 1969-85. He was able to provide some interesting information.



In June, my girlfriend and I went to her native Colombia to visit her family and the Amazon River area. We spent a week in Bogota, a city of about eight million with very bad traffic. I kept watching for a Cadillac, but saw nary a sign of the fabled marque during the whole week. I asked a couple people about Cadillac cars, but they didn't seem to have ever heard of that make. The majority of the cars there were smaller Chevys, followed by Renault, some of which were vintage models. There was a good helping of Ford, Toyota and Hyundai models, as well. Large trucks seemed to be mostly Dodge. Gasoline was sold by the gallon (they still have Esso) and was somewhat more expensive, but not a lot. I saw one nice GMC pickup, circa 1950, and one nice Chevy, circa 1960. The only consolation for the dearth of Cadillacs was that the airport is named El Dorado!

One more thing I remember about my trip to Colombia. One Sunday afternoon we went out to a town nearby to Bogota to get some ice cream and look around. I noticed that a lot of people had raised the hoods of their cars and I wondered what was going on. A few minutes later I saw a priest making his way through the crowd, dispensing holy water as he went. Then I noticed he was also sprinkling holy water on the engines of the cars! I thought that was pretty cool.

Regards,

Hans Decker  
Arlington, Virginia



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#### 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Feb 7-9 Fri-Sun		AACA Annual Meeting	Philadelphia PA	<a href="http://www.aaca.org">www.aaca.org</a>
Feb 17 Sun	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant Linthicum MD	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or <a href="mailto:vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org">vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org</a>
Feb 24 Sun	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Old Car and Train Day	The Clement Home Fairfax VA	Sandy and Clem Clement at 703-830-5597, 571-239-1701 or <a href="mailto:clem.clement@cox.net">clem.clement@cox.net</a>
Mar 1-3 Fri-Sun		40th Annual Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction	Atlantic City NJ Convention Center	G. Potter King, Inc. at 800-227-3868 or <a href="http://www.acclassiccars.com">www.acclassiccars.com</a>
Mar 9 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	40th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD	Tom Young at 410-653-3108, <a href="mailto:tbirdtoms60@verizon.net">tbirdtoms60@verizon.net</a> or <a href="http://www.chesapeakeaaca.org">www.chesapeakeaaca.org</a>
Mar 16 Sat	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Potomac Region Visit to USA Parts Supply	USA Parts Supply Kearneysville WV	R. Scot Minesinger at 703-283-2021 or <a href="mailto:rsctm@cox.net">rsctm@cox.net</a>
Mar 18 Mon	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Potomac Region Monthly Meeting	Silver Diner Merrifield VA	Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or <a href="mailto:vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org">vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org</a>
Mar 23- 24 Fri-Sat		43rd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet and Auction (NEW LOCATION)	Carroll County Agriculture Center Westminster MD	Robert Clubb at 301-829-2000 or <a href="mailto:smraaca@aol.com">smraaca@aol.com</a>
Apr 4-7 Thu-Sun		AACA Southeastern Division Spring Meet	Charlotte, NC	704-841-1396 or <a href="http://www.hnr-aaca.org/AACA-Meet---Charlotte.html">http://www.hnr-aaca.org/AACA-Meet--- Charlotte.html</a>
Apr 24-28 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or <a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">www.carsatcarlisle.com</a>
Apr 28 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Spring Fever Classic & Custom Car, Truck, and Tractor Show	Fauquier High School Warrenton VA	Chris at 571-437-3752 or <a href="mailto:fhsbandcarshow@faulquierband.org">fhsbandcarshow@faulquierband.org</a>
May 5 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	22nd Annual Capitol Cadillac Spring Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Car Show: Dan Ruby at <a href="mailto:danruby@clcpotomacregion.org">danruby@clcpotomacregion.org</a> or 301-894-8026 Automobilia Auction: Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or <a href="mailto:vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org">vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org</a>
May 18 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 24th Annual Spring Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or <a href="mailto:artarchambeault49@gmail.com">artarchambeault49@gmail.com</a>
May 30 – Jun 1 Thu-Sat		AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	<a href="http://local.aaca.org/gettysburg/2013national.html">http://local.aaca.org/gettysburg/2013nation al.html</a>
Jun 3-7 Mon-Fri		CLC National Driving Tour	Starting from San Francisco CA	<a href="http://www.cadillaclalasalleclub.org/images/NDT_Brochure-Flyer_Crater_Lake_and_More.pdf">http://www.cadillaclalasalleclub.org/images/ NDT_Brochure- Flyer_Crater_Lake_and_More.pdf</a>
Jun 8 Sat		24th Annual Orphan Car Tour	Starting from Williamsport MD	Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, <a href="mailto:TourDirector@orphancartour.org">TourDirector@orphancartour.org</a> or <a href="http://www.orphancartour.org">www.orphancartour.org</a>
Jun 23 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region's Car Show	Delaware Cadillac Wilmington DE	<a href="http://www.vfrclc.org/calendar.html">http://www.vfrclc.org/calendar.html</a>
Jul 13 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	7th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or <a href="mailto:artarchambeault49@gmail.com">artarchambeault49@gmail.com</a>
Jul 31- Aug 3 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National	Boston MA	<a href="http://www.nerclc.com/grandnational">http://www.nerclc.com/grandnational</a>

More events will be added each month.

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# Potomac Region Visit to USA Parts Supply

On Saturday March 16, 2013 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Potomac Region members are invited to tour USA Parts Supply in Kearneysville, West Virginia. USA Parts Supply is one of the preeminent Cadillac parts suppliers in the country. When USA Parts Supply was first started in 1990, they were the only company to offer a complete and comprehensive Cadillac Catalog. They've grown a lot since then, but they continue to be a one-stop source for classic Cadillac parts and accessories, or as they say it, **"From Bumper to Bumper, We've Got What You Need!"**

During a tour, there will be knowledgeable personnel employed by USA Parts Supply along with club members that may be able to help diagnose any problems that members' Cadillacs may be suffering. In addition, USA Parts Supply will offer discounts on parts (excluding kits such as engine re-build kits) from 5% to 10% for club members that day, plus no shipping and handling costs. As an added bonus, attendees will have an opportunity to tour a warehouse that houses a large quantity of Cadillac used parts recently purchased from a renowned collector in Texas.

The club will provide lunch for all attendees. To help with the planning for the event including the lunch order, club members will need to RSVP, if they plan to attend, by Saturday March 7th via phone or email to R. Scot Minesinger, Activities Director, at 703-283-2021 or [rscotm@cox.net](mailto:rscotm@cox.net).

**USA PARTS SUPPLY**  
304-724-6600  
1800-872-2013  
261 INDUSTRIAL BLVD  
KEARNEYSVILLE, WV 25430

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**JANUARY 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES  
BY SANDY KEMPER**

**PLACE:** Springfield Country Club, Springfield, VA  
**TIME:** 1:30 PM

**PRESIDING:** Region Director Vince Taliano

**ATTENDANCE:** Byron & Alida Alsop; Tom & Marianna Alsop; Mike & Vicky Barruzza; Roger Bentley & guests: Don Hibbard, Ben Thompson; George & Rita Boxley; Randy Edison; Mike Fahey; Derrick Fisher; Franklin Gage; Lynn Gardner; Jim & Brenda George; Debbie Taylor Glaser; John Guazzo; Jack & Nancy Hotz; Ronnie & Becky Hux; Sandy Kemper; Tom McQueen; Bob Mantz; Scot & Carolyn Minesinger; Mary Moscati & guest, Jane Phillips; Dan Mullane; Bob Norrid; Joe Palmore; Vern Parker; Chuck & Debbie Piel; Harry & Julia Scott; Margo Sisson; Richard Sisson; Eugene Woodruff and Sonya Sobrian

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:** Vince Taliano thanked everyone for attending, especially Mike & Vicky Barruzza, Jack & Nancy Hotz and Ronnie & Becky Hux, who traveled from New Jersey and Pennsylvania to attend. As a thank you, the Region provided with them with a token of our appreciation. The Region offers our condolences to our Membership Director Debbie Taylor on the recent passing of her sister.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The 2012 Calendar Year End financial report was presented. Below is a summary of the Total Income, Total Expenses and Liability for 2012.

Income	(Jan - Dec 2012)	(Jan - Dec 2011)	Difference
Total Income	\$8,965.39	\$9,834.02	(\$868.63)
Total Expenses	\$6,446.76	\$8,112.60	(\$1,665.84)
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$2,518.63</b>	<b>\$1,721.42</b>	<b>\$797.21</b>
Liability (pre-paid dues)	\$3,540.00	\$4,100.00	(\$560.00)

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Our current 2013 membership total is 187 members. There are still over 20 2012 CLC Potomac Region members who have not renewed their region membership for 2013. Some have indicated that they won't be renewing because of various reasons and some are ineligible to renew because their national CLC membership has become inactive. Starting soon, those region members who are eligible to renew will be contacted and encouraged to renew. If you are unsure of your Potomac Region membership status, please contact us and we'll let you know.



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

**1. Recent Events:**

- **23rd Annual East Coast Indoor Nationals, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD, Sat-Sun, Dec 1-2.** Charles Gillet participated, but it's not known if he won any awards.

**2. Upcoming PR Events:**

- **Trip to USA Parts, Kearneysville, WV, Sat, Mar 16th, 9 am-1 pm.** Scot Minesinger has arranged for another drive and tour to USA Parts. We held this activity in February, 2011 and there has been interest in doing it again. More details will follow in the next newsletter.
- **Annual Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sun, May 5th.** More details to follow

**3. Other Upcoming Events:** The following events were mentioned:

- **25th Annual AACA Bay Country Region's Winter Parts Meet, Cambridge MD, Sat, Jan 26th**
- **AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia PA, Thu-Sat, Feb 7-9**
- **40th Annual Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, Fri-Sun, Mar 1-3.** Jack Hotz provided some details about this event.
- **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL, Fri-Sun, Mar 8-10.** This year's show will include concept cars from Cadillac and the two 1955 Motorama LaSalles from the Joe Bortz Collection.
- **40th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, Sat, Mar 9**
- **43rd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 29-30.** This is a new location for this meet which is popular with our members.
- **2013 Re-Discover America CARavan, May 4-26, 2013.** Byron Alsop announced that he expects to participate in his 1936 Cadillac on this cross-country tour from New York City to San Francisco run by the CCCA.
- **AACA National, Eastern Spring Meet, Carlisle, PA, Thu-Sat, May 30-Jun 1.** Already there has been talk among our members about participating in this meet.

**4. Valley Forge Region Upcoming Events.** At Vince's request, Ronnie Hux described some of the events that the VFR will be holding in the upcoming months including their Delaware Cadillac Dealer Show in Wilmington, DE scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd. Ronnie suggested traveling on Route 1 as an alternate to taking I-95 to Valley Forge Region events.



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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **CLC Winter BOD meetings:** The CLC and the CLCMRC board meetings and associated activities were held on January 11-12, 2013 in Denver, CO. National Director Jack McClow attended and will provide a report in the next newsletter. However the biggest news came out of the CLCMRC board meeting. With a near unanimous vote, the board approved a motion to proceed with construction of the new museum in Hickory Corners. No exact date for completion was stated, but based upon the discussions at the meeting, it's anticipated that the new museum building could be completed within 18 months.

**NEW BUSINESS:** George Boxley introduced the newest CLC National Member in our area, Joe Palmore.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 2:00 PM** at Snyder's Restaurant, Linthicum, MD

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

<b>2013 Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum Calendar Order Form</b>									
<p>Please send check or money order (sorry, we're unable to accept credit cards) made out to the CLC Museum &amp; Research Center, Inc. (U.S. funds only), indicating quantity desired to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLC Calendar Sales</b> <b>PO Box 6447</b> <b>Plymouth, MI 48170-8447</b> <b>USA</b></p> <p>Copies of the order form are accepted</p> <p>Coming soon—order via PayPal at <a href="http://CadillacLaSalleMuseum.org">CadillacLaSalleMuseum.org</a> <b>Proceeds benefit the Cadillac &amp; LaSalle Club Museum &amp; Research Center</b></p>	<p>Still only <b>\$15</b> each</p> <p><b>SHIPPING FEES</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">United States</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$2 each calendar</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Canada/Mexico</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$2.25 U.S. each calendar</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">All other countries</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$3.50 U.S. each calendar</td> </tr> </table> <p>_____ Calendars x \$15 each      \$ _____</p> <p>Shipping fees      _____</p> <p>Total      \$ _____</p>	United States	\$2 each calendar	Canada/Mexico	\$2.25 U.S. each calendar	All other countries	\$3.50 U.S. each calendar	<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>CITY _____</p> <p>STATE _____ ZIP/POSTAL _____</p> <p>COUNTRY _____</p>	
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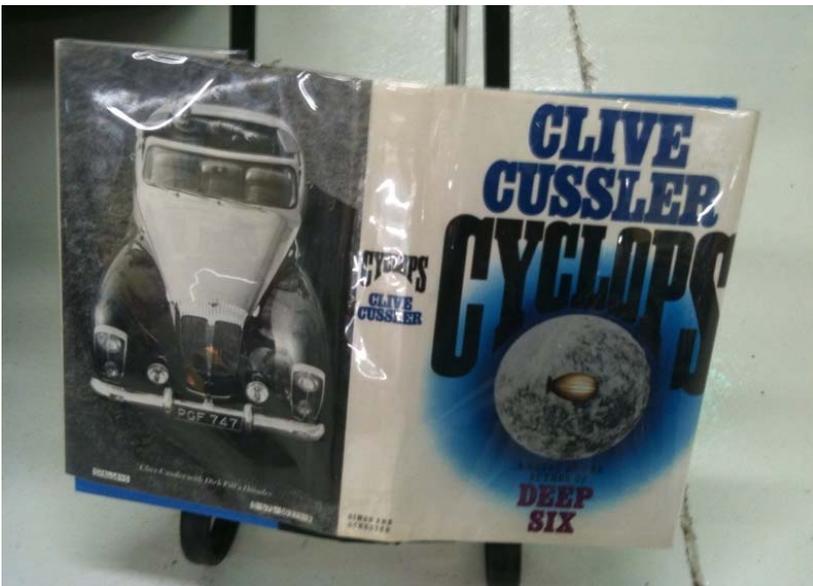


## **2013 CLC WINTER BOARD MEETING WESTMINSTER (SUBURB OF DENVER), COLORADO STORY & PHOTOS BY JACK MCCLOW**

I recently returned home from the Cadillac & LaSalle Club (CLC) and CLC Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC) Winter Board Meetings in Westminster, Colorado. This was my tenth consecutive winter board meeting event. Every single one of them has been as different from the one before, and this year it was certainly no different. Thanks to the tireless efforts & long range planning of Tim Coy, Southwestern Regions VP, and his many, many assistants from the Rocky Mountain Region, we enjoyed three fun-filled and jam packed days of sightseeing, car collection tours, and productive club business activities.

As is the tradition, the CLCMRC board meeting is always held on Friday afternoon and the CLC board meeting is held on Saturday, but many of us have made a custom of arriving a few days early in order to participate in the planned activities the local host region arranges for us. This year, for our pleasure and enjoyment, the Rocky Mountain folks had several events planned for us spread over the three days of our visit.

### **Thursday January 19th**



The touring began Thursday as we traveled by coach to the Clive Cussler Automotive Collection ([www.cusslermuseum.com](http://www.cusslermuseum.com)). This private collection of over 100 spectacularly preserved or restored automobiles is owned by the renowned author, Clive Cussler. Many of the cars in his collection have been featured in his books and, when this is the case, a copy of the book can be found sitting on the running board or nearby the featured vehicle (pictured left). This collection is open to the public during the spring through fall months, and should be on everyone's bucket list of things to do.

Our next stop was to see the collection of long-time local region member Rod Brewer, whose amazing variety of mostly Cadillac automobiles encompassed a large range of unique and very interesting vehicles. For those who enjoy non-Cadillac automobiles as well, Rod had a small collection of amazing 1955-56 Chrysler 300 letter cars, one of which was playing music for us through the factory installed under-dash record player. I have seen a number of mid-1950's Chryslers with the somewhat rare record player option, but I have never heard one in action. The sound was actually very amazing, especially considering the age of the equipment. It even knew how to restart the recording on its own; that part in particular I found truly noteworthy.



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After lunch at a local landmark, we headed to the city to Longmont, Colorado to view the private collection of Stephen Tebo, a local legend in the real estate market, who is unofficially known as the “Donald Trump of Denver.” Mr. Tebo has amassed a truly incredible collection of over 400 collector and special interest cars, including a recent addition, the 1964 Cadillac Miller-Meteor Hearse that carried the body of John F. Kennedy from Parkland Hospital to Air Force One at Love Field following his assassination in Dallas (pictured right).

Mr. Tebo’s collection is not generally open to members of the public, so I was especially pleased to be able to see all of his amazing vehicles for the first time. I had heard about this collection for many, many years, but was never sure I would have the opportunity to be able to enjoy a tour. In addition to maintaining the perfect environment for the storage and viewing of so many extremely special cars, another unique feature for this special collection is that every single one of the cars in the collection is ready to be driven with no more than a moment’s notice.





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There is a small circle of colored paper with a special code on it affixed to one of the headlights of each vehicle in the collection. The color of the circle and the code dictate the sequence in which the vehicle is exercised on a quarterly basis. Every single vehicle in Mr. Tebo's collection is removed from the museum every three months and driven on a ten mile course around the area to ensure the vehicle's reliability and road-worthiness. This process is carefully structured by a team of volunteers who have proven their ability to be able to operate a very wide range of vehicle types. I was told the waiting list to be a volunteer for this quarterly adventure is very, very long. If I lived anywhere near the Denver area, I know for sure I would be waiting for a vacancy to open up for myself.

## **Friday January 20th**

On Friday morning we were back on our tour coach once more, this time for a tour of the home of past Denver socialite, Ms. Molly Brown. She is famously known as the "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" for surviving the Titanic shipwreck. "It's a small world" as in our group was our very own Bob Crimmins, whose great uncle, James Crimmins, was a fireman onboard the Titanic. When the order to abandon ship was given, James was sent to man one of the last lifeboats to leave the great ship. Onboard the lifeboat was Mrs. John Jacob Astor. She helped to save Mr. Crimmins from freezing while he was helping to save the others (coming straight out of the boiler room he was wearing only light-weight clothing) by ripping her fur muff in length and wrapping it around him until the Carpathia arrived to rescue them all 4 ½ hours later..



Just a few blocks away from Molly Brown's home is Denver's oldest Cadillac dealership, Rickenbaugh Cadillac (pictured above). It has been at the same downtown site since 1944. Thanks to Service Manager Blaise Flaherty, an active CLC member of the Rocky Mountain Region, we enjoyed a top to bottom guided tour of the facility, parts of which retain some characteristics of the dealership from back to the 1950's. While on tour, we noticed a beautiful early Cadillac in the showroom along with two "elderly" Cadillac automobiles in the service department undergoing routine service. This dealership prides itself on all forms of maintenance for all years of Cadillacs, which helps to maintain the heritage of the most famous of the American luxury cars now as much as it did when it opened its doors almost seventy years ago.



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#### **CLC Museum and Research Center Board Meeting**

After lunch at the historic Union Pacific Railway station, we headed back to the Westin hotel for the CLC Museum and Research Center executive board meeting. The meeting started promptly at 4:00 PM. The biggest news of the two board meetings that I attended came out of the CLCMRC board meeting. With a near unanimous vote, the board approved a motion to proceed with construction of the new CLCMRC museum at the Gilmore Complex in Hickory Corners. The building will be based upon a 1948 General Motors design (pictured right).

Approval was also given by the board to authorize the contractor, Groves Construction, to proceed with producing a firm contract and build



Our new building design was inspired by the Pemberton Cadillac building in Toledo, Ohio in 1948.

proposal. It should be noted that this construction firm has already built the Model A Museum (completed this past September) building on the Gilmore grounds, and will most likely be the firm that will build the Lincoln Foundation Museum building that will be adjacent to our CLC building. Construction on the Lincoln building should begin within the next few months. This construction firm has a history of quality construction, excellent workmanship, and no issues concerning cost overruns. The feeling at the CLCMRC board meeting was that the construction of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club museum building should/could benefit, financially, if it is or can be done in conjunction with the construction of the Lincoln museum building as there would be "an economy of scale that might benefit both the contractor and our construction budget" if the two museum buildings could be constructed simultaneously. No exact date for completion was stated, but it is expected that the new CLC museum building should be finished and the museum itself open and running in no more than 18 months. The first step of the process is to spend \$85,000 to have the necessary detailed architectural and engineering specifications and blueprints prepared. Then the contract for the construction will be signed. The estimated cost for construction is not to exceed one million dollars. The CLCMRC has already invested approximately \$26,000 in infrastructure improvements to the building site in anticipation of our construction project.

At the present time, the building fund holds approximately \$600,000 in current assets, with another \$150,000 to be coming in over the next year or two or three as the result of current pledges. It is estimated there could be as much as \$250,000 in additional funds waiting on the sidelines, which will be forthcoming once the construction of our museum building has begun. It is hoped even more donations will be forthcoming once word spreads of the impending construction.



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Any shortfall in needed construction funds will be secured via either bank loans or direct loans from CLC members, paid at a 4% annual rate, to be repaid over the span of six years. The thought is based on the assumption that there are many CLC members with certificates of deposits currently paying in the 1% range. As these certificates mature, the hope is that between eight and ten CLC members will opt to purchase, each, a six-year \$25,000 certificate with the CLCMRC at the considerably higher annual rate of 4%.

After the new museum building is constructed and ready to open, it is estimated it will cost approximately \$70,000 per year to operate the CLCMRC on an ongoing basis. This figure does not include any interest payments paid on either the loans held by CLC members or loans from any financial institution that may be used to secure the funds, if additional funds are found to be necessary to finish the construction of the building. The \$70,000 annual operating budget is comprised of:

- 1) \$40,000 for on-going operating expenses paid to Gilmore for basic maintenance of the entire facility, general lighting, payroll and related expenses for the Gilmore staff, and basic lighting costs,
- 2) \$10,000 in utility costs for lighting and HAVC usage, and
- 3) \$20,000 for general operating expenses of the CLCMRC itself

Currently, the CLCMRC has over 6,000 items in the museum's archives, along with 17 automobiles (16 Cadillacs and one LaSalle) ranging in years from 1931 through 1991, and one 1939 chassis.

Other business discussed at the board meeting involved a detailed listing of the significant donations that have already been made to the CLCMRC or donations that will be made as future estates are settled. **As of this time, only approximately two percent of the CLC members have made a donation toward the construction of the new CLCMRC building. There is still time to donate to this worthy cause!** Also, a number of current CLC members have made arrangements to one day donate a variety of items or financial instruments to the CLCMRC, ranging from classic Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles, to literature and memorabilia, to mineral rights designed to benefit the continued future of the CLCMRC.

The next CLC event at the Gilmore Museum will be held the weekend of September 27–29, 2013. This will be the fourth annual CLC Weekend at Gilmore, and it is hoped by the time this event rolls around, a solid beginning to our new CLCMRC building will be well underway.

The Gilmore Museum Complex has been experiencing an unprecedented growth spurt of late. In addition to our own soon-to-open Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum, there is the recently opened Pierce-Arrow Museum, the recently opened Franklin Museum, the recently opened Model A Museum, and the soon to open Lincoln Foundation Museum, which will be our closest neighbor. Also, the Gilmore Complex has now become a year-around operation thanks the newly opened Automotive Heritage Center which is the new cornerstone for the complex with a new entrance, new and improved parking facilities, and completely new focal point. Please visit [www.gilmorecarmuseum.org](http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org) for more information on the Gilmore Complex. At approximately 6:00 PM, the business of the day was finished and the meeting was brought to a close.



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### **Saturday January 21st**

#### **CLC Board Meeting**

At 8:00 AM sharp on Saturday morning, about 40 CLC board members were ready to get started on club business under the direction of CLC President, Dr. Lars Kneller. The meeting went exceptionally smooth. I was pleased to see a number of younger (younger than me anyway) faces sitting around the table who are becoming seriously involved for the first time in club business. I have had a number of discussions with those who worry, with justification I do feel, that clubs such as ours may one day find themselves unable to carry on unless there are new and energetic members ready to come on board and to keep the club going. Well, if I was concerned before I am not so much anymore. It was just wonderful to see a number of newly active members attending the meeting and beginning to have their voices heard.

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

- Current membership is 7,167. Slightly down from last year, but holding relatively steady. A fine trend considering we have reports from other clubs similar to ours which are experiencing declining membership trends for several years running.
- Revenues (dues) for the most recent fiscal year (ending September 2012) are down somewhat (approximately \$20,000) from the prior fiscal year ending September 2011. This is most likely due to members switching from first class service mail service to the less expensive periodical rate. This is having the expected result of causing the net income to decrease by approximately the same amount, resulting in a loss for the fiscal year just ended of approximately \$15,000 compared to a loss of less than \$1,000 for the previous fiscal year.
- The club is in very good financial shape with liquid assets of approximately \$420,000.
- Due to a combination of steady membership and excellent management of the club's finances, no increase in dues will be necessary or considered for this coming year. Congratulations to all those CLC members who have and continue to manage the club so well.
- Compliments to Richard Sills for his assistance in the area of establishing the definitions for our tax exempt status on our line items.
- The authenticity manual for the 1971-76 Cadillac cars (excepting Eldorado and Seville models) has now been completed and will be available for sale starting next month.
- The authenticity manual for the 1959-60 Cadillac cars will hopefully be completed by the end of 2013.



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- A beta version of an on-line registration form for Grand Nationals, National Driving Tours, and the Gilmore Weekend Event is nearing the point where selected board members will be encouraged to use it for this year's Grand National in Boston event registration. If the new program is successful in this limited, trial run, then the on-line registration system will be made available to the entire membership for the 2014 Grand National.
- In the 55 history of the CLC, the club has had only two Treasurers: Ansel Sackett from 1958-90 and Larry Lesiger from 1990-present. Larry has indicated he would like to retire effective with the close of the Grand National in 2014. With his pending departure, the club is beginning its search for a new Treasurer. Please contact Lars if interested.
- For the 2013 Grand National, 250 rooms have already been booked for the peak night, Friday. Approximately 90 rooms are still available for that evening. This is shaping up to be a very popular and well attended Grand National. Anyone making plans to attend should secure their hotel reservations as soon as possible. The host hotel, the Quincy Marriott, is a wonderful hotel with an abundance of parking spaces and other arrangements that will lend themselves to our big event just perfectly. Those of us who attended the 2012 Winter Board Meetings had the opportunity to experience this grand hotel in advance. This will be a Grand National event you will not want to miss, and for all those of us from the Potomac Region, it will entail a relatively easy drive of approximately 460 miles.
- The 2013 National Driving Tour will be held in June in mid-to-northern California.
- 2014 Grand National will be in Lake George, New York, just this side of the Canadian border.
- 2014 National Driving Tour will be in the northern portion of Indiana.
- 2015 Grand National will be held in the town of Brookfield, Wisconsin, located approximately 14 miles west of Milwaukee.
- 2015 National Driving Tour will take place in the Detroit, Michigan area and will run in conjunction with the world famous Woodward Dream Cruise.
- 2016 Grand National will take us back to the great city of Las Vegas, Nevada.

With all business decisions made and all the committee reports filed, it was time to bring the meeting to a close. In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the Rocky Mountain Region who worked so long and hard to make our meetings this year such a wonderful experience, especially Tim Coy, Cindy Rutledge and their band of happy and friendly helpers. They went out of their way at every turn to be sure we all enjoyed every minute of our time (you guys are the greatest!) Yes, there was some super cold weather as those of you who watched the Saturday afternoon Baltimore Ravens vs. Denver Broncos NFL playoff game could see (it was down to three degrees when we left the hotel the following morning), but the camaraderie and the hospitality of the Rocky Mountain folks was as warm and as inviting as could be. We look forward to a great spring and summer of classic car driving ahead!



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**2013 POTOMAC REGION HOLIDAY PARTY  
STORY BY VINCE TALIANO  
PHOTOS BY BOB NORRID AND CHUCK PIEL**



**Left to Right: Bob Norrid, Dan Mullane  
and Scot Minesinger**



**Left to Right: Jane Phillips, Harry Scott  
and Mary Moscati**

On January 20, 2013, the Potomac Region's Holiday Party was held at the Springfield (Virginia) Country Club. Members Scot & Carolyn Minesinger, who are also members of the country club, hosted the event. Last year's holiday party plus our 40th Anniversary Party in 2009 were also held at this wonderful location. Thanks to nearly perfect January weather, we had a record turnout for an event held at this location, 44 attendees. The attendees included Jack & Nancy Hotz, Ronnie & Hecky Hux and Mike & Victoria Barruzza, who traveled from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. As a thank you, the Region provided each couple with a Cadillac and LaSalle lapel pin as a token of our appreciation.



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For this year's event, a silent auction of Cadillac-related items, many of which were donated by Jack McClow, Scot Minesinger, Mary Moscati and Dan & JoJo Ruby, was added. Attendees bid on many of the items and the winners took home many unique and interesting items (pictured left). All in all the club collected over \$200 from items sold.

An abbreviated meeting was held to bring everyone up to speed with national and local events. The 2012 year-end financial summary was presented, as well as the latest on our 2013 membership drive. The highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the CLCMRC's plans to proceed with construction of the new museum at the Gilmore Complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This news was provided via Jack McClow's report from the CLC Winter Board Meetings. Jack was supposed to attend the holiday party and present his report in person, but a bad cold kept him home. The region had made arrangements in advance with Bob Norrid to surprise Jack at the holiday party with a cake to celebrate his recent 60th birthday (pictured below). Since Jack was unable to attend, we called him on the phone and everyone sang Happy Birthday to him.



Thanks to the Minesingers for hosting another great event at their country club, and thanks to everyone who attended.





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**1956 ELDORADO BIARRITZ SURVIVOR ROSTER  
STORY AND PHOTO BY LOU COMMISSO**



## *1956 Eldorado Biarritz Roster*

*Body #1827 from Norway*

Check out the home of the 1956 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Survivor Roster at <http://1956eldorado.blogspot.com/>. In 1956, Cadillac built 2,150 Eldorado Biarritz convertibles. The goal of this roster is to document all of the ones that have survived. Vehicles are compiled by exterior color. Descriptions will accompany each picture to help differentiate each car. Body numbers, option codes and vehicle history will be used when available.

On February 2, 2013, three cars were added to the site, all from South America (two from Brazil and one from Venezuela). Brazil now has five Eldorado Biarritz on the roster. The fascinating part is that all five cars were restored by the same restoration company in Brazil called Phoenix Studio. This shop specializes in American Classics, especially Cadillacs. The owner shared many pictures for the roster. Visit the site and check them out!



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## CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars For Sale

**1921 Cadillac Suburban** – 7 seater \* 4 door \* Type 59 – V-8, Engine Number 59V487 – 31.25 Brake Horsepower/79 Horsepower – Primer fuel caps – Air Compressor in lieu of fuel pump attached to gear box could be used to inflate tires – 132" wheelbase \* 25" wheels with 12 spokes \* 2 spare tires – 4,350 lbs \* CID 314.5 cubic inch – Set of tools including air pipe, pressure gauge and more – Factory installed metal roof – Original "tilt" steering wheel – Automatic Spark Control – 2 jump seats – 2 interior lights – Nickel plated accessories – 5 pull down window shades – Front bumper (an accessory for those days) – Motometer radiator cap – Mounted flower vase – Parking lights with magnifying glass for brighter side vision – Cadillac Manuals and Build Sheet – Complete Ownership History – 1st Place Award 2012 Grand National – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/21cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$45,000 obo** – For more info, contact Brando at 813-917-9205 – Car is located in the Tampa, FL area

**1968 Coupe Deville** – 61,488 miles – Black with white vinyl top – Original maroon leather with maroon decor cloth interior – 100% complete, but not running – Good bones for restoration – Will include replacement hood and right front fender – See pictures at – <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/68cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Jeff Seifert at 301-873-4095 or [jseifert@instructech.com](mailto:jseifert@instructech.com) – Car is located in Gaithersburg, MD

**1976 Eldorado Convertible** – 100% complete – Not running – **Asking \$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Randy at 301-270-7663 (w), 301-657-4544 (h) or [denchroof@aol.com](mailto:denchroof@aol.com) – Car is located in Takoma Park, MD

### Parts Wanted

**Rear Fender Spears for a 1947 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible** – For more info, contact Robert Schilling at [47makeover@gmail.com](mailto:47makeover@gmail.com)

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