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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 this Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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Greetings! I hope everyone is managing this tough Winter weather safely and healthy. The last few days have shown hints of better weather to come!

After about 16 weeks in rehab and physical therapy, VFR member Culver Zebley has returned home! His wife Irene reports that he is in a wheelchair but can walk short distances with a walker. He is getting assistance at home. We wish him the best and continued recovery.

VFR Vice President and Newsletter Editor Robert Schles has organized a driving tour of Chester and Delaware County covered bridges on Saturday May 17th. After visiting four covered bridges in the region, we will gather for lunch. Look for details in this issue. Contact Robert to sign up.

Plans for the 2025 season are progressing and the events calendar is filling up! Please mark these events in your calendars:

April 24-27: Spring Carlisle flea market; Auction is held Apr. 24-25.

April 27: Open House and Lunch at Scott & November Nickett Collection, Doylestown PA, rain date: May 4

Sunday May 18: Ambler Car Show, Ambler PA.

June 2-7: CLC GN, Murfreesboro TN

June 7th: Conshohocken Art Festival & Car Show (for those not going to the GN).

Sat, June 28: Featured club at Gateway Classic Cars Cruise-In, Runnemede NJ with Philadelphia LCOC. Gateway donates up to \$200 to the club, \$10 for each participating member! Plus Goody bags!

July 23-26: Mecum Auction, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, Aug 3: Das Awkscht Fescht (Club Day), Macungie PA

August 16-17: CLC Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show at AACA Museum, Hershey PA; group tour of museum and dinner Sat Aug 16, show on Sun Aug 17.

Sunday, Sept. 14: VFR 50th Anniversary Banquet – venue to be confirmed.

Sunday Sept. 7th: Peddler's Village Car Show Lahaska PA; rain date Sunday Sept. 28



Sept. 14: Ankokas AACA Show, Haddonfield, NJ

Sept. 26-27: CLC Fall Festival at CLCMRC Museum in Hickory Corners MI

Oct. 7-10: AACA Fall Hershey

Oct. 15-18: CLC National Driving Tour, Central/upstate NY

VFR is planning several special events to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2025! Stay tuned for announcements. Let us know *your* ideas for a group driving tour or lunch! VFR members love getting together.

Goddess Editor Robert Schles is looking for articles! If you would like to share the story of your Cadillac or LaSalle, write a draft and email it with photos to Robert. We will work with you to edit if needed.

Best Wishes to you and your families. I look forward to seeing you soon. Be *well!* **Think Spring!**

Regards,

Michael Stinson, Director

Valley Forge Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club





VFR MEETING NEWS

At the **January Valley Forge Region meeting**, as your editor and assistance director, I was honored to be elected by the VFR board to represent members on the **National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Board of Directors**. This is a privilege provides me with the opportunity to be a voice for our region at the national level and contribute to the growth and success of the club. See page 14 about this year's CLC's Reunion and Winter Board Meeting.

Mark your calendars for several up coming special events put together by your club

- ◆ Scott and November Nickett will once again open their home to VFR members and other car clubs in the area. The event will take place on April 27th, with a rain date May 4th. The flyer on page 13 must be returned no later than April 1st
- ◆ On May 17th there will be a Driving Run to 4 covered bridges—see page 9 for all the details
- ◆ June 28th in conjunction with the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, the VFR will meet at Gateway Classic Car Runnemedede, NJ
- ◆ Save The Date! September 7th is the annual Peddler's Village Car Show
- ◆ On September 14th we will be celebrating of **50th Anniversary** of the Valley Forge Region at the Pennsauken Country Club. Watch for details in a future **Goddess**

On page 6 you will find the calendar of local car events. If there other events to add, let me know and they will be included in the next club email update.

The Early Days Of The Valley Forge Region

Continuing the story of The Birth Of A Region — 50 Years Ago This Year The Region Was Formed.

Over the years, the members of the Valley Forge Region (VFR) have actively participated in numerous Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand Nationals. In 1993 the Valley Forge Region hosted its first Grand National in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The event took place across the road from the Dutch Wonderland amusement park, an iconic destination in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. That year's Grand National was particularly memorable for setting a record—the largest gathering of LaSalles ever assembled, with more than 30 of these automobiles on the show field.

In 2008, the Valley Forge Region once again took the lead in organizing a Grand National, this time in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. This event carried special significance, as it marked the 50th anniversary of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. The show field filled to capacity with 405 vehicles.

Continuing its tradition of excellence, the Valley Forge Region partnered with the Potomac Region in 2017 to co-host another Grand National, this time in McLean, Virginia. The event, held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, drew over 1,100 attendees. The week-long celebration featured a display of 325 cars, including rare and historically significant models, making it a very memorable gatherings in recent club history.

If you have a story about the Valley Forge Region to share, just drop me an email.



VFR Website Statistics (courtesy Webmaster Jeff Hansen):

For January 19 to February 15 = 28 Days 51 website visitors (or 1.85 per day). This compares to 80 visitors (2.29 per day) over the previous period 35 days.

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (35), China (11), Australia (2) and others with 1 visitor each

10 most popular pages:
1) Home page, then **The Goddess**
Online Calendar
Join Us (Membership Application)
Current News

Our Friends
Officers
Emeritus Cars
Links to Other Clubs
10) Questions

Number of people downloading an issue of **The Goddess** directly from our website in January: 2

Treasurer's

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**Report From
John Wood**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership:	\$185.00	Web Hosting Fee	\$395.61
		Membership Mailing	\$5.58
Net for January	-\$245.39	Treasury Postage	\$29.20
Net Oct for 2024 YTD:	-\$245.39	Total	\$430.39



IN CLC NATIONAL NEWS



Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Grand National 2025
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
June 2-7, 2025



This year's Grand National looks like it will be another great event. **Early registration ends May 2nd.**

- ◆ **Monday June 2nd:** Driving Tour - Jack Daniel's Distillery & Beechcraft Heritage Museum
- ◆ **Tuesday June 3rd:** Cars, Cars, Cars (2 private car collections), Gathering of the Caddy Queens, Welcome Reception and CLC Museum & Research Center Auction
- ◆ **Wednesday June 4th:** Trip to Nashville, Cars, Cars, Cars (2 private car collections), Tech Advisor Meet & Greet and Evening Bingo
- ◆ **Thursday June 5th:** Trip to Nashville, Judging Seminars and Town Hall with CLC Officers
- ◆ **Friday June 6th:** Judges Breakfast, Car Judging & Show, Evening at The Grand Ole Opry
- ◆ **Saturday June 7th:** Car Show, Best of Murfreesboro, CLC Board Meeting and Awards Banquet

Book your reservation for the **2025 Grand National** in Murfreesboro, TN **ASAP**. The host hotel is sold out! Other hotel options available in Murfreesboro very close to the host hotel can be found [here](#).

Car Show Calendar

- March 2nd** ONTELAUNEE REGION AACA Swap Meet and Car Corral 312 Gernant's Church Rd Leesport, PA 7a-2p
- 23rd South Jersey Region AACA Swap Meet Salem County Fair Grounds Woodstown, NJ 8a-3p
- 29th Eastwood Spring Swap Meet & Car Corral 263 Shoemaker Rd Pottstown, PA 8a-2p
- April 5th** Cop's N' Rodders Car Show Evesham TWP Police Foundation 545 RT 73 N Marlton, NJ 10a-3p
- 13th Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet Classic Auto Mall Morgantown, PA 8a-3p
- 13th Brandywine Region AACA Swap Meet New Garden Park, 299 Starr Rd, Landenburg, PA 8a-2p
- 24-27th Spring Carlisle Flea Market & Auction Carlisle Fairgrounds
- 26th Olde Stone House Village Car Show 208 Egg Harbor Road Sewell, NJ 10a-2p
- 27th **Open House and Lunch at The Scott & November Nickett Collection, Doylestown PA Flyer on p13**
- May 3rd** 2025 Blue Mountain Classic Car Show 5351 Park West Lane, Bethlehem, PA
- 3rd Voorhees TWP Police Foundation Car Show 2400 Voorhees Town Center Voorhees, NJ 11a-3p
- 10th Ocean City, NJ Curusin' The Boards @ The Boardwalk in Oceans City, NJ
- 17th **Valley Forge Covered Bridge Run - See Page 9 for Details**
- 18th 28th Annual Ambler Auto Show Main Street Ambler, PA 1p-6p
- 18th **Potomac Region CLC Sport Cadillac** 3101 Automobile Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 9a-3p
- 18th HCCP Annual Spring Meet & Flea Market Linvilla Orchards Media, PA 9a-3p
- 24th 45th Chester County AACA Car Show 853 E. Lancaster Ave Downingtown, PA See page 23 for Flyer
- 24th Collingswood May Fair Car Show Haddon Ave Collingswood, NJ 10a-4p
- 31st Pottstown Classic Car Club Show Norco Fire Co. 144 W Schuylkill Rd Pottstown, PA 10a-2p
- 31st Brandywine Region AACA, Grist Mill Car Show, 219 South Cheney Road, Glen Mills, PA
- 31st Down On The Farm Car & Truck Show Locust Grove Farm Middletown, DE 8a-3p
- June 1st** GM on Display Macungie Memorial Park Macungie, PA 9a-12p See p24 for Flyer
- 1st Conshohocken Car Show Check-in at 1100 Fayette St, Conshohocken, PA 10a-4p
- 1nd Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania State Street Media Car show, Media, PA Rain 9-3
- 2nd - 7th** **Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National in Murfreesboro, TN**
- 7th Delclassics Car Show Delcastle Tech High School 1417 Newport Rd Wilmington, DE 8a-1p
- 22nd Bill Smith Memorial Summer Cruise In @ AACA Museum **See page 25** for more Info 8a-3p
- 28nd **Gateway Classic Car Cruise-In VFR Meet-up Runnemedede, NJ 9a-12p**

How a 1959 Cadillac Changed My Life

By Ed McGettigan



Shortly after being discharged from the US Navy in 1962, I purchased a 1959 Cadillac Series 62 convertible in Gotham Gold. The Caddy became my daily driver and without it I may not have met my wife. She would often see the convertible with the big fins driving around town and loved the car but she didn't know who owned it. One day we spied each other at a gas station as her brother was getting gas and she was the passenger in his Fiat convertible. She saw me with the Caddy and I saw how beautiful she was which was the start of our 60 years together. We were married in 1967 and drove the Caddy to our honeymoon in the Poconos.



Sometime in 1972 the 390 cu in engine became problematic. Now with a growing family, I decided to say goodbye to the Cadillac. Fast forward to 2002 when I saw a 1959 Cadillac Series 6267 convertible for sale on eBay. It was identical to the one I bought 40 years earlier, except for the black convertible top, and I could not resist wanting it again. My son and I flew from Philadelphia, PA to Tampa Bay, FL to inspect the car. It was a beauty and of course, I bought it. I then learned that the car was owned by the professional wrestler Randy Poffo, aka Randy 'Macho Man' Savage.



The Caddy is a matching numbers car with mostly original paint. It has won numerous car show awards including two first place awards and one second place award at three Cadillac Grand Nationals.



The Caddy is a dream to drive with that smooth Cadillac ride and powerful 390 CID engine at my command. My wife and I enjoy the wonderful memories of our youth each time that we go for a cruise in that special Caddy.



Valley Forge Region CLC Covered Bridge Run: *May 17, 2025*

Modern Cars Welcome!

Bring your classic or modern car and join us for a scenic covered bridge run through southern Chester County, PA. During the drive, we'll visit four picturesque covered bridges in the stunning Brandywine Valley. This run is a modified version the Brandywine AACA region did last year.

After the drive, we invite you to join us for lunch (on your own) at Two Stones Pub <https://twostonespub.com/kennett-square/> in Kennett Square, PA. While you're in the area, take some time to explore nearby attractions such as Longwood Gardens, The Brandywine Museum of Art, The Brandywine Battlefield or the many charming antique shops in the region. It's the perfect way to enjoy the beauty and history of this unique area!

Starting Point: Northbrook Marketplace

Address: 1805 Unionville Wawaset Rd, West Chester, PA 19382

Northbrook Marketplace is located at the corner of Rt. 842 and Northbrook Road in West Chester, PA.

Arrival Time: Please plan to arrive at 9:30 AM. Arriving early allows time to use the restrooms (note: there will be two opportunities to stop for restroom facilities during the drive), grab a cup of coffee, and chat with fellow club members before we begin the drive. We aim to depart promptly at 10:00 AM after a group photo.

The Drive: Our route covers 55 scenic miles, taking us by four beautiful covered bridges, with an optional lunch stop at the end. The drive is expected to take just under two hours, but it may extend longer depending on conditions. **Important Considerations:** The route includes narrow roads with limited shoulders, so please take this into account when deciding whether to join and which car to drive.

Our first bridge will be the **Gibson-Harmony Hill Bridge** outside of Marshallton, PA. It was built in 1872 by Edward Hall and Thomas Schull. It's a 78-foot-long Burr truss bridge. This is the only covered bridge remaining over the Brandywine Creek crossing, over the east branch of the Creek.



Our second bridge will be the **Speakman Bridge #1**; there is a Speakman #2 bridge, but it's on private property. Our bridge resides outside of Coatesville, originally constructed in 1881. The bridge at one time served the Johnathan Speakman gristmill, thus the name. It is 75 feet long and has a Burr arch truss design.



Our next bridge will be the **Linton Stevens Bridge** 1051 Kings Row Rd, Oxford, PA. The County built an iron bridge here in 1875. This was so damaged by the June 26, 1884 flood that J. Denithorne & Son were paid \$1,294.00 for repairing it. Only two years later a wooden covered bridge replaced the iron bridge. The bridge was named for Linton Stephens, a local postmaster. Chester County bridge maintenance records show an unexplained change of the spelling to Stevens in 1914.



Driving south on Kings Row Road we head to **Glen Hope Covered Bridge**, the last and most southern bridge on the tour. The bridge is located only ½ mile from the Mason-Dixon Line; the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania. It is a 65-foot-long Burr truss bridge, constructed in 1889 and spans the Little Elk Creek. It has vertical planking and eave-level window openings.



Our ride formally ends here. If you would like to join us, we head to the village of Kennett Square, PA where we gather for an optional lunch on your own at the **Two Stones Pub**, 843 East Baltimore Pike Kennett Square, PA 19438. Located in the Shoppes at Longwood Village where there is plenty of parking for your classic or modern car.

While you're in the area, be sure to check out nearby attractions like Longwood Gardens <https://longwoodgardens.org/>, The Brandywine Museum of Art <https://www.brandywine.org/>, The Brandywine Revolutionary War Battlefield <https://www.brandywinebattlefield.org/> or the quaint antique shops scattered throughout the region. It's a great way to experience the beauty and history of this one-of-a-kind region!

A. Northbrook Marketplace

1805 Unionville Wawaset Rd,
West Chester, PA

B. Gibson-Harmony Hill Bridge

1183 Harmony Hill Rd,
Downingtown, PA

C. Speakman Bridge #1

295 Frog Hollow Rd, East
Fallowfield Township, PA

D. Linton-Stevens Bridge

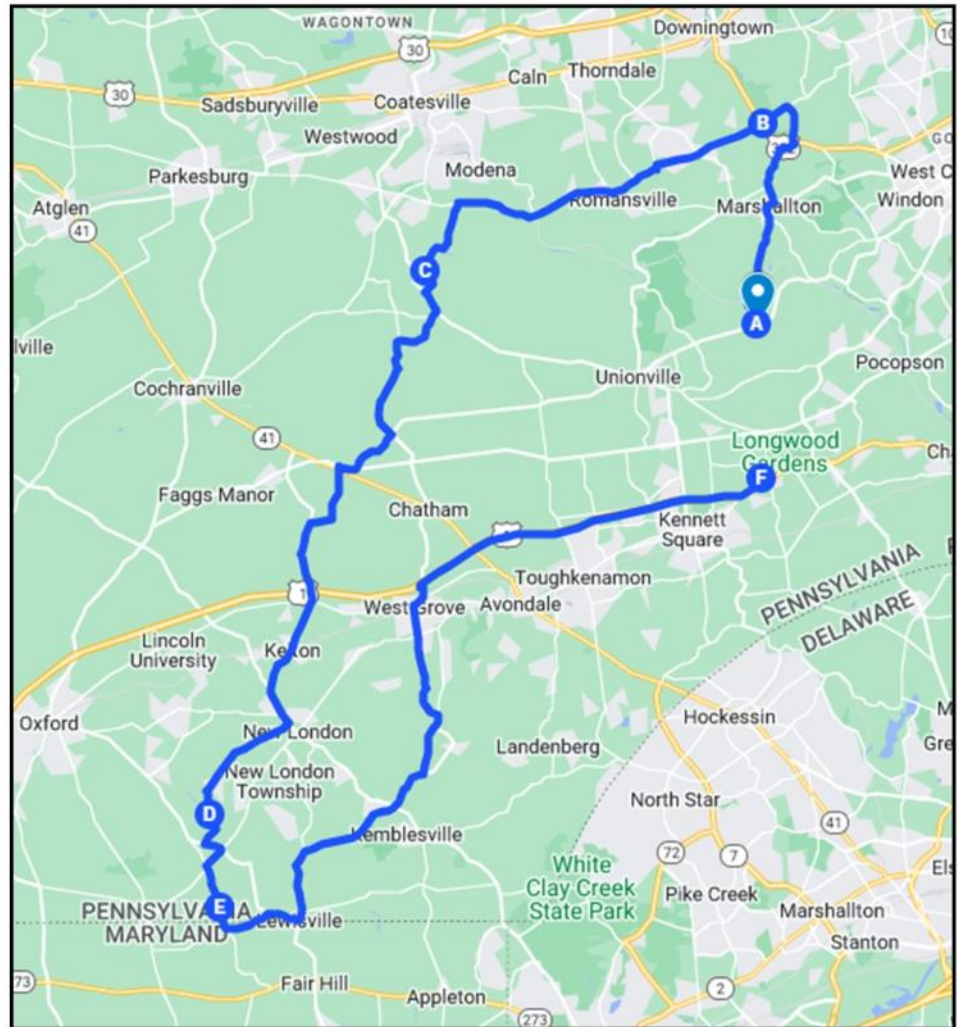
1051 Kings Row Rd, Oxford, PA

E. Glen Hope Covered Bridge

9406 Hickory Hill Rd, Oxford, PA

F. Two Stones Pub

849 E Baltimore Pike, Kennett
Square, PA



Important Information Before You Go:

*If you're planning to join the driving run, please let me know by **May 8th** via email @ therobertschles@gmail.com or by phone **646-335-8325**. Turn-by-turn driving directions will be provided prior to the event.*

Additionally, I'll need a headcount for those planning to join us for lunch to ensure the restaurant reserves adequate seating.

In the event of inclement weather, you'll be notified of any cancellation the day before, and the run will be rescheduled for a later date.

Multi-Club Visit to the Nickett Collection on April 27th 2025

Once again Scott and November Nickett is hosting a club event at their beautiful, 32-acre property in Doylestown, PA. Last year members from the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, the Lincon Continental Owners Club, AACA and many others attended. With 156 guests in attendance and 75 collector cars on display it was an event not to be missed. Scott's cars are truly extraordinary; all are fully restored, and include two 1959 Cadillacs, a 1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser, 1960 Pontiac Bonneville, two 1960 Lincoln Mark IIIs, multiple Imperials and Dodges from the 50s, and two Ford Fairlanes. The food was fabulous but the variety of cars was even better. Be sure to send in the flyer on the next page to reserve a spot for this year's event. Below are just a few photos from last year's visit to the Nickett Collection.



Save the Date! Multi-Club Visit to the Nickett Collection



An Afternoon of Award-Winning Antique Cars and Lunch at a Beautiful 32-acre Bucks County Estate

Scott and November Nickett invite members of local chapters of the CLC, LCOC, AACA, CCCA, and Packard Clubs to tour their spectacular collection of national award-winning antique cars at their 32-acre home in Doylestown, Bucks County. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

Event includes tour of the Nickett collection and showroom garage, display of attendees' cars, lunch, refreshments at a picturesque, 32-acre country estate, People's Choice Awards, plus a Raffle!

Sunday, April 27th, 2025, 11AM – 4PM

Rain Date: Sunday May 4th

3802 Burnt House Hill Rd., Doylestown, PA 18902

Drive **YOUR** antique car for everyone to enjoy. Attendees' cars will be displayed in a lovely setting near Scott's garage. Attendees will vote for their ten favorites. Trailer parking is available. Due to the caliber of the Nickett collection, this is an adults-only event. Organized by the **Valley Forge Region – Cadillac & LaSalle Club and Lincoln Continental Owner's Club Philadelphia Region.**

RSVP and Payment **must be received by April 4th**. Phone or email reservations **will not** be accepted.

Questions? Call/email Michael Stinson: michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com 267-251-8588

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Mail this form with check payable to VFR-CLC to John Wood, 327 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047-5310

No. Persons _____ **(adults only)** @ \$25.00 each = **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Driving your Collector Car? (Y / N) _____ Trailering a Car? (Y / N) _____ Trailer info will be emailed

Car Club Affiliation/Region _____

Any mobility restrictions (stairs, uneven surfaces)? _____

Dietary Restrictions (vegetarian, gluten/sugar/salt-free): _____



Cadillac & LaSalle Club Winter Reunion & Board Meeting 2025

By Robert Schles

From January 29th to February 1st, the Cadillac and LaSalle Club held its annual Winter Reunion & Board Meeting in Chattanooga, TN. This three-day event featured visits to two car collections, tours of local attractions, the Museum and Research Center and CLC Board Meetings, with a banquet at the end with surprise guest speaker Jeff Stumb, Director of The Great Race <https://www.greatrace.com/>.

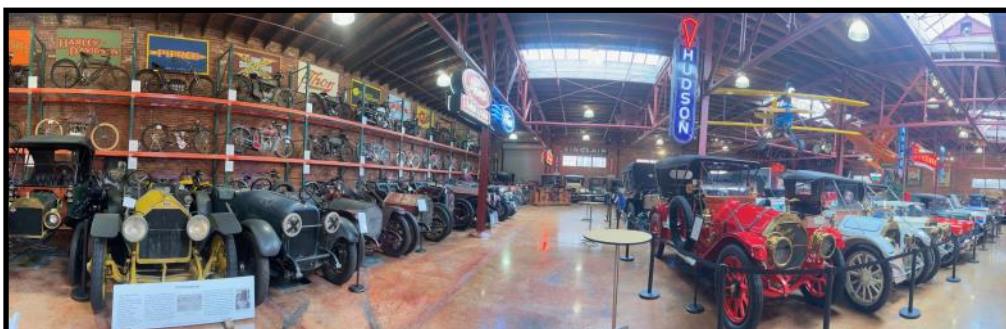
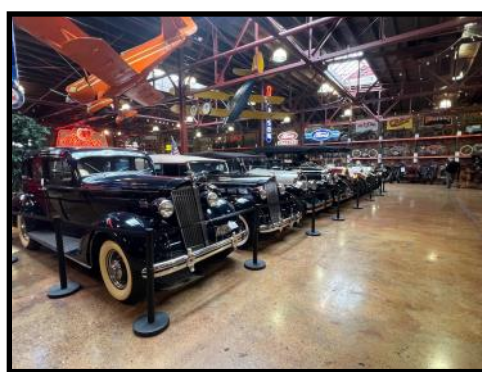
On Thursday morning, we took a bus to the **Coker Museum** which was started by Corky Coker during his time with the Coker Tire company. Spanning over 13,000 square feet, the museum showcases over 100 vintage cars, motorcycles, trucks, buses, creating a truly memorable experience. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by Corky Coker himself, who shared the history of the antique automotive tire business, founded by his father Harold Coker in 1958, along with a few entertaining anecdotes about several cars in the collection.



Corky Coker



Wooden Wheel Shop



After the Coker museum, lunch was served at The Feed Co. Table. Following lunch, we headed to **Ruby Falls**, one of Tennessee's most breathtaking natural attractions. Located deep within Lookout Mountain, Ruby Falls is an underground cave system featuring a scenic mile-long round-trip path that winds through stunning rock formations. The highlight of the tour is the awe-inspiring 40-foot waterfall, which cascades dramatically from the cavern ceiling, illuminated by a spectacular light display.



On Friday, we had the unique opportunity to visit the **Kayo Erwin Private Car Collection**, a remarkable and exclusive gathering of classic and rare automobiles. This private collection, owned by renowned car enthusiast Kayo Erwin, showcases an impressive array of meticulously maintained vehicles, each with its own history and significance. Many of the muscle and race cars on display were in pristine condition, with original details and expert restorations that highlighted their timeless beauty and craftsmanship. This exclusive experience was a true highlight of the event, offering an unforgettable glimpse into automotive history through the eyes of a passionate collector.



After exploring the remarkable Kayo Erwin Private Car Collection, we enjoyed a delightful lunch at the **Mayor's Mansion Inn**, a historic bed and breakfast nestled in the heart of Chattanooga. Despite its name, this charming establishment is not the current residence of Chattanooga's mayor but was once the home of a former city mayor.

Following lunch, we boarded the bus and made our way to the **International Towing & Recovery Museum**, a hidden gem in Chattanooga dedicated to preserving the history of the towing and recovery industry. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by the museum staff, who provided an overview of the exhibits and the significance of Chattanooga in the towing industry—being the birthplace of the first-ever tow truck, invented in 1916 by local mechanic Ernest Holmes Sr.

The museum showcases an astonishing array of vintage tow trucks, from early hand-crank models to massive modern recovery vehicles. One of the highlights of the collection was a **1913 Cadillac tow truck**, a rare and fascinating piece of automotive history that exemplifies the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the early towing industry. Seeing a Cadillac repurposed for heavy-duty recovery work was a unique sight, blending luxury with practicality.



1913 Cadillac



1946 Chevrolet



1935 Ford



1950 Mack A Model

The National Board Meeting took place **Saturday in Chattanooga** during the **Winter Reunion**. The meeting covered a range of important topics, including financial and club operations, upcoming events, membership engagement, regional activities updated, and strategic initiatives for the future. Highlights are on the next page.

Highlights from the 2015 Winter Board Meeting:

- **Membership Growth & Retention:** Strategies were discussed to attract new members while enhancing the experience for current members. Ideas included expanding digital outreach, improving communication through newsletters and social media.
- **National Events:** Updates were provided on upcoming club events, including future Grand Nationals and a Spoke & Hub Driving Tour for Oct. 2026 encompassing Huntsville/ Muscle Shoals AL and Lynchburg, TN
- **Financial & Club Operations:** Budget reports and financial planning were presented to ensure the club remains financially healthy and well-positioned to continue its mission.
- **Regions & Chapters:** a new Utah Region was given provisional status, Palm Springs Region was given full region status, 1959 & 1960 Chapter given full status, Bespoke Beauties Chapter—vehicles customized or modified by dealers outside of Cadillac’s factory programs was given provisional status
- **Fred Butalla** approved as Chief Judge
- **Hershey CLC Tent** will be suspended in 2026 until further notice due to rising operational costs and logistical challenges. This decision was made after careful consideration of the increasing expenses associated with renting space, setting up the tent, and providing the necessary amenities for members and visitors
- **New CLC logo** approved with lighting bolt added to represent electric vehicles made by Cadillac



Overall, my first experience on the National Board was both enlightening and rewarding. It provided valuable insight into the dedicated work being done behind the scenes by the Executive Officers to sustain and grow the club. I

look forward to bringing the perspectives and ideas of our **Valley Forge Region** members to the table in future meetings and ensuring our voices are heard at the national level. If you have any suggestions or concerns that you would like brought up in future board meetings, please feel free to reach out.

If you have never attended a **Winter Board Meeting and Reunion**, I highly recommend considering it in the future. This annual event is more than just a board meeting—it’s a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the Cadillac & LaSalle Club community, explore fascinating destinations, and connect with fellow enthusiasts from all over the country. One of the standout aspects of the reunion is the chance to visit incredible locations. Each year, the event is hosted in a different city, offering attendees the opportunity to explore local attractions, museums, and private car collections that they might not otherwise have access to. From historic landmarks to automotive museums and scenic tours, thanks to **Dave Rubin**, the chair of the Meets and Tours Committee, the itinerary is carefully planned to provide a mix of history, culture, and, of course, classic cars.

Beyond the sightseeing, the reunion is a wonderful way to meet and network with club members from various regions. Whether you are a long-time CLC member or a newcomer, the welcoming atmosphere makes it easy to form friendships, exchange restoration tips, and share your passion for Cadillacs and LaSalles. Conversations over group meals, during tours, or even on the bus rides between locations often lead to lasting connections with like-minded enthusiasts.

Whether you come for the cars, the camaraderie, or the exciting destinations, the **Winter Board Meeting and Reunion** is truly a rewarding experience. Consider joining next year in **Orlando, FL** where members will be treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Kissimmee Mecum Auction - you won’t regret it!

Learning from a Cadillac Buying Addict

By Michael Stinson



- ◆ **Decide *ahead of time what you want***; an occasional driver? A weekend cruiser? A concours show car? The answer to this question, more than budget, year, make, model or even body style will guide your search, and in fact, answers the other questions. Dad told me once, “With a substantial purchase, decide first what you want, then worry about price.
- ◆ **Be patient**; the right car will manifest itself, often when you’re *not* looking. With only one or two exceptions, I found cars that I really like and enjoy when I wasn’t going to auctions or trolling the internet (although I still do!).
- ◆ **Don’t “fall in love**; remain brutally objective, if not skeptical, until you have enough data to make an informed decision.
- ◆ **Never buy a collector car sight-unseen**; if you can’t inspect the car yourself, get a prepurchase inspection that will document the condition (and estimated value) of the car. To plug my “side gig”, one of the best inspection / appraisal companies I have found in the country is Auto Appraisal Group (www.autoappraisal.com). I was so impressed with their comprehensive inspection / valuation process, not only am I a client, I am also one of their independent inspection agents located throughout the country.
- ◆ **Buy ‘em done**, either restored, or a well-preserved & cared-for original, whenever possible. This does not apply if your journey includes restoring or modifying a project car.
- ◆ **The purchase price is only a “down payment**; you must budget for what work, repairs and maintenance will be needed. And they *all* need *something*, regardless of condition or mileage.
- ◆ **Enjoy it!** These cars are a ton of work; make time to drive and enjoy the fruits of your labor and your investment.
- ◆ **Drive it!** Even if you want to keep the odometer low, these cars *need to be driven* occasionally. I occasionally ask myself, for whom am I keeping the miles low – the next owner?

In the next Goddess read Michael’s story on buy his first Cadillac.

Engine Oil Mythology

As spring arrives, many car members are eager to prepare their vehicles for the upcoming driving season. For classic car owners, this preparation involves several critical maintenance tasks to ensure their prized possessions run smoothly and reliably. Among these tasks, changing the oil is particularly important.

Fresh oil is essential for maintaining the engine's health, especially in classic cars, where older engines can be more susceptible to wear and tear. Over time, oil can break down and become contaminated with dirt and debris, reducing its ability to lubricate engine components effectively. Regular oil changes help prevent engine damage, improve performance, and extend the lifespan of the vehicle.

In addition to changing the oil, classic car owners should also inspect other key systems, such as the brakes, tires, and cooling system. Addressing these maintenance tasks not only enhances the driving experience but also preserves the vehicle's value and ensures it remains in top condition for years to come.

Here is an article originally written by Bob Olree, GMPT (General Motors Power Train) Fuels and Lubes, from Journey with Olds about engine oil mythology sent in to us by Jack Holz. The article is still as relevant today as was when it was published on 2/13/07.

Myths are ill-founded beliefs held uncritically by interested groups. Over the years there has been an overabundance of engine oil myths. One was that the only good oils were made from "Pure Pennsylvania Crude Oil". This one got started before the Second World War when engine oil was crude oil with minimal refining and crude oil from Pennsylvania made better engine oil than Texas or California crude. With modern refining almost any crude oil can be made into good engine oil.

The next myth was that "modern" detergent engine oils were bad for older engines. This one got started after the Second World War when the government no longer needed all the detergent oil for the war effort, and it hit the market as Heavy-Duty oil. These new detergent oils gave the pre-war cars, which had been driven way past their normal life and were full of sludge and deposits, a massive enema. In some cases bad things happened such as increased oil consumption-the piston rings were completely worn out and the massive piston deposits were the only thing standing between merely high and horrendous oil consumption. If detergent oils had been available to the public during the war, this myth would never had started.

Amazingly there are still a few people today, 60 years later, who believe they need to use non-detergent oil in their older cars. Apparently it takes about 75 years for an oil myth to die.

Then there is the myth that new engines will not break-in on synthetic oils. Apparently there was an aircraft engine manufacturer who once put out a bulletin to this effect. Clearly the thousands and thousands of cars filled with Mobil 1 as factory fill, which have broke-in quite well, should have put this one to rest. However this one is only 40 years old, so it has another 35 years to live.





All these myths have a common theme; newer oils are bad. And this brings us to the latest myth-new “Starburst”/API SM engine oils are bad for older cars because the amount of anti-wear additive in them has been reduced. This one has gotten big play in the antique and collector car press lately. The anti-wear additive being discussed is zinc dithiophosphate(ZDP).

Before debunking this myth we need to look at the history of ZDP usage in engine oils.

ZDP has been used for over 60 years as an additive in engine oils to provide wear protection and oxidation stability. Unfortunately ZDP contains phosphorus, and phosphorus is a poison for automotive catalysts. For this reason ZDP levels have been reduced by about 35% over the last 10 to 15 years down to a maximum of 0.085 for ‘Starburst’/API SM oils.

ZDP was first added to engine oil to control copper/lead bearing corrosion. Starting in 1942, a Chevrolet Stovebolt engine with aftermarket copper/lead

insert bearing connecting rods was the standard oil test. The insert bearings were weighed before and after test for weight loss due to corrosion. The phosphorus levels of oils that passed the test were in the 0.01% range.

In the mid 1950’s Oldsmobile got in a horsepower war with its Rocket engine against the Chrysler Hemi. Both the companies went to high-lift camshafts and both got into camshaft scuffing and wear problems very fast. There were three solutions. Better camshaft and lifter metallurgy, phosphating the camshaft, or increasing the phosphorus level



from ZDP up to the 0,08% range. Another outcome was a battery of industry wide “Sequence” oil tests.

Two of these tests were valve-train scuffing/wear tests. Knowing that this higher level of ZDP was good for flat-tappet valve-train scuffing and wear, some oil companies dumped even more ZDP in thinking that they were offering the customer even more protection. However it was soon learned that while going above something like 0.14% phosphorus might decrease break-in scuffing, it increased longer term wear. At about 0.20% phosphorus the ZDP started attacking the grain boundaries in the iron, resulting in camshaft spalling.

Later in the 1970’s, the ZDP level was pushed up to the 0.10% phosphorus range as it was a cheap and effective antioxidant, and increased antioxidantcy was needed to protect the oil in Cadillacs pulling Airstream trailers from thickening to the point of not pumping. Recently, the need for this higher level of ZDP for protecting the oil from thickening has been greatly reduced with the introduction of more modern ash-less antioxidants that contain no phosphorus.

Enough history, now getting back to the myth that “Starburst”/API SM oils are no good for older cars. The argument put forth by the myth believers is that while these oils work well in modern gasoline engines equipped with roller camshafts, they will cause catastrophic wear in older engines with flat-tappet camshafts.



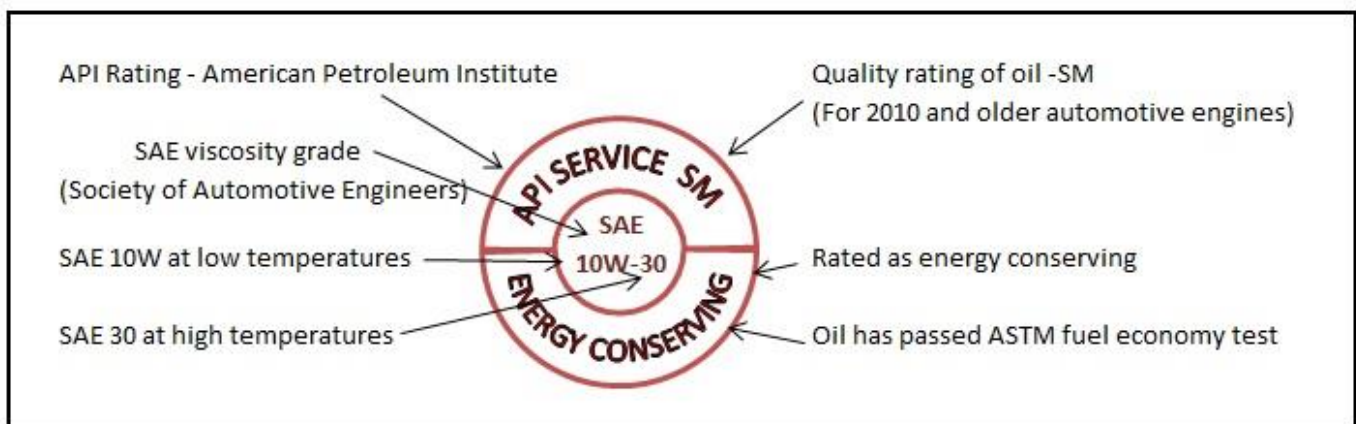
The “Starburst”/API SM oil standards were developed by a group of OEM, an oil additive company, and oil company experts. When developing any new engine oil standard the issue of “backward compatibility” always comes up, and indeed the group of experts spent a lot of time researching this issue. Various oil and additive companies ran “no harm” tests on older cars with the new oils. No problems were uncovered.

The new specifications contain two valve train tests. One is the Sequence IVA Test which tests for camshaft wear and scuffing using a 2.4L foreign single overhead camshaft engine with slider finger followers. The wear limits were tightened from the previous oil specifications which contained a phosphorus limit of 0.10%. The second is the Sequence IIIG Test which evaluates cam and lifter wear. A current production GM Powertrain 3.8L engine with the valve train replaced with a flat tappet system similar to those used in the 1980’s is used. The only reason that this test engine uses this older valve train design is to ensure that older engines are protected. All “Starburst”/API SM oil formulations must pass these tests.

In addition to the protection offered by these valve train tests and the new testing which was conducted on the formulations containing lower levels of ZDP, a review of the knowledge gained over the years in developing previous categories also indicates that no problem should be expected. The new oils contain about the same percentage of ZDP as the oils that solved the scuffing problem back in the 50’s. They do contain less ZDP than the oils that solved the thickening problem in the 60’s, but that is because they now contain high levels of ash-less anti-oxidants that were not available in the 1960’s.

The ZDP level is only one factor in determining the life of an older camshaft or a new aftermarket cam. Most of the anecdotal reports of cam failures attributed to the new oils appear to be with aftermarket camshafts. Breaking in extremely aggressive camshafts has always been a problem.

Despite the pains taken in developing special flat tappet camshaft wear tests that these new oils must pass and the fact that the ZDP level of these new oils is comparable to the level found necessary to protect flat tappet cams in the past, there will still be those who want to believe the myth “new oils will wear out old engines”. Like other myths before it,



45th ANNUAL CHESTER COUNTY CAR SHOW

SATURDAY MAY 24, 2025 -- 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

RAIN DATE SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 -- 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.



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**For more information on the Chester County Antique Car Show: <https://www.ccacc.club>
 or Bruce Swayze 302-593-4352 (Please no calls after 9 P.M.)**

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR CHESTER COUNTY ANTIQUE CAR CLUB SHOW

Show Cars: \$20.00, After May 10th \$25.00

Cars for Sale: \$20.00, After May 10th \$25.00

Show Cars 1927 & Older Free Registration

Are you a "CCACC" Member: Yes No

Name _____ Signature** _____

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MAKE OF CAR _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____ Show CAR or CAR for Sale

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 10, 2025: **No "For Sale" Signs on Show Cars:** Checks Payable to: "CCACC"

CAR REGISTRATION - Mail to: CCACC Car Show Registration, PO Box 1014, Exton, PA. 19341

Pre-Registration Form for **Crafts / Flea Market:** Number of 18' X 20' Spaces _____ \$ 20.00 each = \$ _____

Are you a CCACC" Member: Yes No **Checks payable to "CCACC" After May 10th Spaces Are \$ 25.00 each

Company Name _____ Your name _____ Signature** _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION - Mail to: Bob Patton, 138 Merlin Road, Phoenixville, PA. 19460

Note: Craft and Flea Market spaces are mixed. Windshield Placards with your space number and also the field layout will be mailed to you.

**As a condition of registration, I understand that I am fully responsible for my vehicle(s) and hereby verify that I carry complete insurance coverage. I fully release the P.J. Whelihan's, the show organizers, and the Chester County Antique Car Club from any and all liability that is in any way attributed to my participation in this event.

-- Note that pets are NOT allowed on the show field the day of the show --



46th Annual General Motors on Display



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EXHIBITION OF GENERAL MOTORS CARS, TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, & FLEA MARKET FOR GENERAL MOTORS PARTS

LOCATION - Macungie Memorial Park (home of Das Awkscht Fescht), Rt. 100, center of Macungie, Pa.

DATE/TIME - **Sunday, June 1, 2025 (Rain or Shine) 9:00AM - 3:00PM - Registration 9:00 am -12:00 Noon**

CLASSES - The show is open to all General Motors cars and trucks.
Cars will be parked in the order they arrive, special requests will be considered

AWARDS - No judging or trophies. High quality dash plaques for the first 100 registered vehicles excluding cars for sale. Door prizes will be awarded by drawing.

VENDORS - Flea market featuring General Motors parts and literature.

FOR SALE - For Sale signs are not permitted on the show field. Vehicles for sale will be the same price as show vehicles and parked in the Car Corral

FOOD - Coffee, donuts, and a hot breakfast will be available in the park until 11 AM. A variety of hot and cold lunch items will be served after 11 AM.

MUSIC - A variety of music will be provided by our DJ.

INFO - Tom Wright, 61 Elmar Circle, Royersford PA 19468
Phone: (610)587-3468 Email: tommyjw22@yahoo.com

REGISTER - Show vehicles \$15.00 pre-registered, \$20.00 day of show. Cars for Sale same price. Flea market spaces 20'x20' \$15.00 pre-registered, \$20.00 day of show. Vendors must furnish tables.

GM ON DISPLAY - PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Send Checks/Money Order (no cash)
Payable to: Keystone State Chapter, POCI
or Pre-Register on-line at www.kscpoci.org

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 23, 2025
Pre-Registration Cost: \$15.00/vehicle
Day of Show Registration: \$20.00/Vehicle

Automotive Flea Market Space: \$20.00
(20' x 20' space)

Please enclose: \$15.00/Vehicle, \$20 per 20' x 20' flea market space

Mail to: Sandy Kemp, 1603 South Main St., Bechtelsville, PA 19505

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

YEAR _____ CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

YEAR _____ CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

Signature _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____

By signing, you are stating that you will not hold the Keystone State Chapter, POCI, its officers and directors, for injury, property damage or any other claim.

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AACA MUSEUM, INC. - HERSHEY, PA

The AACA Museum has invited Valley Forge members to their annual Bill Smith Memorial Summer Cruise In to be held on the Museum grounds on June 21st from 8am—3pm with lunch included for pre-registered attendees. Here are the details:

Join us for our annual William H. “Bill” Smith Memorial Summer Cruise In, sponsored by our friends at **J.C. Tylor Insurance**. Bring your car, bring your family, bring your friends! Cruise ins are family-friendly car gatherings open to all years, makes, and models. It’s a relaxed format and a chance to share your car with a wide variety of people.

- All Car clubs welcome!
- Breakfast and lunch selections can be purchased onsite during the day
- A Museum Live Tucker Talk, “The Awakening of #1022,” will occur during the cruise in.

Preregistered vehicles receive:

- **Free vehicle registration - *Vehicle preregistration ends Friday, June 14th at noon***
- One complimentary museum admission ticket per vehicle
- **NEW!** One complimentary admission to “The Awakening of Tucker #1022” presentation [Find out more.](#)
- An event dash plaque
- 20% discount coupon for the museum gift shop (certain items only)

Plenty of fun for kids and family-friendly activities

- Finger paint an actual full-size car
- See the new PA State Police Dodge Charger and K-9s
- Visit pets from Speranza Animal Rescue
- Get creative with temporary tattoos
- Play carnival games

Vehicle preregistration ends Friday, June 14th at noon

Awards:

- **Curator’s Choice Award:** Selected by AACA Museum, Inc. curator Stan Sipko
- **People’s Choice Award:** Selected through attendee voting
- **Bill Smith Best Amateur Restoration Award:** Selected by a panel of judges
- **President’s Choice:** Selected by our BOD president Hank Hallowell
- **Highest Car Club Attendance:** Club presenting the most cars

Here is the registration link.

<https://www.aacamuseum.org/event/cruise-in/>

Cadillac & LaSalle Club Valley Forge Region Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show August 16-17, 2025

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

For complete information, see our website at vfrclc.org/2025interregionalmeet.html

Registration Form Pre-registration required for museum tour, dinner and requested for car show. Must be received by July 28th. Day-of-Show Car registrations accepted. Questions: Michael Stinson, 267-251-8588, Michael.c.stinson46@gmail.com

Car Owner Name _____ Spouse/Partner Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

CLC Member Number: _____ AACA Club Member Number: _____ Member of AACA Museum? (Y/N): _____

Children Name(s) and Age(s): _____

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

Car Information:

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

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

Bringing a Trailer? (circle): Yes No

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

Activity Registration and Fees:

Activity	Cost/ Person	No. Guests	Total
Saturday AACA Museum Group Tour: w/ Richard Sills. AACA Club member admission is Free. Cost per non-AACA member and each additional Guest:	\$11.00		
Saturday AACA Museum "Behind the Scenes" Group Tour (storage buildings, detail shop; price per person including AACA Club Members):	\$10.00		
Saturday Dinner @ Giotti's - # of guests (separate checks for each party)			
Sun Car Show – Early Registration (per car; received on/before July 28th):	\$20.00		
Car Show – Late/ D.o.S Registration (per car; Registration rec'd after July 28th):	\$30.00		
Sunday Lunch (hoagie/sub slices, chips, drink)	\$10.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED make check Payable to VFR-CLC:			\$

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

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

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Mail a copy of this form along with the check made payable to VFR-CLC. Include a SASE to receive confirmation.

Mail to: CLC Inter-Regional Meet, C/O: John Wood, 327 Bellevue Ave., Penndel, PA 19047-5310



**The Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club
and Lincoln & Continental Owner’s Club Philadelphia Region**
Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler’s Village

DATE: Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 9AM-2:30PM. Awards Presented at 2PM.

Rain Date: Sunday, September 28th.

Open to All Years, Makes and Models. Over 90 Cars participated last year!

Top 20 High Scores (all makes), best Lincoln, Best Cadillac, Best of Show (any make)

167 Carousel Lane, Lahaska PA 18931

For Maps, Directions, and a GPS address, visit www.peddlersvillage.com/directions

See the ***new*** car show field location on the attached map.

Pre-Registration Fee: \$20., Day-of-Show = \$25. Please make checks payable to **VFR-CLC**. Pre-Registration is strongly recommended; payment by check is preferred.

Show Field Opens at 9AM. Please, no “early birds”.

VFR-CLC and Phila LCOC Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler’s Village

Sunday, September 7th, 2025, Rain Date: Sunday September 28th

Pre-registration MUST be received by Friday, August 29th! No Refunds.

Mail Registration Form and payment to: John Wood, 327 Bellevue Ave, Penndel, PA 19047-5310
267-939-5925 renopa@verizon.net

Name:		Cell Phone:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:		Club Membership:	
Vehicle Year, Make, Model, Body Style			
Trailer parking? Y/N			

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