



# The Standard of the World

West of the Lake Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

October 2022

## A Beautiful Day at Lexington Square



**West of the Lake members shared their cars with residents of Lexington Square in Elmhurst. See Page 5.**

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Well the season is winding down quickly, so it's important that we take advantage of whatever opportunities we can find to enjoy our cars. After missing it every single year, this past month, I finally attended the closest car show to my home. The Joliet Park District hosts a car and air show at the Joliet Airport each year. I always find out about it when I drive past while working on something different, but not this year. Since I had just recently had a new top put on my '59 Eldorado, I figured that would be the car to take. It's always interesting to see people's reactions. Some people absolutely loved it, and some people walked past it like it wasn't even there. I just enjoyed sitting there looking at it in the nice weather.

I've been especially thrilled to get my 1973 Riviera back in running condition again. The car has been mostly off the road since 2008 and completely down since 2016. I broke a bolt off in the head while trying to replace an exhaust manifold gasket. Thanks to my friends Kris and John, I was finally able to drill it out and tap a new hole. I now finally remember how enjoyable that car is to drive. I drove it to our September meeting. On the way, I stopped to pick up Tom Orlando. While pulling out of Tom's driveway we saw a car stop, and back up next to us. He was so excited to see the car that he blocked traffic. As he rolled down his window, it appeared that his car was filled with murder hornets as he bounced up and down with his arms flying everywhere. I've never seen anyone so excited by a car. His reaction just made my day.

Last weekend I attended the Cadillac Fall Festival at the Gilmore Museum. I had a fantastic time for a few reasons. First, I was able to judge with Dick Ruzzin. He is a retired stylist from GM. Some of his Cadillac projects included the 1992 Eldorado and the 1993 Fleetwood Brougham. Since I have my father's 1996 Brougham, it was interesting to hear his thoughts on the design and discuss different details. We both agreed that the design has aged well. Not all cars can say that. It was also interesting to learn how a stylist views things. As an engineer, I'm always looking at the details. However, Dick showed me how he stands further back to take in the lines of a car. It was a great learning experience. I wish we had had more time to discuss styling. I guess that's something to look forward to next year.

The other thrill for me was attending the lecture about David Holls which was given by Dick and two other retired stylists. Mr. Holls was responsible for the design of the 1959 Cadillac and the 1966 Riviera which are two of my favorite designs. Given how quickly the '59 models aged, Mr. Holls didn't want to take credit for the design for many years. However, as it became an icon, we began to acknowledge his role in its design. It sounds like Mr. Holls was a great stylist, mentor, coworker, and manager. There was nothing but good things said about him as both a stylist and as a person. It would have been great to be able to meet him while he was alive.

As part of the David Holls tribute, there were several non-Cadillacs on display to showcase some of Mr. Holls work. One of those cars was a 1966 Riviera GS which is owned by a retired Buick powertrain engineer. While working at Buick, he was responsible for the dual quad performance package for the nailhead engine (think Riviera GS), the 430 engine that launched in 1967, and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 performance packages for the 455 (think GSX Stage 1 a.k.a the Hemi killer). He was also the chief engineer for the 3800 Series 1 and Series 2 developments. I consider the 3800 to be one of the best V6 engines ever made. He had some fascinating stories. I can't wait to see who I meet and what I learn next year!

Next week I am going to check off a bucket list item. I am finally going to Hershey! In case you haven't heard about this, it is the world's largest car show and swap meet. I tried to go once many years ago, but fate had other plans and we never made it. Hopefully fate doesn't get in the way a second time. I'm just afraid that I am going to find more things that I like than my wallet agrees with. Stay tuned for the update next month.

Until next time, motor on, Fred

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# Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
October	8	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise	11:45AM	See Page 6
	25	Monthly Membership Meeting 2023 Board Nominations	7:30PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
November	29	Monthly Membership Meeting 2023 Board Election	7:30PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL

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## Member Video Page – Double Feature



This is the spot where we feature a short story of your car, a project you are working on or any tips you want to share with the club.

This month's video is a great lesson in how to avoid the high cost of classic car repairs. The most important lesson is to treat your mechanic well and to have reasonable expectations.: <https://youtu.be/iFa4Ww8RTqU>



Left to right: 1987 Buick bumper fillers and the original factory fit typical of that era.

## DOUBLE FEATURE #2

Next, WOTLR Member Robert Kravitz shares his beautiful 1980 Cadillac Eldorado with Lou Costable's My Car Story. In this video, Robert gives us an inside out tour of a magnificent classic car that, like all of Robert's cars, looks showroom new. We also get to go for a ride, so buckle up and enjoy Robert and Lou on My Car Story: <https://youtu.be/Qu8Md8TmxOw>



1980 Cadillac Eldorado

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Photos: Tom Orlando & Lou Costable

# Announcements

## Just a reminder...

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## Welcome New Members:

Disa Cantore  
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1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz

Dave & Sandy Bartlett  
Elmhurst, IL  
1975 Eldorado Convertible

Ryan & Sarah Bakke  
Manhattan, IL  
1996 Fleetwood Brougham

New members (and long term members – notice I didn't say "old") feel free to reach out with your life/car story and photos of your cars. We want to keep our website updated and your car photos are just what we need!

Please remember to carry a couple of West of the Lake Region membership applications (at the end of this newsletter) in your glove box.



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We post real-time pictures of events, cars spotted on the road and anything that might make you smile.

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### Hey! What's your story?

Have an interesting story about your car, your life or an event the club might find interesting? Share it with us. We are always looking for features for the newsletter. Don't be shy, share your story. You don't have to be a writer, we have word-workers who can put your words into print. Operators are standing by, contact Tom Orlando today: [westofthelakeclc@gmail.com](mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com)

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Dan Graziadei, 962 E. Grant Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016

## SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

Frank Murphy is back at home and feeling better, we are planning a visit and taking his 1987 Brougham out for a little exercise in the near future.

A phone call, e-mail or card is always welcome when someone is feeling low, a good thought or a little prayer is nice too. If you know of a member in need, please let us know so we can reach out.

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# Lexington Square Car Show

Lexington Square Showing of Cadillacs on September 17th went beautifully. It was a picture perfect day. We had 13 cars for them to see. There was an errant Corvette, but we won't get into that. They had a petting zoo, live music, and lunch was wonderful. One of the seniors there worked for Fleetwood Body in the 60s and 70s. It was great to hear the things he had to say. We thanked him for his work so that we could so enjoy the cars. He's 91 years old.



Photos: Ian Cudny & Glenn Brown

# Cruising Lake Geneva & Mecum Tour

**WEST OF THE LAKE AND  
BADGER REGION  
WET AND DRY FALL CRUISE  
OCTOBER 8 2022**



Join us for the day for a luncheon cruise around beautiful Lake Geneva and then we will head down to Walworth for a rare access quick tour of The Mecum Auctions Headquarters.

Join us for a lake cruise on Lake Geneva in southeastern Wisconsin and a tour of the Mecum Auction headquarters.

**Fall colors should make for perfect viewing.**

Lunch will include CHICKEN CORDON BLEU, VEGETABLE RICE PILAF, APPLE CRUMB PIE, and ICED TEA AND COFFEE. Full service cash bar. \$55.00 includes boat ticket and luncheon.

Parking is available nearby at Lot B for \$20 payable in advance and is a short walk. See attached map. If you prefer to park on your own, great!

Please arrive at Geneva Cruise Lines located Riviera Docks 812 Wrigley Drive at 11:00 am to get your tickets and to board the boat.

The boat departs promptly at 11:30 am. The tour around the lake is 2 hours 15 minutes.

We will then take the approximately twenty-minute drive down to Mecum Headquarters located at 445 South Main Street, Walworth, Wisconsin

There will be a short presentation and the balance of the time will be for us to walk around.

The event will end around 4pm

RSVP to Dan Graziadei with a check in the amount of \$55.00 per person plus parking to 962 E. Grant Dr. Des Plaines IL 60016 or Paypal/Zelle to CadillacGuy35@sbcglobal.net Payment is due September 19.

This event is Rain or Shine aboard a Climate Controlled Boat

**RSVP to Dan Graziadei: [CadillacGuy35@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CadillacGuy35@sbcglobal.net) TODAY!**

**If you miss the registration deadline you may still be able to buy a ticket at the gate, but call Geneva Cruise Lines before making the drive.**

# Gilmore Fall Festival

The CLCMRC Fall Festival was held the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup>, several WOTLR members attended and were treated to a nice variety of concours quality cars and a new bench made from the keystone from the Detroit Cadillac Salon. Glenn Brown shares these photos:

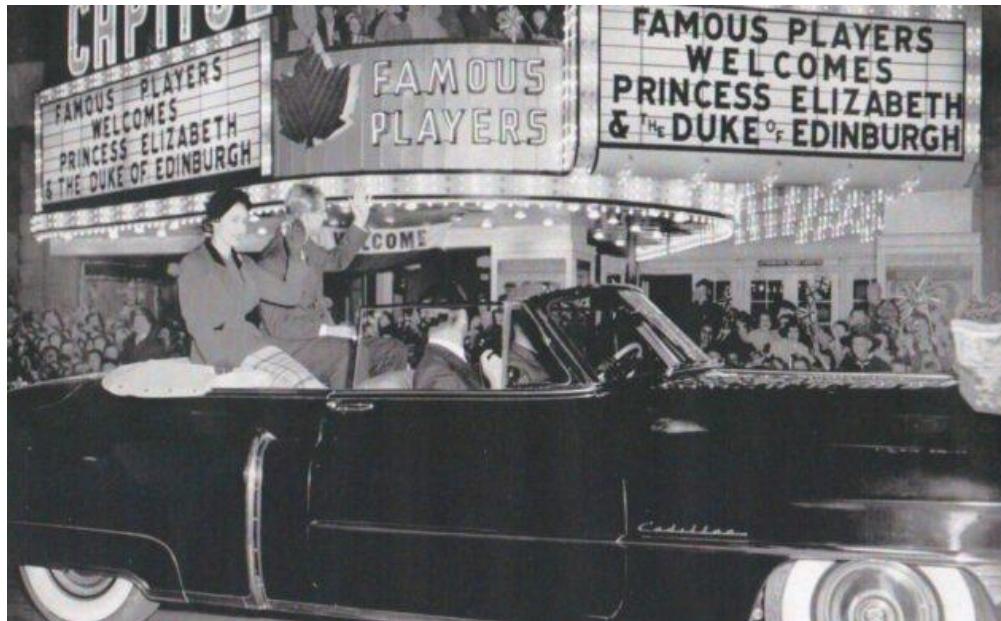


# An Interesting Barn Find



Shortly after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, an eBay ad popped up with this 1951 Cadillac Series Sixty-Two convertible once used by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on a tour of Vancouver, British Columbia in 1951.

The car has plenty of documentation and is included. The seller initially listed the car for an opening bid of \$299,000; but has since relisted it for a slightly more reasonable \$79,000.



If you'd like to own a piece of Royal history, visit eBay and bring this beauty home to your castle.

# Cadillac News From GM

**Cadillac has told its dealerships across the United States to invest at least \$200,000 each in order to get ready for the car manufacturer's fleet of upcoming electric vehicles.**



Artist's rendering of future Cadillac Dealership

Charging stations will make up the majority of the \$200,000 figure, but larger dealers might need to spend more than that and expenses could increase as the brand's range of EVs expands. The sum will also cover new tooling and training.

Several Chicago area dealers are finding that their current buildings aren't able to be upgraded and will need to build entirely new dealerships. The new stores will include a combination of both grid and solar powered charging stations as well as new technical facilities to accommodate both EV and ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles. The future is here and Cadillac plans to be out in front.



Chevrolet Dealer Solar Charging Station

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

CADILLAC/LASALLE CLUB  
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Butalla, Casey, Leon Brown, Graziadei, Schweitzer

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Director, Fred Butalla.

A new member, George Sotor, joined us this evening. He has a '88 Coupe DeVille and '88 Fleetwood.

Treasurer—Dan Graziadei presented the August report. Fred Butalla presented a check from Cadillac National for our dinner at White Fence Farm held during the Grand National.

Membership Chairman—Ron Schweitzer mentioned upcoming car shows. This Saturday from 11-3pm we will be at Gouin Park in Franklin Park. 2400 Scott Street. Sunday from 11-2pm we will be at Elmhurst Extended Care. 200 East Lake Street. One of our former member's daughters is coordinating this effort. We have 8 cars. Please contact Ron.

Two weeks ago the car show at Lexington Square Retirement Community was held. There were 13 cars present.

Fall Festival was this past weekend in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Cadillac/General Motors Designers were lead judges for each team. Attendance was down for cars as well as people.

Lake Geneva Boat Tour—Tim and Vicki

This event is October 8. The boat leaves at 11:15am. The cost is \$55 per person. Parking is extra but should be taken advantage of. So far 13 people from the WOTLR and 10 people from the Badger Region are going. The final count is needed by tomorrow as Vicki will be calling and paying for the venue. After tomorrow you will be able to purchase tickets on line but you will not get the group rate. There will be about 15 parking spaces reserved.

National News—Glenn Brown

National offices are becoming available. Check "The Self Starter".

John "Honest John" Faust passed away this past Saturday in Texas.

The Fall Festival Garage Sale went well. A lot of merchandise was donated by Carol Houtari. \$8,700 was made for the Museum.

Glenn is putting together a caravan from Chicago to Albuquerque for the 2023 GN. Please contact him if you would like to join. There are members from across the country planning to drive.

October 25 is our next WOTLR meeting. Nominations will be taken for all offices on the board. The election will be November 29 which is the last meeting until April 2023. You may nominate yourself or be nominated from the floor.  
Leads

1988 Coupe DeVille with 116,000 miles black on black. 4.5 liter fuel injection. Needs AC charged, radio, and new antenna. Contact George Sotor.

Tom Orlando is looking for '74-'76 rear bumper, and door sills for a '76 Sedan DeVille.

Frank Murphy is home. Health wise he is back to where he was this spring but still non-ambulatory. Tom Orlando and George Hansen are planning to take Frank's car to his house so he can see it being driven.

There was a suggestion to hold a Tech Day on a Sunday at Richard Daniels' facility. CCC Diagnostics 4645 Prescott Avenue in Lyons. 708-640-7651.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Submitted By,

*Valerie Leon Brown*

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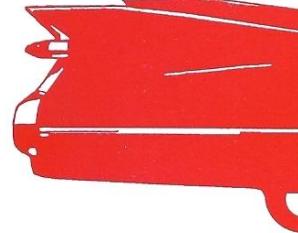
The Zoom simulcast of our monthly meeting is a hit! If you can't join us in person at 7:30pm Central Time on the last Tuesday of the month, be sure to Zoom in using the following link:

*The Zoom meeting link for the August meeting was corrupted and we weren't able to log on. Please look for an e-mail with the link for the September meeting coming soon.*

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6259422	TRANS FILTER
58-119	WATER PUMP
1209	WATER PUMP (NAPA)
3513492	HEAD LITE DOOR
1482255	FRT LEFT BUMPER END
910765	SIDE LAMP (DELCO) RIGHT & LEFT
6259472	TRANS FILTER
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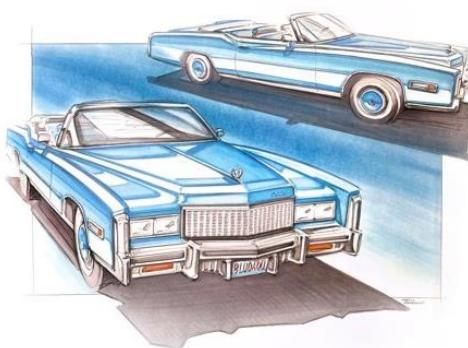


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