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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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| May 1 | Denville, NJ | NJ Region AACA@69th Annual Antique Car Show & Swap Meet https://njregionaaca.com/ |
| May 7 | Galloway, NJ | Annual Galloway Classic Car Show. http://www.njcruiseneews.com/galloway |
| May 7 | Downingtown, PA | Cruisin Classic of Chester County https://cruisiclassicspa.net/2022-spring-show |
| May 14 | Kutztown & Emmaus, PA | Visits to Old Spokes Car Museum and Dave Brady's Upholstery Shop See details on page 7 |
| May 14 | Philadelphia PA | Am Heritage Cred Union and WOGL's Car Show. https://www.hemmings.com/events/detail?listing_id=60297 |
| May 21 | Dover, DE | Delaware State Police Museum Car Show Contact Don Miller for details bluefludon@aol.com |
| May 21 | Lancaster, PA | The annual Cadillac Car Show is Back at Kelly Cadillac! Contact Richard Sills for details: rpsills@yahoo.com |
| May 28 | Wall Township NJ | Annual Car Show at Joe Puleo's Place www.AMOMC.org See flyer below on page 27 |
| June 12 | Desmond Hotel Malvern, PA | The Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Valley Forge Region Sunday Brunch Contact Don Miller for details bluefludon@aol.com |
| June 18 | Morgantown PA | Classic Auto Mall Chariots of Fire Car Show https://www.ccdv.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2022-Chariots-of-Fire-Car-Shows.pdf |
| June 25 | West Chester | Helicopter Museum Car and Motorcycle Show for FAMILYFEST https://americanhelicopter.museum/calendar-of-events/ |
| June 21-25 | LOMBARD, IL | CLC GRAN NATIONAL 2022 CHICAGO HTTPS://WWW.CADILLACLASALLECLUB.ORG/EVENTS/EVENTDETAILS.ASPX?ID=1515121&GROUP= |

SAVE THE DATES! CLC National Driving Tour 2022 When: Sunday, 10/30 to Friday 11/4

Virginia Beach - VA, Outer Banks, NC - Wilmington, NC - Myrtle Beach, NC - Charleston, SC

Contact: Dave Rubin david@DavidBRubin.com 914-980-6776

More information will be featured in a future issue of *The Goddess*





Greetings. Happy Spring! Yes, despite ~30-degree morning temperatures, May is here! You can tell by all the yellow pollen that collects on the cars five minutes after pulling out of the garage.

VFR Board members and neighboring CLC regions have been busy developing plans for the 2022 season. I was hoping to attend either the North Jersey Region Spring Show or the Potomac Region's annual dealer show at Sport Cadillac on April 23rd, but family commitments kept me from attending either. Thank you Dan Ruby for reminding me of priorities: "*Family First!*." Fortunately, our own Robert Schles did attend the Potomac Region dealer show, and has highlights in this issue. Thanks Rob! An updated calendar of local and regional events is on page three.

Abe Platt of the New Jersey Region AACA has organized a driving tour and tours of two collections: Dr. Robert Blake's collection at the Old Spokes Car Museum (Bob's Auto Orphanage) in Kutztown, and Dave's (Brady) Interior Restorations in Emmaus, on Saturday, May 14th. See page __ for details. Participants from PA will meet the NJ group at Old Spokes Car Museum at approximately 10:30AM. Please contact Abe at abeplatt@aol.com or 732-752-6341 to let him know if you plan to join the group for lunch at East Penn Diner, so he can give the restaurant a headcount. Other lunch options are available at the Emmaus Shopping Center.

Don Miller is inviting CLC members from all nearby regions to attend the Delaware State Police Museum annual car show on Saturday, May 21st from 10AM-2PM. Delaware State Police Museum is genuinely nice and interesting, with new exhibits recently installed. See page __ for details and to register.

Richard Sills of the Central PA Region informs us that the annual show at Kelly Cadillac is back, scheduled for Saturday May 21st. More details and registration form to follow.

Raritan River Region's Joe Puleo is hosting an annual car show for the Antique Motoring Club of Monmouth County (NJ). Details are available www.AMCOMC.org and a flyer is on page 27.

VFR will kick off its season with a Spring Brunch and cruise-in at the Desmond Hotel on Sunday, June 12th. Participants will gather at the hotel parking lot at 10AM to stroll the "show field", followed by a buffet brunch at 11AM. Cost is \$35.00 per person including tax & gratuity. Contact Don Miller to register.

The second Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Region Meet and Show will take place at the AACA Museum on August 20-21st. Participants may tour the museum and a Mustang Show being held there on Saturday April 20th; 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 to follow soon. This event will require assistance from you, our members. We need help with collecting & tracking registrations & payments, coordinating food, activities, judging, and awards.



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 16th, 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 June.

I hope you enjoy Mike Marchese's article on how he came to own his beautiful 1959 Fleetwood. Share your car story in *The Goddess* by emailing a draft to Rob at least one month in advance of the publication date. He will collaborate with you edit your article for grammar, punctuation, spelling, conciseness, and word-count.

National News:

The 2023 National Driving Tour will be September 18th-21st, 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. Save the date and go to the festival website <https://www.cadillacfallfestival.com/> for details and updates.

The **2024 Grand National** is to be held at the **Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg PA**. A contract with the hotel is being finalized now. I have not heard what region(s) will be involved in hosting, but I expect VFR will be called upon.

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 Director,

Michael Stinson

The car hobby is not about our cars; it's about people; our cars are merely a catalyst for cultivating relationships.



VFR MEETING NEWS

Current Membership 138 (93 + 45 Auxiliary)

New Activities and events for 2022 were discussed during the January monthly meeting. Possible social / tour activities include:

- CLC Valley Forge Region Sunday Brunch at the Desmond Hotel is scheduled for June 12. Contact Don Miller bluefludon@aol.com for more information.
- The Cadillac & LaSalle Club Inter-region meet is scheduled for Sunday August 21. More details will be announce as they become available.
- Gateway Classic Cars & Coffee <https://www.gatewayclassiccars.com> on August 27. 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. Contact Mike Marchese mpmarchese@aol.com or Michael Stinson michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com if interested in attending.
- The VFR Fall Car Show is scheduled for Sunday October 16 in co-hosted by the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club. In order to have a successful, we will need volunteers! Contact Michael Stinson if you would like to help.

As always, all VFR club meetings are available via Zoom from the following link:

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VFR Website Statistics (courtesy Jeff Hansen):

For March 13—April 16 35 days)

138 website visitors (or 3.94 per day). This compares to 124 visitors (4.436 per day) over the previous period.

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (114), Netherlands (9), India (3), South Korea (2) and multiple countries with 1 visitor each.

- 10 most popular pages:**
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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Home page, then | Classifieds |
| The Goddess | Current News |
| Online Calendar of Events | President's Message |
| Monthly meeting Information | 2021 Inter-Regional Meet |
| Our Friends | 10) Join Us (Membership sign up) |

Treasurer's Report (courtesy John Wood) March 2022

| INCOME | | EXPENSES | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | PO Box Rental | \$258.00 |
| TOTAL | \$0 | Banquet Deposit | \$250.00 |
| NET FOR MARCH | -\$508 | TOTAL | \$508.00 |
| NET 2022 YTD | -\$853.58 | | |



IN CLC NATIONAL NEWS



- ◆ The 2022 Grand National meet will take place June 21st-25th at The Westin Chicago Lombard, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL 60148. Hosted by the West of the Lake (Chicagoland) Region. The room block for the has been released and is available for booking. Meet registration information will be in the January *Self-Starter* and on the CLC National website. Check the CLC website for updates. **NEW: To celebrate that we can gather again for a Grand National, the organizers have arranged a special GIVEAWAY for members who register for this event. See flyer on next page.**

A few VFR members would like to organize a two-day driving tour to the GN, stopping in Cleveland and visiting a local point of interest before continuing on to Lombard. **If you plan to drive to the GN and are interested in joining the VFR "road trip", please email Robert Schles at therobertschles@gmail.com.**

- ◆ **IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ** Unfortunately there have been seeing more and more attempts to defraud our members. In the latest attack, a number of members received a begging email that appeared to originate from the CLC email system, using an email address of membership@cadillaclasaiieclub.org. Notice how the word LaSalle in the email is spelled differently, close enough not to be noticed at first glance. To make the email look even more official the club logo had been stolen and used at the top of the email. Please note that the club will never distribute emails requesting payment, especially via outside payment processors. All online payment transactions such as dues and event registrations are carried out on the site, (www.cadillaclasalleclub.org).



I WANT YOU



...to attend the 2022 CLC Grand National, hosted by the West of the Lake Region in Lombard, Illinois

After two years, we are gathering together for a fantastic Grand National Meet. Bring your friends, your family, and your classic Cadillac or LaSalle.

GIVEAWAY

To be drawn at the Wednesday, June 22, Welcome Reception. You must be preregistered* for the Grand National and be present to win any prize.

1ST PRIZE

Reimbursement for this year's GN registration fees and all tours (up to \$500 value, one winner)

2ND PRIZE

One \$250 prepaid VISA card (One winner)

3RD PRIZE

\$150 gift certificate to the CLC Store, courtesy GM Club Apparel (One winner)

4TH PRIZE

Three \$50 gift cards good at restaurants near the Westin Chicago Lombard Hotel (Three winners)

PLUS!

Auctions at the Welcome Reception:

- Three gift baskets with wine, cheese, and crackers (Value \$150 each)
- Five nights' room plus registration fees up to \$500 for the 2023 Albuquerque Grand National (Value over \$1,200)

50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets available daily; drawing conducted at the Saturday, June 25, Awards Banquet. Win BIG \$\$\$; you must be present to win. (One winner)



Book your hotel room at cadillaclasalleclub.org/gn and click on the link Register online for the Grand National at gn.cadillaclasalleclub.org or send in the forms that published in the April issue of *The Self-Starters*.

*Must be preregistered by May 20, 2022. Cadillac & LaSalle Club officers, board members, and Club contractors not eligible to win.



Road Trip to Private Car Collections in Eastern PA Saturday, May 14, 2022

Abe Platt has arranged a "Road Trip" for NJ club members to visit two private collections of antique vehicles in Eastern PA: Dr. Robert Blake's collection at the Old Spokes Car Museum (Bob's Auto Orphanage) in New Smithville (Kutztown), PA, and Dave's (Brady) Interior Restorations in Emmaus, PA. Both facilities can handle around 100 visitors. Bernie Thompson, the curator at Old Spokes Museums will charge an entry fee of \$10.00 per person. This collection of 60-plus cars includes Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, Maxwell, Chrysler and more. Please bring exact change for your party to make it easier and quicker for the group to enter. David Brady will give a short discussion on interior restoration techniques for antique automobiles. He has Hudsons and Buicks. We will break for lunch between the two locations at the Emmaus Shopping Center which has a half-dozen or more eateries including the East Penn Diner.

Those participating who are based in PA would meet the NJ tour group at Old Spokes Museum in Kutztown. Participants from NJ will depart from the parking lot at the Clinton Station Diner at between 8:30 and 9:00 am. Abe will hand out route maps.

The tour is limited to around 100 people. If interested, please contact Abe Platt at (732) 752-6341 or via email at abeplatt@aol.com. Please let him (and Michael) know by **noon on Monday, May 9, 2022** if you plan to attend. He needs to provide this information to our hosts. Let him know also if you plan to join the NJ group for breakfast at the Clinton Station Diner.

Address Information:

Clinton Station Diner: 2 Bank St, Clinton, NJ 08809

The Old Spokes Car Museum: 10399 Old Route 22, New Smithville (Kutztown), PA 19530

Emmaus Shopping Center (Lunch Stop - six places to eat): 1430 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049



Road Trip to The Greenburg Cadillac Collections in Brookville, PA

As mentioned March *Goddess*, the club is planning an overnight trip to Greenburg Cadillac Collection. The trip is tentatively scheduled for August 2-3 (Tuesday-Wednesday). Brookville, PA is about a 4 1/2 hour drive from Philadelphia. The plan is to drive up on August 2nd, meetup for dinner and stay in a local hotel. The next morning after breakfast, see the collection and then drive back sometime in the afternoon of August 3rd. There are already several club members planning to attend. If you are interested, email me at therobertschles@gmail.com. <https://greenbergcadillacmuseum.com/>

Editor's Note: This month's Spotlight is from club member Michael Marchese.

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



How I Became the owner of a 59 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special

By Michael Marchese

The 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood is my first and only classic car so far. While attending car shows, I would often wonder if I would ever purchase a classic car what would it be. My driver's test was taken on a 1966 Oldsmobile 98 and my first car in high school was a 1966 Oldsmobile F-85 followed by many GM coupes and sedans. I knew if I ever bought a classic it would have to be a GM vehicle.

Happenstance brought me to that purchase. In May 2017, I was asked to do a real estate appraisal for an estate. When I arrived at the home, the first thing I noticed was not the house, but a white 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood sitting in the driveway.

I could not help but ask about the car. The woman at the home told me the car had belonged to her now deceased father. She said her father loved his Cadillacs and had owned three classics. One of them was used by Frank Sinatra when he married Ava Gardner in 1951. The other



car was a 1939 convertible. Thinking Frank Sinatra would not have used an older car, I assumed it was a 1950/1951 model. Unfortunately, both cars were stored in the same garage and were destroyed in a garage fire five years earlier. The remaining car that caught my eye was in an attached garage and had been saved from the fire.

Remembering I was there for a home appraisal, I inspected the dwelling, but kept being drawn back to the 59 Fleetwood. I noticed the windshield and side window glass had been shattered by the heat. There was a rust spot on the roof due a burning beam from the fire and from sitting in the driveway uncovered for five years. The headliner was burnt below this section of the roof and the hood had a nail sized hole. The paint was dull but otherwise is good condition and the interior was great condition.



It turns out, I took more pictures of the car than of the house! I told her the car was a piece of art and although I had never owned a classic car, I was interested in this one. Were they willing to sell it? She told me her father had turned down \$20,000 at an earlier time and now they would be lucky to get half that amount. My interest continued to grow. That evening I discussed it with my girlfriend Sue and her reaction was the same, "you've always been interested, you never drive past a car show you don't stop to look, buy it!"

Now came the process of buying. How much was it worth in its current condition, how much would the repairs be, the value when finished etc.? After quite a few calls, I found Carlo Connors. Carlo met me at the owner's home and inspected the car. He advised me on what to offer, how much it would cost to do the repairs and make it road worthy and not be under water at the end.



Following his advice, I made an offer. Unfortunately, they rejected my offer. For three weeks they advertised it on Craig's list for \$18,000 and for three weeks I kept driving by, hoping it was still there. Finally, a call came from the estate attorney who said the car was mine to buy, but I had to purchase it the next day. Unfortunately, this was done without all the family members in agreement, so upon picking up the car with Carlo the next day, there were some tense moments until it was acknowledged that the attorney had the right to sell to settle the estate.



The car was mine. I was given the original 1959 sales brochure along with some from the 60's and 70's and other Cadillac literature. There was a letter from the second owner with the car's history stating who the original owner was and where it was purchased. The sellers kept it with a promised to send me a copy, but they never did.

The car was then in Carlo's hands until May 2018. He fixed and painted the roof and hood, replaced the glass, headliner, master cylinder, drum brakes, tires and belts etc. Finally, it was in my driveway and road ready! There have been a few issues, but overall, it has been very dependable, fun to drive, and has brought many new friends and even more enjoyment than I imagined.





Restoration of a 1941 Cadillac 6019S Sedan Part 2

By Jeff Hansen

In part 1 of this restoration story, the engine was removed from my 1941 Cadillac 6019S and transported to Don Miller's garage for a complete overhaul.

After getting the engine safely to Don, it was time to make arrangements for body work, paint, and upholstery.

Hendricks and Sons in Emmaus, PA will do the body work and paint. When they are finished, the car will make the short journey down Chestnut Street to Dave Brady's upholstery shop. Having already had my 1942 Imperial Sedan upholstered by Dave, he graciously agreed to reupholster the 60S, also.

To ready the car for the body shop, I had to completely gut it: all wiring removed, the entire interior removed, dashboard removed, doors emptied of all mechanisms, all glass removed. I thought it would take me three weeks to remove everything. It took nearly three months of evenings and weekends. While I had the opportunity, I also cleaned and painted the inner frame rails which I would not have a chance to do once the engine was placed back in the car. On March 25, Dan Hendricks transported the car to Emmaus.



Wiring removed – check! Dashboard removed – check!



Headliner removed



Rear glass and trim removed



Mouse Motel in the front seat back cushion – fortunately, not active in MANY years



Looking forward though the rear window – it's all stripped out! Floor appears solid.



Engine compartment stripped out, too. Only the steering and brakes are left. Front sheet metal loosely reassembled for the body shop.



Left: Loading for the trip to the body shop.

In the meantime, Don has been working with Stauffers Automotive Machine in Phoenixville and Red's Motor Machine in Wilmington on the engine

rebuild. Stauffers did all the work on the block and crankshaft while Red's repaired cracks in both cylinder heads. Don has been restoring Cadillac flatheads for many years and knows exactly what it takes to make them run as new. He continues to work his magic on my engine, and I know we will both be proud of the result.

A Cadillac's View from France by Dirk Van Dorst



Here is a picture of my beloved 1982 Bustle-back Seville, a creation by Cadillac designer Wayne Kady. Of all the Caddy's I own, restored 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, this is the one I kept. The only other Cadillac on my wish list is a 1992 Fleetwood Coupe and a new Bentley GTC V8 for Christmas please.



1992 Fleetwood Coupe

I always admired Cadillac for the advanced technology, style and driving quality. Today the ill powered 4.1 liter V8 of my 1982 Bustle-back fits perfectly in our modern time of speed regulations and air quality controls.

Nope, no speeding tickets with this poorly powered car, catalytic converter, lead free fuel driven vehicle takes E5 (5% ethanol) fuel without any problems. The digital dash, astro roof, automatic reversing cassette player and CB radio. The car with the on board computer can practically order McDonalds hamburgers; a real Disco Queen!

Even the size of this car in today's world is economically and ecologically acceptable. It still has the air of a rolling jewel box for a Beverly Hills shopping outing....Louis Vuitton here we come!

People in France, where the car has lived since 2009, walk around it trying to figure out the brand name. Nope...but they agree it's not a Citroen! This must be a small Rolls Royce for sure.

Today she has 50,000 miles on the odometer. Everything works, well almost, always something to fix like the plastic bumper filers are cracked.

Want a table in a restaurant on a Saturday evening? Only a phone call away. We always have a table as long as I promise to park the Caddy in front of the restaurant. Oh, and please block the entrance door.



Dirk will be attending the CLC Grand National in Chicago. He would very much like to meet up with members of the VFR, at the bar of course! Dirk van Dorst was a Past Director and creator of the CLC's European Affiliates as well as founder of the CLC International Magazine. He loves a good wine, single malt and speeding tickets.

CLC Potomac Region Spring Car Show

On April 24 the CLC Potomac Region help their spring car show at Sport Cadillac in Silver Spring Maryland. There were 34 Cadillac on display. As in previous shows, region director Dan Ruby, held an auction. All items were donated by club members with the proceeds going the club to help offset costs of future club events.



For the first time all those who preregistered were eligible to win \$200. A drawing was held and the winner donated \$100 back to the club!

There were many spectacular cars on display including an Eldorado driven only 500 miles. I'll leave it up to all you car spotters out there to identify the years of the vehicles.







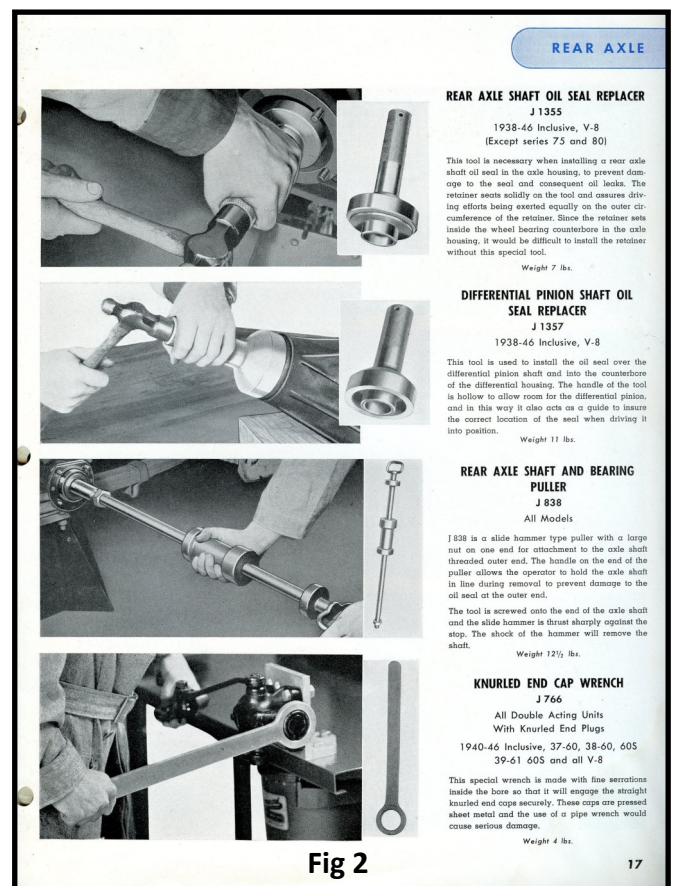
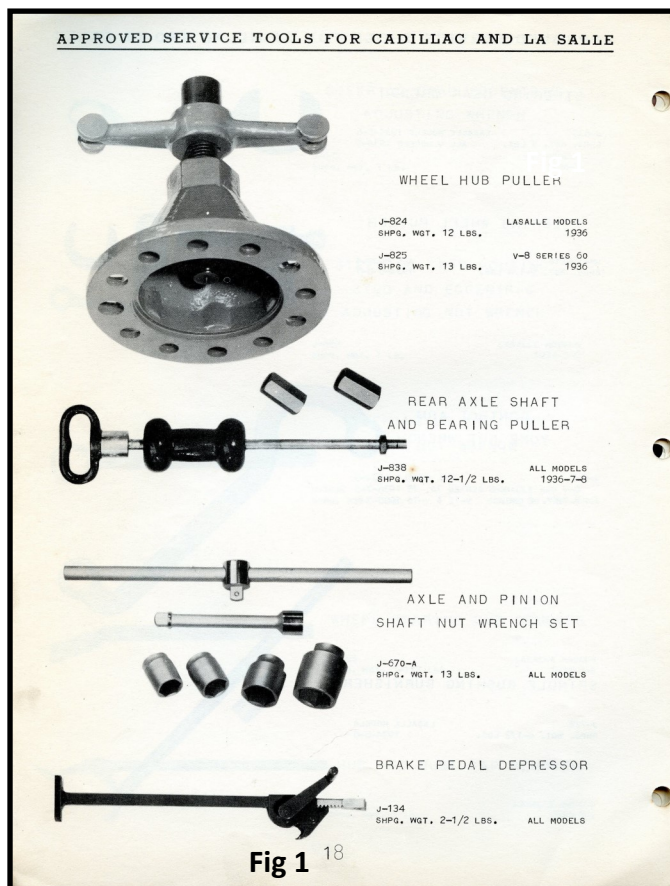


How to Replace Rear Wheel Bearings and Seals on a 1940s Cadillac or

How One Auto Repair Leads to Another By Robert Schles

While driving home from a car show last fall in my 1947 sedan, I noticed one of my rear wheels had a wobble. Upon closer inspection, I found some play in the right rear wheel bearing. I suspected the bearing was failing and should be replaced ASAP. Knowing Murphy's Law, the other rear wheel bearing would probably fail sometime soon and should be replaced as well. I had never replaced a wheel bearing before and thought this would make a great winter project. A winter repair would give me plenty of time before the next car show season should I run into any problems; which of course I did...

Before starting the repair I read the 1942 Cadillac Shop Manual thoroughly which did not go into much detail about the bearing replacement but did mention several specialty tools which were required to complete the job. Not knowing what Puller J-1284, Tools J-838 and J-1355 were I consulted with Jeff Hansen who provided me with a couple of pages from several Cadillac Shop Manuals. Figures 1 & 2 show pictures of the specialty tools which are needed work on 1930s and 1940 Cadillac and LaSalle rear axles.



I'm guessing most of these specialty tools are hard to come by but I did have a brake drum puller and I was able to borrow the oil seal puller from an auto parts store. With the tools in hand I placed an order for two rear wheel bearings and four rear oil seals. Only two seals needed, one for each side, but I bought four seals in case I had problems installing them.

The first step is to jack up the car and remove the wheel. For safety, I always use jack stands to support the vehicle while doing any work under the car. I then drained all gear oil out of the differential to prevent the oil from leaking out when the oil seals are removed. Next, the very large nut holding the brake drum in place is removed with a 1 5/8" wrench; figures 3, 4, 5. Then a brake drum puller is used to remove the brake drum, shown in figure 6.



Fig 3



Fig 4

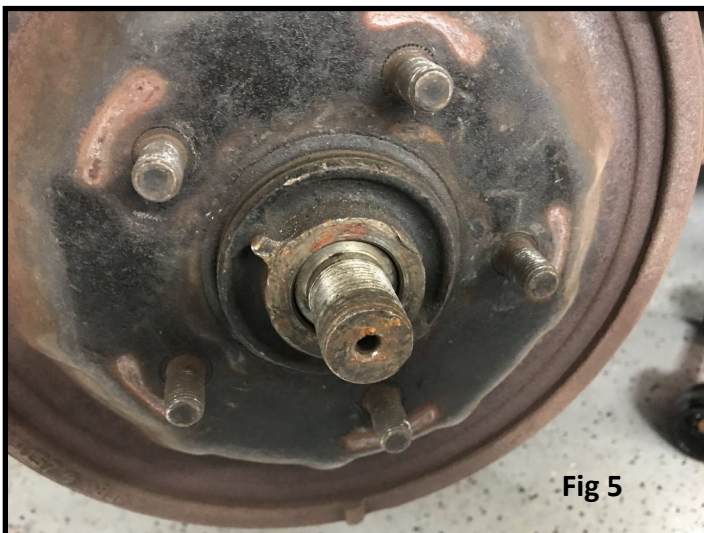


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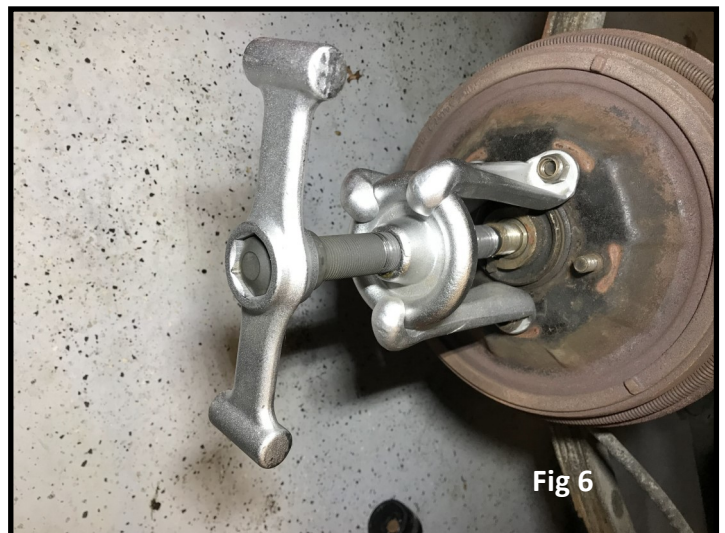


Fig 6



Brake Drum Removed Revealing the Brakes Fig 7

With the brake drum removed, next the brake shoes, springs and all related brake parts are removed.

Figure 8 shows the hand brake cable

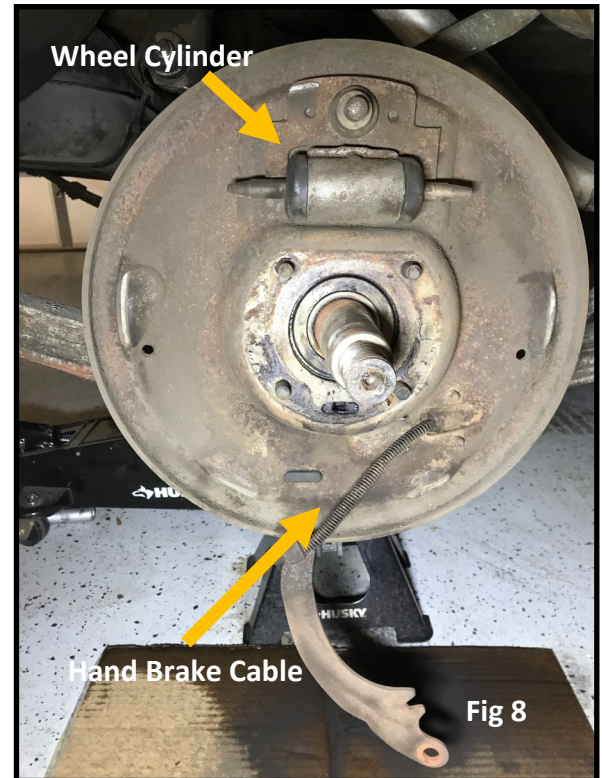


Fig 8

and wheel cylinder still attached to the brake dust shield.

The hand brake cable is removed next and then the brake line from the back side of the wheel cylinder. All was going well until this step. When I to loosened the nut holding the brake line to the wheel cylinder, the brake line twisted instead of the nut as shown in figure 9. This is where one repair leads to another. With the brake line now twisted, the line is compromised and must be replaced. While I'm at it, I think it's best to replace all of the brake lines as well.

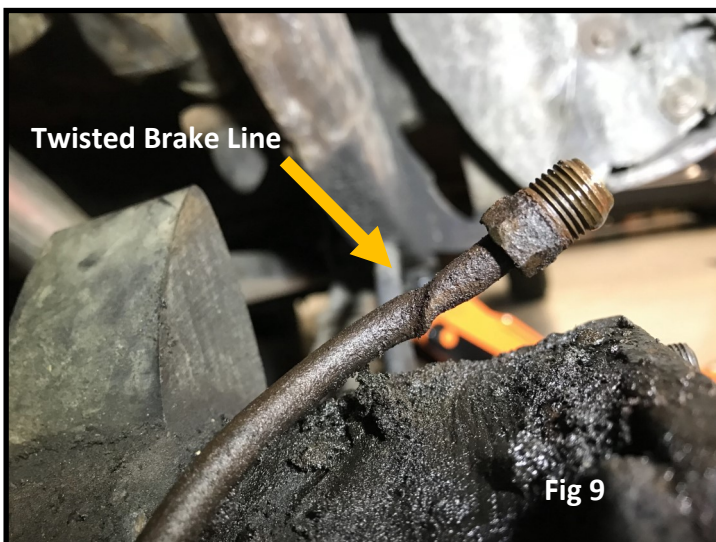


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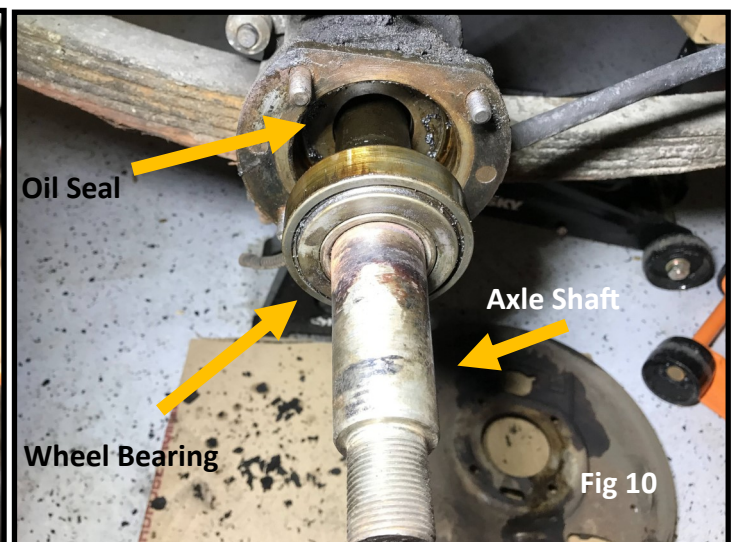
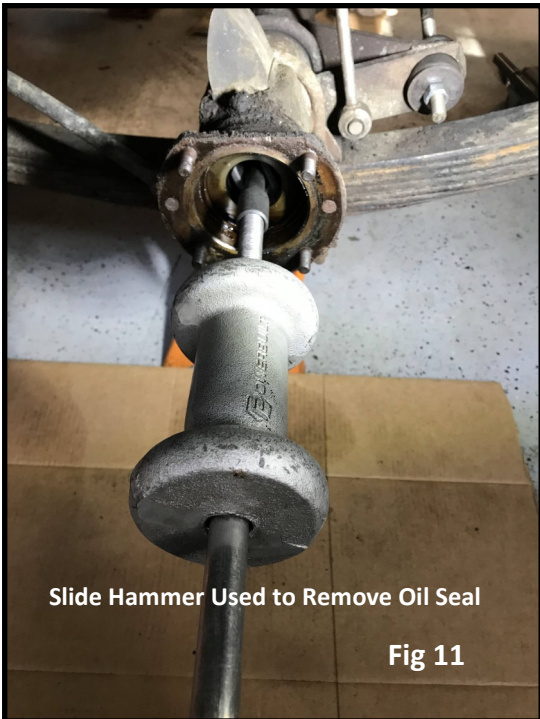


Fig 10

With the brake dust shield removed, I was able to easily pull out the axle shaft with the bearing from the wheel hub as shown in figure 10. The oil seal had to be removed with a seal puller figures 11 and 12. It was a good thing I ordered four oil seals. On the first two attempts to install the seal, I bent them. On the third try the new seal was installed (figure 13).



Slide Hammer Used to Remove Oil Seal
Fig 11



Oil Seal Removed
Fig 12

The next step was to have the old bearing removed from the axle shaft and the new bearing installed. The new bearing must be pressed on to axle shaft which was done by a machine shop. Figure 14 shows the axle shaft with the new bearing installed.



New Oil Seal Installed
Fig 13



Axle Shaft with New Bearing
Fig 14

Figure 15 shows the axle shaft with the new bearing being installed into the wheel hub. With the new bearing seated properly, I put everything back together. The next step was to repeat the whole process on the other side of the car and fill the differential with fresh gear oil.



Axle Shaft with New Bearing installed into the Hub
Fig 15

Next onto the brakes.... All new break lines were installed along with rebuilt wheel cylinders. The brakes were bled with new brake fluid in the entire system. Figure 16 show the new rear brake lines installed. Now the Cadillac is ready for the 2022 car show season.



Fig 16





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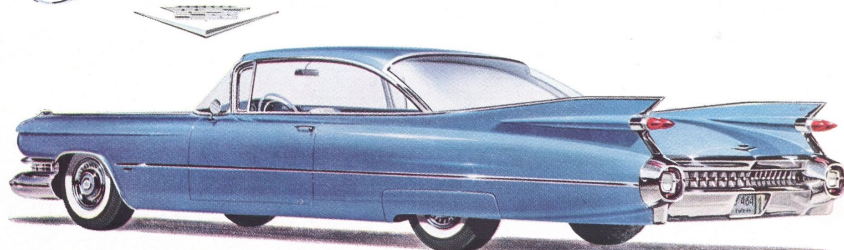
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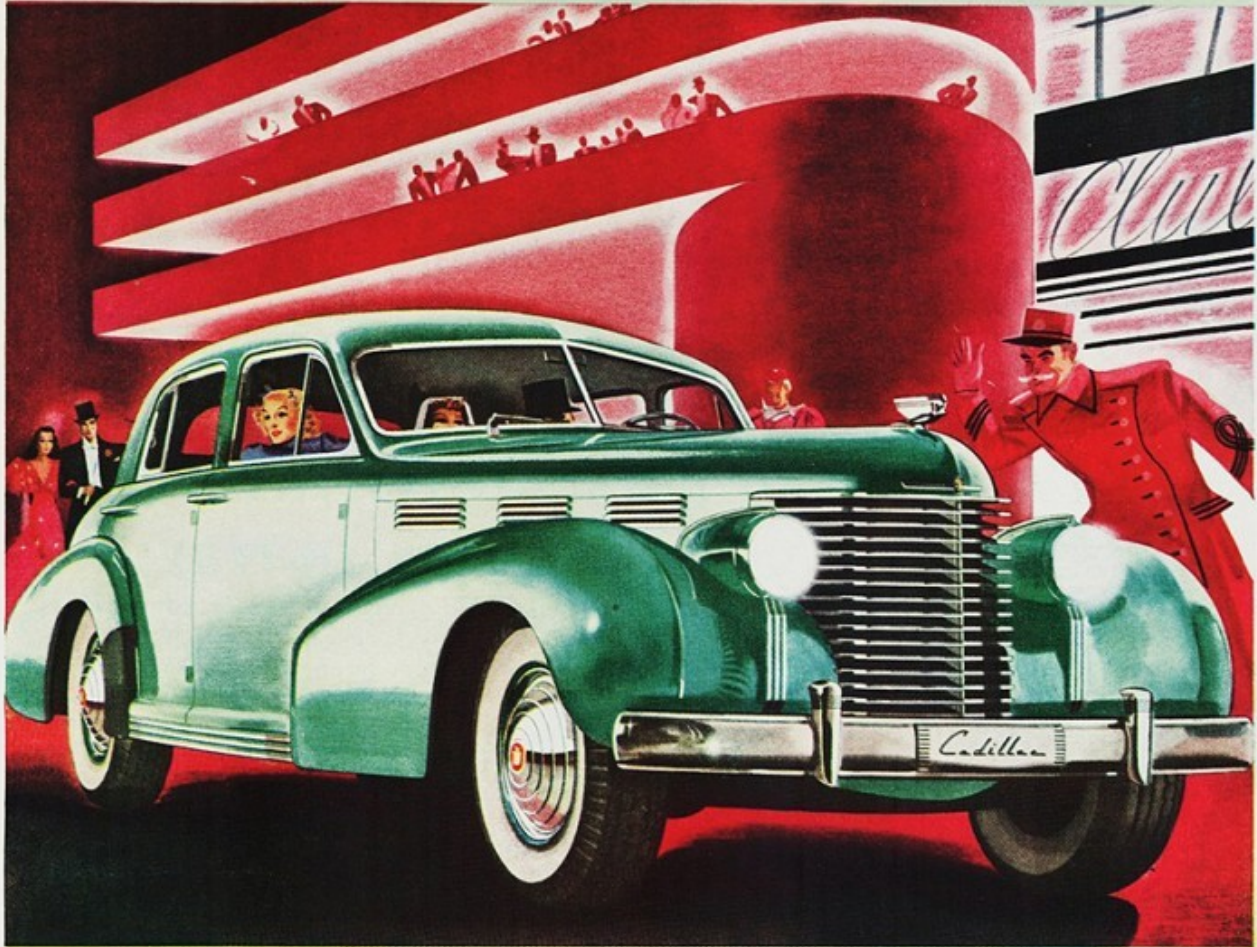
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