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Evolution of the Cadillac Fin



Greetings. Summer is here in 90+ degree force. For the CLC, Summer arrived a little early this year with the Grand National (GN) being held in Gettysburg, PA from June 10-15.

The GN was a wonderful, albeit exhausting (for me) week... Volunteering, cleaning cars, judging cars, *being* judged, and a mechanical issue made for a busy week. Robert Schles did a fantastic job of setting up and managing the show field throughout the week. Special thanks to Earl Rutter who made an extra trip to Gettysburg to help set up the show field.

Despite the hectic pace, we reconnected with old friends and made new ones from all over the world, with members from Australia, Germany, France, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Switzerland in attendance. I was relieved that participants in the covered bridges and Antietam driving tours that I organized had an enjoyable, problem-free experience. The show field had over 260 fantastic examples on display.

The VFR was a significant presence at the GN, with 18 of our members winning national awards. Among the award winners was VFR's Vice President and *Goddess* newsletter Editor Robert Schles, who was presented with the **CLC Distinguished Service Award**, a national award "... established to honor a member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club who gives freely of his or her time and energy in such a way that their effort has provided results that benefit all members of the CLC...". Read the details of Robert's award and other VFR winners at the GN on Page 12-16 of this issue. We thankfully recognize Robert Schles for all his efforts for the national CLC as well as VFR.

I was very surprised and honored to receive **The Mary Lou Evans Membership Award** during the Grand Nationals Awards banquet. My heartfelt thanks go to those who nominated me, as well as the CLC National Board of Directors and the Awards Committee. The accomplishments highlighted by presenter Joseph Kausse are not mine alone; the events and activities that VFR hosts to attract new members could not take place without the dedication, support and hands-on help of the VFR Board of Directors and several members of VFR and other CLC regions. This award is indicative of VFR members' dedication to our chapter, the Northeast Region and the national club. My sincere thanks to everyone who has and continues to support VFR's efforts to make these activities and events possible each year.

CLC National Chief Judge, Bill Anderson, has announced that he will retire from his position on October 31st. Bill has served in this position for at least 9 years. CLC President Ronnie Hux has appointed WoTL Region Director Fred Butalla as interim National Chief Judge. Fred has been serving as a Deputy Chief Judge for the past two years, learning the ropes from Bill. Bill will stay on as Deputy Chief Judge to assist with the transition.

Reminder to VFR Region members and friends: due to scheduling conflicts, the VFR Board of Directors regretfully voted to cancel the 2024 Inter-Region Meet and Car show at the AACA Museum that was scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, September 21-22nd. VFR hopes to schedule a driving tour or social gathering in place of this event. Please contact me with



any suggestions you may have in this regard. I plan to present the *A-B-C Memorial Service Award* to a CLC Northeast Region member nominated by the VFR, Potomac, RRR, North Jersey and Central PA Region Directors at our Peddler's Village Car show on September 29th. The Northeast Inter-Region Meet will be held again next year.

CLC and non-CLC events planned throughout our region are outlined on page 5 of the *Goddess* and posted on the VFR website. Robert, Mike Marchese, and I will update the calendar regularly. Let Robert or me know of any changes or additions. We look forward to seeing you!

- ◆ The **Peddler's Village show** co-hosted by the Philadelphia Region LCOC will be held on **Sunday September 29th**; rain date is **Saturday, October 19th**. Open to all years, makes and models. Registration Flyer is attached on page 20. Other local clubs interested in participating should contact Michael Stinson at Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com
- ◆ **RRR's** annual show at **Gold Coast Cadillac** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 13th** with the flyer on page 21.
- ◆ VFR plans to participate as a club in several well-known regional events, including Das Awksch Fescht in Macungie, Hagley Museum, New Hope, Doylestown at Dusk, and others. Dates of these shows are on the club calendar. Make plans to join fellow VFR members at these shows.
- ◆ Other social gatherings, cruise-ins and shows in conjunction with local regions/ chapters of CLC, AACA, LCOC... Let us know if you have any ideas/ suggestions!

Please read the article on P. 18 with reminders on how to avoid potential scams via email using my name and title of VFR Director/President, as well as other potential online scams. Another VFR member received one of these phishing emails *this morning* as I was writing this message. Please remain vigilant.

Thank you all for your comments, suggestions, and continued support. Best wishes to all VFR members and your families that you all remain safe and healthy. Be *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

- ◆ The **CLC Northeast Inter-Region Meet and Show** is scheduled for **Sat-Sun Sept. 21-22** at the **AACA Museum** has been **Cancelled** due to scheduling conflicts. The show is planned to be held again next year.
- ◆ We are looking at Sunday **September 29th** for the Valley Forge Region Car Show at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, PA. Once again we will co-host the show with the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club. See the show flyer to be posted on page 20.
- ◆ The Pennsauken Country Club has been reserved for the **Valley Forge Fall Banquet** for **Sunday November 17, 2024**. Come out and help celebrate 49 years of the Valley Forge Region. See page 22 for the flyer.

The CLC Grand National is a very large undertaking and it takes many volunteers. I want to thank all the VFR members who volunteered to help make the CLC Gettysburg Grand National such a success.

Next year the Valley Forge Region will be celebrating our 50th anniversary! That's right, back in January 1975 the region was founded by Lewis Howells. Starting with the September issue of The Goddess we will be taking a look back. If you have a fond memory, photos, a story to share or something else about the region you think the members might like to read, let me know. I would like to hear from you. You can reach me at therobertschles@gmail.com.

Please note there is a **NEW ZOOM link** for the monthly meeting. See details below:

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 NEW Zoom from the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87022741627?pwd=S3R5TUVJaDl6Nm41bmJSVkJNiUjZlYQTo9>

Meeting ID: 870 2274 1627

Passcode: 538638

One tap mobile - tap one of the links below to join via cell phone:
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OR, Dial-in by your location:

- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Car Show Calendar

July

- 4th July 4th Breakfast Silver Diner 2131 Rt38 Cherry Hill, NJ 8-12N
- 13th Chariots of Fire Car Show, Booths Corner Farmer Market, Garnet Valley, PA 10 – 2
- 14th All GM Powered Car Show Elkins Chevrolet 401 Rt73 South Marlton, NJ 9-3
- 14th Memorial Car Show Mainline Shopping Center 1210 N. Rt130 Cinnaminson, NJ 9-2
- 18-20th Central PA Auto Auction <https://www.cpaautoauction.com/annual-antique-classic-auction>
- 20th Doylestown at Dusk <https://doylestownatdusk.com/2024-show> 5 - 10
- 27th Vintage Wheels & Wine Car Show Penny Woods Winery 124 Beaver Valley Rd Chadds Ford, PA 12 – 4
- 27th St. Paul School Car Show 250 James St Burlington, NJ 9-2
- 28th Classic Car Show Sunday, VFW Post 6393 1444 Yardley Newtown Road Yardley, PA 10 - 2

August

- 2nd-4th DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT Ontelaunee Region AACA Macungie, PA 9-5
- 4st Annual Car Show at Arasapha Farms 1835 Middletown Road Glen Mills, PA 10 –2
- 21th Hockessin Auto Show Hockessin United Methodist Church 7250 Lancaster Pike Hockessin, DE 10 - 3
- 17th Road Knights & Historical Society Car Show 88 Church Landing Road Pennsville, NJ 08070 10-2
- 25th 3rd Annual Upper Chichester Township Car Show 3300 Chichester Ave Upper Chichester PA 12 - 3
- 31th Duryea Day Antique & Classic Car & Truck Show at Boyertown Community Park 9 - 3

September

- 8th Radnor Hunt Concours Radnor Hunt Club 826 Providence Road Malvern, PA 19355
- 7th 4th Annual Car Show Church of the Sacred Heart 102 4th St. Riverton, NJ 10-2
- 14th Chariots of Fire Car Show Classic Auto Mall 8180 Morgantown Road Morgantown, PA 10 - 3
- 15th Hagley Car Show 200 Hagley Creek Road Wilmington, DE 19807 10 - 4
- 28th Car Show For Autism Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 1-5
- 29th **VFR & LCCOC** Peddler's Village Car Show — See the Flyer on Page 20

October

Raritan River Region's annual show at **Gold Coast Cadillac Sunday, October 13th** See flyer P.21

SAVE THE DATE! The VFR Fall Banquet is Sunday November 17th See the flyer on Page 22



IN CLC NATIONAL NEWS



Grand Nationals • National Driving Tours Winter Reunions & Board Meetings • 2024–2027

2024 National Driving Tour

August 27–31
“Cadillacs in Kansas”
Drury Plaza Hotel, Wichita, Kansas
Missouri Valley Region hosting



2026 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings

January 7–10
Element by Westin International Drive
Orlando, Florida



2025 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings

January 29–February 1
Embassy Suites by Hilton Chattanooga Hamilton Place
Chattanooga, Tennessee

2026 Grand National Meet

June 1–6
Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte
Concord Golf Resort & Spa
Concord, North Carolina



2025 Grand National Meet

June 2–7
Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville SE Murfreesboro
Murfreesboro, Tennessee



2027 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings

January 27–30
Hyatt Regency at Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham/Hoover, Alabama



2025 National Driving Tour

October 15–18
“Cruising the Capital”
Central New York, Host Hotel TBD
NY Capital District Region hosting

2027 Grand National Meet

May 17–22
Nugget Casino Resort, Reno/Sparks, Nevada



- Caddy Queens
- Lane Auto Museum
- Grand Ole Opry
- Downtown Nashville
- Welcome Reception
- Guest Speakers
- Judged Car Show
- Awards Banquet

Check *The Self- Starter* or cadillaclasalleclub.org/events for updated information

We look forward to your
at **TENN** dance at the
2025 Grand National!
June 2–7 • Murfreesboro, TN



Watch *The Self- Starter* or cadillaclasalleclub.org for information on booking your room online or by phone!
There will also be people from Murfreesboro here at the Grand National who will help you book your room.



VFR Website Statistics (courtesy Webmaster Jeff Hansen):

For May 19 to June 15 = 28 Days 93 website visitors (or 3.32 per day). This compares to 107 visitors (3.06 per day) over the previous period 35 days.

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (83), China (5), other countries had 1 visitor each

most popular pages:
1) Home page, then President’s Message
The Goddess
Current News
Officers and Directors

Our Cars
Online Calendar
Our Friends
Classifieds
10) Join Us

Number of people downloading an issue of **The Goddess** directly from our website in May : 7

**Treasurer’s
June
2024
Report From
John Wood**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Total Income for June:	\$0.00		
Net for 2024	-\$328.02	Total	\$0

IN MEMORIAM: ELIZABETH “BETTY” ANDERSON BY THE ANDERSON FAMILY

Former CLC Potomac Region member Betty Anderson of Gambrills, MD passed away on May 30, 2024, at age 80. She met retiring CLC Chief Judge William “Bill” Anderson at Iowa State University, and they were married on November 12, 1966. Following graduation in May 1967, they moved to upstate New York. Ultimately settling in Auburn, Betty worked for Cayuga County Social Services and supported Bill’s engineering career. William C. Anderson, III was born in September 1970 and Erica D. Anderson arrived in February 1972 during a major snowstorm. A change in Bill’s career led them to move to the Annapolis, MD area in 1985, and Betty’s career with Maryland state government was launched. She served for 20 years as Special Assistant/Office Manager of the Maryland Governor’s Legislative Office during four different gubernatorial administrations: Parris N. Glendening, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Martin J. O’Malley, and Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. The breadth of her duties went far beyond what the outside world and even many of her colleagues could see. Joseph C. Bryce, former Chief Legislative Officer remarked: “Betty was a very special person. For the 11 years we worked together, she was my partner, protector, confidante, and guiding light. She was smart, caring and always worked until the job was done.” Governor Glendening, the first Governor for whom she worked, echoed that sentiment: “Betty was the engine that made our Legislative Office run. She was a true professional and a wonderful person who had the respect of her colleagues and elected officials. I feel honored to have worked with her for so many years.” Although Betty retired from State government after the 2016 legislative session, she worked an additional three legislative sessions in the legislative office of Johns Hopkins University before settling into retirement completely. Betty was a true lover of flowers of all types. If desired please send floral arrangements in care of Hardesty Funeral Home P.A., 851 Annapolis Rd., Gambrills, MD 21054 no later than Friday, July 26, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on **Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1800 Seton Dr., Crofton, MD 21114.**

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

My Story, a 1960 Cadillac for my 21st Birthday

By Jack Hotz



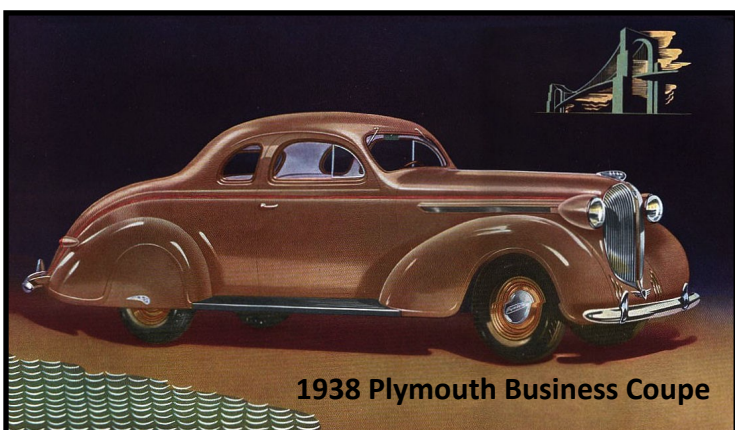
Many of you may have heard my story sometime over the past 30 years. For those of you who don't know I will try and make it as interesting as I can.

I have always been a city kid. From growing up in the industrial city of Camden, NJ, to the colonial village I have lived in for the past 57 years I have been surrounded by cars, buses, and trucks. The 50's was the ideal time to be exposed to the products of the American automobile industry. Every year there was a different design on your favorite marque so even as a young observer one acquired an interest in what would be the next design trend coming down the highway. Just from observation I was beginning to form an idea of what I thought would be the most beautiful car ever made.



Jack's 1960 6267 at the Lahaska Show

My first car was a 1938 Plymouth business coupe. I bought it in 1959 for \$10, it had all of 38,000 miles on it and burned a quart of oil every 50 miles. I guess that was an early method of mosquito control or at least my car made an effort. I did not come from a mechanically adept family. At the age of 17 I wasn't too sure how to use tools and figuring out how anything worked was beyond me. Like all immature boys I knew how to take things apart but had no clue on how to put them back together again. Needless to say I only had that car for 8 or 9 months and sold it to my best friend for \$35 and thought I had made a killing. At that time, the family had a 56 Chevy pick up truck that I always drove. But the family business prospects picked up and good news was on the horizon.



1938 Plymouth Business Coupe

In May of 1962 visited Scott-Smith Cadillac in Camden, New Jersey and requested a white 1960 convertible with black interior for my 21st birthday. Although they did not have that car on the premises the salesman, Bruce Bowersock, said he would inquire at the other company branches to see if such a vehicle was available. Within a week or so Bruce called me and said they just had a trade in at the Center City Cadillac branch and I could see it in a few days. When the opportunity arrived to see the car I was smitten! Not only was the car white with white top and black interior it had air conditioning, cruise control, and Autronic eye. On June 4, 1962 I took delivery of my 1960 white Cadillac convertible. At \$4,000 (\$42,000 in today's dollars) it was expensive but my father said he would buy it as a birthday present. Being young and naive at the time I didn't realize I should have ordered an Eldorado which would have also had power vent

windows, tri-power, and a trunk pulldown. The car would be worth more money in the long term than my well equipped 62 series. But that's the mistakes of youth. I really haven't regretted the result as the 62 series has served me well over the years.

Prior to my connecting with Bruce I had been in the dealership browsing the cars and a salesman approached me to ask if I needed help. I explained what I wanted and he took my name and phone number. I never heard from him again. In due time that negligent salesman became the owner of the dealership! But because of the attitude that a young person like me couldn't seriously be buying a Cadillac he never followed up, so my father and I bought cars only from Bruce and none after the dealership changed hands.



Well I soon discovered that a two year old Cadillac with 22,000 miles on was not trouble free. First



the generator went bad. Then the voltage regulator. Then the carrier bearing. Then the resonators. And so on. Within 3 years I had mostly rebuilt the sub-systems to keep the car running. By 1965 I was married and the 1960 was our daily driver for the next 13 years. My then wife was all of five foot tall and 100 pounds so it caused folks to take notice how this little girl was able to wheel that big boat of a car through the streets of Haddonfield. If you recall that was the period of gas shortages so I parked the '60 in my garage and bought a 1975 Honda Civic for my wife. I had a company van so I wasn't worried about the cost of gas.

Around 1982 I experienced major life changes and decided it was time to get the '60 back on the road. I soon realized I hadn't a clue about how to fix all the problems that occur from the car sitting for a few years. I was no mechanic and didn't know where to start. The husband of a cousin had a service station and he took the car and parked it next to the office, First he figured out the Delco-Moraine power brake system needed replaced. No one was rebuilding them yet as the '60 was just an old used car. The car sat in the rain and snow for 3 or 4 months before I made contact with a car restorer who was able to get me the parts for the brake system. I never understood at that time that to own an old car you need to develop a network of people who can either supply you with parts, direct you to someone who has parts, or know a good mechanic who loves old cars.

Over the last 40 years I have developed such a network through the Cadillac and LaSalle Club and the AACA.



Finally I had the car back on the road by 1986 and was ready to do car shows. On attending a New Years Day neighborhood brunch I saw a guy showing pictures of a car he recently purchased. My ears perked up, it was a 1971 Cadillac convertible and the owner was a cross town neighbor, Larry Lesiger, who became the CLC treasurer for 15 years. I told Larry I had an old Caddy and he said in his New York accent, "We have to talk". The next week we went to the Englishtown show and flea market with a group from the Valley Forge Region. I was hooked. Such an extraordinary group of people who couldn't do enough to help or direct you to someone who could. Obviously I stayed with the VFR serving as president

for 6 years, as vice-president for two years, and secretary for two years. Those were the days of three and four dealer shows a year so the car had plenty of use even going to Cooperburg Mustang Shows, the New Hope Car Show, AACA Shows in Scranton, and of course Das Awkscht Fescht until I couldn't take the summer heat anymore.

By 1988 the 60 was mechanically sound but the cosmetics needed help. I had the car painted and extensive repair work done on the trunk floor and bottoms of all the fenders. While it was apart I polished all the trim and had tons of chrome plating done to make it sparkle. Eventually, around 2000 or so, Don Miller rebuilt the engine with about 100,000 miles on it. Over the years I have driven the car to Grand National Meets in Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston (twice), Rhode Island, Long Island, Florida twice (once partly by train), a couple of driving tours, and Lake George. That coupled with the local driving has put about 132,000 on the clock as of now. Since the COVID pandemic my activity interests have changed since we couldn't go any where. I have to reschedule my priorities back to driving my 1960, and my two LaSalles.

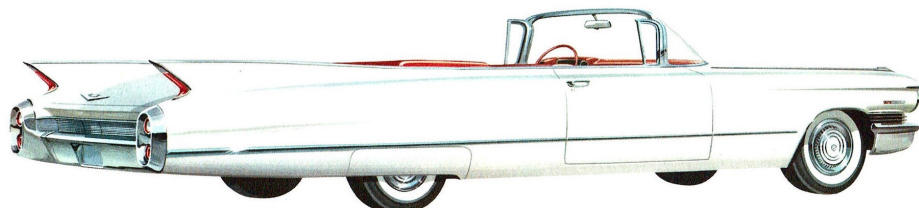


Jack's 1937 5027 LaSalle Coupe

With all these years of traveling around I decided to give the old girl a better look. I think we need to consider another cosmetic restoration. Since those long ago days of 1988 I have learned, mostly the hard and expensive way, how to get work done by folks who know what they are doing and can get it done in a timely fashion. We just got back our 1937 LaSalle coupe finished by a formerly competent shop who, over the years, has lost a number of old time workmen who knew the ins and outs of working on and reassembling old cars. This seems to be a current

problem but I imagine a younger group of competent technicians will take over where there is now a vacuum. *The 1937 LaSalle story will be featured in a future Goddess article.*

SIXTY-TWO CONVERTIBLE



The dramatic elegance and majesty of Cadillac's new design are eloquently portrayed in this view of the Sixty-Two Convertible for 1960. A beautiful, horizontal cove molding forms a subtle transition from bumper to body . . . unites the two oval light assemblies . . . and lowers the center of eye interest. Interiors are masterfully crafted of Florentine leathers in solid tones of silver, blue, green, saddle, red, black and in combinations of black with white or red and white Florentine leather.



Learn how easily a Cadillac can become a member of your family

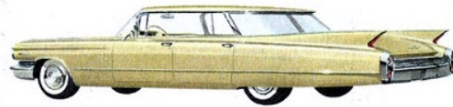
We have tried to show you how thrilling your life could be with a 1960 Cadillac. Now, we invite you to visit your Cadillac dealer for a ten-mile demonstration drive—and for the pleasant facts about how easily and economically you can now own the "car of cars."



SIXTY-TWO COUPE



SIXTY-TWO SEDAN (SIX WINDOW)



SIXTY-TWO SEDAN (FOUR WINDOW)



SIXTY-TWO CONVERTIBLE



COUPE DE VILLE



FLEETWOOD SIXTY SPECIAL SEDAN



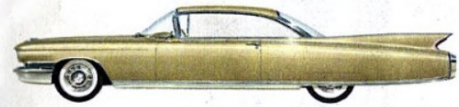
SEDAN DE VILLE (FOUR WINDOW)



SEDAN DE VILLE (SIX WINDOW)



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FLEETWOOD SEVENTY-FIVE SEDAN AND LIMOUSINE



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2024 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National



The 2024 Cadillac & LaSalle Club was a great success. There were over 800 people in attendance with 260+ vehicles on the show field. The Valley Forge region was well represented and 18 members won awards.

VFR Director Michael Stinson was awarded ***The Mary Lou Evans Membership Award*** for his effort in attracting new members. Michael has demonstrated his unwavering dedication to the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's mission of promoting the enjoyment of Cadillac and LaSalle. He has gone above and beyond in his contributions to the club and the Valley Forge Region encouraging new members to join. This includes organizing events that have enriched the club's community and resources. He has distributed a brochure highlighting the reasons why one should join the CLC and the Valley Forge Region. For the past several years, Michael has arranged for an Inter-regional meet at the AACA Museum. These regions include; Valley Forge, Potomac, Raritan River, North Jersey, Upper Susquehanna and the Central Pennsylvania region. His supportive nature has helped foster a welcoming to all Cadillac enthusiasts as well as members of the antique car community encouraging them to join the CLC. Last year Michael had arranged not only the for the Inter-regional meet but also a club tour of the 3 Dog Garage, a visit to the American Treasure Tour Museum, Peddler's Village Car inviting the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club and, AACA members where over 115 cars participated.



Always encouraging new members to join in. Michael makes sure Cadillacs were well represented at the Das Awksch Fescht, Hagley and several other car events in the area. In addition, Michael headed up the CLC tent at Fall Hershey signing up several new members and encouraging current members to renew their membership. Receiving the Mary Lou Evans CLC Membership Award recognized Michael's exceptional contributions, his leadership, passion, and dedication to the club and its community. Awards like this not only honor the individual recipient but also serve to inspire others within the club to contribute and participate actively.



The awards nominating committee recognized your *Goddess* editor and VFR VP Robert Schles for his Distinguished Service to the CLC. When covid made it impossible in 2020 for people to gather several regions came up with ways to show off cars. One of those was the Valley Forge Region. They wanted to do a virtual car show and one member found a platform to use, configured it and managed the submissions and voting. This led to him being asked to do the same for the CLC as a whole, with submissions and voting and results in the *Self starter*. This virtual event was so well received the CLC asked him to manage it again for 2021 as we still could not hold a public event. The platform had to be set up, tested, proofed and made available a to the CLC members. Once in motion the over 900 entries and votes had to be verified and tabulated before the finalists were announced and an article written for the *Self Starter*. Having the virtual GNs allowed the CLC members a way to not only showcase their cars but allowed us to see other members cars and still enjoy some aspects of an actual GN. Again, it took a great many

hours and quite a bit of computer expertise to manage this event in the two years he did it. This member also serves on the CLC national membership committee, has served as VP of the Valley Forge region, assists with running the CLC tent at Hershey, serves as editor of the VFR newsletter the *Goddess*, assists with running local and regional shows and events and served as Chef Event Judge for the 2024 GN leading the show field subcommittee.

Other Valley Forge Region winners at the 2024 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National were:



Aaron Driben 1957 Eldorado Biarritz 6267SX - 2nd



James Govoni 1953 6219 Sedan - 1st



Jack Hotz 1937 5027 LaSalle Coupe - 1st Primary



Jeff Hansen 1942 7533 Imperil Sedan - Senior Crown



Ted Madalakis 1964 6267 Coupe DeVille - Senior Primary



Mike Marchese 1959 6029 Fleetwood 60 Special - 2nd Touring



Edward McGettigan 1959 6237 Convertible Coupe 2nd Primary



Shand McHale 1959 6367 Coupe DeVille 2nd Primary



Scott Nickett 1959 6437 Eldorado Seville Coupe 1st Primary



Scott Nickett 1976 6EL67 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible 1st Primary



Jerry Parnes 1931 4535 Fleetwood Convertible Coupe
Senior Wreath



Craig Perrotty 1970 68367 DeVille Convertible
1st Primary



Robert Schles 1964 Eldorado 3rd Primary



Paul Sevag 1955 6019X Fleetwood Special 2nd Primary



Michael Stinson 1976 6CB69 Fleetwood 1st Touring



Michael Stinson 1996 DW69 Fleetwood 1st Touring



Ed Thompson 1973 6ZZ90 Hearse Senior Wreath



Ed Thompson 1974 6ZZ90 Flower Car Senior Wreath



Marty Watkins 1941 6019S Fleetwood Special 1st Primary

Not Shown

Paul Sevag

1979 6CD47 Coupe DeVille

Senior Wreath

Dr. Robert Newbrough received a special award for his definitive book on 1970s Cadillacs

Cadillac 1970-1979 An Era of Automotive Opulence



Congratulations to all the Valley Forge Region winners!

Jenkins Interiors may be a familiar name to many Valley Forge Region members. Lewis Hill Jenkins Sr. began in 1977 when Mr. Jenkins started restoring his own 1941 Buick in North Wilkesboro N.C. The interiors were done so well that by 1983 Jenkins started doing other peoples cars as well as his own. That's when Jenkins Interiors was born. Shortly after that, Cadillac & LaSalle interiors were added to the list of designs and accomplishments. They specialize in a range of Interiors for convertible and hardtop interiors of Buick & Cadillac & LaSalle vehicles from 1926 to 1976. In 2013 Lewis Hill Jenkins Sr. passed. That's when Lewis Hill Jenkins Jr. took over the family business continuing the tradition of specializing in leather & cloth interiors, carpets, mats, trunk kits, tops, wells, boots, dashes and dynoc (wood graining) transfers for dashes and doors. Since that time, they have expanded their portfolio to include Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Chrysler and Packard interiors.



In 2022 I decided it was time to finally restore the trunk of my 1947 Cadillac. I asked several VFR members who they would recommended for the trunk materials and without hesitation they said Jenkins Interiors. When I called Jenkins Interiors I first met Lewis "Hill" Jenkins Jr. A very knowledgeable and interesting man. During the brief phone conversation, I learned Hill was a master scuba diver and private pilot as well as a lover of music; playing both the drums and guitar. He told me his company has done many 1947 Cadillacs convertibles but not any 1947 four door sedans. Hill said, if I gave them the material from my trunk they would use it as a pattern to make new pieces with period correct fabric they had in-house. That's when I decided to take a road trip to North Wilkesboro N.C. to drop off my trunk pieces, meet Hill in person and also to see the work of the master interior craftsmen.

Upon arrival, Hill gave a tour of his warehouse where the multitude of interior patterns are stored for the 50 years of various models of Cadillacs, LaSalle's, Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Chryslers and other makes.



Just a few of the many automotive interior patterns on hand at Jenkins Interiors



Hill explained how they would have the period correct custom fabrics made for the various makes and models to have on hand as needed for various interior restorations.



Jenkins Interiors is known for their fine craftsmanship and attention to detail. Over the years they have restored the interiors of over 100 1957 Eldorados, several 1953 Eldorados and many other models. Here are a some examples of their work:



In his personal collection, Hill Jenkins Jr. only kept all original, unrestored cars. A few example are shown below.



The cars Jenkins Interiors restore go on to receive top national awards from the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, AACA, CCCA and many concours events.

Lewis Hill Jenkins Jr. was the CEO and President of Jenkins Interiors for 26 years. Mr. Jenkins passed away on May 16, 2024.

His obituary can be found here: <https://www.reinssturdivant.com/obituary/Lewis-JenkinsJr>

Editor's Note: Long time Jenkins employee Clay Minton has taken over Jenkins Interiors. He can be reached by phone 336-902-0717 or email trimmerclay@gmail.com

Scammers Are Targeting Classic and Vintage Car Owners and Buyers



Just the other day I receive an email from VFR Director Michael Stinson asking to help with payments because our treasurer John Wood was unable do so. Here is the email:

Hi Robert,

I hope you are doing well. John Wood is not conversant with Zelle/Venmo or PayPal, and can't disburse payment to a vendor. If you have any of these payment platforms and can help make the payment at your convenience, please let me know. Please let me know so I can forward you the vendor's payment details and I will have your reimbursement processed once the treasurer is available.

Best regards

Mike Stinson

This email was **not** from Michael but from a **scammer**. I checked email address by hovering my mouse cursor over the address: "Mike Stinson <carrie@mwt.net>", **not** Michael's email and the reply address: "diip.suzzywilliams.un2013@gmail.com" again **not** Michael's email. It's too easy these days to be fooled by emails and text. If you have any doubt, always check the from address to see if it's from an email address from someone you know. You can find all the club officers email addresses listed on page 2 of **The Goddess**.

It is just not emails scammers are using for nefarious purposes. They set up legitimate looking websites to scam people to put a deposit down on cars when there is no car. Matt Milbrandt, who owns a classic car dealership, [Seven Hills Motorcars](#) in Cincinnati, Ohio was targeted by scammers. The scam artists copy and repost his listings online. "They cut off the watermark in our photos," he said, "and essentially steal our entire website." Milbrandt said photos and descriptions of his beautiful cars show up on social media and copycat websites, where scammers get buyers to send deposits of \$1,000 or more. "That's happened to us twice this year, in 2024," he said. When buyers finally reach him, he said he knows nothing about a deal, because it turns out they made it with a scammer in another state. He said it works because scammers list much lower prices, sometimes half the price of what a 1960s or 1970s car should really sell for. "They entice people by having a very cheap price so it seems like it's a good deal," he said.

Here are some Common Classic Car Buying Scams tips to watch for from the Auto Appraisal Group:

- ◆ **Priced Below Market Value:** If it seems too good to be true, it probably is
- ◆ **False Escrow Services:** Using a legitimate and well-known escrow service
- ◆ **Pressure and Urgency:** A scammer will often pressure buyers to make a decision quickly
- ◆ **Buying Sight Unseen:** It should be a giant red flag if a seller expects you to buy a car without seeing it first

You can protect yourself as a buyer by following a few simple steps:

- ◆ **Perform a Vehicle History Check** - Ask for the VIN number and Google it to see where it comes up
- ◆ **Check for Liens** - Verify that the owner's driver's license matches the information on the car's title
- ◆ **Verify the Vehicle Condition** - See the vehicle in person or get a pre-purchase inspection
- ◆ **Send Secure Payments** - Use a legitimate and well-known an escrow service to secure your funds
- ◆ **Research the Seller** - Make sure the seller actually exists, google the address and phone number
- ◆ **Trust Your Instincts** - Scammers count on buyers to be uneducated
- ◆ **Speak to the person on the phone** - You can learn about a car and the owner by speaking to them
- ◆ **Reverse Search the Image** - Pictures are very easy to steal, right click with google to see the image source

It's just not vehicles scammers are advertising. They also try to entice buyers to purchase parts and accessories for classic cars. Ask for another picture of the part with their business card. If they can't provide one, they probably don't have the part to begin with.

Follow the above tips to help you stay safe and remember if it's too good to be true it probably is.

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, September 29, 2024, 9AM—3PM. Awards at 2:30PM
Rain Date: Saturday October 19th.

Pre-registration MUST be received by Friday, September 20, 2024.

Open To All Years, Makes, and Models

Over 110 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.

VFR-CLC/Phila LCOC Annual Fall Show - Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024; Rain Date Sat Oct. 19

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ E-mail: _____
 _____ Club membership: _____

Pre-registration closes Friday, September 20th 2024

Vehicle 1: Make: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____ Body style: _____
 Vehicle 2: Make: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____ Body style: _____

Trailer parking? Yes No
 CLC Emeritus? Yes No

Trailer parking? Yes No
 CLC Emeritus? Yes No

Total remittance \$ _____

Mail registration form and payment to:
 John Wood
 327 Bellevue Avenue 267 939 5925
 Pennel PA 19047 renopa@verizon.net



ANNUAL DEALER SHOW



Sunday, October 13, 2024
2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Show Field Opens: 8am Show: 9am Awards Begin: 2:30pm

Pre-Registration fee Received Prior to 9/20/24, \$20.00, Day of Show \$25.00

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

Food 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**

All Makes & Models Welcome!

Raritan River Region - Gold Coast Cadillac Show Registration Form

Please submit with your check for \$20.00 payable to RRR-CLC no later than 9/20/24

Mail to: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street, Edison, NJ 08837

Name: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Do you want to have 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!**



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

Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday November 17, 2024

Marcos at Pennsauken Country Club

3800 Haddonfield Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Cocktails (Cash Bar) Noon-1PM

Music By The Fabulous Joe Caristo

Seated Dinner & Program

1:15-4PM

\$42 per Person

**Includes Soup, Salad,
Entrée, Dessert,
Coffee, Tea and Sprite**

Questions? Tel: 856-429-0641 or Email:

NansCaddy@aol.com or JacksCaddy@aol.com

No reservations taken by phone or email

RSVP By Tuesday November 5th

Partially subsidized by The Valley Forge Region CLC

Amount Enclosed:

(\$42 per Person) \$ _____

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: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Now Available Valley Forge Region Merchandise!

Each Piece in the Valley Forge Collection will have the Cadillac & LaSalle Club - Valley Forge Region Distinctive Logo

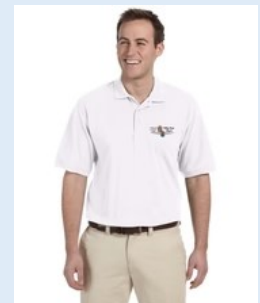
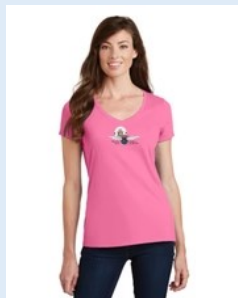


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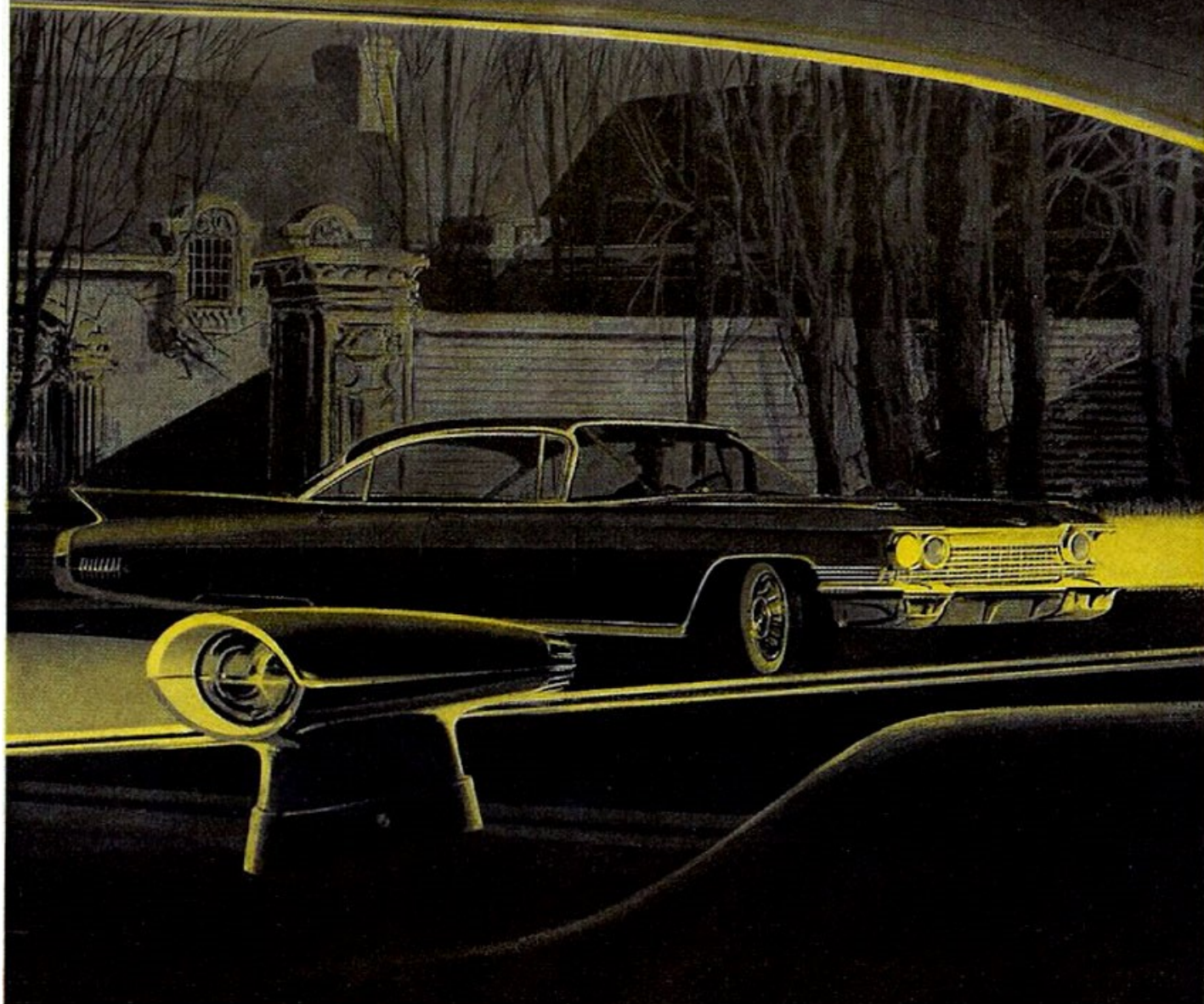
<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/clc-cadillac-lasalle-club-valley-forge-region>

There are many items to choose from, here are just a few examples:



Let Them Know You're a Valley Forge Member Use Code CLC15 and Receive a 15% Discount on all Orders

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