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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
9/2	3P-8P	Oxford's Main Street Car Show	Oxford, PA 19363	www.downtownOxfordPA.org
9/3	9A-2P	Boyertown Museum Duryea Day	Boyertown Community Park 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown PA	https://boyertownmuseum.org/duryea-day/
9/4	9A-2P	East Penn Modifiers	Marketplace at Telford Station Penn & Main	https://www.facebook.com/EastPennModifiers/
9/5	9A-3P	Ludwig's Corner Antique Car Show	Ludwig's Corner Horse Show & Country Fair, Chester Co	https://ludwigshorshow.com/antique-car-show/
9/10	8A-3P	AACA 34th Annual Haddonfield Car Show	57 East king Hwy Haddonfield, NJ	https://www.ankokas.com/
9/11	9A-3P	Golden Classics of South Jersey Car Show	16 Old Cohansey Road Bridgeton, NJ 08302	https://www.facebook.com/Golden-Classics-of-South-Jersey-Car-Club-529822190465891/
9/11	10A-3P	Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance	826 Providence Rd, Malvern, PA	https://radnorconcours.org/
9/11	10A-3P	United We Stand Veterans Support Car Show	Boyertown American Legion, 100 Walker Drive Boyertown, PA	https://boyertownamericanlegion.com/
9/11	9A-2P	3 rd Annual Delaware Cops & Rodders Car Show	Concord Mall, Rt 202 Wilmington, DE	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-delaware-cops-rodgers-car-show-tickets-308887088597?aff=erelexpmit
9/17	9A-3P	Top Dead Cruisers Car Show	Lexus of Chester 400 Pottstown Pike Chester Springs, PA	http://tdcmotorclub.com/
9/18	8:30A-12N	ALL GM CAR & TRUCK SHOW	Ciocca of West Chester 715 Autopark Blvd, West Chester, PA	http://wordpress.keystonestatecorvetteclub.com/#
9/18	9A-3P	Hagley Museum Car Show	298 Buck Rd Wilmington, DE	https://www.hagley.org/
9/18	8A-11A	ALL GM CAR & TRUCK SHOW	MALL CHEVROLET, CHERRY HILL NJ	ALL GM CAR & TRUCK SHOW



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
9/24	10A-3P	GIBBSTOWN DAY CAR SHOW	MEMORIAL PARK, GIBBSTOWN NJ	GIBBSTOWN DAY CAR SHOW
9/28-10/4	See Event Schedule	Carlisle Fall Show	Carlisle Fair Grounds	https://www.carlisleevents.com/
10/1	8A-12N	Eastwood Season Ending Cruise	263 Shoemaker Rd, Pottstown, PA	https://www.facebook.com/events/692050185161186
10/1	10A-3P	City of Burlington Police K-9 Car Show	200 High Street Burlington, NJ	http://www.bck9carshow.com/
10/2	9A-3P	Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club	Gold Coast Cadillac 2123 Hwy 35 Oakhurst, NJ	See the Flyer on Page 31
10/4-10/7	See Event	Hershey AACA	Hershey Park	https://hershey.aaca.com/eastern-division-fall-meet/
10/8	10A-3P	Paoli Car Show	Paoli Methodist Church 81 Devon Road, Paoli, PA	https://www.paolicarshow.com/
10/9	8A-3P	Moorestown Car Show	Main St. & Chester Avenue	http://www.njcruisenews.com/autumn in moorestown 2021
10/15	9A-3P	Bristol Day Car Show	450 Beaver St Bristol, PA	https://www.bristoldaycarshow.com/
10/15	9A-2P	Fort Mott State Park Car Show	454 Fort Mott Rd Pennsville, NJ	rockyysts@hotmail.com
10/16	9A3P	VRF Lahaska Show	Peddlers Village	See the Flyer on Page 8
10/30– 11/4		CLC National Driving Tour Visit website	Starting Location: Vir- ginia Beach, VA	Dave Rubin at 914-980-6776
11/13	12N-4P	VFR Banquet	Pennsauken Country Club	Jack & Nancy Hotz jackscaddy@aol.com See the Flyer on Page 9
December Date TBD		VFR/DV-CCA Holiday Brunch	Desmond Hotel Malvern, PA	More Details to Come



Michael Stinson

Greetings. It continues to be a busy car season for the CLC, both regionally and nationally. The Grand National in Lombard IL was an enjoyable, successful gathering, despite persistent rain on show day. Highlights and photos start on page 16 of this issue.

VFR, Central PA, Potomac, and RRR regions just completed the second annual Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show at the AACA Museum on August 20-21st. We had a great tour of the Museum with CLC's own Richard Sills as our private docent. The man really is a walking encyclopedia of everything automotive. Jan Archambeault hosted us at her home for cocktails and appetizers before we went to Giotti's for dinner. The show was "intimate," with about twenty cars (and a Cadillac bicycle) in attendance. It was the *quality* and diversity of cars that made for an enjoyable the show that proved challenging to judge. We had several cars that tied for first place in their respective classes. Thanks to everyone for bringing their cars and making for an enjoyable day. The other region directors and I will begin planning for August 2023 in January. We are welcome back to the AACA Museum next year, but if you have any suggestions for a venue and meet activity (PA, NJ, NY, MD), please let me know. Highlights and photos start on page 28 of this issue.

I am very pleased to announce that our own Robert Schles was chosen by the other Region Directors (and me) to receive the *A B C Memorial Award* for his tremendous work for the VFR, neighboring regions and CLC National. Created in memory of Art Archambeault, Mike Barruzza and Bob Crimmins, The A B C Memorial Award is presented by Northeast Region Directors to a member of one of the Northeast regions who has served his/her region, neighboring region(s) and/or CLC National with the dedication, enthusiasm and fellowship that Art, Mike and Bob each demonstrated during their many years of service to the Club. Robert shows his dedication to and enthusiasm for the Club in so many ways; the newsletter you are reading right now is a primary example. He also developed and managed two virtual car shows for CLC during the pandemic; he actively invites prospective members to join; he shares his time and talent for mechanics and electrical work with other members (hands-on as well as in writing) and serves on two national committees. Please join me in congratulating Robert and expressing our gratitude for his dedication and service to the Club.

An article on a group visit to the Greenberg Cadillac Museum in Brookville PA begins on page 24.

Thirteen VFR members met at Gateway Classic Cars in Deptford NJ for their monthly cars & Coffee. The weather was great, not too hot. The donuts & coffee were good. As the featured car club, VFR will receive a donation from Gateway in the coming



weeks. Thanks to Dillon at Gateway for organizing, hosting, and for their generosity to the VFR!

Lahaska is back! With a twist. VFR-CLC will host its show at Peddler's Village on Sunday October 16th, concurrently with an annual show hosted by the Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners' Club (LCOC). Each club will host and run their own judged show side-by-side. Both shows will be open to all makes and models. Details and registration form is on page 8 of this issue.

See page 9 for details and registration form for VFR's annual Fall Awards Banquet, to be held on Sunday November 13th at the Pennsauken Country Club. It's a great way to close the season and catch up with friends!

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

National News: dates and details of upcoming national events are on page 7 of this issue.

- ◆ The **2024 Grand National** will be held at the **Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg PA June 11-15**. A host region has not been announced, but I have been informed that VFR will be called upon to help organize and run events & activities. Please contact me by email if you are interested in helping, and in what capacities.

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

Your Grateful 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 VFR Annual Fall meet at Peddler's Village is on Sunday, October 16 2022 9AM—3PM. This year the show will be held concurrently with The Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC) Philadelphia Region Annual Show. Let your friends know, the show is open to all makes and models. Peer judging only with 1st & 2nd place awards for the two cars in each class receiving the most votes *PLUS* People's Choice for "Best Land Yacht" (Cadillac vs. Lincoln). For complete details, see the flyer is on page 8. Pre-registration closes on Monday October 1st - *Rain Date for the show is October 23rd.*

Volunteers are needed in the CLC tent at AACA Hershey Fall Show. Your participation only takes a couple of hours of your time to meet and greet follow Club members. If you would like to help out, email Rob Robison at robscads@gmail.com.

Let's all welcome Valley Forge Region's newest member Alex Merrill and his 1956 Series 62 to the club.

Nancy and Jack Hotz will once again host the VFR Awards Banquet on Sunday November 13th at the Pennsauken Country Club. You will receive an invitation in the mail. Be sure to RSVP by November 1st. You can find more information in the flyer on page 9.

A reminder: VFR holds its meetings the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm

at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA

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IN CLC NATIONAL NEWS



Upcoming

**Grand Nationals
National Driving Tours
Winter Board Meetings
2022-2024**

**Save
the Dates!**

2022 National Driving Tour

October 30–November 4 • Virginia Beach, Virginia,
to Charleston, South Carolina • *Multiple Regions* hosting



2023 Winter Board Meeting

January 25–28
Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort and Spa
Concord, North Carolina • *Carolina Region* hosting

2023 Grand National Meet

June 20–24 • Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North Hotel
Albuquerque, New Mexico • *New Mexico Region* hosting

2023 Cadillac & LaSalle Club
GRAND NATIONAL ALBUQUERQUE



2023 National Driving Tour

September 18–21 • Northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan
Indiana and Northwest Ohio Regions hosting

2024 Winter Board Meeting

January 24–27
Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel
Irving, Texas

2024 Grand National Meet

June 11–15
Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel/Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg Hotel
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Check *The Self-Starter* outer wrap or cadillaclasalleclub.org for updated information



VFR Website Statistics (courtesy Jeff Hansen):

For mid-July to mid-Aug (7/17 to 8/13 - 28 days)

68 website visitors (or 2.43 per day). This compares to 108 visitors (3.86 per day) over the previous period.

Top countries where our visitors are from: USA (55), Netherlands (7), China (3), and other countries with 1 visitor each.

10 most popular pages:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Home page, then | President's Message |
| The Goddess | Our Friends |
| 2022 Inter-Regional Meet | Membership (Join Us!) |
| Online Calendar of Events | 10) Monthly Meeting Information |
| Current News | |

Treasurer's Report (courtesy John Wood) August 2022

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Inter-Region Meet Reg.	\$100.00		
TOTAL	\$100.00		
NET FOR JULY	\$100.00	TOTAL	\$0
NET 2022 YTD:	-\$657.25		

Hagley Car Show Spotlights GM/Dupont Years

From the Hagley Museum Magazine: During the first half of the twentieth century, the Dupont Company held a large ownership stake in General Motors. During this time, the golden age of automobile styling and innovation, many iconic cars were manufactured by GM. This year's Car Show Theme, "General Motors—The DuPont Years" will take visitors on a visual tour of General Motors greatest (and most stylish) hits from 1917-1964.

Hagley's annual car show, on Sunday September 18th, will feature many of these rides in the Feature Field, and more in the general show field of nearly 500 cars.

On highlight of this year's car show will be a 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air with original drivetrain and paint owned by Joel Bricker. His grandfather purchased the car from the original owner in 1962 and has been passed down through the family.



Another classic theta will be show in the Feature Field is Al Peinhardt's 1936 Buick Roadmaster Phaeton, which was used in numerous movies. He is the 3rd owner of the California car, with 34,00 original miles.

Car show visitors can also enjoy music, a pedal car racecourse and a festival food court.

Editors Note: Many VFR members will be attending . If you haven't registered, you still can register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hagley-car-show-registration-for-display-vehicles-show-date-091822-registration-272968354697>

Valley Forge Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Annual Fall Meet At



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

DATE: Sunday, October 16 2022 9AM—3PM Awards at 2:30PM

Pre-registration closes Monday October 1 2022 - *Rain Date 10/23*

**Held concurrently with The Lincoln & Continental Owners Club
(LCOC) Philadelphia Region Annual Show**

Open To All Makes And Models - *Peer Judging Only*

1st & 2nd Place Awards for the Two Cars in each Class Receiving the Most Votes

People's Choice for "*Best Land Yacht*" (Cadillac vs. Lincoln)

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

Pre-registration fee: \$12; day-of-show registration: \$15. Please make all checks payable to **VFR-CLC** . Payment by check is preferable for record-keeping purposes. Show field opens at 9:00 AM.

Valley Forge Region Annual Fall Meet; Sunday, October 16 2022 - Rain Date 10/23

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Club membership: _____

Pre-registration closes Monday, October 1 2022

Vehicle 1: Make: _____

Vehicle 2: Make: _____

Year: _____

Year: _____

Model: _____

Model: _____

Body style: _____

Body style: _____

Trailer parking? Yes No

Trailer parking? Yes No

CLC Emeritus? Yes No

CLC Emeritus? Yes No

Total remittance \$ _____

Mail registration form and payment to:

John Wood
327 Bellevue Avenue
Pennel PA 19047

267 939 5925
renopa@verizon.net



It's Time to Celebrate ...

Time to share friendships, tell our stories, enjoy a good meal...
AT 2020 PRICES!!!!

The Valley Forge Region of the CLC

invites you to their Annual Awards Banquet
Sunday, November 13th, 2022 - Noon to 4 PM

Marcos at Pennsauken Country Club

3800 Haddonfield Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Cocktails (Cash Bar) Noon to 1 PM	\$42 per person
Music by Joe Caristo	Includes soup, salad, entree,
Seated dinner and program 1-4 PM	dessert, coffee, tea, and Sprite
Partially subsidized by The Valley Forge Region-CLC.	

Hosted by Nancy and Jack Hotz

Questions? 856-429-0641 or NansCaddy@aol.com or JacksCaddy@aol.com
(No reservations taken by phone or E-mail.) **RSVP due Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022**

To reserve send this form with a check payable to:

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

Please indicate number of each selection: Amount enclosed:
\$ _____

Honey Glazed Salmon with light dijonaise sauce (\$42 person)

Filet Champignons with wild mushroom demiglace

Chicken Florentine stuffed with spinach, tomato, roasted peppers, sharp cheese

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____



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

A Breath of Fresh Air in a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible *By Peter C. Pessa*



1985. Yes, 1985. A year that was the mid-point from the beginning of a decade that left the disco era behind to the end of a decade that would push us into the age of technology. 1985 is also the mid-point for the auto industry that struggled with the design of “tomorrow’s” vehicles while still trying to maintain the class of prior years long gone.

As you settle in to read this article, I am going to take you on a journey from the present and go back to an era when ash trays were just as much a standard feature in every vehicle as the back-up cameras in today’s vehicles.

Growing up in the 1980s for me was much like you may have seen on current TV sitcoms with the introduction of computers, CDs, cordless phones and all the other flamboyant accessories from the 80s. I am from a family that has been engrossed in the automotive world since my grandfather opened his first Gulf Gas Station featuring automotive repairs in the 1940s to my uncle running a successful towing business into the late 80s.



As you can imagine, vehicle discussion and knowledge was consumed at the dinner table as much as the pasta and vino. I always had a passion for all vehicles, makes and models. However, I was always enthralled by luxury vehicles of the early 80s with chrome bumpers, stainless trim, wire hubcaps and the sense of class that was associated with the luxury vehicles of that time. To the point where I had a 1987 matchbox car that was a Cadillac Fleetwood Limousine.

My passion for vehicles carried with me into my early adulthood with my stepfather's 1984 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham to the continuous coffee conversations with my friend's grandfather about his 1965 Cadillac Sedan Deville.

Little did I know at the time that 30 years later all the vehicle dinner conversations, matchbox cars, tow calls, car auctions and being a child from the 80s would lead me to a vehicle that I hold as the holy grail of the 10th generation Cadillac Eldorado.

We now travel into 2017 when I was at a car show in Haddonfield, New Jersey with my cousin, and as we walked along the street looking at the cars, he said "you need to get yourself a car like that" as he pointed to a 1981 Cadillac Eldorado. I looked at the car and laughed with him, however that one comment ignited all my vehicle upbringing from 30 years prior. This was the beginning of a search that would twist along the way and lead me to the 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible.

I narrowed my search to the 10th generation Eldorado as the body style encompassed the class of the original Biarritz with the stainless-steel roof to the endless amounts of chrome from the early 60s Cadillacs to the glamour and excessiveness of the 1980s. This vehicle instantly transported me back to my childhood in the 1980s when these cars dominated the roadways.

As I started my search for the "perfect" 10th generation Eldorado, I read countless online articles, magazines and advertisements from the 1980s to have a full knowledge base of the Eldorado. Then I stumbled across one advertisement stating "There's luxury in the air" with a picture of a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible. This was the turning point for me to shift my focus to the convertible. This was going to be a search of find a needle in a haystack as the Eldorado Biarritz Convertible was a limited in production with approximately 2,300 produced in comparison to 74,101 Eldorado Coupes.

Now we get to the facts of the vehicle that I truly enjoy to pass along to others as it took me years to catalog, document and absorb after countless hours of research. The 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible was a "dealer order" option in which the dealer would order a convertible directly from Cadillac.



The Eldorado body without the rear roof pillars or roof was produced in Linden, New Jersey and shipped to American Sunroof Corporation (ASC) in Southgate, Michigan for the fitting of the convertible top. Once fitted with the convertible top, the vehicle was shipped to Lansing, Michigan for the fitting of the interior appointments of the fully loaded Biarritz model and the mechanical components.

The only options that did not come with the Biarritz Convertible was the Bose stereo sub-woofer system, as the rear trunk space was needed to accommodate the convertible top, and the heated seats were not included, as the heated seat buttons on the driver's side door were repurposed to control the power rear quarter windows. The suspension system was also beefed up in comparison to the Coupe in order to compensate for the extra 200+ pounds when the top was in the down position and to counter-balance the lack of a solid roof line.

For those really digging into the authenticity of a Cadillac produced 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible, the Vehicle Identification Number is embedded with "EL67" in comparison to "EL57" which identifies the Coupes. Another tidbit of information, the early 1985 models can be identified by the chrome power button on the radio as later 1985 models featured an orange power button.

With every possible luxury option that was fitted into Eldorado Biarritz Convertible, Cadillac did not hold back on pricing it well over \$32,000 before additional options in comparison to the fully loaded Eldorado Biarritz Coupe pricing slightly over \$20,000. As it has been said before, when the top goes down the price goes up.

At this point in my journey I have voluminous amounts of information yet no vehicle as of January 2019. Searching vehicles across the country, attending car auctions and viewing cars in person within a 500 mile radius of New



Jersey all proved fruitless. The cars were either banged up, destroyed from sitting in the sun or so rusted the vehicle looked like it was pulled out of river. It was not until March 2019 I received a random call from my cousin saying he "knew a guy that knew a guy" that was selling a 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible and it was located less than 20 miles from my house. I can say that after my previous road blocks that I did not have much hope going into seeing the car, yet I took the information and met up with the owner and the car.

Well, I was grossly mistaken as this vehicle was literally a diamond in the ruff. Cotillion white body, Carmine red leather button tufted seats, original white convertible top along with the original Carmine red leather convertible boot cover. Every inch of the car was original and untouched; an Authentic Survivor.

In serious talks with the owner, it was revealed that he was the 2nd owner of the vehicle and it had been in his possession since purchasing in April of 2002. The vehicle had 68,800 original miles, original owner's manual, service papers dating back to 1985, original floor mats and the original 23 karat gold plated keys. I remember the moment I was looking at the VIN number to confirm the correct identifier, he said that I was the only person to ever notice the correct VIN number and he knew that the car was for me.

I finally found my vehicle and became the proud owner of the 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible in March 2019. The first few months of owning the car were spent really digging into the vehicle and the history. The car was manufactured in October of 1984 as an early 1985 model and sported ¾ inch white walls prior to Cadillac switching over to the standard ½ white wall. To my surprise the vehicle was a New Jersey car its entire life from the original owner ordering the vehicle for his wife from a Cadillac dealer near Ocean City, New Jersey in late 1984 and took delivery in April 1985. The car changed hands to the 2nd owner in April 2002 where it remained in storage and gently used for the next 17 years until I came along took ownership in March 2019.

During a conversation about the car with my friend whom resides in Mays Landing, New Jersey and my mentioning of the original owner's name, my friend recoiled as he personally knew family members of the original owners! I was completely in shock and awe by this revelation. Unfortunately, the original owners have since passed, however I am honored to carry on their legacy with preservation of this vehicle.

The car was never exhibited as a show car by the previous 2 owners, and from my endless late nights of research, I knew this was a vehicle that would need to be on display for others to enjoy and reminisce. I cannot begin to tell you the how many times the conversation starts with people telling me they have not seen a 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible in person or they immediately go down memory lane as "Uncle Leo had Eldorado Coupe." You can tell just by looking at their expressions that they are momentarily transported back to 1985.



I have been heavily involved in the car show circuit since the spring of 2019 with the exception of the pandemic which actually provided me more time to fine tune and detail the entire car including the pains taking engine compartment. As I continue to engage in car shows, car meets, cars and coffee, and most recently parades, I have discovered that I not only enjoy showing the car; I enjoy providing people with the history of the car and the history of the 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible. This is a true “survivor” vehicle and as I always tell everyone, the vehicle is only original once!

As I conclude this snippet of my journey from the past to the present in my search and ownership of the 1985 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible, I am reminded of a discussion I had with Robert Schles when I first met him at a car show in July 2019. “We are simply serving as a stewardship for vehicle that represents a piece of history and point in time that is no longer in the present.” I view myself as the caretaker of a vehicle that will be passed on to another generation; a generation that someday will be writing their own story on how they became the owner of a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible.



Eldorado



2022 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National Meet and Show

By Michael Stinson

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club (CLC) held its annual Grand National Event at the Westin Chicago Hotel in Lombard IL June 21st-25th. Several hundred members and guests from thirty-plus states and five foreign countries, and more than 170 Cadillacs & LaSalles from model years 1928-2010 participated. Robert Schless, Vice President of the Valley Forge Region CLC, and I drove our cars from Montgomery County PA and Wilmington DE to Lombard IL, covering 750+ miles over two days. I caught up with Robert and his wife Sarah on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and we forged ahead from there, stopping outside Cleveland OH to eat and sleep before continuing on. Time, traffic, and temperatures prevented us from exploring Cleveland during our layover.

Robert, an adventurous, fearless Cadillac enthusiast with abundant mechanical skills drove his 1947 Cadillac Series 6269 Sedan with his wife Sarah. Having owned the mostly original car for over 33 years, and maintaining it to a high level, he knows the car well; he could sense when it was getting “cranky”, due mostly to ambient temperatures in the mid-to-upper 90s. Robert and Sarah embraced



Ready For The Road Trip

the traditional motoring experience of a bygone era, forgoing such luxuries as air conditioning, cruise control, power windows, power steering and power brakes. At least he had a hydromatic transmission, radial tires, aftermarket seat belts, LED tail lamps and headlights, and turn signals, plus a 12-volt phone charger he adapted and installed in the car’s 6-volt system. Being much less adventurous and having *no* mechanical skills, I opted for a relatively modern 1976 Fleetwood Brougham. Robert boasted (justifiably) of having to wrestle the wheel and mash the brakes when maneuvering on the turnpikes, avoiding the occasional idiot, or negotiating a parking space. He drove the car skillfully, making maneuvers that I wouldn’t attempt in a modern car. I complained that the A/C was at times getting *too cold* and having to constantly disengage the cruise control to maintain our pace. My complaints, while vain, were not unjustified; *my accelerator foot started to cramp!*

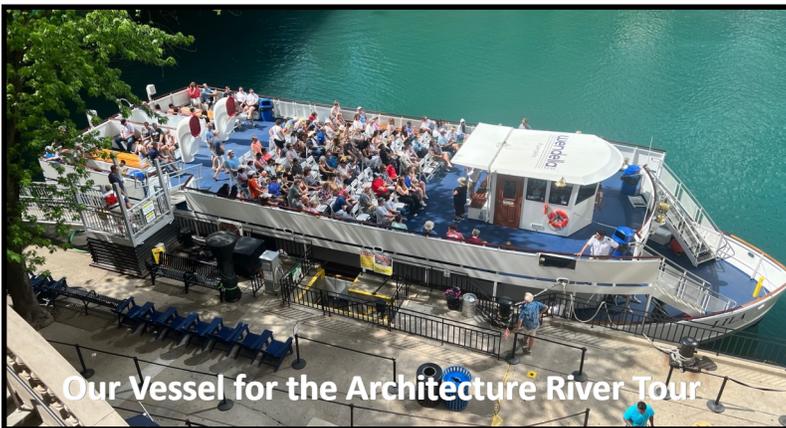


Sarah, Robert, Lauren, Michael & Jeff

I followed Rob, letting him set the pace. He found that his car was more amenable to the long trip (and the 96+ degree temperatures) if he kept highway speed at about 60 MPH. This requires some adjustment of one’s expectations and patience, since we are all used to driving 70+MPH in our modern cars. We both accepted the poor average gas mileage of our cars, having to stop three-to-four times each day; Rob averaged 9-12MPG; I averaged 11. At one rest stop on the Ohio Turnpike near Toledo, we ran into fellow VFR club members Jeff and Lauren Hansen. What a pleasant surprise!

Upon our arrival in Lombard, everyone indulged in many tours and activities organized by the West-of-the-Lake Region of the CLC. The highlight for me was a visit to the Klairmont Kollection, a private collection (now a museum) of more than three hundred cars ranging from the early 1900s through the 1990s. The Klairmont Kollection has something for any hobbyist, except for those who are into tuners or drifters. Even electric cars were on display, most notably a 1916 Detroit Electric Brougham. The exterior styling was typical of the horseless carriages of the era, but being a “Brougham, the interior appeared spacious and comfortable looking. Larry Klairmont was a native of the Chicago area, a WWII veteran, and made his fortune in commercial real estate. He was mostly into Cadillacs and Rolls Royces but made certain to round out his collection with Duesenbergs, Lincolns, Buicks, Chryslers, several muscle cars, upscale foreign makes, celebrity cars, one-offs, and concept cars (yes, there was a room dedicated to each of these genres).

There were opportunities to immerse oneself in the history, culture, and social aspects of Chicago-land, including gangster tours, an architectural tour of the city cruising the Chicago River by boat, a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright’s home & studio, and, of course, a driving tour of Old Route 66 to Joliet and Pontiac MI.



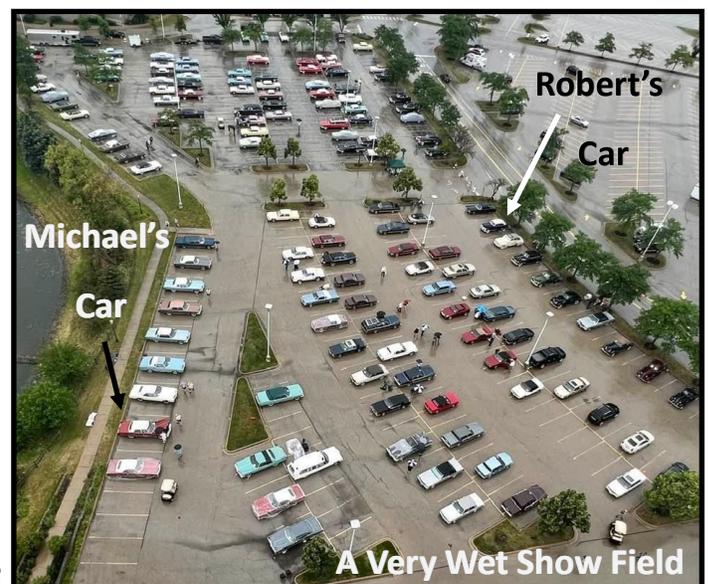
Our Vessel for the Architecture River Tour



One of the many unusual buildings

While Chicago is as modern as any other US city, it has successfully integrated modern and traditional or historical architecture in the middle of downtown. This is due, in part to the Chicago fire that took place October 8-10, 1871. Modern office buildings and sculptures are set next to art-deco and Greek revival buildings such as the Wrigley building, and they all co-exist next to one another. Chicago also has the advantage of the Chicago River running through the middle of downtown, affording the opportunity to see this symbiosis from a unique perspective.

The weather in Lombard/Chicago was great! Until... show day. The rain began right on time with judging, forcing judges to evaluate a car, run inside, wait an hour, run back out to judge the next car, then repeat. This was our fate all day; judging five cars would usually take two-to-three hours; it was an 8-hour day. We eventually completed all five cars in our class; my teammates were dedicated and pragmatic. We had 1965-66 Cadillacs ranging from an all-original, '66 coupe to a 10-year, concours-restored '66 Eldorado.



A Very Wet Show Field



Who Knows What Treasures Can Be Found In The CLC Swap Meet

If you have not judged at a CLC event, I highly recommend investing the time to become a judge with any/all clubs with which you are involved. You learn a tremendous amount at each event, not only about the cars you judge, but also, how to better prepare your own car to be judged at a regional or national event. Plus, it is a small way to contribute to the club. Without question, it can be challenging, frustrating and exhausting when you enter a car to be judged *and* are judging, but the many volunteers at CLC and national marque clubs each find a way to make it work. This dedication helps make our clubs successful.

Of course, the meet culminated in an awards banquet at the Westin, where two hundred awards were presented to class winners, along with national awards to club volunteers. I managed to win First Place in my class, plus a Past Presidents' Preservation Award, as the car is 94% original. Robert won First Place in his class as well.

I did not have an opportunity to photograph cars on the show field, but a few fellow members did. There were too many to capture them all, but I hope you enjoy this sampling from the show, along with the photos of the Clairmont Kollection.



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Just a sampling of the amazing cars from the Klairmont Kollection





A Sampling of the Grand National Cars from 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s



A Sampling of
Grand National
Cars from the 1950s





A Sampling of Grand National Cars from the 1960s



A Sampling of Grand National Cars from the 1970s



A Sampling of Grand National Cars from the 1980s and Beyond

More 2022 Grand National Pictures Can Be Found On The CLC Website

<https://photos.cadillaclasalleclub.org/thumbnails.php?album=24&page=1>

A Visit To The Greenberg Cadillac Museum

By Robert Schles

What drives a man to collect more than 76 Cadillacs? On August 3rd 2022 members of the VFR investigative team made a trip to Greenberg Cadillac Museum in Brookville, PA to find out. The museum consists of numerous building. The VFR members were able to tour several garages, a 4 bay mechanic's workshop with lifts and a paint spray booth plus a library of sales brochures, shop manuals and original dealer color and upholstery albums. Dr. Steven Greenberg shared many stories about himself and the cars along the tour. The

first stop was in the well outfitted mechanic's garage where the restoration of a 1903 Cadillac was in progress.

While giving us a tour of his collection, Dr. Steven Greenberg related us his first interest in Cadillacs. It started when he was an ophthalmology resident in Detroit in 1966, when he bought his first Cadillac. He found a 1 year old 1965 Cadillac at an Oldsmobile/Cadillac dealership. After owning the car only six months, it was stolen. He then bought a 1966 Cadillac which was also stolen a short time later. Anyone else might have given up on owning Cadillacs after having two stolen from him but not Steven. He then found a 1966 Eldorado which he still owns today.

In 1973, Dr. Steven Greenberg drove from Detroit to Brookville, PA in the very same 1966 Cadillac Eldorado along with his recently purchased 1946 Cadillac to continue his ophthalmology career. He never intended to start the largest collection of Cadillacs in the United States. One car lead to another and another.... now the collection has over 76 cars.



Soon after opening up his ophthalmology practice in Brookville, he found a '58 Eldorado. After buying that car, one of his patients noticed, and asked if he wanted to add another to his collection. He said yes, and the collection began.



Greenberg has collected many classics over the years. A 1929 Fleetwood he painted green and black, to match the coloring the gangsters in Chicago used to drive around in.



Today, the retired ophthalmologist spends his days "rescuing" Cadillacs. He does a lot of the work himself along with his team. They will spend anywhere between 4-6 months bringing them back to life. They recently completed a 1904 Cadillac which only took them 7 weeks! When asked how he was able to do the restoration so quickly, "There's not much to those cars." he said



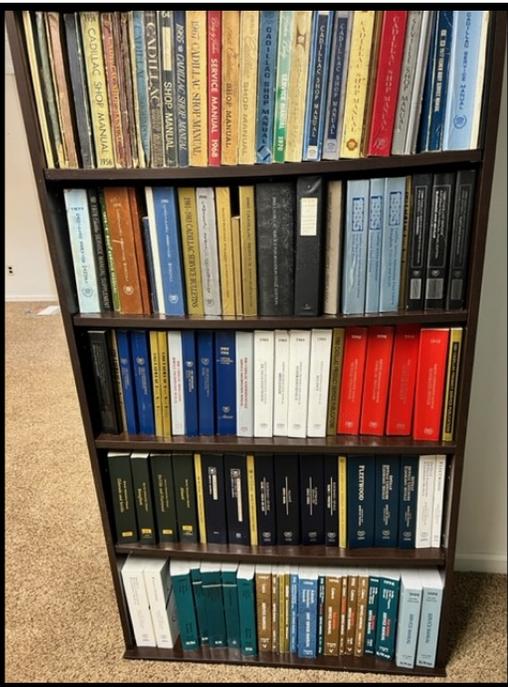
"We love to buy cars that are not running or in need of a repaint and bring them back to life. That's the fun part of the restoration".

His collection is housed in a former Cadillac dealership and currently consists of Cadillacs from 1903 up to 2013 with many more to be added to his collection. His days are entirely devoted to these cars. He has one goal in mind, to have one Cadillac from each year of production.



When an elderly woman lost her license and could no longer drive her cherished 1986 Eldorado, the family contacted Dr. Greenberg. He then sent his mechanic to Philadelphia to pick up the low mileage car. The family expressed to the mechanic how they wanted to make sure their mother's prized Cadillac would not be abused. He replied "You don't have to worry, this car is going to Cadillac heaven". Indeed it did.





We had a chance to see the extensive library of shop manuals and dealer catalogs. Many containing upholstery swaths, color chips and accessory and ordering options.



After the tour Michael Stinson presented Dr. Greenberg with a plaque from the VFR thanking him for his hospitality.



So, just what drives a man to collect The Standard of the World? The VFR investigative team determined it was his love of Cadillacs of course.



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

By Robert Schles

The Valley Forge, Potomac, Raritan River, North Jersey and Central PA Regions of the CLC held their second annual Northeast Inter-Regional Meet and Show on August 20th-21st, giving members the opportunity to mingle with nearby CLC regions and friends while enjoying one another's cars. The meet was a 2 day event which included a tour of the AACA Museum on Saturday, the Inter-Regional Show on Sunday.

Club members met at the AACA Museum in Hershey PA on Saturday for a tour hosted by Richard Sills. Richard, former CLC President as well as former AACA Museum President, provided the group with his exceptional insight and back stories of the cars and displays. The museum has depictions of scenes representing New York, Route 66, San Francisco, and other famous American settings providing the background for 71,000 square feet of exhibit space all



featuring classic and vintage cars, buses, trucks, motorcycles, and model trains. This year's special exhibit features "Orphan Cars: Vehicles from Discontinued Marques & Brands". As an added treat, the Mustang Club held a car show on the Museum grounds with over 100 Mustangs on Saturday. Following the tour attendees were invited to CLC member Jan Archambeault's home for drinks and snacks. Thank you, Jan, from all of us for your kind hospitality! From there, the group went to a local Italian restaurant for dinner.



On Sunday, Club members were up early, ready to display their Cadillacs, LaSalles and other makes for the peer-judged car show on the museum's grounds. The weather was perfect for the show. CLC Members from 7 regions turned out: Upper Susquehanna, Central PA, Valley Forge, North Jersey, Raritan River, Potomac and Long Island.





There was a great variety of cars in attendance. The oldest car was a 1938 LaSalle 5011 and the newest a 2002 deVille. Among the cars on display were four 1964 Cadillacs, a 1987 Fleetwood Brougham Station Wagon, a 1974 Eldorado custom by Moloney Coach Builders and a 1959 Fleetwood. There was also a Cadillac bicycle on display.



By midday lunch was brought in and ballots were distributed for the peer judging. It was not easy to choose among the outstanding cars on display. After the tabulation two cars were chosen from each category plus the best Cadillac and best non-Cadillac of the show.





As part of the Inter-regional meet, Region Directors (Richard Sills of Central PA, Dan Ruby of Potomac, Ted Manadalakis of Raritan River, Anthony Vanacoure of North Jersey and Michael Stinson of the Valley Forge Region) each nominated a member from their respective regions to receive the **A B C Memorial Award** named in honor of Art Archambeault, Mike

Barruzza and Bob Crimmins. One nominee is then selected to receive this award for going above and beyond in serving not only their own by other CLC regions as exemplified by Art, Mike and Bob.

I was deeply honored to be chosen to be this year's recipient of the ABC Memorial Award. I have thoroughly enjoyed the shared comradery of being part of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and look forward to future adventures with my fellow car enthusiasts.

As Richard Sills said, "They came for the cars but stayed for the people".



Northeast Regions - Cadillac & LaSalle Club

ABC Memorial Award

In Memory Of
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August 21, 2022



**Raritan River Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Invites You To Our 10th Annual Dealer Show
At Gold Coast Cadillac
Sunday, October 2, 2022
2123 Hwy 35, Oakhurst, NJ 07755**



This is a Rain or Shine Event. Sorry, no refunds in the event of inclement weather.

* Pre-Registration Fee Received Prior To 9/27/22 = \$15.00, Day of Show \$20.00

* First 100 pre-registered cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque!

* Social distancing and masking will be enforced as per applicable NJ COVID-19 regulations

* Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase

* We urge you to pre-register. See new judging rules below:

*** IMPORTANT !!!**

**ALL CADILLACS AND LaSalles TO BE JUDGED BY OUR RRR JUDGING TEAM MUST BE
PRE-REGISTERED AND MUST BE 2012 MODELS OR OLDER!**

All day-of-show Cadillacs and LaSalles will be peer judged

All non-Cadillac and LaSalle makes will be peer judged

As always, pre-registered Cadillacs and LaSalles will be judged on originality. Non-original cars may be judged in the Modified Class, or cars may be Display Only. Your decision of Original/Restored Class, Modified Class or Display Only **MUST** be made when pre-registering. All Day-of-Show cars will be Display Only. To be judged, pre-registered Cadillacs & LaSalles **MUST** be 2012 models or older, and **MUST** display their judging sheet. All other cars must display their car number 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 from @ 9:00 through 11:00 AM, Awards @ 2:30, Show will end @ 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

Directions: From Garden State Parkway South, to exit 105, merge onto NJ-36 E toward NJ-35/EatonTown Long Branch 2.2 miles, Take the State Route 35 ramp 0.2 miles. Merge onto NJ-35 S/Kings Hwy 1.8 miles. Make a U-turn at W Park Ave.. Dealership will be on the right 0.2 miles. Gold Coast Cadillac 2123 Hwy 35 (Kings Hwy), Oakhurst, NJ 07755 - Phone: 877-288-1920

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Raritan River Region-Gold Coast Cadillac Show Registration Form

Please return with your check for \$15.00 made payable to the RRR-CLC no later than **09/27/22**

Mail Your Check (**MADE PAYABLE TO RRR-CLC**) To: Jeff Montgomery 102 Fifth Street Edison NJ 08837

Name: _____ Phone: _____ e-Mail: _____

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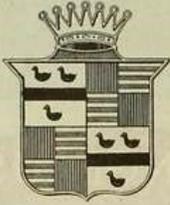
Do You Wish Your Car Judged? Yes () No () ~ Will You Help Judge? Yes () No ()

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Your car is: Original/Restored () Modified () For Display Only () Emeritus Class Display ()

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