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**This is Lou Maludy's 1939 Cadillac Series 7519. Lou is among the members of the Motor City Region who regularly show their cars at the Taylor Cadillac show. The picture is from the 2011 show.**

**In the background, are two more Motor City cars: Len Constance's white Allanté (left) and Carter Coss' green Allanté (nearly hidden to the right.) NWO President George Louthan's Eldorado convertible lurks near the entrance to the Taylor service area. At least fifty cars ordinarily participate in this annual show.**

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**On the cover: read on!**

by Elden Smith

**T**HE COVER PICTURE OF ANY PUBLICATION intends to do one thing: entice readers to turn to the next page. Page 2 intends to do the same thing: then the next, and the next, until the entire publication has met the view of readers.

This issue has at least two intentions for the cover picture. I hope you will work your way through our newsletter. I also hope you will make time to bring your Cadillac and/or LaSalle to the Taylor Cadillac Show at 6100 West Central Avenue on September 15.

Our newsletter travels throughout the entire USA—and worldwide—by its posting on the CLC national website. Anyone who sees this receives an invitation to attend and to display his or her collector Cadillac/LaSalle. I would love to see the Taylor dealership lot overflow with Cadillacs and LaSalle. It has always been a big show, but it would be great to make it a whopper.



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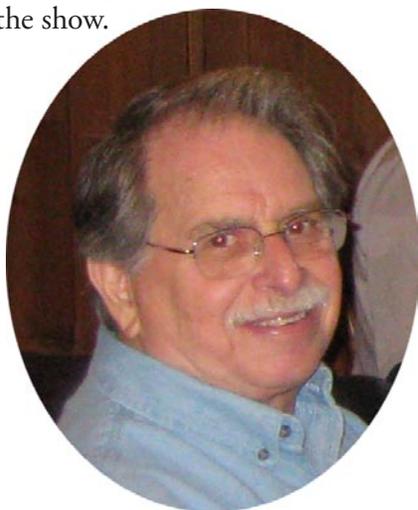
## **President's Message** *by George Louthan*

### **September Song**

**T**HE "SEPTEMBER SONG" WAS A SONG written in 1938 by Kurt Weill for a Broadway musical and quickly became a POP gold standard. The song has been recorded through the years by artists from Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, to the bands of Les Brown and Stan Kenton, with so many versions by others, one cannot count them. By now I have either dated myself, or lost you in a world of music you can't relate to because of your age. I imagine you are wondering what this has to do with cars and especially Cadillac. Well the songs lyrics depict a person in the fall of their life reflecting on the past and the future and I thought of the Collectable Car Season, as we know it in the Ohio climate. Well, here we are in the September of a very busy collectable car season with many great events still on tap, so don't reflect on the past events you failed to attend but concentrate on the great upcoming events you can participate in. Along with all the local car shows and cruise ins, we have three great Cadillac events coming up in September and October so pay attention, participate, and enjoy.

### **Taylor Cadillac Show**

The eleventh annual Taylor Cadillac Show on Saturday, September 15, is well under way with pre-registration at thirty-plus cars. If you have not yet pre-registered please send in your registration form or send me an e-mail (gelouthan@att.net). This year promises to be a great show with participation from Cleveland, Detroit, and Cincinnati, so don't get left out, as our capacity is about fifty cars. As usual, our hosts at Taylor Cadillac provide a wonderful lunch and awards for all registered participants. Parking lot volunteers are always welcome. See you at the show.



### **Third Annual CLCMRC Meet At Gilmore**

This is a two-day meet at the Gilmore Museum on September 22 and 23 including a driving tour on Saturday to the Lake Michigan coast for a boat cruise and shopping for the ladies. All details and registration forms are in the July issue of the Self- Starter. If you have never been to the Gilmore, you are missing an opportunity to see one of the greatest car collections in the nation. This is not a long drive—about 150 miles—well worth the effort. At my last count, there are six from our region going and this is a fund-raiser for the new CLC museum at Gilmore.

### **Fall Color Tour, October 13**

I promised a fall tour for the club, and here it is. We will meet for breakfast at Bob Evens on US 20 in Perrysburg at 9:00. From there, we will travel back roads of Wood County to Fremont to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Complex known as Spiegel Grove. The tour includes the nineteenth president's mansion and presidential library. There is no tour cost except our group rate of \$12 per person at Spiegel Grove. After the tour, we will be going to the #1 Hibachi & Grill Buffet in Fremont for a fabulous lunch at \$5.95. They boast of 300 items to choose from. Send in your registration early as our friends from the NWO chapter of the Buick Club have been invited to join us. See flyer and registration coupon on page 5.

### **Dues**

Don't forget your annual dues is due starting in September 1. If it is not paid by November 1, you will be dropped from membership. Expect annual dues to increase to \$30 as our newsletter printing cost is increasing substantially. Please fill out a membership form and send in to Steve Kasprzak, along with your check, as we need up to date information on each member.

Th-Th-Th-Th-Th-That's all for now folks.

George Louthan  
NWO/CLC region director



(This is a 1938 Cadillac crest—the same year George cited as the year that Kurt Weill composed "September Song".)

## *The Editor's Page: Newsletter costs to increase*

*by Elden Smith*



### *Membership information*

On pages 10 and 11, are membership/renewal forms for both the Cadillac & LaSalle Club (national) and for the CLC/NW Ohio. Remember that to join our local club, one must join the national club.

Please be certain that all of your information is correct. Check your listing in the 2012 International Membership Directory to be certain that your name, address, telephone, and e-mail address are correct. It is also important to check the listing of your cars. Here is the time and place to add any cars you have bought and erase any you have sold.

*Below: Cadillac concept car via the Internet*



CLC/NWO REGION NEWS

**D**URING THE AUGUST MEETING, I announced that the printing company we have done business with since January 1, 2010, would cease operations. At meeting time, I did not know the termination date, but I located another printer here in Toledo that produces quality work at reasonable prices. Minuteman Press on Secor Road will handle our newsletters and probably our other printed materials, too. The preparation process will remain the same. **I need submitted materials at least ten days before the date of distribution.** To distribute our newsletter punctually on or before the first of each month, submitted articles and announcements must come to me by the twentieth day of the month.

Our previous printer charged only \$50 per month for twenty-five copies regardless of the number of pages. (This bargain rate resulted from friendship with me.) To keep the current appearance, Minuteman Press will charge us \$106 per month for our typical publication (twelve pages). This is \$.3533 per sheet for six sheets of paper, copied on two sides in color and on 24# paper. This is an extremely fair price as several printers quoted prices nearly twice that amount. Several CLC/NWO members have assisted in the search by taking samples of our newsletter to printing businesses for price quotes. I appreciate their help.

We need twenty-five newsletter copies monthly: seventeen go to members without online facilities and to others who have requested hard copies. Eight copies stay with me for file and editing purposes and for distribution to non-member Cadillac and LaSalle drivers whom I meet at car shows and cruises.

Members, friends, officers of other CLC regions, and national club officers who receive the newsletter online total sixty-one addresses. Some other folks in the national club read our newsletter on the CLC website. These range from fifty to two hundred readers downloading our newsletter!

Those who attended the August meeting indicated that they hoped this change in printers would not alter the appearance or content of our newsletter. Only minor changes are necessary now. In the future, we might have to ask for additional financial support from members and friends. Another possibility to cover the increased cost is to seek advertisers as some other CLC regions have already done.

Thanks to all for your concern and continuing support.



**Fall Color Tour**  
*to*  
**Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Mansion, Fremont, Ohio**  
*Sponsored by*  
**Northwest Ohio Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club**  
**Saturday October 13.**

We will start at 9:00 with breakfast at Bob Evans on US 20 & I-75, Perrysburg, Ohio, and leave from there at 10:00 for a back road color tour to Fremont arriving at the Hayes complex at 11:00.

The tour of the mansion and library lasts about two hours.

At the conclusion, we will go to the #1 Hibachi Grill and Buffet, 2170 North State Street, Fremont, for a luncheon of great variety and tastes.

There is no tour cost except \$12 per person at the Hayes Complex, your luncheon cost (\$5.95 plus drink, tax, and tip).

Maps will be provided at start of the tour.

Please contact George Louthan (419-382-7820) to confirm attendance by October 7.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Car driven \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_, # to attend @ Hayes \_\_\_\_\_, # for lunch \_\_\_\_\_



**CLC/NWO ASKS THOSE WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE** in this tour to clip and send the coupon above to George Louthan at 2754 Bradford Drive, Toledo 43614. It is important to send this registration soon so that George may inform the Hayes Complex plus Bob Evans and the Hibachi Grill how many to expect.

**PICTURE ABOVE** is of the Hayes Mansion Spiegel Grove, left is President Hayes and right his spouse Lucy.

## *Minutes of the August 15 meeting*

The August 2012 meeting began with threatening skies that kept some older Cadillacs home in their garages, but twelve CLC/NWO members and associates gathered in the Taylor Cadillac showroom on Wednesday, August 15. Five Cadillacs conveyed their owners to the meeting.

The first order of business was a celebration for the success of the Second Annual Vintage Car Show. Seventy-three cars brought by seventy-one owners comprised the show field. As a benefit, \$860 for Students for Other Students and for the Margaret Hunt Senior Center came from registration fees and from the fifty-fifty drawing.

During new business, we received a number of announcements and reminders.

- The Stahls (Bob and Bobby) plan to attend the **Gilmore Show**, September 22–23. Those who would like to form a caravan with them should contact either.
- **The Taylor Show** will take place September 15. See the flyer on page 9 and register early so that George may plan parking spaces.
- The **Fall Color Tour** to Fremont will take place October 13. Please note the announcement and registration coupon on page 5.
- **Newsletter expense** dominated much of new business. See the editor's column on page 4. Future newsletters might contain advertising, and membership dues for 2013 might increase by \$5.

The meeting concluded with a number of interesting artifacts and collectibles auctioned for the benefit of the club treasury.

Elden Smith, secretary pro tem

### *Treasurer's Report* *by Duke Gercke*

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| Balance on May 11, 2012 .....     | \$1119.30 |
| Auction at May meeting .....      | \$81.00   |
| Donation to Vintage Show.....     | -\$50.00  |
| Newsletter expenses for June..... | -\$61.05  |
| Balance on June 9, 2012.....      | \$1089.25 |
| Newsletter expenses for July..... | -\$88.79  |
| Balance on July 11, 2012.....     | \$1000.46 |

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### *Save These Dates Now For Future Club Activities!*

September 12, Wednesday ..... Membership meeting..... Taylor Cadillac, 6100 West Central Avenue  
September 15, Saturday..... Taylor Cadillac Show and Membership meeting..... 6100 West Central Avenue  
October 13..... Fall Color Tour to Fremont ..... See details on page 7.

***Excellent research, readability from the Detroit Free Press  
by Elden Smith***

**T**HREE ARTICLES CAUGHT MY ATTENTION when they came to my inbox from CLC/NWO member Alan Haas. These (and numerous others) appear in the *Detroit Free Press* and are the research and authorship of Mark Phelan. These articles bear the titles:

- GM shows it may have figured out how to build a good, light car (July 22)
- Cadillac XTS luxury sedan has elegant lines, comfortable ride (August 2),
- Cadillac faces marketing dilemma (August 5)

More automotive articles appear on the Internet at [DetroitFreePress.com](http://DetroitFreePress.com) (note there are no spaces in the address). I recommend them highly.

***Comparison of 2013 Cadillac models***

**Cadillac ATS**

Wheelbase: 109.3 inches  
Length: 182.8 inches  
Height: 55.9 inches  
Width: 71.1 inches  
Curb weight: less than 3,400 pounds  
Available engines: 2.0-liter turbo direct-injection four-cylinder; 2.5-liter I4 direct injection; 3.6-liter V6 direct injection

**Cadillac CTS**

Wheelbase: 113.4 inches  
Length: 191.3 inches  
Height: 58.0 inches  
Width: 72.5 inches  
Curb weight: 3,854 pounds  
Available engines: 3.0-liter direct-injection V6; 3.6-liter direct-injection V6

**Cadillac XTS AWD Platinum**

Vehicle type: Front- or all-wheel drive five-passenger luxury sedan  
Price and specifications as tested: \$60,385  
Engine: 3.6-liter direct-injection DOHC variable timing 24-valve V6.  
Power: 304 horsepower at 6,800 r.p.m.; 264 pound-feet of torque at 5,200 r.p.m.  
Transmission: Six-speed automatic  
EPA fuel economy rating: 17 m.p.g. city/26 highway/20 combined. Regular fuel.  
Wheelbase: 111.7 inches  
Length: 202.0 inches  
Width: 72.9 inches  
Height: 59.4 inches  
Curb weight: 4,215 pounds  
Where assembled: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada  
Price range: \$44,075-\$60,385 (excluding options and destination charges)



*Below are pictures of three 2013 Cadillacs: ATS, CTS, and XTS in the same order as the descriptions to the left.*



## *They are all show cars!*

*by Elden Smith*

**Y**OU NAME IT! Is it a show car, a classic car, a collector car, or some name less flattering? Every now and then, a true survivor puts in an appearance at shows and cruises—occasionally even at prestigious shows like the Cadillac Grand National. Often these have bad paint rivaling a teenager with zits.

Barn-finds rarely roll out of the barn in pristine condition. Dirt is only a small part of their situation. Rubber parts—hoses and tires—are commonly shot. Glass sometimes has discolored if it is old enough, particularly if it is of the laminated variety. Some frozen part or parts of the engine and transmission might show up in an examination. The paint frequently shows signs of rust and dullness. The aroma of stale grease wafts over the carcass.

Still, old cars that have not found their way into the junkyard or chop shop might be someone's beloved toy—maybe even pride and joy. I plead that they, too, may bear the title of show car, classic, or collector at the next car show.

If you own one of these, what you call it might indicate the depth of your love for your treasure. Only you know what might be your long-range plans for your vehicle. It will be original only once—no matter what the condition.

This is a new perspective for me as I used to turn up my nose at the sight of such messes on the show field. Remember, someone loves that heap. Not all show cars are examples of automotive perfection.

It took a while for me to love the smell of old cars—decades of grease and oil plus musty upholstery. True car lovers will know what these are like. New car smells are easy to love. Old cars smells take longer.

WAG: I believe this is a 1958 Eldorado sedan with a stainless steel top and suicide doors. If anyone knows the facts, please tell me. Picture is from the 2011 Columbus Grand National.





## The tradition continues... Eleventh Annual



# *Taylor Classic Cadillac Show*

This show is limited to Cadillacs and LaSalles, 1902–1999.

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this exclusive show at this superb dealership.

Sponsored by Taylor Cadillac, Inc.  
Northwest Ohio Region/Cadillac LaSalle Club

**Saturday, September 15**  
**9:30 to 3:30**

Place: Taylor Cadillac Showroom  
6100 West Central Avenue, Toledo  
(One block East of US 23, I-475)

The dealership will furnish lunch for all participants and guests,  
participant awards to all registered cars, and best of show awards.

Space is limited to 50 cars.

Make your reservation early to assure your space and confirm your luncheon participation.

Contact: George Louthan at 419-382-7820 or [gelouthan@att.net](mailto:gelouthan@att.net)

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Mail registration form to:  
George Louthan, 2754 Bradford Drive, Toledo OH 43614

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending lunch \_\_\_\_\_



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CLC # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse and children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cadillacs (C) and/or LaSalle (L) I own:** (Cadillac or LaSalle ownership **not** a requirement for membership)

| C or L | Year | Model # | Body Style |
|--------|------|---------|------------|
|        |      |         |            |

(Model and body style as noted on the ID plate on the firewall, (example: 38-6019, 41-7533F). It is important to have as complete information as possible for our Directory. Any additional cars may be listed on the reverse of this form.

### DUES, RATES AND CLASSIFICATIONS REVISED AS OF 1/18/2003

|                     | Annual Membership Dues   | 1 year dues | 2 year dues | 3 year dues |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| USA                 | <i>The Self-Starter</i> 1st Class Mail   | \$50.00     | \$99.00     | \$148.00    |
|                     | <i>The Self-Starter</i> 2nd Class Mail   | \$35.00     | \$69.00     | \$103.00    |
| CANADA & MEXICO     | <i>The Self-Starter</i> 1st Class Mail   | \$55.00     | \$109.00    | \$163.00    |
| ALL OTHER COUNTRIES | <i>The Self-Starter</i> Air Mail   | \$65.00     | \$129.00    | \$193.00    |
| LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP | \$750.00 (U.S. members) \$1,000.00 (all other countries) Call for qualifying details |             |             |             |

For more information, contact  
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CLC Office Managers  
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(614) 472-3222 (fax)  
CLCoffice@CadillacLaSalleClub.org (e-mail)

**Sponsored by**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(not required for membership)

Enclosed is payment for: Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the CLC Museum \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_ Payment is by check or money order (must be in U.S. funds)  
\_\_\_\_ Please charge my Visa or MasterCard

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit security code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Northwest Ohio Region  
Of  
Cadillac LaSalle Club Inc.*  
**Membership Application/Renewal**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

CLC Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Year Fee \$30 Paid \_\_\_\_\_

2 Year Fee \$58 Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checkayable to  
Northwest Ohio Region Of CLC

Return To: Steve Kasprzak  
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Oregon, Ohio 43616

## Editor opens the inbox...



One never knows what the inbox will contain. This picture of a supersize limousine popped up a few days back. The sender says it is genuine, but it looks like trick photography to me. Still it is a really big Cadillac. Can you imagine turning a corner in this?

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### Show your CLC/NWO colors—wear our logo at shows and cruises



*Above:*

Large CLC/NWO logo embroidered onto your jacket  
\$125 plus tax: total \$133.44



*Above:*

Small CLC/NWO logo embroidered onto your jacket, shirt, hat, or whatever you like  
\$35 plus tax: total \$37.36

#### **Editor's note:**

To order one or more of these logos, e-mail me at [jharry3456@bex.net](mailto:jharry3456@bex.net) or telephone me at 419-882-6258. I will need your advance payment in the form of a check.

## Classified

### Cars for sale

- 1939 Fleetwood 60S sedan, needs some interior work, but has new paint. Exterior in excellent condition. Inspected by President George Louthan at a Wauseon Super Cruise. Contact Mr. Wagner in Wauseon at 419-583-9704. Asking price \$15,000.
- 1977 Eldorado Coupe, 28,000 miles, needs minor body work. Selling from an estate. Make offer by contacting J. P. Smith, attorney, at 419-244-0991. Make offer.
- 1987 Allante (both tops) 125,000 miles, \$4500 OBO (picture below). Contact Al Baker at 419-787-3787.

