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Happy Belated Birthday to CLC Potomac Region member Charles Harbaugh who recently turned 90-years-old! Charles is a long-standing member from Winchester, VA.

Congratulations to CLC Potomac Region members Francis & Margaret Werneth who recently celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary. The Werneths live in Carney, MD, a northern suburb of Baltimore.

For whatever reason, Scott Adams, the creator of the DILBERT cartoon strip, felt the need to bash the restoration of old cars in his February 11th strip (see below). To say the least, the strip below caused quite a stir among hobbyists. I can't say that I was much of a DILBERT fan before, but I am definitely less likely to become a fan now, that's for sure!



To read what others thought of it and/or post your own thoughts, visit <http://dilbert.com/strips/comic/2013-02-11?Page=1>.

Preparations are well underway for our 22nd Annual Spring Car Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac. The registration flier is included in this issue. Volunteers are still needed to help with the show, and donations are needed for our auction. For more information, contact Dan Ruby, Car Show Coordinator, at danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026.

Vince Taliano



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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Mar 1-3 Fri-Sun		40th Annual Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction	Atlantic City NJ Convention Center	G. Potter King, Inc. at 800-227-3868 or www.acclassiccars.com
Mar 9 Sat	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	40th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	Howard County Fairgrounds West Friendship MD	Tom Young at 410-653-3108, tbirdtoms60@verizon.net or www.chesapeakeaaac.org
Mar 16 Sat	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Potomac Region Visit to USA Parts Supply	USA Parts Supply Kearneysville WV	R. Scot Minesinger at 703-283-2021 or rscoitm@cox.net
Mar 23-24 Fri-Sat		43rd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet and Auction (NEW LOCATION)	Carroll County Agriculture Center Westminster MD	Robert Clubb at 301-829-2000 or smraaca@aol.com
Apr 4-7 Thu-Sun		AACA Southeastern Division Spring Meet	Charlotte, NC	704-841-1396 or http://www.hnr-aaca.org/AACA-Meet---Charlotte.html
Apr 6 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	VCCA Free State Region's Spring Tour	National Cryptologic Museum Annapolis Junction MD	Mike Natale at 410-583-9171, 443-465-7492 or mrnatale@verizon.net
Apr 14 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	AACA Brandywine Region Swap Met	Mid-Atlantic Antique and Collector Car Center Kennett Square PA	Andrew Barbour at 302-738-4483
Apr 24-28 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7:00 am	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Apr 28 Sun	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Spring Fever Classic & Custom Car, Truck, and Tractor Show	Fauquier High School Warrenton VA	Chris at 571-437-3752 or fhsbandcarshow@fauquierband.org
May 3-4 Fri-Sat		60th Annual AACA Fredericksburg Region ODMA Meet	Fredericksburg VA	Andy Gotchel at 540-775-4177 or adwaynel@aol.com
May 4 Sat		Berwyn Heights Day Parade	Berwyn Heights MD	Ed Murphy at emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
May 5 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	22nd Annual Capitol Cadillac Spring Car Show/ Automobilia Auction	Capitol Cadillac Greenbelt MD	Car Show: Dan Ruby at danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026 Automobilia Auction: Vince Taliano at 301-258-8321 or vincetaliano@clcpotomacregion.org
May 18 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Central PA Region's 24th Annual Spring Show	Kelly Cadillac Lancaster PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com
May 18 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	City of Fairfax Antique Car Show	City Hall Fairfax VA	www.nvrg.org
May 30-Jun 1 Thu-Sat		AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	http://local.aaca.org/gettysburg/2013national.html
Jun 3-7 Mon-Fri		CLC National Driving Tour	Starting from San Francisco CA	http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org/images/NDT_Brochure-Flyer_Crater_Lake_and_More.pdf
Jun 8 Sat		24th Annual Orphan Car Tour	Starting from Williamsport MD	Jon Battle at 540-364-1770, TourDirector@orphancartour.org or www.orphancartour.org
Jun 23 Sun	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	CLC Valley Forge Region's Car Show	Delaware Cadillac Wilmington DE	http://www.vfrcalc.org/calendar.html



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jul 12 Fri		4th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day	All across the USA	www.SEMASAN.com/CollectorCarAppreciationDay
Jul 13 Sat	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	7th Annual CLC Inter-Regional Meet	AACA Museum Hershey PA	Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or artarchambeault49@gmail.com
Jul 28 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	10th Annual VCCA Free State Region's Annual Car & Truck Show	Meadowbrook Regional Park Lutherville MD	Hank at 410-377-8331, dankerus@comcast.net or grand1917@comcast.net
Jul 31- Aug 3 Wed-Sat		CLC Grand National	Boston MA	http://www.nerclc.com/grandnational
Aug 10 Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	39th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show	Montgomery College Rockville MD	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or corydraw@gmail.com
Aug 29- Sep 1 Fri-Sun		CLC Grand European	Noordwijkerhout Netherlands	www.cadillacclub.nl
Sep 1 Sun	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Vern Parker's 25th Annual Invitation Antique Car Show	Spring Hill Recreation Center McLean VA	www.vernparker.com
Sep 29 Sun		CLC Valley Forge Region Annual Fall Car Show	Peddler's Village Lahaska PA	www.vfrclc.org/upcoming_events.htm

More events will be added each month.

Visit www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm where show flyers can be downloaded.



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Potomac Region Visit to USA Parts Supply

On Saturday March 16, 2013 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Potomac Region members are invited to tour USA Parts Supply in Kearneysville, West Virginia. USA Parts Supply is one of the preeminent Cadillac parts suppliers in the country. When USA Parts Supply was first started in 1990, they were the only company to offer a complete and comprehensive Cadillac Catalog. They've grown a lot since then, but they continue to be a one-stop source for classic Cadillac parts and accessories, or as they say it, ***"From Bumper to Bumper, We've Got What You Need!"***

During a tour, there will be knowledgeable personnel employed by USA Parts Supply along with club members that may be able to help diagnose any problems that members' Cadillacs may be suffering. In addition, USA Parts Supply will offer discounts on parts (excluding kits such as engine re-build kits) from 5% to 10% for club members that day, plus no shipping and handling costs. As an added bonus, attendees will have an opportunity to tour a warehouse that houses a large quantity of Cadillac used parts recently purchased from a renowned collector in Texas.

The club will provide lunch for all attendees. To help with the planning for the event including the lunch order, club members will need to RSVP, if they plan to attend, by Saturday March 7th via phone or email to R. Scot Minesinger, Activities Director, at 703-283-2021 or rsctm@cox.net.



Visit <http://usapartssupply.com> or call 1-800-872-2013 for directions to USA Parts Supply.



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***22nd Annual Capitol Cadillac /
CLC Potomac Region
Spring Car Show &
Automobilia Auction
Sunday May 5, 2013***

Car Registration:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

*Please read the Car Show Rules on
the following page*

Car Show Hours:

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Auction starts at 12:00 pm

***6500 Capitol Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-441-9600***

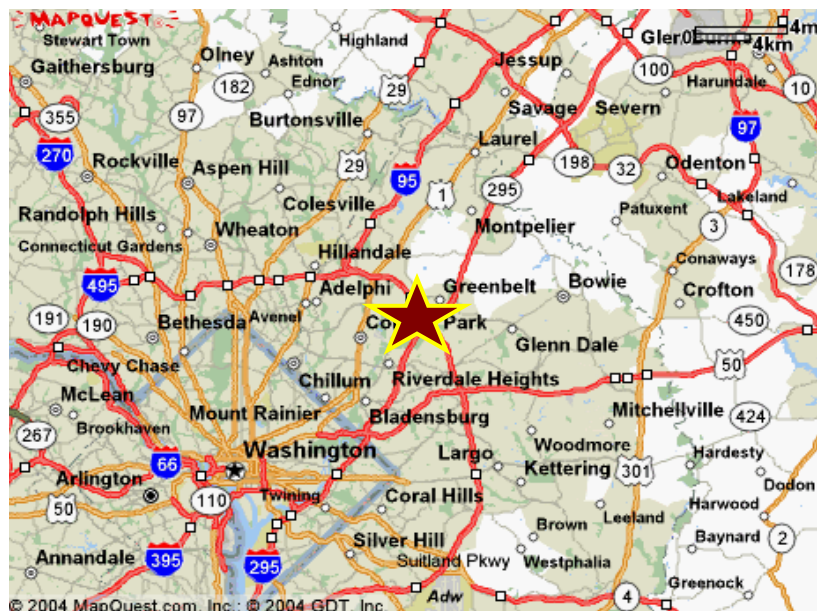
LOCAL DIRECTIONS:

From Capital Beltway (I-495/95)

- Use Exit 23 - Kenilworth Avenue Rte 201, proceed South on Kenilworth Avenue to first exit - Greenbelt Road, Route 193
- At light, proceed East on Greenbelt Road - Rte 193 (left)
- At traffic light make left onto Walker Drive (***TGI Friday's*** Restaurant on corner)
- Make an immediate right onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your left)

**From Baltimore-Washington Parkway
(Rte 295)**

- Use Exit for Rte 193 (Greenbelt Road)
- Proceed West on Rte 193 - Greenbelt Road
- Make first right after underpass onto Capitol Drive (Dealership is on your right)



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Dan Ruby

Car Show Coordinator

danruby@clcpotomacregion.org or 301-894-8026

Visit us on the web!

www.clcpotomacregion.org



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Car Show Rules

- **Rain or Shine:** The car show will take place rain or shine. No refunds.
- **Safety:** If a vehicle has fluid drips or leaks, the owner must bring absorbent material or drip pans to avoid slippery conditions and to protect the showroom floor or show field parking lot. **The Potomac Region reserves the right to prevent any cars with excessive fluid leaks from entering the show field.** It is recommended that a working fire extinguisher be in every vehicle.
- **Judging / Parking Rules:** The Potomac Region reserves the right 1) to determine each vehicle's judging class and 2) each vehicle's placement in the show field. **There will be no parking on the grassy areas whatsoever, due to sprinkler heads and possible rut damage.** Vehicles will be peer judged by the individual owners of the registered cars. Registrants will be able to judge vehicles in all classes, including their own. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given to winning vehicles in each class.

<u>Judging Classes</u>		<u>Other Awards</u>
Class A:	1902 – 1942 Cadillac	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dealer's Choice• Best Pre-War• Best Post-War• Best of Show• Ladies Choice• Long Distance (Driven Cars Only) <p>A vehicle receiving "Best of Show" may also receive an award in its class, but will not be eligible to receive "Best Pre War" or "Best Post War" at the same show.</p>
Class B:	1927 – 1940 LaSalle	
Class C:	1946 – 1958 Cadillac	
Class D:	1959 – 1964 Cadillac	
Class E:	1965 – 1970 Cadillac	
Class F:	1971 – 1976 Cadillac	
Class G:	1977 – 1986 Cadillac	
Class H:	1987 – 1996 Cadillac	
Class I:	1997 – Current Cadillac	
Class J:	Professional Vehicles	
Class K:	Modified Vehicles	

Registration Form

Make checks payable to **CLC Potomac Region** and mail with completed registration form to:
Harry Scott, Treasurer
14421 Aden Road
Nokesville, VA 20181-3122

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vehicle Registration Fee: (Up to Apr 28th: \$15/per car - After Apr 28th: \$20/per car)

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Circle Make: CAD LAS Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

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Check this box if you do not want your vehicle(s) judged



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FEBRUARY 17, 2013 MEETING MINUTES BY JACK McCLOW & SANDY KEMPER

PLACE: Snyder's Restaurant, Linthicum, MD

TIME: 3:45 PM

PRESIDING: National Director Jack McClow

ATTENDANCE: Alida & Byron Alsop; Franklin Gage; Bob Norrid; Ron Renoff; Gene Sauter; Ralph & Sandi Stroud; Ruth Synodinos and Bill Schmuck (Ruth's guest); J. Francis & Margaret Werneth and Mary Etta Mills (the Werneth's guest)

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Jack McClow thanked everyone for attending.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the January meeting were not read since they had been published and distributed to all members in the February, 2013 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the year to date time period. The Region's income was \$1,880.61. The total expenses for the same time period were \$1,590.19.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our current 2013 membership total is 188 members. There are still over twenty (20) 2012 CLC Potomac Region members who have not renewed their region membership for 2013. Some have said that they won't be renewing for various reasons and some are ineligible to renew because their national CLC membership has become inactive. All of those region members who are eligible to renew were contacted and encouraged to renew.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **25th Annual AACA Bay Country Region's Winter Parts Meet, Cambridge MD, Sat, Jan 26th**
- **AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia PA, Thu-Sat, Feb 7-9th**

2. Upcoming PR Events:

- **Trip to USA Parts, Kearneysville, WV, Sat, Mar 16th, 9 am-1 pm.** Scot Minesinger has arranged for another tour at USA Parts. Details were described in the February newsletter. Briefly, there will be knowledgeable personnel employed by USA Parts Supply along with club members that may be able to help diagnose any problems with members' Cadillacs. In addition, USA Parts Supply will offer club members discounts on parts (excluding kits such as engine re-build kits) from 5% to 10% and there will not be any shipping or handling costs. The club will provide lunch for all attendees. To help with the planning for the event including the lunch order, club members will need to RSVP, if they plan to attend, by Saturday March 7th via phone or email to R. Scot Minesinger.
- **Annual Spring Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt MD, Sun, May 5th.** Flyer will be published in the March newsletter.

3. Other Upcoming Events: The following events were mentioned:

- **40th Annual Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, Fri-Sun, Mar 1st-3rd**



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- **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL, Fri-Sun, Mar 8th-10th.**
This year's show will include concept cars from Cadillac and the two 1955 Motorama LaSalles from the Joe Bortz Collection. Read all about those cars in the March 21st issue of *Old Cars Weekly*.
- **40th Annual AACA Chesapeake Region Parts Meet, Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship MD, Sat, Mar 9th**
- **43rd Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet, Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster MD, Fri-Sat, Mar 29th-30th.** This is a new location for this meet which is popular with our members.
- **AACA Southeastern Div. Spring Meet, Charlotte NC, Thu-Sun, Apr 4th-7th.** This meet is held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The number of flea market vendors is huge and the impressive car corral is located on the Speedway's track.
- **AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet, Carlisle PA, Thu-Sat, May 30th-Jun 1st.**
Region members are making plans to participate in this meet, possibly forming a caravan to drive from the Baltimore-Washington Area to the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The host hotel for the 2013 Grand National in Boston is sold out. The alternate hotel, the Courtyard Marriott Boston Stoughton is about 10½ miles away from the host hotel. There will be a free shuttle between the hotels. It is important to register soon before the various tours and events sell out also. Jack asked the members present if they were planning on going to this GN; Byron & Alida Alsop have plans to attend as do Jack McClow and Bob Norrid.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was announced at the CLC Winter Board of Directors meeting that Larry Lesiger, CLC Treasurer (and member of the Valley Forge Region), would like to retire from this position following the 2014 Grand National. If you are interested, contact CLC President Lars Kneller.
- The Region's officers have discussed starting another matching contribution campaign, like we did in 2010 and 2011, to provide much needed funds to the CLCMRC Building Fund. More to follow.
- The Valley Forge Region has begun to accept credit cards for registration fees to their car shows and events. Sandy Kemper will find out the details of the Valley Forge arrangements. Harry Scott has looked into this previously, but the fees didn't appear justifiable for club's purposes.
- The Valley Forge Region has announced that it is discontinuing all U.S. Mail newsletters starting in 2014. We have talked about a similar action or, alternatively, increasing the amount of membership dues for those who receive their newsletter by U.S. Mail (presently: \$30), but neither idea has been approved. At present, we have about 20-25 members who receive their newsletters by U.S. mail each month. These members were "grandfathered" in the U.S. Mail group (other current members and/or new members are not eligible for U.S. Mail newsletters).



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Since our newsletter averages 19 pages per month, it has gotten to the point that typically, for each member who receives the newsletters by U.S. mail, the cost of producing the "hard copy" newsletters and sending them by mail exceeds 100% of the total dues that member pays for the year by approximately \$300 annually at a minimum, even with the additional charge we now impose. Therefore, the U.S. Mail member is not making any contribution toward the funds needed by the Region for its activities and other purposes, but what's more, the Region (meaning, the other members) must cover the balance of that expense.

By contrast, an e-mail member's dues are mostly available for the Region to use for purposes that benefit the members, or for purposes that the members approve. For example, we use the Region's funds to subsidize member events like the USA Parts Visit lunch and the holiday party dinner, to advance costs for shows and tours when needed, to send sympathy cards or get-well cards to members who are ill or who have lost a loved one, to distribute tokens of appreciation to members who help with activities, and -- when approved -- to make contributions that are consistent with our objectives, such as our matching fund program to help support the CLC Museum & Research Center, and "adopting" the Betty White Cadillac at the AACA Museum. To the extent that the e-mail members must subsidize the cost of serving the US Mail members, those funds are not available for any other purpose of the club.

Discussions about this are continuing among the officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL DISCUSSION: J. Francis Werneth wanted to let the club know about an important non-car related event: tomorrow, February 18th, will be his and Margaret's 46th wedding anniversary! In four years, they will invite all of us present today for their golden anniversary celebration.

NEXT MEETING: **SPECIAL NOTE: Saturday, March 16, 2013** at **USA Parts Supply, Kearneysville, WV** during our tour and visit; meeting start time to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.



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***THE BULLETIN INTERVIEW: JIM GEORGE.
THE LITTLE WORLD OF THE CADILLAC V-16
(OR, HOW AN OLD FAMILY FRIEND TURNED UP AGAIN)
REPRINTED FROM LE BULLETIN,
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CADILLAC LASALLE CLUB FRANCE***

"You're crazy!" That was the first reaction when Charles-Edouard (C-E) Gravel, the Grandfather of our CLCF President Pierre Gravel, announced to his family, that day in Montreal in 1940, that he was going to trade in his 1937 Packard for a car made in 1933. "Nineteen thirty-three? But why are you going to trade in a car that's only three years old for another that's four years older?" Good question; but the car 'C-E' had seen at the Packard agent in his home town was no ordinary car. It was, in fact, a very rare Cadillac V-16 of a year when only 126 were produced.



The sumptuous 1933 V-16 in the grounds of Jim George's ancestral home where his family has farmed the land of Virginia for more than a hundred and fifty years.

The car in question, a seven-seat limousine, had the unusual feature that the front seats were cloth-covered (see photo on page 11), whereas, perhaps a relic of the days when the driver was seated without weather protection, leather was traditional. The reason for this variation in the factory order came from the first owner, probably a Canadian lady from Ontario, who disliked riding in the rear compartment and always sat alongside the driver.

After the sad demise of C-E in 1959, the car, still in excellent condition, passed to his son Louis, who kept it until the mid-1980s. The only modification the family made during the decades was C-E's installation of a little Saint Christopher plaque on the rear divider (pictured right). The significance of these departures from the Fleetwood 'norm' of the time will appear later.





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Today the car belongs to a member of the Potomac Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club of America (CLC), Mr. Jim George. The Bulletin has had the opportunity to discuss with him how he established a link with the Gravels and to learn more about his Cadillac collection.

The Bulletin: How did you come to the conclusion that the V-16 you had purchased was the one that had belonged to the Gravel family?

Mr. George: Only very few V-16s were made in 1933. When a friend sent me a photo of a 7-seater very similar to mine – a picture taken from a booklet which, I found out, Pierre had made about the family cars – I was pretty well sure we were talking about the same automobile. I found Pierre's details in the CLC Membership Directory and sent him an e-mail. As you can imagine, I received a warm welcome and, thanks to him, I have been able to talk on the telephone to his father, the son of the buyer of 1940. Among the things he recalled (were) the cloth-covered front seats, and the St Christopher medallion: the same as his father installed in all the family cars. Thus more that forty years of the car's life have been clearly accounted for.



The Bulletin: Can you tell us if you have found out any other details about the history of the car?

Mr. George: Certainly. At the time of the car's construction in the 1930s, Fleetwood had the practice of installing a little plaque on the dashboard with the name of the car's owner. Thus, we know that the first owner was a lady, a certain Mrs. Springle. The plaque reads: 'Built especially for Mrs. H.A. Springle by Fleetwood'. Happily, over the years, no-one has seen fit to remove this pleasant memento. An internet search indicated that the H.A. Springle home was at Walkersville, near Windsor, Ontario. There is a picture of it on the internet. The factory build sheet, which we have, also points to the first owner being a resident of Canada. We think from further research that Mr. Springle was an executive of the Hiram Walker whiskey company.

We have thus tracked the ownership of the car back to when it was new. I have to say that after the passage of so many decades Mr. Jean Gravel was not absolutely sure which year his brother, Mr. Louis Gravel - who inherited the car from C-E - sold it; but he believes it was shortly before his brother's death in 1993. We do know for sure it was bought by the Milhouse brothers collection of Florida in 1986, or 87. From there it went to a collector in New Jersey who showed it at the Pebble Beach Concours in 2003. The following year it was sold to a collector in Illinois, who later sold it to a collector in Alberta, Canada in 2007. He was the person who put it up for sale at the auction where I bought it in 2011.



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The Virginian Jim George is the owner of a fine stable of Cadillacs from the 1930s. He is a frequent participant in events organized by the Potomac Region of the CLC where his V-16s and V-12 are the stars of the show. Here is Jim with his 1931 V-16 Convertible Coupé.

The Bulletin: What a wonderful story! Congratulations on your perseverance as an historian. One notes from the same Directory that the 'Gravel' V-16 is not the only Thirties Cadillac you own. Can you tell us something about the others?

Mr. George: Very well. My wife Brenda and I admire the designs of the 1930s very much; thus the first Cadillac of our collection – in 1999 – was a V-8 of 1932. With that we participated in events of the Potomac Region of the CLC, among others. Then we decided to move on a bit and bought a very beautiful V-12 Convertible Coupé – also a 1932. We wanted to get a V-16 Fleetwood style 4235 that I had seen for sale in 1997, but could not

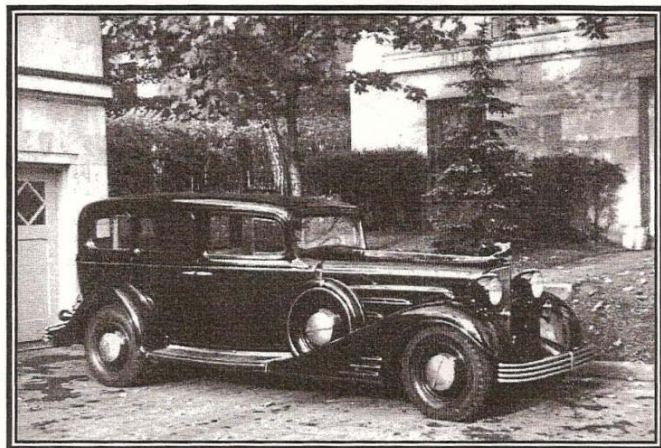
find it at the time. Then, by good fortune, the same car appeared on the market again in 2002 – at an auction near Detroit, Michigan. We made the trip and, after a good inspection and a few tense minutes, the car was ours.

The story of the 'Gravel' V-16 is somewhat similar. We have developed a taste for the 'Art Deco' style of the 1930s – of which the 1933 V-16 is a wonderful example. The advertisement by RM Auctions of a Fleetwood Custom Limousine of that year 'original, unmodified with 29,550 miles indicated' was enough to draw us back to Michigan again!!

You know, an auction at this level is a bit like a Hollywood première: lights, music.... you can imagine. Fortunately, we had plenty of time to examine the car scrupulously and I agreed with Brenda our top figure. Also by good fortune, I happened to sit next to someone who attended many such auctions and kindly pointed out to me the 'big buyers' of the day. I asked him to keep an eye on them for me and we had a mini-conference between each bid. Finally, after what seemed like an age, there was only one rival bidder and the last bid was mine. I found myself the owner of a V-16 – and at less than the limit agreed with Brenda!



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1933 CADILLAC 452C V16 7 PASS LIMOUSINE

Modèle 5575, 32 unités produites. Bien qu'étant une limousine avec séparation chauffeur le siège avant, normalement en cuir, était garni en tissu sur commande spéciale de sa propriétaire qui ne se servait que des places avant.
Moteur V16 de 452 pouces cubes, 165 cv.

Photo prise devant le garage du 3650 Mc Tavish Montréal (Québec)

The page of the booklet made by Pierre Gravel about the family cars over the generations which deals with the V-16 Fleetwood of 1933



Ready for inspection, the V-16 at the auctioneers. Jim and Brenda gave it a detailed twice-over. Jim told us it was like judging a vehicle for a concourse, but with your own

The Bulletin: Congratulations! With a V-8, a V-12 and two V-16s you have a fine stable of 1930s cars. Do you drive them much?

Mr. George: Very little. I drive them onto the truck and drive them off again when we go to CLC shows and others, but in order to ride (and also show) 'Cadillac' we have bought a very nice 1971 Coupe de Ville – and for longer journeys we have a 2009 CTS –V. The Bulletin: You haven't then had chance to experience the legendary thirst of the V-16? Mr George: Not yet: but people who do drive them tell me not to expect more than eight to twelve miles per gallon.

The Bulletin: As you have not mentioned Cadillacs before the acquisition of your 1932 V-8, I have the impression you may be a recent convert to the world of classic cars.

Mr. George: Up to a point. I farm this land here that has been in my family since the 1860s. I started off exhibiting tractors from my collection of John Deeres. But cars began to interest us more and more – Brenda and I – and we were attracted to Cadillac for their style, quality and reputation.

The Bulletin: In thanking Jim George for this opportunity to discuss his cars and the extraordinary coincidence that one of them, the V-16, had belonged to the Gravel family, one should also emphasize how fortunate America is to have an association like the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, and collectors like Jim and Brenda who are happy to invest their time, their efforts and their personal resources to safeguard the automobile heritage of their nation.



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Instrument Panel



Original Rear Seat Upholstery



Engine Compartment



Rosette on Back Seat Roof



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THE CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB, INC. (CLC) AND THE CADILLAC - LASALLE CLUB
MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER, INC (CLCMRC) PRESENT THE
CLCMRC NEWSLETTER
FOURTH EDITION, MARCH 2013

**The Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center to Break Ground for its New
Museum Building!!**



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THE STANDARD

The CLCMRC Board agreed to begin construction of its new museum building (architects rendering above) at the Gilmore Car Museum at its winter meeting. The architect is drawing up final plans for construction, and ground breaking will take place as soon as possible this spring.

Our new museum building will showcase our 1931 Cadillac Sedan, our 1937 LaSalle Convertible Sedan, the 1957 Brougham used in the filming of ***Driving Miss Daisy***, our 1996 display chassis, and the rest of our growing collection (now 16 cars).



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For more details on how to support this exciting venture, please go to the CLCMRC insert you received in your November-December, 2012 ***The Self-Starter***, or contact any one of the CLCMRC officials listed below.

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We thank you very much for your kind consideration in helping support this CLC Museum building venture at the Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, near Kalamazoo, MI. The Gilmore campus is growing daily, and is well on its way to becoming the world renowned auto enthusiast's destination.

Sincerely,

Fred

Fred Bausch
CLCMRC Vice President and Communications Director

2013 Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum Calendar Order Form			
Please send check or money order (sorry, we're unable to accept credit cards) made out to the CLC Museum & Research Center, Inc. (U.S. funds only), indicating quantity desired to:	Price Reduced	\$ 10 each	NAME _____
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Coming soon—order via PayPal at CadillacLaSalleMuseum.org Proceeds benefit the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center			



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THE SOLID GOLD CADILLAC ELDORADO STORY

1956 ELDORADO BIARRITZ SURVIVOR ROSTER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2013

In the fall of 1956 a film called the ***Solid Gold Cadillac*** was released. The "star car" of this film was none other than a 1956 Eldorado Biarritz. Now if you run out and buy this movie hoping to see it full of vintage Eldorado Biarritz footage, you will be disappointed. The car appears in one 30 second scene at the end of the film. This film was shot on location in NYC and DC with the production wrapping up by the end of October 1955. The Eldorado scene was shot in NY only. This timeline is important because it tells us that the Eldorado Biarritz used in this film must have been a very early build car. No one was sure if the car would be ready!



When the time came to film the final and most important scene of the movie, neither the producers or General Motors knew for sure that the Eldorado was going to be there. Even executives at Colombia Pictures were nervous according to a ***NY Times*** article that ran on Nov 6th, 1955. What was the hold up, you ask? The producer of the film, Fred Kohlmar insisted on authenticity throughout the film. He wanted a Cadillac that looked like solid gold! This was no small order. He had to go to the top of G.M. to make this happen. Fortunately General Motors owned and operated a Cadillac Dealership in Manhattan so logistics weren't going to be a problem. Painting the entire car the correct shade of gold was the big problem. To achieve the look the producer wanted the car was painted with gold powder mixed into lacquer, this process is similar to how gold picture frames are done. When the car was done, G.M. asked for the producers to come and have a look at the car and approve the color. To their dismay, the producers thought car wasn't photogenic enough, it was too dark. So after fifteen variations of gold were tried by G.M, the correct shade of gold was finally reached! Just about every square inch of the exterior of the car was sprayed in this gold paint. The interior of the car was covered in cloth that was sprayed with the same paint.

To see pictures of the car and to read the rest of the story, visit
<http://1956eldorado.blogspot.com/2013/02/the-solid-gold-cadillac-eldorado-story.html>.



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CADDIE CLASSIFIEDS

Cars For Sale

1968 Coupe Deville – 61,488 miles – Black with white vinyl top – Original maroon leather with maroon decor cloth interior – 100% complete, but not running – Good bones for restoration – Will include replacement hood and right front fender – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/68cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Jeff Seifert at 301-873-4095 or jseifert@instructech.com – Car is located in Gaithersburg, MD

NEW ARRIVAL 1969 deVille Convertible – Red exterior with white interior – Runs great – Engine replaced in 2010 – Zero rust – Always garage-kept – 60/40 bench seat and tilt steering wheel – A/C not currently working – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/69cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$13,000** – For more info, contact David Fields at 703-927-1320 – Car is located in Vienna, VA

1976 Eldorado Convertible – 100% complete – Not running – **Asking \$2,000 obo** – For more info, contact Randy at 301-270-7663 (w), 301-657-4544 (h) or denchroof@aol.com – Car is located in Takoma Park, MD

NEW ARRIVAL 1985 Fleetwood Brougham Coupe – Approximately 50K original miles – Two-owner, garage-kept car owned by the current owner for the past 12 years who is now downsizing his home and garage and needs to sell – Originally an Ohio car that has been in North Carolina since 2001 – Solid original car, mechanically sound and cosmetically approximately a 6 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being perfect – Paint is presentable and looks great from a distance, but is crazed on the hood – Roof and Trunk are fine, along with sides (no real issues there that a bit of polish can't fix) – Mint interior, and as new, including carpets and headliner – Original floor mats and several other sets will go with the car – HT4100 engine runs just fine with no apparent issues (all routine maintenance performed) – Needs exhaust system; has original, which needs to be replaced – Plastic bumper fillers could stand to be changed, but only two are truly cracked at this time – Passenger front and under the license plate filler are currently cracked or missing – Hood is checked and faded and could stand a repaint – Climate Control System needs evaluation – Fairly limited production model and the final year for the rear wheel drive coupe – Driver-quality Fleetwood – See pictures at <http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/85cadillacforsale.htm> – **Asking \$8,200 or best offer (motivated seller)** – For more info, contact Steve Watkins at 704-771-6741 or watkins9@carolina.rr.com – Car is located in Indian Trail, NC

Parts Wanted

Rear Fender Spears for a 1947 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible – For more info, contact Robert Schilling at 47makeover@gmail.com

Holiday Gift



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