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The Valley Forge Region meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA at 7:30pm. If you can't be there in person, the meeting is available via Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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# Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
July 2nd	11A-3P	Drive Out Addiction Car Show	310 2nd St Pike Upper Southampton, PA	Alan@goldsteinfuneral.com
July 3rd	10A-3P	Rebels & Redcoats Classic Car Show	River Rd Washington	<a href="#">Event Website</a>
July 4th	8A-12N	4th of July Breakfast Show	Silver Diner Cherry Hill, NJ	Steve 609-790-6544 <a href="#">Oldgoatclub.com</a>
July 4th	12N-3P	The Philly Balloon	Glenmore, PA	<a href="https://phillyballoonfest.com/car-show-registration/">https://phillyballoonfest.com/ car-show-registration/</a>
July 9th	8 A- 1:30P	Muscle up Against Cancer	475 Virginia Dr. Fort Washington, PA	<a href="http://www.2022muac.org/">http://www.2022muac.org/</a>
July 9th	9A-2P	East Penn Modifiers	Quakertown Farmers Market	eastpenmodifi- ersclub@yahoo.com
July 10th	9A-2P	G&R Campground County Seat Cruisers	4075 Gun & Rod Club RD Houston, DE	Levin Clark 302-500-1128
July 10th	10A-2P	All American	2021 N Black Horse Pike Williamstown, NJ	For more info call 865-417-2669
July 16th	9A-12N	County Seat Cruisers	Marvel Carriage Museum Georgetown, DE	<a href="http://">http://</a>
July 17th	9A-3P	All GM powered Car Show	Elkins Chevrolet Marlton, NJ	<a href="https://www.lakescorvetteclub.com/">https:// www.lakescorvetteclub.com/</a>
July 24th	9A-2P	Becky Scott memo-	Mainline Shopping Cen- ter Cinnaminson, NJ	George Ferris 856-304-3734
July 30th	1P-5P	Lansdale's 150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Memorial Park 300 East Main St Lansdale, PA	akrauss@lansdale.org <a href="#">Event website</a>
July 30th	11A-3P	Customer Appreciation Day Car Show	301 Travel Plaza	<a href="#">Event website</a>



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Aug 5th-7th		Das Awkscht Fescht	Macngie, PA	<a href="https://awkscht.com/">https://awkscht.com/</a>
August 6th	11A-2P	Classic Car Cruise-In	St. Mark's High School Wilmington, DE	Call 302-983-6966
August 6th	9A-3P	Swedeland Fire CO. 6th Annual Car Show	609 A Street King of Prussia, PA	Fasttrackmotor- sports@netzero.net
<b>NEW DATE!</b> August 13th	10A-2P	CADILLAC CORRAL CAR SHOW SPONSOR JOE PULEO	2670 ALLAIRE ROAD WALL TOWNSHIP , NJ	<a href="https://www.amcomc.org/">https:// www.amcomc.org/</a>
August 14th	8A-3P	46 <sup>th</sup> Collectors Car Show & Flea Market	Macungie Memorial Park Macungie, PA	<a href="http://www.firstpamustang.org/">http://www.firstpamustang.org/</a>
August 27th	2P-6P	Pottstown Classics Car Club	42 Chapel Ln, Boyertown, PA	<a href="http://pottstownclassics.org/">http:// pottstownclassics.org/</a>
September 4th	11A-3P	Norristown Police Car Show	920 Haws Ave Norristown, PA	Www.norristownmaen nerchor.com
September 10TH	9A-2P	34th Haddonfield Car Show	57 East Kings Hwy Haddonfield, NJ	<a href="https://ankokas.com/calendar.cfm">https://ankokas.com/ calendar.cfm</a>
October 2nd	9A-3P	All GM Car Show	111 Barto Rd Barto, PA	Call Sandy 610-367-6664
October 15th	9A-2P	Fort Mott State Park Car Show	454 Fort Mott Rd Pennsville, NJ	rockysts@hotmail.com
October 16th		VFR Lahaska Show	Peddlers Village	Michael Stinson
Oct 30- Nov 4 Thu-Fri		CLC National Driving <a href="#">Tour Visit website</a>	Starting Location: Virginia Beach, VA	Dave Rubin at 914-980-6776
November 13th		VFR Banquet	Pennsauken Country Club	Jack & Nancy Hotz jackscaddy@aol.com
December Date TBD		VFR/DV-CCA	Desmond Hotel Malvern, PA	More Details to Come



Greetings. Happy Summer! The car season is in full swing, and like previous years, I'm not ready! I leave for the Grand National in Lombard, IL in three days, and I still have to clean the car, buy supplies, review the CLC Judging Manual and, oh yes, pack!

Speaking of Lombard, Robert Schles and I are caravanning together... he in his 1947 sedan (with Sarah), and I in my '76 Fleetwood. We decided there is no time for a visit in Cleveland. We will stop, eat, sleep, and press ahead on Tuesday morning. We will cover the GN activities and show and provide highlights in the September issue of *The Goddess*. Speaking of *The Goddess*, how do you like the new Goddess logo on the front cover? That is all Robert! Let us know what you think.

In the meantime, please join me in thanking Glenn Brown for his four years of service as President of the CLC. He effectively led the national club with humor, patience, and determination, especially considering the unprecedented challenges he faced over the last three years. A heartfelt congratulations to VFR's own Ronnie Hux, the new CLC National President! His 30+ years of experience in sales, service and dealer management at Cadillac, combined with his years of service and dedication to the Club will ensure his (and the Club's) success. Congratulations and Best wishes Ronnie!

Our VP and *Goddess* Editor, Robert has been especially busy! In addition to his day job as Editor and his graphic arts hobby, Robert and VFR's other technical Wizard Jeff Hansen have developed a way for VFR members to share profiles of their cars at shows and events utilizing the Internet! Check out the details on page 13 of this issue. It is an exciting way to share our cars with other hobbyists, promote the VFR, and we are offering this as a free benefit to VFR members now!

Robert also shares with us how to adapt 1940s 6-volt automotive electrics to charge 21<sup>st</sup> century electronics! Read Robert's easy-to-follow instructions for an inexpensive conversion on page 22.

VFR Board members and neighboring CLC regions are busy with local and regional events. Don Miller organized our Spring Brunch on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Desmond, which was enjoyable for those who attended, despite a stormy morning. Don was also M.C. at the Delaware State Police Museum annual car show on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of this event are on page 14. An updated calendar of local and regional events is on pages 2 and 3.

The second Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Region Meet and Show will take place at the AACA Museum on August 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Participants may tour the museum and a Mustang Show being held there on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>; the group will go to one or two local restaurants for dinner. A peer-judged show will be held on Sunday. Details and registration form are on pages 7 and 8. This event will require assistance from you, our members. We need help with collecting & tracking registrations & payments, coordinating food, activities, judging, and awards. I have heard from only two members so far. Contact me and let me know how you can help make this event a success.

Lahaska is back! With a twist. VFR-CLC will host its show at Peddler's Village on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, along with an annual show hosted by the Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners' Club (LCOC). Each club will host and run their own judged show side-by-side. Both shows will be open to all makes and models. Details and registration forms will be sent in July.

I hope you enjoy the member car stories in this month's issue. Share *your* car story in *The Goddess* by emailing a draft to Robert at least one month in advance of the publication date. He will collaborate with you to edit your article for grammar, punctuation, spelling, conciseness, and word-count.

#### National News:

- The 2023 National Driving Tour will be September 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, starting in northeast Indiana and ending in Northwest Ohio. It will end just before the 2023 Fall Festival in Kalamazoo MI. The annual CLC-MRC Fall Festival is scheduled for Sept. 22-24 at the CLC Museum & Research Center, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI.

As you can see, there is a lot going on, and several opportunities to get involved and meet other club members. Let us hear from you! Thank you all for your comments, suggestions, and continued support. Keep your CLC family in your thoughts and prayers, along with your immediate family. Please stay *well!*

Your (Frazzled) Director, *Michael Stinson*



# VFR MEETING NEWS

***I would like to second Michael's announcement and congratulate VFR's own  
Ronnie Hux, the new CLC National President!***

The **VFR Annual Summer Brunch** was held on June 12th. Don Miller tells us "After a stormy start for the day, the Valley Forge Region had a very successful summer brunch without our pride 'n joys. Everyone had a chance to "talk cars" and enjoy a great meal and fellowship that our club is known for. There were 18 members attending the annual event. The Desmond Hotel staff was at there best as usual. No one went hungry. Members from North Jersey and Lancaster, PA came out in the stormy morning rain. By noon the clouds departed and it turned out to be a beautiful spring day".

## ***Highlights of Upcoming Activities and Events for 2022!***

The next **VFR monthly meeting** is on Tuesday **July 19th** at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA Overnight driving tour to visit the **Greenberg Cadillac Museum** in Brookville, PA. on **August 2nd-3rd**. See page 6 for details.

**RESCHEDULED FROM AN EARLIER DATE AUGUST 13th**: Raritan River Region's Joe Puleo is hosting an annual Cadillac Corral Car Show for the Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County (NJ). Details are available [www.AMCOMC.org](http://www.AMCOMC.org). See flyer on page 25.

The **2nd Annual Cadillac & LaSalle Club Inter-Region Meet** and show will be held again on **August 20th-21st**. We will again gather at the AACA museum. See page 7 for details.

A **meet-up/cruise-in to Gateway Classic** <https://www.gatewayclassiccars.com/> dealership in West Deptford, NJ. Gateway Classic Cars hosts a cars & coffee on the last Saturday of each month from 9-noon. They have a new marketing program, where a local car club is a "featured club" each month. The featured club receives a \$10.00 per car donation for each club member who attends the cars & coffee, up to \$200.00. Scheduled for 9a-12p **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Mike Marchese [mpmarchese@aol.com](mailto:mpmarchese@aol.com) or Michael Stinson [michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com) if interested in attending.

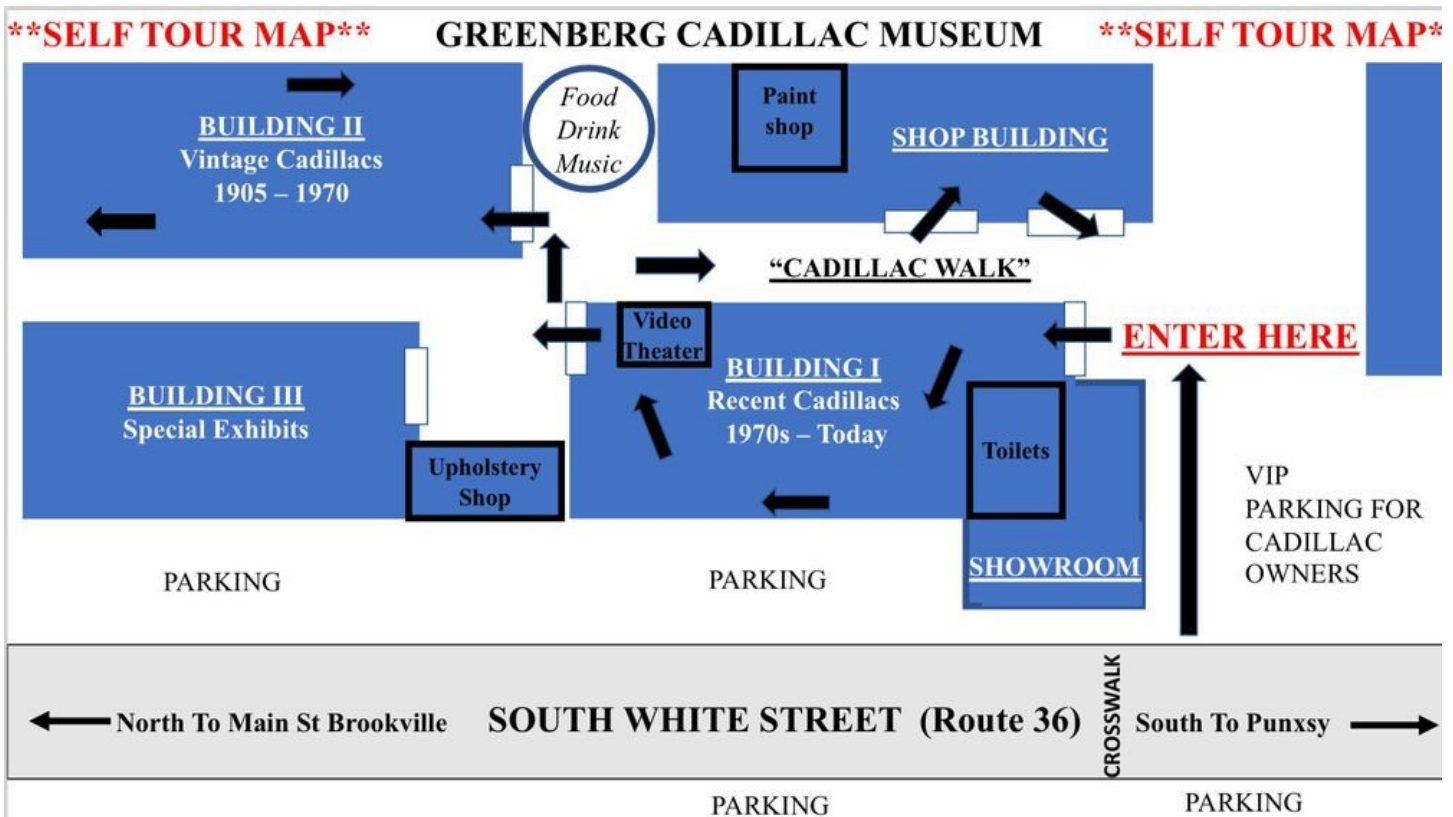
The **VFR Lahaska Show** is scheduled for **October 16th**. It will be Co-Hosted with the Philadelphia Region Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC). Details will be available soon.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The annual **VFR Fall Banquet** is scheduled for Sunday **November 13th**.



## Road Trip to The Greenburg Cadillac Museum in Brookville, PA

The VFR is planning an overnight trip to Greenburg Cadillac Collection in Brookville, PA for **August 2-3**. Brookville, PA is about a 4 1/2 hour drive from Philadelphia. The plan is to drive up on August 2nd, meetup for dinner (TBD) and stay at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites DuBois 2219 Bee Line Highway, DuBois, PA, 15801**. The next morning after breakfast, the group will visit the collection, have lunch, then drive back home of August 3rd. There are already several club members planning to attend. ***I need a head count to let Dr. Greenberg know how many VFR members he can expect to attend.*** If you are interested to see this unique collection that spans 65 years of Cadillacs, email me by **July 15th** at: therobertschles@gmail.com. Don't forget to book your hotel room for the night of **August 2nd**.



For more information on the museum go to:

<https://greenbergcadillacmuseum.com/>

**Greenberg Cadillac Museum 67 South White St. Brookville, Pa. 15825**



The Central PA, Potomac, and Valley Forge Regions of

## *The Cadillac & LaSalle Club*

Cordially invite you, your family, and friends to the 2nd Annual

### **Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Car Show at the AACA Museum, Hershey, PA**

**Saturday and Sunday, August 20-21, 2022**



The Valley Forge, Potomac, and Central PA Regions of the CLC are pleased to announce the second annual Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show where nearby CLC regions and friends can reconnect and enjoy one another's cars.

We will gather at the AACA Museum, Hershey PA on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. A concession will be available from 11:30AM til 2PM to buy lunch... Or eat beforehand or bring your own. Unique depictions of scenes representing New York, Route 66, San Francisco, and other famous American settings provide the background for 71,000 square feet of exhibit space, featuring classic and vintage cars, buses, trucks, motorcycles, and model trains. This year's special exhibit features "Orphan Cars". You can tour the museum virtually by visiting [aacamuseum.org](http://aacamuseum.org) and clicking on "Virtual Visits."

The museum is open for self-guided tours on Saturday and Sunday. Due to a Mustang show taking place on Saturday, tours of the detail/maintenance shop, and storage building (Jim's Place) are not available. Visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds, admire fellow CLC members' cars, and walk around the Mustang show field. After the tours, we will travel as a group to one or two local, highly recommended restaurants for dinner. We will arrange for separate checks for each party in the group(s). Out-of-towners may reserve a hotel room for the night at one of several hotels close to the museum.

**Please note** there are *no host hotels, room blocks or group rates* for this event. AAA, AARP, or Military/Government discounts may be available. **Reserve your room(s) as soon as possible**, as August is peak of tourist season at Hershey. Hotels close to the Museum:

- **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hershey:** 115 Museum Drive, Hershey PA 17033 717-583-2222, Marriott.com
- **Quality Inn & Suites:** 181 Hershey Rd, Hershey PA 717-583-5151, choicehotels.com;
- **Hampton Inn & Suites Hershey:** 195 Hershey Rd, Hershey, PA 717-566-3369, Hilton.com

There are also several hotels near Harrisburg (20-minute drive) that will have lower rates. Most hotels have flexible cancellation policies (e.g., one-to-three days before scheduled check-in).

Get a good night's rest so you're ready to display your Cadillac, LaSalle or other make at our peer-judged car show on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> on the museum's grounds. Open to all makes & models of road-worthy cars, trucks, commercial and military vehicles, pre-war through modern. No heavily modified, customs, rods, or racers. Lightly modified vehicles that preserve factory-built appearance and features are welcome. Registration/check-in will start at 9 AM; peer judging will commence at 11 AM. Presentation of awards will start at 2:30 PM. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Register for the event by completing the form on the next page and returning it with your check made payable to VFR-CLC. Join us for an afternoon at the museum, dinner, judged show, or all three! Hurry! *Pre-registration is required* for museum tour & dinner and recommended for the car show. Registration **closes on August 5th**. For more information, contact Michael Stinson, Director, VFR-CLC at [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com) Registrar: John Wood, [renopa@verizon.net](mailto:renopa@verizon.net) Visit [vfrclc.org/2021interregionalmeet.html](http://vfrclc.org/2021interregionalmeet.html) for more information.



# Cadillac & LaSalle Club

## Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show

August 20-21, 2022

Presented by the Valley Forge, Central PA, and Potomac Regions. Hosted by the AACA Museum, Hershey, PA

For complete information, see our website at [vfrclc.org/2022interregionalmeet.html](http://vfrclc.org/2022interregionalmeet.html)

**Registration Form** Pre-registration is required for museum tour, dinner, and requested for car show. Must be received by August 5th. Car show registrations accepted on Aug 21. Questions: Michael Stinson, 267-251-8588, [Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com)

Car Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children Name(s) and Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s), city/state of each: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CLC Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Club Member# (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Member of AACA Museum? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

### Car Information:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Style (circle): Sdn, Cpe, Conv, Other

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Style (circle): Sdn, Cpe, Conv, Other

Bringing a Trailer? (circle): Yes No

Car show open to all make and model cars, trucks, and commercial/military vehicles, pre-war to present. No heavily modified customs, rods, or racers. Lightly modified vehicles retaining features and appearance as delivered from the factory are accepted.

### Activity Registration and Fees:

Activity	Cost/Person	No. Guests	Total
<b>AACA Museum Tour:</b> Self-guided tour of exhibits. Detail shop, storage building not open. One Discount Ticket included with registration. AACA member is free. Cost per <i>additional</i> Guest:	\$16.00		
<b>Dinner @ nearby restaurant</b> # of guests (separate checks for each party)			
<b>Car Show – Early Registration</b> (per car; must be received on/before Aug. 5th):	\$20.00		
<b>Car Show – Late/ DoS Registration</b> (per car; Registration rec'd after Aug. 5th):	\$30.00		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED make check Payable to VFR-CLC:</b>			\$

Will you buy lunch at the Museum? Saturday: Y / N Sunday? Y / N How many persons? \_\_\_\_\_ (Count for caterer)

**Nearby Hotels:** there are *no host hotels, room blocks or group rates* for this event. AAA, AARP or Military/Government discounts may be available. **Reserve your room(s) as soon as possible**, as August is peak of tourist season at Hershey. **SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hershey:** 115 Museum Drive, Hershey PA 17033. 717-583-2222, [Marriott.com](http://Marriott.com); **Quality Inn & Suites:** 181 Hershey Rd, 717-583-5151, [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com); **Hampton Inn & Suites Hershey:** 195 Hershey Rd. 717-566-3369, [Hilton.com](http://Hilton.com). Check with hotels regarding their cancellation policy.

I hereby release the CLC, CLC Regions, the AACA Museum, their officers and representatives from any liability, damage or loss arriving from my own, my guests' and family's participation in the 2022 CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show, including, but not limited to, the risk of contracting COVID-19 virus. I agree to adhere to all pandemic mitigation practices in effect at the AACA Museum during this event, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and temperature / wellness checks. AACA Museum reserves the right to deny Attendees exhibiting COVID symptoms entry into the museum. I certify that I have public liability insurance for my vehicle.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail a copy of this form along with check made payable to VFR-CLC. Include a SASE to receive confirmation. Mail to: CLC Inter-Regional Meet, C/O: John Wood 327 Bellevue Ave, Penndel, PA 19047-5310



**VFR Website Statistics (courtesy Jeff Hansen):**

For mid-May to mid-June (5/15 to 6/18 - 35 days)

128 website visitors (or 3.66 per day). This compares to 109 visitors (3.89 per day) over the previous period (mid-April to mid-May, 28 days in length).

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (103), Netherlands (10), China (8), Sweden (2) and multiple countries with (1) visitor each.

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| 1) Home page, then<br>The Goddess<br>Online Calendar of Events<br>Current News<br>President's Message | 2021 Inter-Regional Meet<br>Our Friends<br>2020 Virtual car Show<br>Our Cars<br>10) Join Us (membership sign-up) |
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**Treasurer's  
Report (courtesy  
John Wood)  
Thru May 2022**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
TOTAL	\$0	Desmond Brunch Deposit	\$500
		TOTAL	\$500.00
Net 2022 YTD	-\$1,353.58		



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*If you would like to have your car feature in the next Goddess, just email me.*

## ***“Just What I Needed”***

### ***Steven Krieger’s 1989 Allantè***

*By Steven Krieger*



In 2002 I decided that a two seat convertible would be just what I needed. After a short search I decided that a Cadillac Allantè would be the perfect choice. My search took several months, but with the help of a friend, who was a member of the Cadillac LaSalle club I found what I thought would be the “perfect” car.



Shortly after purchasing my 1989 Cadillac Allantè I joined the Long Island Dreamboats, the Long Island chapter of the CLC. It was a great decision. I became very active in the club, serving as the membership secretary. Many new friendships were made with the club members. And many members I still am in touch with to this day.

In 2005, several from our region attended the Lahaska show presented by the Valley Forge Region. I received a third place ribbon that hangs in my garage today. Two years latter we attended again. That time my car won second place. That ribbon also hangs in my garage next to the many trophies my car has won.



VFR  
Lahaska  
Show



Through the years, I have taken my car on many trips, to national events, and car shows. I have met many really great people. I now know for sure my decision to own a Cadillac was a good one.

**ALLANTÉ FUN FACTS:** The Cadillac Allanté was introduced in 1987 in order to help Cadillac have a solid position in the luxury car sector in the 1980s. The goal was to combine European design with a well-known automotive brand to help Cadillac compete with automotive giants like Mercedes Benz and Jaguar. The Cadillac Allanté interior and exterior were designed with Pininfarina (an Italian styling house). This was one of the biggest draws about the car. At the time, the Cadillac Allanté was considered a stunningly designed convertible. It was low to the ground, had sleek lines, a clean look, and didn't look like anything else in the Cadillac lineup. An independent suspension was used all-around the convertible to make a two-seat layout. It had MacPherson struts on the front and struts that resembled a Corvette on the back. Perhaps the most talked about component of the Cadillac Allanté was its incredibly complicated assembly process which made production slower than usual. Additionally, the assembly required airplanes. The bodies for the vehicle were produced by Pininfarina in Italy. From there, they were shipped about 50 bodies at a time on a specially-designed Boeing 747 airplane over to the GM plant in Michigan. Then, the bodies were installed onto the chassis being created in Michigan. For this reason, the Cadillac Allanté was given the nickname "Flying Italian Cadillac."

In 2010 a member of the Long Island club passed away. He had a collection of four Cadillacs. I was surprised to find out that he left me his 1985 Seville. I felt I now had a real Cadillac. This car was used in the movie *Run All Night* starring Liam Neesom.



I recently moved from New York to Williamstown, New Jersey to be closer to my son and his family. I took my Allantè out for a ride and pulled off the road to try to figure out where I was. A gentleman pulled up and asked, “do you need help?” He said he was a member of the local Cadillac club. That was how Mike Lizzio and I first met. What a pleasant surprise! I have recently become a member of the Valley Forge region and hope to make many new and lasting friends who share in the love of their Cadillacs.

Steve and His Allantè in The Chinese New Years Parade





## ***New VFR Member Benefit:***

Our in-house technical / engineering wizards have developed an exciting benefit for VFR members. Robert Schles and Jeff Hansen have developed and are testing an online, QR Code-Based member car "profile" that utilizes QR codes on windshield placards for car show attendees to access a profile of the member's car from the VFR website using their smartphone. In Robert's words:

"Many cars at car shows will have signs or windshield placards with information about the cars. The signs all get blown over at some point. Instead of a sign, I've been working with Jeff [Hansen] on an idea to provide a QR code with a link to the VFR website where information about members' cars provided by participating members will be stored in PDF files on the club's website. Show attendees scan the QR code with their smart phone and can read more about the car..."

Members interested in this benefit send Robert the information they would like included in their car's profile; Robert will edit, format and convert to a PDF file and upload it to the website. Then he'll send the member back a pdf with the QR Code that the member can print and display on their wind-

Here is an example of the windshield placard:

**The Details:** There is NO cost. The only information contained in the (Static) QR code is the hyperlink for the PDF file of the car's profile, the information for which is provided to Robert by the member. Here is an example of what the file looks like for Robert's car [https://vfrclc.org/membercars/Schles\\_47Cadillac.pdf](https://vfrclc.org/membercars/Schles_47Cadillac.pdf).

If you would like to "Test Drive" the QR Code, put your smart phone in the camera mode, hold it up to the QR code on the right, close enough until you see brackets and the link appears. Then tap on the link (VRFCLC.ORG). That will bring you to the web page for the information on Robert's car.

## 1947 Cadillac 6269

Owned by Sarah & Robert Schles  
Wilmington, Delaware



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***If interested, email Robert at [therobertschles@gmail.com](mailto:therobertschles@gmail.com)***

## Delaware State Police Museum Car Show



Colonel Melissa A. Zebley, Superintendent

On Saturday May 14th a car show was held at the Delaware State Police Museum in Dover, DE. Even with the predicted temperatures to be in the mid 90s, there was a great turnout. Besides the numerous cars in attendance, the Delaware State Police Color Guard was on hand for the National Anthem, there was K9 demonstration, representatives from the DARE program were on available to answer questions, the DSP Mounted Division was in attendance, a state police helicopter landed in area and was available to tour plus the Delaware State Police Museum was open to the public. The museum was recently renovated with many new displays.





## A lot to see inside the Delaware State Police Museum





Here's something you don't see very often: a very nice turnout of vintage Police Cars





Our very own Don Miller coordinated the show and was the Master of Ceremonies.

A few VFR club members had their Cadillacs on display, with Jeff Hansen's 1942 limo being one of the feature cars. Your editor below with his 1947 4 Door Sedan.



Just a sampling of the many cars that turned out





Hellen & John Wood, Jeff Hansen and Don Miller enjoying the cars in the shade



To top things off, the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds thrilled the crowd with a fly-over



Be sure to attend next year when the show will be even bigger. In 2023 the Delaware State Police will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary plus the Museum will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

## NIGHT OF THE NEARLY DEAD

How a 1969 Cadillac Sedan deVille Saved My Life

By Tim Ferrante



During the '60s, my father drove Oldsmobiles, but Cadillacs were his real taste. His first? A brand new 1969 Sedan deVille. What a car! A rich, dark green 19-foot behemoth with tan vinyl roof. Its matching interior was all leather. This glorious machine was about as regal as you could get without being parked outside Windsor Castle. I've no idea what he paid for it, I just knew it was about as lavish a car as you could buy. I thought he'd own it forever. Only he didn't. He was ready for a new one a few years later.

You'd think he'd have traded in the Sedan deVille. He didn't do that either. Instead, he handed it off to yours truly, a 19 year-old kid who barely earned enough to fill its 26 gallon gas tank. I was grateful as hell, but it was expensive to drive and especially to maintain.

By the following year I worked for a movie theater chain. Building maintenance by day, theater manager by night. Long days, short pay. It was during this time when exhibitors were remodeling single screen houses into twins and triplexes. I spent the summer of 1975 "twining" a 750-seat theater. We installed a second projection system, hung two new screens, gave the lobby a makeover and opened in October. I was assigned as one of its two managers, given a modest raise and relieved of my daytime duties. Even though the theater was 40 minutes from home and would cost a small fortune in gas and tolls each week, I was excited by the company's vote of confidence.

The theater's staff consisted of the usual players: Ushers, a projectionist, concession stand attendants and ticket booth cashier. I wasted no time screwing up my new position: I started dating the cashier! This was a huge managerial no-no. Before long, I was spending too much down time with her and not enough time resting and managing.

There came a series of events where I stayed awake for nearly two days, all in an effort to be with my girl and still manage the newly-minted twin cinema. At 20 years-old, you believe you're invincible. I didn't realize the seriousness of sleep deprivation. Somewhere around my 40<sup>th</sup> hour of no sleep I finally headed home. It was just past 2am as I traveled north on the Garden State Parkway. The passenger rear window was wide open and cold air filled the cab. The radio was turned up. I convinced myself these measures would prevent falling asleep at the wheel.

I hadn't driven five miles when a pack of black dogs ran across the road a few feet in front of me. *No time to brake!* I cringed, waiting for the cries and yelps and rumbling of the dogs getting creamed. *Silence. Where are they?!* There weren't any dogs. My brain – crippled by exhaustion – hallucinated the whole thing. I slapped myself again and again. *Gotta stay awake.* I turned the radio up even louder. Moments later, I closed my eyes.

*Crunch... rip... wrench... screeeech!*

I snapped awake.

*The guardrail! I'm scraping along the guardrail! Oh my God... I fell asleep!*

The sound was deafening as the driver's side self-destructed. I had drifted from the right lane, across the middle and left lanes and into the guardrail. I was tearing the car apart at high speed. I started braking, yanking the wheel and maneuvering onto the right shoulder. I looked in the side view mirror, but there wasn't enough light to really see the damage. The window was useless so I couldn't peer out. I couldn't even open what was left of the door and had to exit on the passenger side.

The damage was horrifying. I had destroyed this beautiful car. Even though it was badly wounded, the Sedan deVille was still drivable! I had to get home. I had to get some sleep. I'd deal with this disaster tomorrow.

I was still living with my parents and to their credit, they didn't wake me. Perhaps they were just grateful I was alive and home. For in their driveway was a Cadillac that surely mimicked the RMS Titanic. The bright daylight revealed a gaping sideswipe gash. Wires and associated door guts dangled and dragged. The rear most portion of the rear quarter panel somehow survived the hit, but everything else was deeply gouged. By the time I awoke some 10 hours later, my father had already gotten a body shop owner to look at it. He was going to have it repaired. *Seriously? He's got to be kidding!* I thought it would be junked.

It took a while, but the Sedan deVille came back looking good as new. Oh, you could tell it wasn't perfect. The doors didn't close as smoothly and if you squatted and eyeballed the length of the body, you could see gentle rippling. During its repair, I drove my father's old Ford station wagon to get to work. Right after Christmas, my fabulous new girlfriend said she wanted to spend New Year's Eve with her old boyfriend. Two weeks later, the theater chain fired me.

In just two months I lost my job and my girl, but I didn't lose my life. A Cadillac had saved it. I don't know what would have happened had I been driving a smaller car. I slammed into that guardrail hard and fast. Would I have flipped over or spun out of control? Or would the nuts and bolts of that guardrail have ripped into me, too? Would a spark have ignited the gas? Who knows.

What I do know for sure is that I survived that night with nary a scratch, all thanks to the size and solid weight of that blessed 1969 Cadillac Sedan deVille.



## How to Install a 12 Volt Cell Phone Charger in a 6 Volt Cadillac by Robert Schles

If you have a Cadillac that was made prior to 1953, like me, your car runs on a 6 volt electrical system. General Motors switched to 12 volt electrical systems in 1953 for all Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles and the large Buicks (Super and Roadmaster) with other makes converting to 12 volts later in the 1950s. Some people have converted their 6 volt cars to 12 volts for a number of reasons but for me the 6 volts design has always worked just fine up until now.

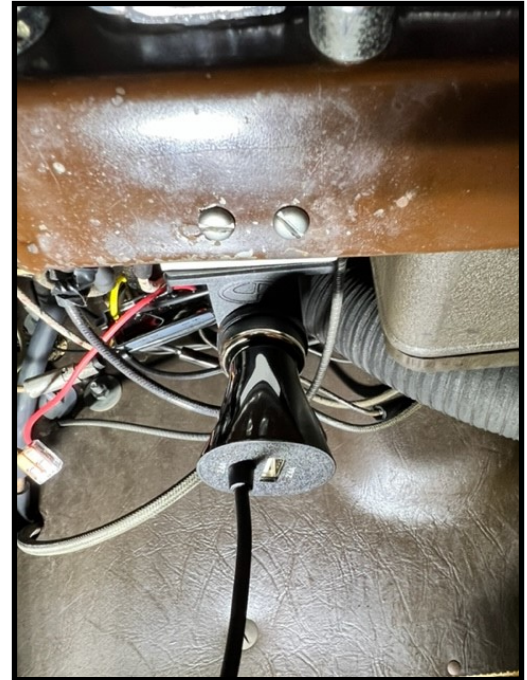
In preparation for the drive to Lombard, IL in my 1947 Cadillac for the 2022 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, lots of things ran through my mind. Would the car make it, what spare parts should I bring, what tools should I have hand, what if the car brakes down, what if weather turns its too hot or rainy, on and on my mind wondered. As I checked off the list one by one, one thing still troubled me. How would I keep my cell phone charged? In these days of 24/7 connectivity carrying a cell phone is a must. After all I was going to use the GPS on my phone for the 2 day trip. All the phone charges made for automobiles work on 12 volts and plug into the power outlet. No more cigarette lighters like in our cars, only power outlets. Cigarette lighters went the way of, as Cadillac called them, ash receivers. I could bring a spare battery that could charge the phone but what if that dies and I can't charge it?!

After doing a little research, I decided to install a 12 volt power outlet into my 6 volt Cadillac. First, I'll need a DC to DC converter to convert the 6 volt system in the car to 12 volts for the power outlet. Second, a power outlet to accept a cell phone car charger (female cigarette lighter outlet).



The power outlet can be found at most auto parts stores. I found this one at Walmart for \$10.87. I liked it because it came with an integrated mounting bracket. The DC-DC converter I bought on Amazon for \$13.00. With the parts in hand I started the installation.

Where was I going to put the power outlet where it can be easily accessible and not seen to distract from the cars' originality? Fortunately I found the perfect location under the dashboard just to the right of the ignition switch. I wired the DC-DC converter (6 volt side) red wire to the headlight switch through a 5 amp fuse (The headlight switch is main the power distribution point in all 40s Cadillacs). All the black wires were tied together to a grounded point under the dashboard. The yellow wire from the DC-DC converter (12 volt side) went to the red wire on the power outlet. Then I drilled a couple of holes in the underside of the dashboard to mount the power outlet on a block of wood.



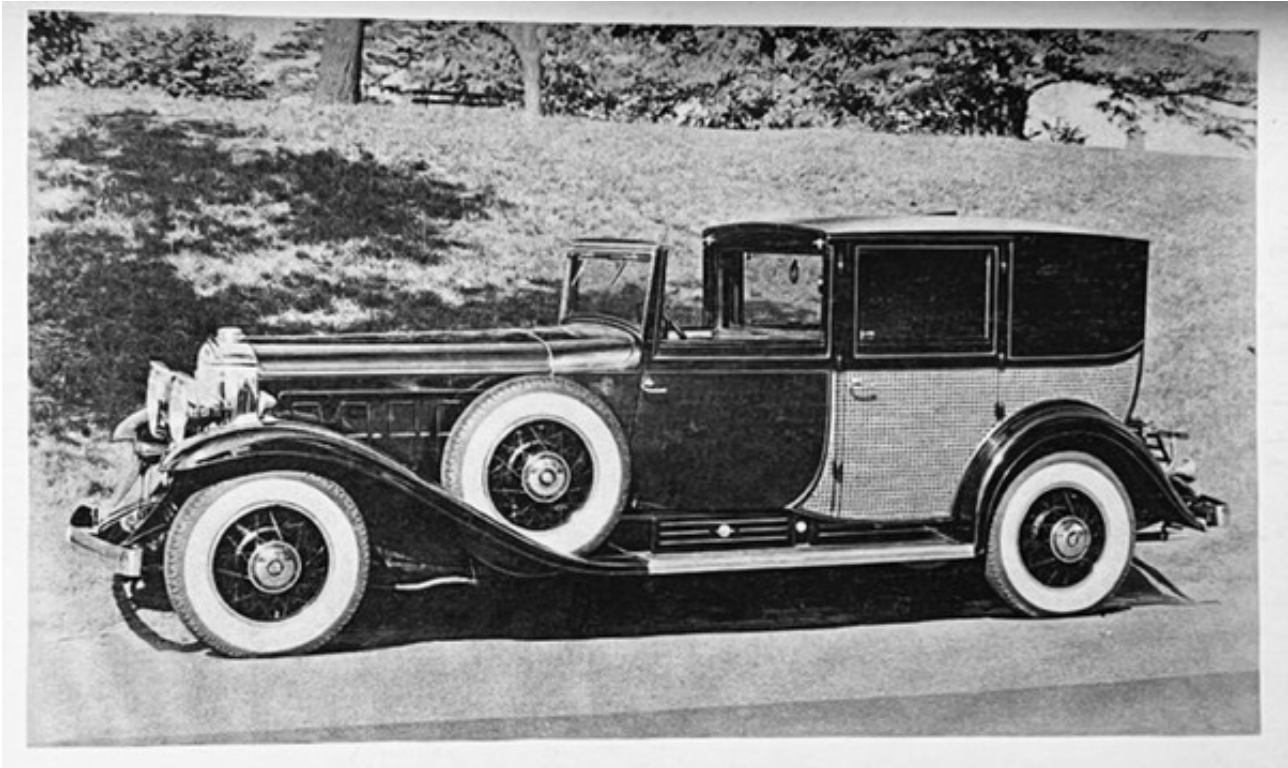
After everything was installed, the car battery was connected and the car phone charger was plugged in to the power outlet. I connected my phone and it started to charge. One more thing checked off the list for my trip.



Power Outlet Hidden Under Dash

*If you have you have a 6 volt car and would like to have a cell phone charger installed, just buy the parts. I can help you with the installation or you can ask any auto mechanic to install one for you.*





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### Day 3: Wilmington, NC

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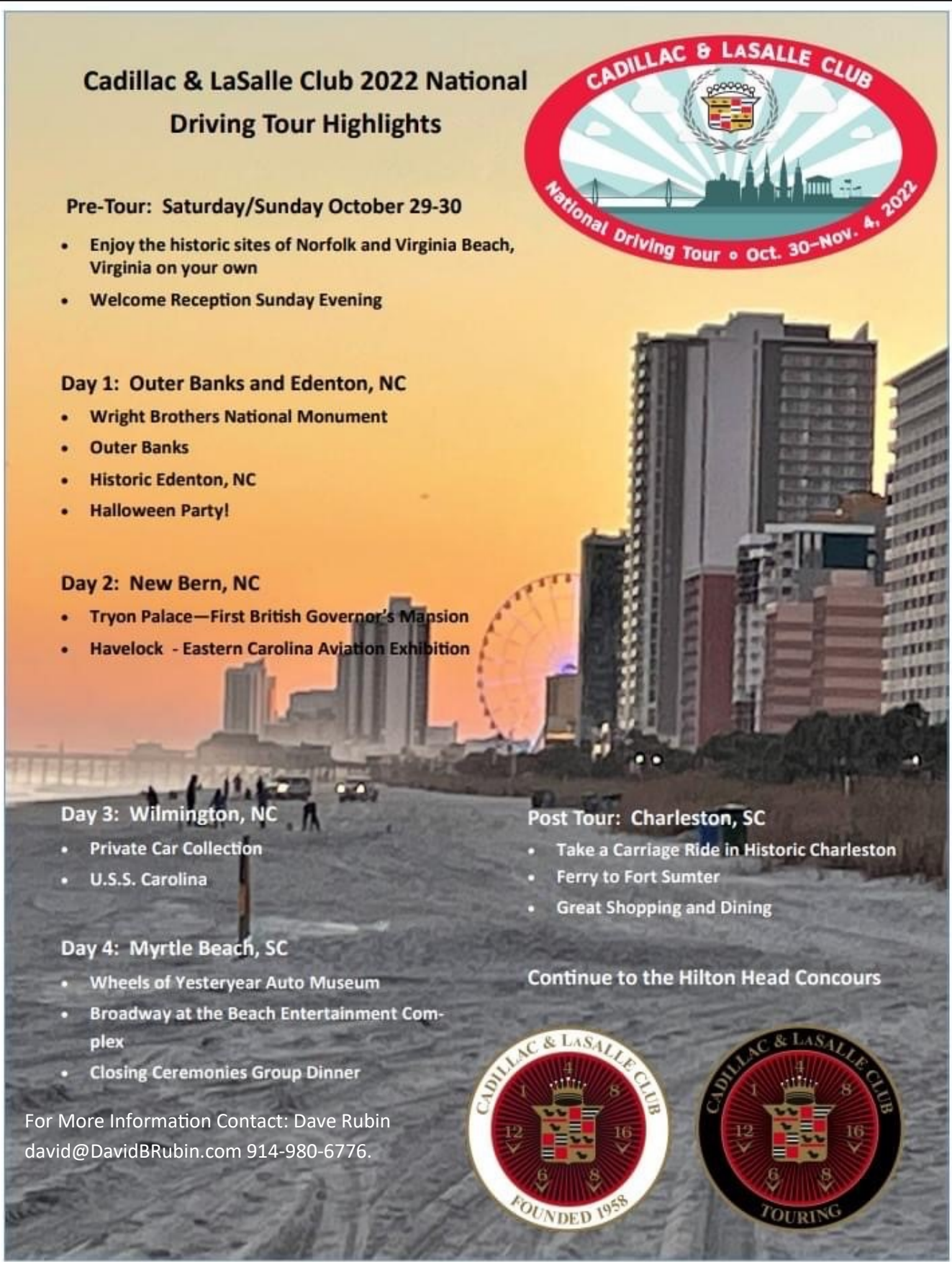
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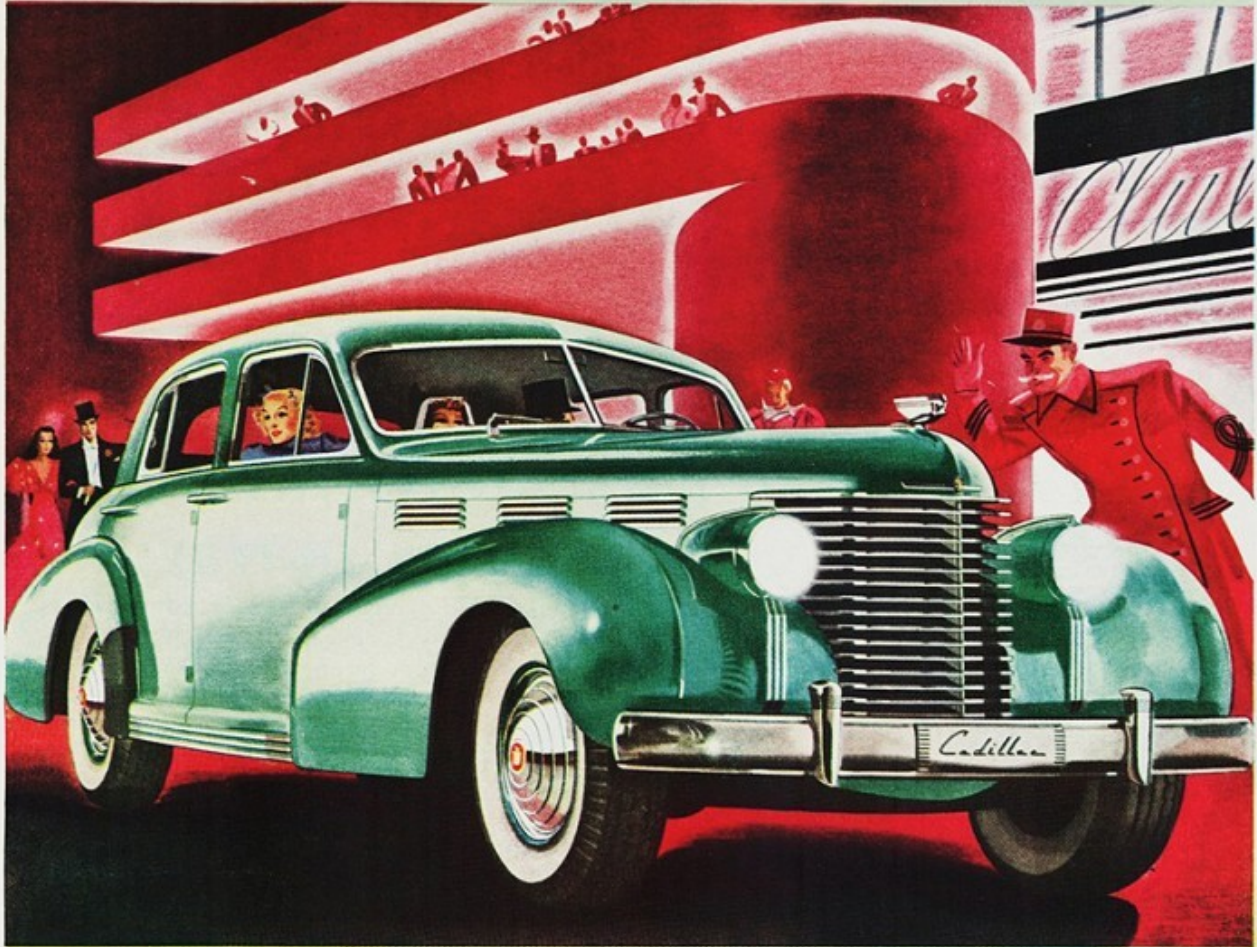
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