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Another beautiful Cadillac at Motor Muster
by Elden Smith

THE 1958 FLEETWOOD SIXTY SPECIAL shown on the cover was part of the Motor Muster multitude at Henry Ford's Greenfield Village on June 14–15. It belongs to Ralph Boyer of Livonia MI (CLC #19154).

For those who have not attended Motor Muster, it is worth the \$25 admission that includes both Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum. Participation in the show is by invitation only, but it is fairly easy to receive an invitation. Display vehicles may not be modified or customized. The selection committee likes odd or unusual vehicles. Cars of the 1930s usually receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

Plan ahead for 2015—Motor Muster always occurs on Fathers' Day weekend.



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www.facebook.com/pages/Cadillac-Lasalle-Club-of-Northwest-Ohio/141332016021534

President's Message

by William Shepherd

RECENTLY, I WAS THINKING ABOUT what cars I thought were “beautiful,” and why I thought they were. I worked at separating my opinion from the current new car sales efforts we are all constantly bombarded by. I also worked at separating my opinion from various benchmark vehicles that exist in the old car hobby.

I'll admit right off that I have a bias for '54-'56 Cadillacs, and maybe the ten model years right before that time. So to be objective, I carefully considered everything else. My approach was to eliminate what I'm not crazy about, and then consider the rest. I'll also acknowledge that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. You might very well disagree with my assessments. So no nasty-grams, please.

New and recent model cars all look like they spend their down time in the automotive equivalent of a health club. They are way too angular and compact. I think automobiles should have curves more so than sheet metal biceps. Cars from the mid '60s to mid '70s had the same linearity, just spread out on a longer chassis.

Cars from the '80s are too boxy. For a younger generation, many of whom think of an automobile as a commodity like a microwave, the '80s is where the microwave met the automotive drivetrain. No wonder our Region has few examples from the '80s.

Cars from the 1900-1910 era were motorized carriages. A utilitarian device with a motor attached. An early version of '80s cars. No great beauty to be found here.

Cars from the late '70s were the change from opulence to reality. The oil embargo made riding like a king or queen less important, especially if your wallet could only pay for half of the trip in a gas-guzzler. The transition was rarely described with the word “finesse.”

Cars from the 1910s and the 1920s were designed by engineers. The engines, brakes, transmissions, and other systems became better. The body was a container for all that improved engineering. Engineers are creative and logical, but often not artistic. Cars of this era reflect that.

Who doesn't love cars from the '50s? They have such personality—the automobile version of someone to join

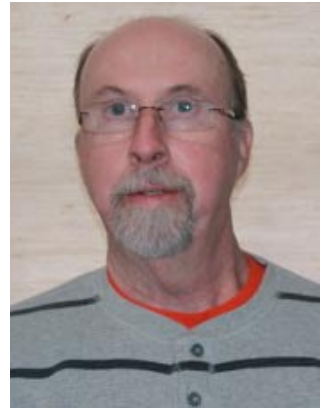
you for dinner or your favorite entertainment event. But personality and beauty aren't the same, and we're searching for beauty here. Besides, by the late '50s and early '60s, cars were becoming garish. The automotive personalities became more flamboyant and less friendly.

Cars from the early '30s were the transition from engineered vehicles to designed vehicles. They are like '20s cars with a good make up artistic working on them. A few gems and a few nice features, but a lot of styling that didn't quite work.

Cars from the late '30s have art deco design going for them. Many nice lines frequently punctuated by such hiccups as fender mounted spare tires. Some classic configurations, such as the pony car long hood and short trunk, had their origins in the late '30s. Most of the high water marks of European design sprang from the late '30s.

So I think I've figured it out. I need (that's right—need) a late '30s car with NO fender mounted spare tire in the design, and the kind of long hood one could only get with a V-16. I guess that would be a Cadillac. I'd avoid the boxy 4-door sedan in favor of a two-door coupe or convertible. I sure hope my wife isn't listening.

I'll see you on the Cadillac road.



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Make your own window card!

by Elden Smith



Cadillac
Standard
of the World

DID YOU EVER NOTICE that owners/drivers seem to vanish at many cruise-ins? Perhaps they take off when they spot friends or fellow car club members, when they notice other folks who own the same or similar make/model, when they want to find the restroom after a lengthy drive, or when they are ready for a snack and a beer.

Just when you begin to inspect a displayed car that you would like to know more about, no one is available to fill in the blanks. Maybe you merely want to tell the owner how much you like his or her vehicle. Maybe you would like to ask questions. I know a person who gave display advice to another participant, and at this judged show she made the minor alteration he suggested. Then she beat him in the judging! Personalized window cards may open conversations and initiate friendships.

Car shows are usually different than cruise-ins in this identification aspect because show organizers ordinarily provide window cards that offer a small amount of data. I have a nosey streak, and I would like to know more about the pedigree of vehicles on the show field than the meager information offered in the window when the owner is absent.

Recently I created (with the help of my Macintosh) a window card for my Allanté that includes a collection of data. For each of the seven years that Cadillac made the Allanté, I list engine displacement, transmission, wheelbase, horsepower, torque, production, and base (factory) price. I included the photo that Barbie Shepherd took of me standing behind my car, and the crest for both Cadillac and Pininfarina. Naturally, I incorporate the year of my car plus my name and city of residence. A picture of this window card appears below. (I realize now that I missed curb weight.)

With much of the car show and cruise-in season remaining, I encourage

readers to make their own window cards. I also offer to help anyone interested. It is fun and informative for owners to learn more about their cars. Owner's manuals, the CLC international directory, and any number of publications provide information you might have forgotten or did not know.

Sometimes uninitiated spectators walk through a cruise-in or show. These folks are occasionally timid about asking owners for information about their cars. Owners like "show and tell." We relish the chance to show the virtues and peculiarities of our vehicles. Sometimes we brag. Let a window card launch the conversation for you. Even a reticent show participant can become a "ratchet-jaw" with a little help.



1991 Cadillac Allanté
owned by Elden Smith
of Sylvania, Ohio.



Allanté 1987-1993

Body by Pininfarina of Cambiano, Italy—Chassis and assembly by Cadillac (Hamtramck, Michigan plant)

	Engine	Transmission	Wheelbase	Horsepower	Torque	Production	Base (factory) price
1987	4.1 liter	4T60	99.4	170	235	3,366	\$54,700
1988	4.5 liter	4T60	99.4	170	235	2,569	\$56,533
1989	4.5 liter	4T60	99.4	200	270	3,296	\$57,183
1990	4.5 liter	4T60	99.4	200	270	3101	\$57,183
1991	4.5 liter	4T60	99.4	200	270	2,500	\$60,800 HT / \$55,250 CV
1992	4.5 liter	4T60	99.4	200	270	1,931	\$62,790 HT / \$57,170 CV
1993	4.6 liter Northstar	4T80	99.4	295	290	4,670	\$59,975 CV
Total						21,433	

Activities Report

by George Louthan, Vice-president, Activities Director

JUNE WAS GREAT KICKOFF TO SUMMER.

The June picnic at the Shepherds' was a great success with twenty-five members and associates in attendance. All had a great time, and no-one went away hungry.

Cruising is my specialty. As you know I am a great cruise fan, especially to those small towns. You meet new friends in the hobby and get to see cars you don't always otherwise see. On June 12 our scheduled cruise was to Blissfield MI. The weather was great for a top down affair. Mary Ann and I took advantage of it as we cruised old Rt. 223 through Sylvania and on to Blissfield. Tom Tapp cruised with us in his '78 Eldo. and we met the two Bob Stahls there. After viewing the cars on display we all had dinner at a local restaurant. Five people had a great time. What were you doing?

This month activities include The Toledo Vintage Show on July 12.. This is a club sponsored event and I urge you to attend if possible. You will not be disappointed. See flyer on page ten.

This month's cruise will be on July 29 to Genoa. We will gather at Great Eastern Shopping Center, Woodville Road. near McDonalds at 5:15 and drive to Genoa

from there. Please join us for an enjoyable evening, if you can—weather permitting.

The schedule is as before except that I am adding another cruise meet. August 7 we will cruise to Pemberville for another fun evening. I have been there before and it is a great meet. Details will follow.



Trivia—by George!

I took June off from trivia as we prepare to combine three households to the new house and I had little time for the research. I sympathize with Elden on this moving thing. That brings me to July.

July Trivia

Most of us are familiar with the more modern era Cadillac Seville models produced from 1975 to 2004. These were produced to compete with similar models of Mercedes and BMW, and did so with some success. This was not the first time Cadillac used the Seville name on a production car. Can you name this Cadillac model and the years it was built? If you think you have the answer, E-Mail me or Elden your answer.

Upcoming Events For Northwest Ohio CLC

July 8–12 (Tuesday through Saturday)

CLC Grand National Meet, Lake George NY

July 12 (Saturday)

Toledo Vintage Show (CLC/NWO sponsored)
Original/restored over 30 years of age.

July 29 (Tuesday)

Evening cruise to Genoa

August 7 (Thursday)

Evening cruise to Pemberville

August 19 (Tuesday)

Evening (super) cruise to Wauseon

September 13 (Saturday, CLC/NWO sponsored)

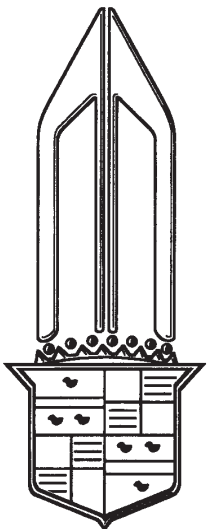
Taylor Classic Cadillac Show at Taylor Cadillac

September 23–27 (Tuesday through Saturday)

CLC National Driving Tour in Indiana

October 18 or 25

CLC/NWO crank down tour (to be determined)



Minutes of June 7 meeting

by Phil Vrzal

Call to Order Adjournment/Attendance

- President Bill Shepherd called this meeting to order at 1:53 and adjourned it at 2:18 at the annual CLC picnic at the Andrew and Barbie Shepherd home on Bucher Road. Fourteen members and ten associates attended. Fifteen Cadillacs proudly driven by members glistened in the sun and invited inspection along with the Shepherd family vehicles on display.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting There were no previous minutes requiring approval.

Summer Meeting Dates and Venues

- CLC/NWO meetings are scheduled at 7:30 on the second Wednesday of the month at Taylor Cadillac on Central Avenue. Meeting dates are scheduled for July 9, August 13, and September 10.

Open Issues/Old Business

- Andrew Shepherd gave the treasurer's report. The current balance after deducting all costs is \$965.51.
- George Louthan had no additions to the listing of activities suggested for the summer and fall months posted in the newsletter. He took a headcount of those planning to attend the June 12 Blissfield cruise-in and the later trip to Cadillac Research in Dexter, MI
- The membership total enumerated by Steve Kasprzak remains at 38 active members.
- Andrew Shepherd noted that Barbie Shepherd has constructed a CLC/NWO organization page on Facebook. More details later.
- Alan Haas and Elden Smith were not able to attend for the CLCMRC construction report and newsletter commentary respectively.
- Toledo's Fourth Annual All Vintage Car Show will be held Saturday, July 12, Margaret Hunt Senior Center at Arlington and South Detroit Avenue. Bill Shepherd asked volunteers to contact George Louthan. Details and registration forms are included in this newsletter (see page ten). This event continues to be supported by six major car clubs in the Toledo area.
- The Thirteenth Annual Taylor Cadillac Show is scheduled a week later this year. It will be held on Saturday, September 21.
- Bill Shepherd read e-mail replies from Lars Kneller, CLC National President and Gary Fisher, Regional VP re: Grand National related items. This was in response

to our May meeting discussion, thoughts, and reservations on hosting a 2016 Cadillac Interregional and a Grand National later. A summary from both e-mails follows.

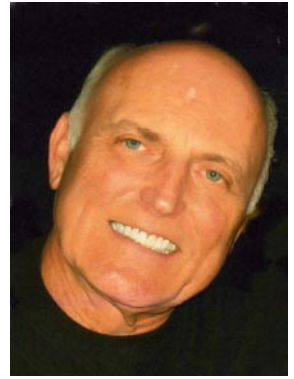
CLC National is willing to help in key areas like hotel selection but their negotiator must be the first point of contact with the hotels.

National has a person who would do registration for us and does an excellent job. She has managed these tasks now for at least three Grand Nationals. Lars wouldn't be concerned about the weather. The odds are the weather will be nicer here than down south, and we've had successful GNs in Georgia and Florida in recent years. We want to host GN's when kids are off school to make it easier for families to attend. That is a key to growing younger membership. Re: the conflict of more than one person being in charge Gary and Lars agree that the key to everyone getting along is having one chief, and the remainder willing to work through and with that person. If there is more than one person that wants to run the show you do risk conflict.

- **New Business**

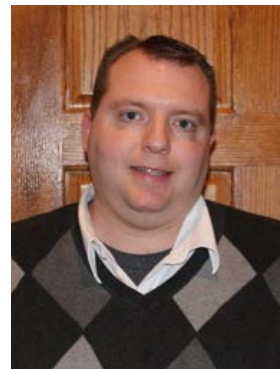
There were no new business topics.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Phil Vrzal.



Treasurer's Report by Andrew Shepherd

Balance May 15	\$1258.98
Newsletter expenses	-\$34.74
Picnic expenses	-\$258.73
Balance June 23	\$965.51



Car shows are a sensory treat, experience

by Elden Smith

CAR SHOWS ARE MORE THAN VISUAL EVENTS. I love to see the old cars, but it is also a treat to hear, smell, and feel them.

At my favorite car show of the year (Motor Muster at Greenfield Village in Dearborn MI), I experienced two reactions. First, I found myself looking over the show field(s) of 800-plus cars not to mention the many trucks, commercial vehicles, bicycles, velocipedes and more. I wanted to say aloud, “Those are not old. I remember when many of them came out.”

This year’s Motor Muster honored the Mustang on its fiftieth anniversary. There were sixty-eight of them displayed. Motor Muster even displayed a Mustang prototype and the first production Mustang. It seems like yesterday that I bought a 1965 Mustang off the Moorhead Ford (Mansfield OH) showroom floor.

I chatted with another person of senior status (like me). We recalled, in our youth, being able to distinguish the sounds of motors, transmissions, and exhausts as either Fords or Chevrolets. Fords from the 1930s—and some of the later ones—had a distinctive engine-exhaust rumble. Chevy transmissions of a comparable time commonly had a unique whine.

Further, we remembered the war years when people nursed their old cars to keep them running until new or newer ones became available. Blue smoke from the exhaust meant that you needed a valve and ring job because your heap burned oil. Black smoke meant that the engine was running too rich and needed a tune-up. We rarely think about such things with modern cars because they are much more sturdy, durable, and reliable.

Brocade upholstery—usually high in nylon and rayon content—bears little or no comparison to mohair or velour for that musty, old-car odor that true car aficionados cherish. Though it possesses few smell characteristics, the slick feel of the brocade was a real treat after the itchy feel (to a child) of wool/mohair—a full thirty years before soft velour made an appearance. I cannot recall how many years it has been since I owned a car with anything but leather seats.

That takes care of the sounds, smells, and feel of the old car hobby. As for taste, few shows or cruises lack the universal presence of the hot dog to round out the sensory experience.



Pictures from the June 14–15, 2014 Motor Muster

Top: 1937 Cord

Middle: 1940 Packard 120 owned by Jeffrey Bladow, West Bloomfield MI

Bottom: A few honored Mustangs

More pictures follow on page 8.

A pictorial reprise of the 2014 Motor Muster
pictures by John Nagel



This 1938 Fleetwood 60 Special belongs to Daniel Bazner (CLC #19022) of Dearborn MI.

John and Linda Bertolone (CLC #457) of Sterling Heights have owned this LaSalle 5219 for twenty-nine years. It has a flathead V-8 engine (322 cubic inches, 130 horsepower).



This is a fine example of a 1962 Imperial sedan. This Imperial conjured up a bit of humor at the expense of Chrysler engineers. The Chrysler Company, which often boasted that it “over-engineered” its products, was the butt of many jokes in 1962.

People sometimes remarked that the engineers made a small but significant error, forgetting to plan taillights into the design. To compensate for their mistake, they welded two flashlights to the rear fenders.

The Editor's Inbox

I just got the date of this year's Church of the Cross Fun Fest that includes a car show. It is Sunday, September 21, and it will be our Third Annual. Last year was my first year to handle the car show and it was rained out—only twelve cars showed up. The first year I understand there were fifty or more.

I will get more information soon but, until then, would you please list the date and location in our list? The church is located at 1750 Eastgate Road, Toledo 43614.

Fred Schaefer



Remember this? Hopefully this will stay away for a while!

Favorite 1941s

Three of these photographs are from various years of Motor Muster. The fourth, bottom left, is a New Jersey convertible sedan listed on E-Bay.



Toledo's Fourth Annual *All* Vintage Car Show

Held on the grounds of
The Margaret Hunt Senior Center and Area Office On Aging
at Arlington & South Detroit Avenue

Restored—Originals—Classics

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Show hours 11:00–3:30

Registration 9:00–11:00

This is a charity event.

Net proceeds of event will be donated to
The Margaret Hunt Senior Center & Students for Other Students.



50/50 raffle

Supporting clubs: Buick, Cadillac-LaSalle, Vintage Chevrolet,
Model A, Pontiac-Oakland, Veteran Motor Car Club of America

GREAT FOOD—INSIDE DINING—DOOR PRIZES—MUSIC

*Best of show trophy + second and third runner-up trophies
1st place trophies for each class as voted by registered car owners*

Classes are as follows:

0–1927/ 1928–1934/ 1935–1940/ 1941–1948/ 1949–1954/ 1955–1960/ 1961–1970/ 1971–1984

Vintage truck 1910–1984/ Vintage sports car 1910–1984/ Modified stock 1910–1984

Cars must be 30 years or older & 90% of the original production auto

Pre-registration donation: \$10.00 by July 1, 2014

Registration at door: \$12.00

(one free lunch ticket to first 30 pre-registered cars)

Mail Pre-Registration To: George Louthan
2754 Bradford Drive, Toledo OH 43614
(Make Check Payable To: Margaret Hunt Senior Center)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Club _____

Class _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

I do hereby release Students for Other Students, Margaret Hunt Senior Center, Area Office on Aging, Lucas County,
and all persons affiliated with this event from any loss, liability, or damage that may occur to me, my associates, or my
property in conjunction with this event.

Signed _____ Date _____

Partial list of shows from K-100.com
for July through August

Thursday, July 10

River Raisin Car & Bike Festival in downtown Blissfield. Hours are 4–8. Information: 734-775-5593.

Saturday, July 12

Toledo's all vintage car show at Margaret Hunt Senior Center and Area Office on Aging at Arlington and South Detroit. Contact Dave at 419-874-8903.

Saturday, July 12

Onstead Kiwanis Car Nationals and Craft Show at MIS. Gates open at 7:00. Information: 517-467-2558.

Saturday, July 12

Classics on Main Car Show in downtown Bowling Green. Online registration at www.downtownbgohio.org. Information: 419-354-4332.

Sunday, July 13

The Lingenfelter Classic Car Show on Main Street, Brighton, MI. Information: 248-486-5342.

Sunday, July 13

Frisch's Big Boy, 3537 Secor Road, Toledo. Free registration from 11:00–12:00. Show: 12:00–2:00

Saturday, July 19

Route 66 Car Show at Cass Road Baptist Church, 1400 Cass Road, Maumee.

Sunday, July 20

Rally for the Cure Classic Car Show at Matthews Ford, Oregon, 2811 Navarre Avenue, Oregon. Hours 10–2

Sunday, July 27

Our Lady of Toledo Shrine car show, 655 Coy Road, Oregon. Registration \$5 from 10–noon. Show noon–2.

Saturday, August 2

Eighteenth Annual Milan Fest Car show, Milan, MI. Show hours 11:00–3:30.

Saturday, August 2

Downtown Perrysburg, Inc. Cruise by the River classic car and motorcycle show. Hours are 10–2, downtown Perrysburg. Registration \$10 day of show, \$5 in advance.

Sunday, August 3

Bar 145 Car Show, 5305 Monroe Street, Toledo. Registration 10–noon, show 10 until 2.

Sunday, August 10

AAA Car and Truck show, 7150 West Central Avenue. There are only 275 spaces available! Pre-registration is \$8; Registration the day of the event is \$10.

Sunday, August 10

UAW Local 12 Car Show & Trade Fair, noon until 3, 2300 Ashland Avenue, Toledo, \$10 entry fee for car show and trade fair.

Saturday, August 16

Pharaoh's Car Club of Swanton annual car, truck, and motorcycle show, Swanton Corn Festival. Rain or shine at Swanton Memorial Park on Main Street. Registration 9–1, show until 3.

Saturday, August 16

Woodward Dream Cruise! Info: 248-546-1573.

Saturday, August 16

Pemberville Free Fair Car Show. Starts at 9:00

Sunday, August 17

Regency Plaza Car Show, corner of Central & McCord. Free registration from 10–noon. Show noon–2.

Sunday, August 17

Second annual show at Toledo Memorial Park, Monroe Street, Sylvania. Show hours are 10–2. Rain date is August 24.

Saturday, August 23

Toledo Door & Window annual Summer Cruise-in. Registration at 2:00, awards at 6:00. \$10 registration,

Wednesday–Sunday, August 27–31

Auburn Collector Car auction, Auburn Auction Park, off I-69. Info: 260-927-9797.

Sunday, August 31

Jerry Lewis MDA Car Show, Medical Mutual on Sylvania Avenue, east of the Franklin Park Mall.

Check www.k100country.com for late listings and changes.

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Member items for sale

1953–55 Eldorado wire wheel rims—need restoration. First \$100 takes them home.

Contact George Louthan:
419-754-4454 or gelouthan@bex.net

Show your CLC/NWO colors—wear our region's logo



Left:

Large CLC/NWO logo embroidered onto your jacket
\$125 plus tax: total \$133.44

Right:

Small CLC/NWO logo embroidered onto your jacket, shirt, hat, or whatever you like
\$35 plus tax: total \$37.36

Editor's note:

To order these logos, e-mail jharry3456@bex.net or telephone 419-882-6258. Advance payment in the form of a check required.



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For Sale by Attorney for Estate

1977 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz coupe, 128,000 miles, sunroof option, 425 cubic inch engine, automatic; runs, shifts, and stops well, white half-padded vinyl top over white body; interior is white leather with red carpet, red dash with no cracks, and red seat belts.

Needs four fender extensions. Surface rust about one inch wide on all sides of the sunroof, a little surface rust on top of left fender, and at bottom of sail panels. Paint otherwise in generally good shape, and vinyl top is in very good shape.

To close the estate, the price is \$1,500 or best offer.

J. P. Smith, Attorney for the Estate. Call 419-244-0991.

