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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:

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## President's Message - September 2023

Greetings. August was another busy month (for me at least). VFR, Potomac, and Central PA Regions hosted the third annual Northeast Inter-Region Meet and Show on August 19-20 at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. Many thanks to those who helped, and everyone who participated, especially former CLC President Bill Edmunds, and former CLC Regional Vice-President Lee Herbermann. Thanks also to Potomac Region members Chuck & Debbie Piel, Lynn Gardner, and Franklin Gage who travelled from MD and VA, and Steve Flinn, who travelled 280 miles from Carnegie PA.

We were joined by Jan Archambeault (Art's wife) and Nikki & Ed Thompson (Vicky Barruzza's daughter & son-in-law) to present this year's A-B-C Memorial Award to Jeff Montgomery, who is the CLC Northeast Region Vice President and past Director for Raritan River Region (RRR). Jeff has contributed significantly to the National CLC, RRR and the Northeast region. We recognize and appreciate his years of service to the club. Highlights and show winners are in this issue.

The season isn't quite over yet. See below for upcoming events of interest. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

### Upcoming events:

The Boyertown Museum is inviting clubs to participate in their annual Dureya Day this Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Several VFR members plan to attend and park as a group. *Half price registration for club participants!* Contact Felicia Schrader, Guest Services/Administrative Assistant, at (610)367-2090, [felicia@boyertownmuseum.org](mailto:felicia@boyertownmuseum.org), to inquire about registering as a club group member.

- ◊ Sat Sep 30: CLC Club Day at Gateway Classic Cars Cars & Coffee, 9-12, Deptford NJ. Call or email Michael by Sep. 25th to register.
- ◊ Oct. 1: RRR show at Gold Coast Cadillac. See P. 22.
- ◊ Sun Oct 8th: VFR-CLC & Phila. LCOC show at Peddler's Village. Details on P. 23.
- ◊ Sat. Nov. 4: VFR Group Tour of the American Treasure Tour Museum. Free for VFR members plus one guest! Lunch after the museum. See P. 24.
- ◊ VFR's Fall Banquet is Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at Pennsauken Country Club. See P. 25 for details. Registration must be mailed to Nancy Hotz by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is partially subsidized by the VFR.



### National News:

The **2024 Grand National** will be held at the Wyndham in Gettysburg June 10-15. This GN will draw attendees from the East coast and mid-west; the National Board estimates attendance to be 350-500 cars; that's 700-1,000 potential attendees! Hotels are selling out! If you *think you might attend*, make your hotel reservations *now!* The Valley Forge Region and neighboring regions will be called upon to help organize and run events & activities. Many volunteers will be needed. Please contact me by email to discuss how you can help.

There are two great articles in this month's issue of members and their cars. 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, and conciseness.

Thank you all for your comments, suggestions, and continued support. Keep your CLC family in your thoughts and prayers, especially Ronnie and Becky Hux, along with your 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.*



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# Calendar of Events

| DATE      | TIME    | EVENT  | LOCATION   | CONTACT   |
|-----------|---------|--|--|---|
| 9/2       | 9A-3P   | Duryea Day   | Boyertown Museum   | <a href="https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/">https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/</a>   |
| 9/9       | 9A-1P   | Cadillac Kings Car Show  | 301 S White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ   | <a href="#">Cadillac Kings</a>  |
| 9/17      | 9A-2P   | Upper Pottsgrove Fire Co Car Show  | Pottsgrove Middle School<br>1351 Hanover St<br>Pottstown, PA                     | <a href="https://carshowsafari.com/event/delmarva-classics-car-show/">https://carshowsafari.com/event/delmarva-classics-car-show/</a> |
| 9/17      | 10A-4P  | Hagley Car Show  | 200 Hagley Creek Road<br>Wilmington, DE 19807                                    | <a href="#">Hagley Car Show</a>   |
| 9/27-10/1 | 8A-4P   | Fall Carlisle  | Carlisle Fair Grounds  | <a href="https://carlisleevents.com">https://carlisleevents.com</a>   |
| 10/1      | 9A-3P   | Raritan River Region CLC Car Show  | Gold Coast Cadillac<br>Oakhurst, NJ  | <i>See Flyer Page 22</i>  |
| 10/1      | 9A-3P   | All GM Show Hosted By Keystone State Chapter, Pontiac Oakland Club International | 111 Barto Road<br>Barto, PA 19504  | <a href="http://www.kscpoci.org/2023_Fall_Meet_Flyer.pdf">http://www.kscpoci.org/2023_Fall_Meet_Flyer.pdf</a>                         |
| 10/2-6    | 8A-4P   | Fall AACA Hershey  | Hershey, PA  | <a href="#">Fall Hershey AACA</a>   |
| 10/7      | 11A-3P  | Paoli Car Show   | Paoli Methodist Church<br>81 Devon Road, Paoli, PA                               | <a href="https://www.paolicarshow.com/">https://www.paolicarshow.com/</a>   |
| 10/8      | 9A-3P   | VFR-LCOC Car Show  | Peddlers Village<br>Lahaska, PA  | <i>See Flyer Page 23</i>  |
| 10/30     | 9A-2P   | Gateway Classic Cars   | 1228 Forest Parkway<br>West Deptford, NJ   | <a href="#">Gateway Classic Cars</a>  |
| 11/2      | 10A-12N | VFR Trip to The American Treasure Museum   | One American Treasure Way<br>Oaks, PA 19456                                      | <i>See Flyer Page 24</i>  |
| 11/12     | 12N-4P  | VFR Fall Banquet   | Marco's @ Pennsauken Country Club<br>3800 Haddonfield Rd<br>Pennsauken, NJ 08109 | <i>See Flyer Page 25</i>  |



# VFR MEETING NEWS

As usual last month's meeting was held at the Desmond Hotel. Several items were discussed including up coming VFR events. Some events the club is planning are: Cars & Coffee at Gateway Classic Car where the VFR is the featured club, Fall Show with the Lincoln Club at Peddler's Village October 8th (*flyer on page 23*), a club sponsored fall trip to the American Treasure Tour [Museum http://americantreasuretour.com/](http://americantreasuretour.com/) in Oaks, PA (*flyer on page 24*) and on November 2nd Fall Banquet November 12th (*flyer on page 25*). Watch for more information on other events in future newsletters. Also, don't forget the Valley Forge Region online store is available to purchase club related merchandise — *see page 28 for details.*

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- ◆ September 30: VFR Featured Club @ Gateway Classic Cars in West Deptford, NJ
- ◆ October 1: Raritan River Region Show @ Gold Coast Cadillac in Oakhurst, NJ
- ◆ October 4-6: AACA Fall Meet @ Hershey in Hershey, PA
- ◆ October 8: VFR/LCOC Meet @ Peddlers Village in Lahaska, PA
- ◆ November 2: Club sponsored visit to the American Treasure Museum in Oaks, PA

***A reminder: VFR holds its meetings the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm  
at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA***

***If you are unable to attend in person, all VFR club meetings***

***are available via Zoom from the following link:***

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

For July 16 to August 12 = 28 Days 95 website visitors (or 3.4 per day). This compares to 98 visitors (3.04 per day) over the previous period mid-June to mid-July (28) Days.

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (75), Netherlands (8), China (7), and other countries with 1 visitor each

10 most popular pages:

- 1) Home page, then
- 2023 CLC Inter-Regional Meet
- Online Calendar of Events
- Current News
- The Goddess

President's Message

Join Us! - Membership Sign-up

Cars

Our Friends

10) Monthly Meeting Information

Number of people downloading an issue of *The Goddess* directly from our website (vs. link in Robert's email): TBA

| INCOME                     | EXPENSES           |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>No Change from June</b> |                    |
|                            |                    |
|                            |                    |
|                            |                    |
| <b>Net YTD</b>             | <b>-\$1,761.77</b> |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>-\$1,761.77</b> |

**Treasurer's  
July Report  
From John  
Wood**



# IN CLC NATIONAL NEWS



There's expected to be a big turnout for the 2024 Grand National in Gettysburg. So big, in fact, every room in two hotels have been reserved for the show. An extra day has been added to the '24 Grand National, which will now begin Monday, June 10, and end on Saturday, June 15.

The location of the two hotels, the Wyndham Gettysburg and the Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg, could not be better situated for our members who want to explore the notable attractions in town, especially the Gettysburg National Military Park and charming downtown Gettysburg. Located just six miles from the Military Park Welcome Center, options to get there include making a quick drive in your personal vehicle or taking advantage of the regularly scheduled shuttle, which services the hotels. The hotels are already nearly sold out. **Booked now to reserve your room. For the Wyndham click here: [tinyurl.com/4jpf32u2](https://tinyurl.com/4jpf32u2) For the Courtyard click here: <https://tinyurl.com/CLCGN2024Courtyard>**

Some big tours planned for the Grand National. America's Transportation Experience/AACA Museum, which offers a rotating display of around 100 antique cars, and is the permanent home of the Museum of Bus Transportation and the Cammack Tucker Collection. Members will visit The Isett Heritage Museum, home to central Pennsylvania's largest collection of antiques and memorabilia, containing exhibits from the 1800s to the present day. Also the will be trip to the Swigart Museum, America's oldest antique automobile museum.

Of course, there will also be activities back at the host hotels which make Grand Nationals so worthwhile. Interesting seminars are planned, a driving tour, another gathering of The Caddy Queens, a judging class, a judged car show, delicious meals, homestyle hospitality, entertainment, and a chance to get together with old friends and make a few new ones. See the flyer on the next page for details.

# *Get ready for* **Gettysburg!**

**June 10-15, 2024**

**Wyndham Gettysburg and  
Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

## **Local Attractions**

- Gettysburg National Military Park & Visitors Center
- Eisenhower National Historic Site
- Gettysburg Heritage Center

## **Scheduled Tours**

### **Classic Auto Mall**

Home to a fantastic collection of over 400 barn find automobiles that range in age from the earliest 1904 Cadillac Roadster through the 1970s, and hundreds more for sale or on consignment.

### **Swigart Museum**

Home to automobiles and carriages dating back to 1896. The excitement of early automobile racing and old cars are depicted in prints, paintings, and photographs from renowned automobile artists.

### **America's Transportation Experience—The AACA Museum**

One of the top automotive museums in the world and home to the Cammack Tucker Collection and the Museum of Bus Transportation Collection.

### **Isett Heritage Museum**

Home to the area's largest collection of antiques and memorabilia. The museum is family-oriented, educational, and fun for all ages and contains exhibits from the 1800s to the present day.

### **World War II American Experience**

Experience a wide variety of authentic World War II vehicles, uniforms, and artifacts in realistic dioramas and exhibits that portray not just the battlefield, but the home front as well.

### **Plus...**

Group dinners, Caddy Queens, seminars, Region workshop, Driving Tour, judged car show, and the Awards Banquet.

## **Hotel Information**

### **Wyndham Gettysburg**

95 Presidential Cir., Gettysburg, PA 17325-8397. Phone 717-339-0020. CLC special rate of \$149/night good June 9-17. Reserve your room at [tinyurl.com/4jpf32u2](http://tinyurl.com/4jpf32u2)

### **Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg**

115 Presidential Cir., Gettysburg, PA 17325-8398. Phone 717-334-5600. CLC special rate of \$149/night good June 9-17. Reserve your room at [tinyurl.com/CLCGN2024Courtyard](http://tinyurl.com/CLCGN2024Courtyard)



**Reserve your room now!**

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

## My 1956 Series 62 Cadillac By Alex Merrill



Almost every little boy loves cars, trucks, trains, construction equipment, or some type of moving machine. I fell in love with cars and trains, both real and toy. To this day that passion still burns strong inside me. I was fortunate to be able to turn my love of trains into a lucrative career as a locomotive engineer. That career has afforded me the opportunity to enjoy my hobby of O-Scale trains, and more to the point, classic cars. I want to preface this by saying that for most of my adolescence I had no interest in Cadillacs or 50s cars. I was the kid that loved muscle cars. My dad influenced my life in so many ways. He got me into trains and cars, among other things. He loved the 40s and 50s cars and I never quite understood why. I always thought that his dream of owning a car from that era to just cruise around in was sort of neat, but not all that interesting. Muscle cars are loud, colorful, and fast. All things that appeal to young tastes. Unfortunately, my dad passed away in 2011, and was never able to achieve the goal of owning a big old cruiser that he could just take anywhere and be comfortable. The following years were hard on me and my passion for cars took a sabbatical. Don't get me wrong, I still liked cars and appreciated them, but the vigor I had wasn't there. I continued to move forward with my life, as hard as it was. I graduated high school, started my railroad career working on the weekends through my college years. I graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland in the spring of 2019. I transitioned from railroading part-time to full-time at the Strasburg Rail Road in Lancaster County, PA. I'm now with Steelton & Highspire Rail Road in Steelton, PA.

Fast forward to October 2019 when we hosted a classic car show at the railroad to coincide with special events that were occurring at the time. A very good friend of mine by the name of Kerry Glenn (whom I had met through coworkers at Strasburg) decided to bring one of his cars to display at the show. I knew he owned a 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air that was a survivor car in every sense of the word. Incredibly low, original miles, paint, interior, drivetrain, all of it. I naturally expected him to bring the '53. When I finally made it around to meeting up with him, I was completely surprised to see him roll in with a 1956 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan. It frankly took my breath away. As cliché as it sounds, it did. I had never seen a car like that in person and was completely taken by it.



Dan Reed's 1964 & Alex Merrill's 1956

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It sat there, sun shining perfectly off the chrome, Sonic Blue paint shining (not as well as it does now, but he tried), and immaculate big, wide whitewall tires. He handed me the keys and told me to take it for a spin. My nervous excitement was indescribable. That was the day I learned what “Rides like a Cadillac” meant. Kerry told me that any time I wanted to take the car out I just had to give him a call. He knew the seed was planted before I even did. Over the next couple years, I took the car out several times, mostly taking it to work as a prop for photoshoots. He would constantly tell me that I would have the car someday, and that I would drive away from my wedding in it. He thought I was joking when I said I wanted it. I wasn’t. Kerry wasn’t in the best of health, despite being in his 50s. Sadly his health took a turn in early 2021, and he suffered a series of mini strokes. He was placed into a care facility not long after. Unfortunately, my dear friend passed away in January of 2022.



An Autumn Drive in a 1956 Series 62

I had reached out to his son Nathaniel in late summer 2021 to see what would become of the car. At that point she had been sitting for a long time, having numerous issues that his dad never fixed correctly. He honestly thought I was joking about wanting the car. I wasn’t. I had to have it. He told me to take the car for a couple days before I decided that I wanted to buy it, as if that was going to change anything. I jumped it after sitting, and took off, thinking that taking the car over 60 miles was a good

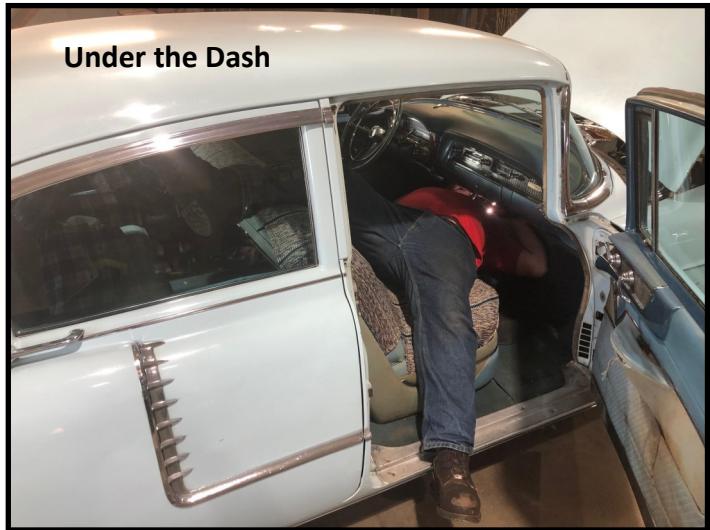
idea. Spoiler alert, it died 5 miles from home on the busiest interchange in Harrisburg, during rush hour. But that first 55 miles solidified my need for this car.

We got dinner that night after I got the car towed to his mechanic and got a ride back to my pickup. It was at this point he told me that his dad planned to give me the car as a wedding present. But Nathaniel also told me he wouldn’t be giving me the car in its current state. We agreed that he would front the money for the work, and I would pay him back. I also decided that I wanted some drivability modifications done to make her more reliable. Over the next six weeks it was ready for me to begin my journey with it. The car was placed in my name in October 2021, and I couldn’t have been any happier. As an honor to my late friend, I named her “Carrie”. I even took her out and drove about 50 miles on the day Kerry passed away as a tribute to him.

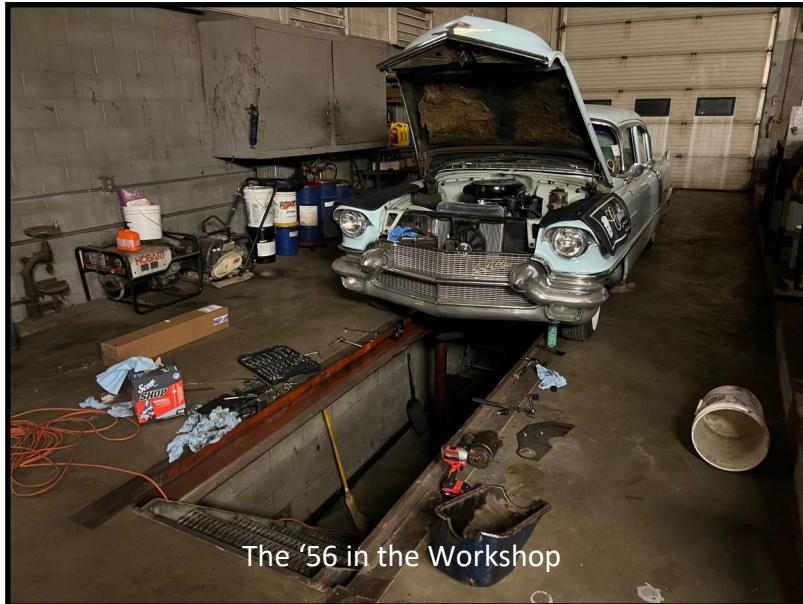
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The car is a Sonic Blue 1956 Series 62 Sedan, with power windows and fog lights as the only factory options. It is a survivor car, sans a dirt floor paint job decades ago. When I finally got her, she was dirty, worn out, and tired. But she was mine. The car has several modifications to make it reliable. When I first got her, she had a freshly upgraded booster and dual master cylinder, electric wiper motors, and water pump. She also has a Flowmaster exhaust, but I thank Nathaniel for that because he convinced Kerry to install that in 2017. Over the next year I installed a Champion aluminum radiator and electric fan, new brake drums and pads, flushed the transmission, re-sealed the engine oil pan, new air cleaner, installed a seat cover, fixed the turn signals and other lighting issues, and brought the paint back as much as possible with what is still on the car. My approach to the car is to preserve and improve. This ideology is the impetus for the modifications and upgrades I've done. However, I still want to retain as much of the survivor status as I can. I feel that I owe it to the car, as well as her previous caretakers.

**Under the Hood****Under the Dash**

As the car sits now, it has just over 106,000 miles and still running strong, so long as I take her out regularly. If I leave her in the garage for extended periods of time, she makes sure to malfunction somehow to express her displeasure. But overall, the car is mechanically and cosmetically solid. She has some bumps and bruises, but who doesn't? Some sharp-eyed CLC members might recognize the car. That's because the car belonged to Dan Reed for the better part of two decades. Much like me, he drove it and enjoyed it as it should be.

**The '56 in the Workshop**

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I finally understand why my dad wanted a 50s cruiser. The happiness I feel when I drive it can't be articulated into words. But when I drive her, I feel my dad with me, and I get such joy seeing the happiness it brings everywhere I go. I've driven my friend's son to prom in it and taken it on countless date nights. To really bring it all full circle, I drove my wife and I away from our wedding in it back in April. I could ramble for hours about what this car means to me. Instead, I just turn the key and take off. Every mile solidifies the bond between a man and his car, and I don't intend to stop any time soon.



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## Jeff Hansen's 1941 Restoration Part 4 - Engine Restart

In the previous chapter of this restoration story, my 1941 Cadillac Sixty Special was painted, assembled, and, thanks to Bud Coleman, Andy Jacoby, and Robert Schles, back home in my garage. With the passing of my good friend and upholsterer extraordinaire, Dave Brady, a new plan is needed to complete the restoration. The new plan is quite simple: roll up my sleeves and get to work!

I installed a new engine wiring harness from Rhode Island Wiring. The re-grained dashboard was installed and the relevant gauges were cleaned, installed, and hooked up. All the motor connections, hard lines, linkages, and the like were cleaned and reinstalled. Fluids were added. Everything needed to fire the engine was checked and rechecked to ensure nothing was overlooked.



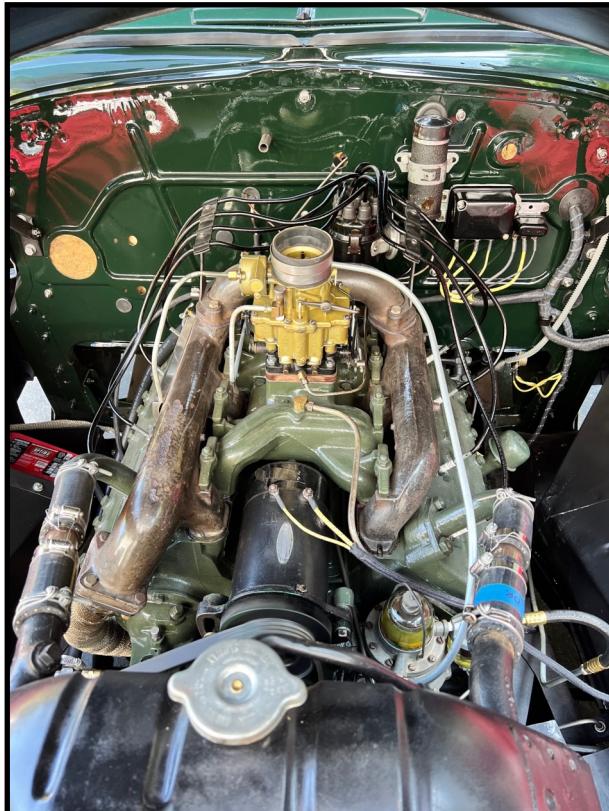
On Wednesday, August 2, a who's who of flathead owners from our club gathered at my house to bring this car back to life: Don Miller (who rebuilt the engine), Bud Coleman, Jack Hotz, Robert Schles, Rob Robison, and I moved the car out into the driveway, poured gas into the carburetor, turned the key, pushed the starter button and watched the engine spin and spin and spin and finally come to life.

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Don made some adjustments to the carburetor while the engine was set on a fast idle for the initial break in period. After 20 minutes, the engine speed was dropped to a normal idle where Don dialed in the carburetor adjustments and verified the timing was accurately set. To see a video and hear the 346 V8 engine running, visit <https://youtu.be/Yb2I-2QKHME>.



Valley Forge Region Cadillac Flathead Owners assembled for the engine rebirth (L-R) Jeff Hanson, Don Miller, Rob Robison, Bud Colman, Jack Hotz and (not shown the photographer) Robert Schles

Next up is installing the new body wiring harness, finishing the assembly of the dashboard and its components, and moving on to assembling the door mechanisms, installing the glass, fuzzies, and weatherstripping. To be continued.....

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## Third Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet By Richard Sills

Photos by Lynn Gardner & Robert Schles

The Third Annual CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet was held at the AACA Museum in Hershey PA on Sunday August 20, 2023. Over thirty cars attended, coming from PA, NJ, MD, DE and VA.

On the day before the show (Saturday August 19), the CLC group was treated to a tour of the AACA Museum storage buildings and a guided tour of all three floors of the Museum (*by Museum Past President and Board member Richard Sills*).



The glass-enclosed showroom as you enter the Museum featured a 1905 Cadillac and a 1933 LaSalle convertible, as well as a large display of Cadillac literature and memorabilia. These tours were followed by a festive dinner at Giotti's Italian Restaurant in nearby Linglestown, PA.



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At the car show, the award winners were as follows: **Class A - Cadillacs 1959 and older**



**1st Place 1939 60 Opera Coupe - Donald Schell**



**2nd Place Tie 1947 - Robert Schles**



**2nd Place Tie 1941 - Marty Watkins**

**Class B - Cadillacs 1960-1969**

**1st Place Tie 1966 deVille - Don Miller**



**2nd Place 1968 deVille - Al Skinner**



**1st Place Tie 1966 deVille - John Troy**

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**The Goddess****Class C - Cadillacs 1970-1979****1st Place 1970 deVille convertible - Craig Perrotty****2nd place Tie 1976 - Jeff Montgomery****2nd Place Tie 1973 Hearse -****Nikki & Ed Thompson****Class D - Cadillacs 1980-present****1st place 1993 Sedan deVille - Nick Medici****2nd Place Tie - 2001 SLS - Steve Flinn****2nd place Tie - (Not Shown)  
2019 XT5 - Leilani Blackwell**

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Class G - Other makes, 1960-1969

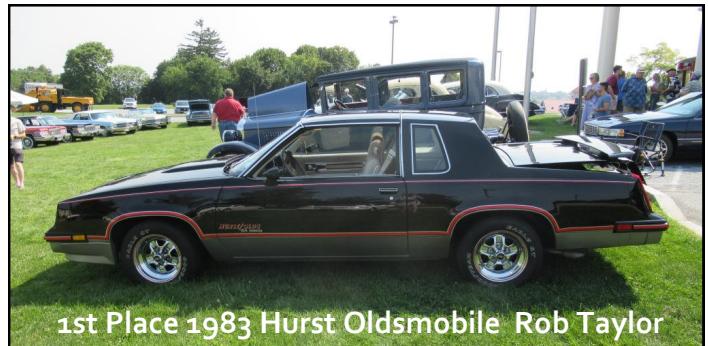
1st Place Tie 1969 Road Runner - Steve Sworer



2nd Place 1966 Dodge Coronet - Paul Eckert



1st Place Tie 1963 Ford Falcon - Jay Strong

Class I - Other makes, 1980-present

1st Place 1983 Hurst Oldsmobile Rob Taylor

LONG DISTANCE AWARD

Steve Flinn, who drove his 2001 SLS

280 miles from Carnegie, PA (near Pittsburgh)



"They came for the cars but stayed for the people"

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## BEST OF SHOW AWARD



## A-B-C MEMORIAL AWARD

This award, for outstanding service to CLC and its regions, was presented to CLC Regional Vice-President **Jeff Montgomery**. The award is presented in memory of Arthur Archambeault, Michael and Victoria Barruzza, and Bob Crimmins.

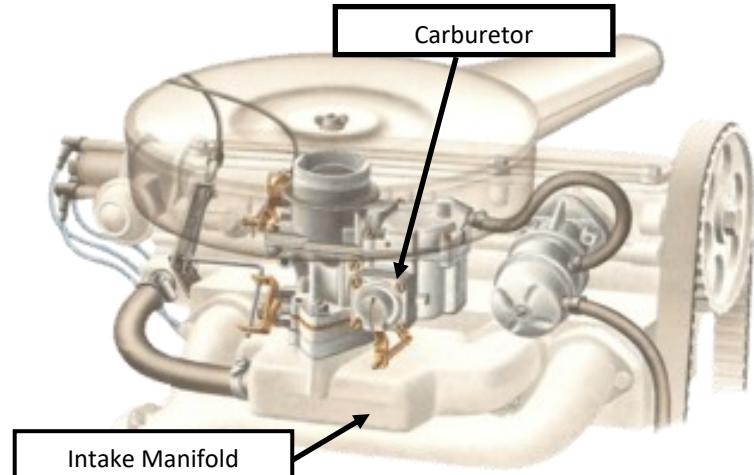
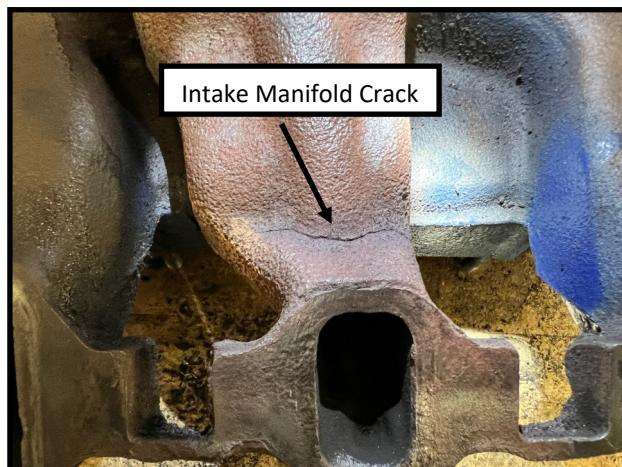
In addition to the show participants, we were honored to have the presence of former CLC President Bill Edmunds, and former CLC Regional Vice-President Lee Herbermann.





## Cast Iron Intake Manifold Repair by Robert Schles

In preparation to rebuild the 429 engine in my 1964 Eldorado, I noticed a crack in the intake manifold. The intake manifold (on this car it is made out of cast iron) is the part that sits on top of the engine just below the carburetor. After the carburetor mixes the fuel and air, the air/fuel mixer gets distributed to the cylinders via the intake manifold. Having a crack in the intake manifold may cause several issues with engine performance. It can: cause an improper air/fuel mixture ratio, improper distribution of the air/fuel mixture to the cylinders and worst of all, it may cause a fire should any fuel leak out.



Repairing cast iron can be extremely difficult. The heating and cooling cycles during welding causes expansion and contraction in the metal, inducing tensile stress. Cast iron does not stretch or deform when heated or stressed like other metals, instead it cracks. What to do now? Don Miller, who is rebuilding the engine, consulted with Stauffers Automotive Machine Shop in Phoenixville, PA. They recommended using Spring Garden Repair in Kinzers, PA for the repair. Spring Garden Repair are experts in repairing all types metal components and specialize in state-of-the-art engine remanufacturing for agricultural, industrial and automotive businesses in and around Lancaster County. Once Don Miller



dropped the manifold, they turned the part around in about 2 weeks.



To the left is the repaired and painted manifold. As you can see, the crack has been repaired, painted and ready to reinstall on the engine. Once installed the manifold worked as good as new.

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The Goddess



## Delaware State Police Car Show

On June 17th a car show was held at the Delaware State Police Headquarters. The show was part of the celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the Delaware State Police and the 25th anniversary of the Delaware State Police Museum. Our very own Don Miller coordinated the car show making sure everything ran smoothly. A police sponsored car show wouldn't be complete without a few vintage police cars and motorcycles for the spectators to enjoy.



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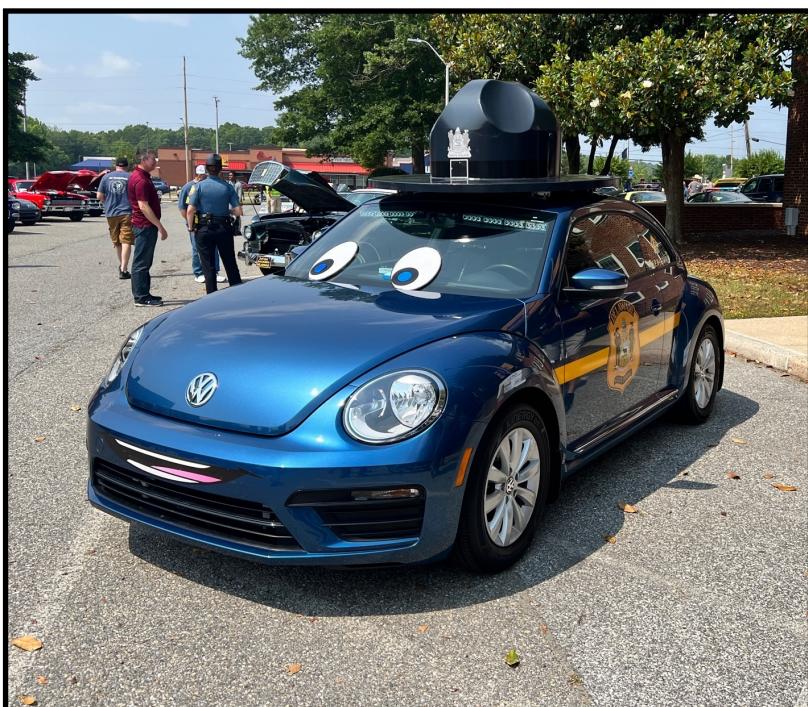
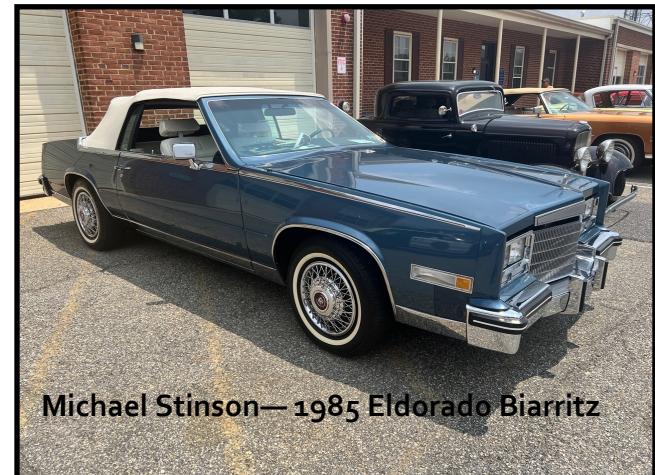


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Several Valley Forge Members were on hand showing off their beautiful Cadillacs.



Not a Cadillac but the VW Beetle is Trooper Danielle 'Dani' Blue #1923 of the Delaware State Police Community Engagement Unit. Trooper Blue graduated from the Training Academy in 2021 and is a third-generation Delaware State Trooper. Trooper Blue's grandfather, Daniel 'Dan' Blue, served with the Delaware State Police in the 1960s & 1970s and retired with the rank of Trooper First Class.



# Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club Invites You To Our Annual Dealer Show At Gold Coast Cadillac



**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755**

\* **Pre-Registration** Fee Received Prior To 9/20/23 = \$20.00, Day of Show \$25.00

\* The first 100 registered cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque!

\* Cars selected for showroom display must be members of the National CLC

\* Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase

**\* IMPORTANT !!!**

**ALL CADILLACS AND LaSalles TO BE JUDGED BY OUR RRR JUDGING TEAM MUST BE  
PRE-REGISTERED AND MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS OLD**

All day-of-show Cadillacs and LaSalles are eligible for peer judging  
And All non-Cadillacs are eligible for peer judging

**Pre-registered** Cadillacs and LaSalles will be judged on originality. Non-original Cadillacs may be judged in the Modified Class. All non-judged cars will be eligible for peer-judging. Your decision of Original/Restored Class, or Modified Class **MUST** be made when **pre-registering**. All Day-of-Show cars will be eligible for peer-judging only. **All other cars must display their dash placard to be peer judged. All winning class judged and peer-judged winning cars will receive trophies.**

\* No FOR SALE signs may be displayed.

\* All vehicles must have a visible Fire Extinguisher - Please - No Exceptions

\* Registration closes at 11:00 AM, Awards at 2:30, Show will end at 3:00 PM

• Please volunteer to help judge - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Add'l. info: text or call Jeff Montgomery @ 732-406-9120 or e-mail: [monty5131@gmail.com](mailto:monty5131@gmail.com)

ALL MAKES AND MODELS ARE WELCOME!

**Raritan River Region-Gold Coast Cadillac Show Registration Form**

Please remit with your check for \$20.00 made payable to the RRR-CLC no later than 9/20/23

Mail To: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street Edison NJ 08837

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do You Wish Your Car Judged?**

(  ) Yes. If Yes, check one: Original/Restored (  ) Modified (  )

(  ) No. If no, check one: Emeritus (  ) Peer-Judged (  ) Display Only (  )

Will You Help Judge? Yes (  ) No (  )

*For your Cadillac or LaSalle to be judged, **Pre-Registration is required!***

## **Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club Annual Fall Meet**



**Behind Bank Of America Parking Lot  
167 Crousel Lane, Lahaska, PA 18931**

**Co-Hosted with The Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC)  
Philadelphia Region**

**DATE: Sunday, October 8, 2023, 9AM—3PM. Awards at 2:30PM**

**Rain Date: Sun Oct 15th.**

***Pre-registration MUST be received by Friday, September 29, 2023.***

**Open To All Years, Makes, and Models**

***Over 100 Cars participated last year!***

**Top 30 High Scores, Best Lincoln, Best Cadillac, Best of Show (any make)**

For maps, directions, and a GPS address, see <http://www.peddlersvillage.com/directions>

Pre-registration fee: \$20; day-of-show registration: \$25. Please make all checks payable to **VFR-CLC**. Payment by check is preferable for record-keeping purposes. Show field opens at 9:00 AM.

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### **Valley Forge Region Annual Fall Meet; Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Rain Date Oct. 15**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club membership: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pre-registration closes Friday, September 29th 2023**

Vehicle 1: Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle 2: Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Body style: \_\_\_\_\_

Body style: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer parking?  Yes  No  
CLC Emeritus?  Yes  No

Trailer parking?  Yes  No  
CLC Emeritus?  Yes  No

Mail registration form and payment to:

John Wood  
327 Bellevue Avenue  
Penndel PA 19047

267 939 5925  
renopa@verizon.net

Total remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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[billsmith3000@aol.com](mailto:billsmith3000@aol.com) By 10/27/2023

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For More Information About the Museum go to their  
website <http://americantreasuretour.com/>



The Valley Forge Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Invites You to the

# >> Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday November 12, 2023

**Marcos at Pennsauken Country Club**

**3800 Haddonfield Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109**

**Cocktails (Cash Bar) Noon-1PM**      \$42 per Person Includes  
**Music By The Fabulous Joe Caristo**      Soup, Salad, Entrée, Dessert,  
**Seated Dinner & Program 1-4PM**      Coffee, Tea and Sprite

*Partially subsidized by The Valley Forge Region CLC*

**Questions? Tel: 856-429-0641 or Email:  
**NansCaddy@aol.com or JacksCaddy@aol.com****

*No reservations taken by phone or email*

**RSVP By Wednesday November 1st**

Amount Enclosed:

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To Reserve, send form with a check payable to:

VFR-CLC c/o Nancy Hotz 318 E. Cottage Ave Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Meal Selection:

Honeyed Salmon

Filet of Beef

Chicken Florentine

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Sunday CRUISE-IN



**Sunday October 15, 2023**

**12 NOON - 4PM (Rain or Shine)**



**\*\* ALL Makes/Models Welcome \*\***

**\*\* Motorcycles Too! \*\***

**at Lot 6 Beer Garden**

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## CARS FOR SALE

1978 Cadillac Coupe deVille for Sale

Advertised in the May & June 2022 issues of The Self-Starter.

**Seller's Description:**

Mostly original condition. 84k miles. First Place Awards, Touring Division at Kansas City (2018) and Louisville

(2019) GNs. CLC Touring badge. New tires. Runs like a dream. Seller must downsize.



- ◆ Seller purchased the car in 1991 from the original owner's wife after he died. It is not a CLC primary car, but a good touring car.
- ◆ There is a slight tear in the driver's seat.
- ◆ Relatively New tires. Some spokes on the wire wheel covers are missing.
- ◆ Engine is "clean"
- ◆ Trunk is clean. Solenoid (release??) doesn't work. Plans to get repaired.
- ◆ Fillers replaced without pinstripe.
- ◆ Landau top is good.

Car is in Ada, OH. Seller: Philip (Phil) Compton), Ada OH. Email: Pcompton475@gmail.com or Phone: 419-604-6268 to request more details and photos.

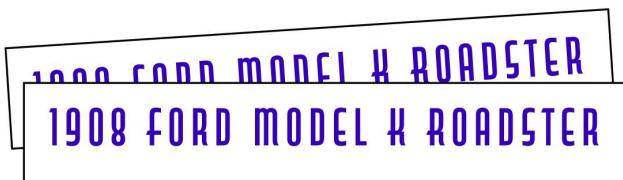
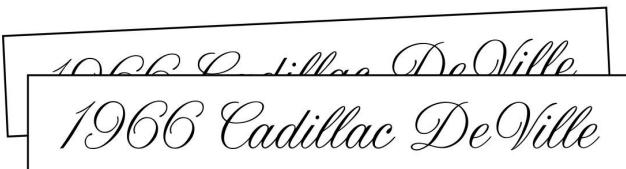
Mention Michael Stinson's announcement in the CLC-VFR newsletter. Asking Price: \$14,500.





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All items are available online, just follow this link:

<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/clc-cadillac-lasalle-club-valley-forge-region>

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