



## *Wheels of Distinction - Issue 56, February 2012*

### CLC READY FOR 2012 SPRING FLING

With winter hopefully on its last leg, we are looking forward to spring. Don't forget that the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual New York/New England Inter-regional Meet** will take place **April 28**, at the Trolley Museum in East Windsor, CT. Although our winter was mostly without snow, our roads were unfortunately well seasoned with salt. Hopefully a few good rains will wash the salt away and we'll be cruising soon.

Since our last meeting, the board has been in contact with the Fort William Henry, Sagamore Hotel, and Lake George Chamber of Commerce. I also had a nice phone conversation with our CLC President Lars Knellar who is fully supportive of the 2014 CLC Grand National in Lake George Village. Lars and his wife may even plan a weekend trip to the Capital Region this year to tour the area. He hinted about possibly towing a boat behind one of his Caddy's to take advantage of the lake during our Grand National! He also stated that the economic impact to the community will be significant. Prior Grand Nationals were estimated that over \$500,000 of revenue to the community.

Don't forget that Rhinebeck Spring Car show will be May 4-6 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. For newer members, don't forget that we still have club t-shirts, umbrellas, and rain ponchos available for sale. We are sold out of golf shirts and hats, but if there is interest, more can be easily ordered. Please support your club.

Lastly, sadly we announce that our region director Al Patnode's mother past away in January after a brief illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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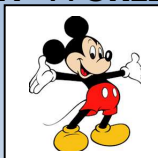
RHINEBECK 2012



Swap Meet : Friday May 4th - 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM Saturday May 5th - 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday May 6th - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Car Shows: Saturday, May 5th - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Hot Rods Customs & Race Cars Compact Customs & Pickups  
Sunday, May 6th - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Unmodified Antiques & Classic Cars to 1987 (Show Car Entry Gate Closes At 12:00 Noon)

### CADILLAC THEMES AT WALT DISNEY WORLD'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

-Joe Roglieri



With the upcoming Grand National in St. Augustine, Florida this year, I thought I would share some pictures taken on vacation in Disney World that showcase a bit of Cadillac history at Disney's Hollywood Studios. As we walked down 1930-40's art deco Hollywood Boulevard, a beautiful 1941 Cadillac rests under the canopy.

In front of the Aerosmith Rockin' Roller Coaster, a replica of a 1959 Cadillac convertible cruising down the strings of a larger than life Fender guitar neck is displayed. Once inside this indoor roller coaster, we are welcomed to ride a superstretch Cadillac "Limo" coaster. This Cadillac coaster shares styling clues circa 1960-64 and travels down 3,400 feet of twists and turns. If you think the CTS-V is fast, this Cadillac coaster will go 0-60 in 2.8 seconds! (Pics page 2-3)

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DISNEY WORLD'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS CADILLACS









#### **MEETING INFO:**

Membership meeting **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of every month at **7pm**. *Locations vary:*

**Jan-March, May, Oct, & Dec:** Rt. 7 Diner, Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham, NY

**April, Sept, & Nov:** Saratoga Automobile Museum, Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga, NY

**Summer Meetings: June-Aug:** Pirate's Hideout, 175 Guideboard Rd Halfmoon, NY

**Board Meetings** (open to all members): Jan, March, May, Sept, Nov **6:30pm** (prior to club meeting)

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**New York Capital District Region, Cadillac LaSalle Club  
Minutes of January 18, 2012 Board and Membership meeting.**

Meeting was held at Route 7 Dinner, Latham, N.Y.

**Members present:** Al Patnode, Bill & Roxanne Tomak, Tony Simione, Barry Cox, Colleen & Herb Moak, Joe Roglieri, Carl Ricci, RB Knox, Richard Parrot, Roy Palmer, Skip Springer, Dennis Kipp, Norman Swanson, Mat Erschen and Ellis Gershon

Al Patnode, President called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The board discussed recruiting volunteers for the Grand National. Al reported that Paul Spillane has offered his help. Members of the board will meet with Roberta of Fort Wm Henry on February 1<sup>st</sup> @7pm. Representatives from the Cruise boats are hoped to meet with the board as well. Board will check with Shoreline cruises if it may be possible to do the banquet on the boat. This date will be confirmed and an e-mail will be sent with the confirmation date and time. Joe Roglieri is expecting the National chairman to get back to him so he can verify some issues. At 7:06 the membership meeting was brought to order.

**Treasurer's report:** Tony Simione reported after deposits and withdrawals the checking balance and CD balance Treasure's report was accepted by Bill Tomak and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Ricci. Tony also passed out the Annual Report and the Proposed Budget. One CD matured and was renewed for 24 months.

**Membership:** In Colleen's reported we have 76 paid members. Club lost 9 members.

**Sunshine:** Cards were sent out to Don Rancatti and Joe Gioletto. Card will be sent to George Barr. Also Tony Zappone will be sent a gift certificate in immediate future.

**Activities:** In Frank Cottone's absence, Barry Cox reported that he is looking into doing a car show at the Great Escape some time end of May. This would replace the Derby park show. May also look into a location in Albany for the car show.

**Ways & Means:** Barry Cox reported he has not checked into Wilton mall as yet, but they will be having the spring show at the mall that they had in JCP last year.

Joe Roglieri suggested everyone getting ads for the Newsletter to bring in some money.

Joe will try to make up some kind of form advertisers can fill out. He signed up a client for a year's subscription @ \$20.

**Old Business:** Dennis Kipp reported that the Saratoga Spring Show will be May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The invitational will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the regular show will be the 19<sup>th</sup>. Cadillac will be the featured car for the invitational. Dennis also said that clubs should come in together and give notice of how many cars expected to attend.

The lawn show in June will be a combination of several GM clubs.

Six cars participated in the Xmas parade in November.

**New Business:** Several Board members will meet at Ft Wm Henry on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

The schedule for the GN will be Welcome party on Wednesday, Fireworks on Thursday, Parade down main street on Friday, Judging on Saturday and Banquet on Saturday night.

Tours will include Saratoga Museum ending at the Casino and a tour of Jim Taylor's collection.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm Minutes

Prepared by Roxanne Tomak, Secretary.

**2011 ADVERTISING RATES:**

The NY Capital District Cadillac Club is asking its supporters to consider advertising in the Wheels of Distinction for a modest fee, to offset publication fees. The WOD is published monthly and is also linked to the CLC web page (over 7000 members have access to it).

**Text Ad only \$10 per year (12 issues)**  
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All classifieds welcome! Submissions can be made to the Board at our Club Meetings, via email to [NYcadillacclub@gmail.com](mailto:NYcadillacclub@gmail.com), or can call Joe Roglieri @ (518) 859-7209

**1973 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible** Yellow, Auto, AC, PS, Power top. New radiator, good tires. Nice interior. Asking \$13,000. Contact Roy Palmer (518) 384-0759

**1990 Cadillac Allante** Gold+white. 149,000 miles. New brakes. Asking \$7,000. Contact Jo Milano (518) 355-9630



**1989 Cadillac Coupe DeVille** White with Vogue wheel package. Low miles (approx 40K). 2 owner car. Asking \$3,500. Info: call Dr. Gusten at (518) 857-2378 (evenings). No tire kickers please.

**Cadillac Parts!** Jim Derby has many parts for Cadillacs 1960-70's. List of cars on CLC International directory of Self-Starter. Contact Jim (518) 668-5354

**Buick dual snorkel air cleaner** \$150. Contact Carl Ricci 235-2159

**1979 Lincoln Town Car** This '79 Lincoln Town Car is for sale. This outstanding original unrestored or molested car is a one owner car. The man that took delivery 27 September 1978 from Lazare Lincoln Mercury in Albany, New York, a good friend of mine, recently passed away. This car has been maintained to perfection. There is documentation to substantiate maintenance as well as mileage. Contact Jim Derby for info (518) 668-5254



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**1973 Coupe Deville**, Navy Blue w/ white vinyl top, approx. 90k mi, perfect interior, some rust, needs brakes. asking \$1900 obo. contact Mike @ 518-817-2029 I would like to see it go to a good home. [mverrigni30@yahoo.com](mailto:mverrigni30@yahoo.com)

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# NEW MODEL MAKES CADILLAC A PLAYER IN THE COMPACT LUXURY SEGMENT



By SAM LOGAN KHALEGHI Special to The Oakland Press

A symbol of automotive regalia, Cadillac's coat of arms pays homage to Le Sieur Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac, who founded Detroit in 1701. The emblem has evolved from its delivery to the masses alongside the times; from art deco motifs in the 1930s to streamlined "V" shapes in the 1960s.

As the symbol of the American car had to evolve, so did the vehicle itself, which is now contending international wheels of its class.

## Renewed and experienced

The Michigan-made 2013 Cadillac ATS is the new alpha male in town, and takes to the streets of Detroit this autumn. The compact sedan plans to stand to BMW's 3 series and Mercedes-Benz C class as an American alternative to achieving both sporty looks and affluent design in the luxury car market. At this year's Charity Preview of the North American International Auto Show, General Motors displayed a treasure chest of cars alongside slender glasses of sparkling champagne; the refulgence of the evening sunset was followed with the chilling cold wintry streets of Detroit's climate descending upon Cobo Hall's bustling nestle next to the Detroit River in hopes to illuminate a hardworking city and its citizens in all their glamour. Indeed, Detroiters are proud of their work, including employees of the Cadillac brand.

## Public awareness

**Paul Ayres** is an Oakland County resident and a **board member** of the local chapter of **The Cadillac and LaSalle Club**, and vocalizes his champion chant for the brand and its upcoming slate. The Cadillac and LaSalle Club is an international organization of individuals and buyers who embrace Cadillac car history. There are 47 regional clubs in the United States and 18 foreign affiliate clubs with more than 7,000 members total.

"Cadillac has shed any remaining vestige of a 'land yacht' reputation with the CTS, while keeping in mind its historical market niche with the DTS, which was no slouch in the areas of performance and handling either," says Ayres. "The new XTS should continue Cadillac's momentum toward making its large cars both luxurious and with competitive road manners. The CTS V puts Cadillac with the best of the competition in the performance luxury class, and the ATS fills in the entry category, so Cadillac now will cover the range of luxury cars."

## Showcasing the vision

Don Butler, vice president of marketing for Cadillac attending the event, and holds that the ATS may hold the most prominent threshold into the gallery of the brand since its inception.

"This is perhaps the most significant entry maybe in the history of Cadillac even. For the first time we have a credible entry into the compact luxury segment. The compact luxury segment is the largest luxury segment in the industry. We knew we had to aim to win, not just show up ... All new from the ground up."

The segmented difference that Butler is referring to is defined by that gradual step up to mid-size luxury car; a summon next to the BMW 5 Series and E-Class Mercedes-Benz was the roadworthy and lustrous Cadillac CTS; a staple to most urban American streets, the car was made even more famous to the public by placement in 2003's feature film "The Matrix Reloaded."

At the time, General Motors had given the yet unreleased CTS to the film studio as a possibility befitting the film's creative semblance. When the film was released, audience members were treated to the best Cadillac commercial of the year.

Now even though the car may be an original design, Butler says that the architecture and drafting of the vehicle was intending to show reverence for the brand's history.

"The LED light signature, which is a vertical light signature is actually paying homage to the Cadillacs of the past," says Butler. "It's a low compact vehicle with big wheels and tires. Great powertrains! The most popular engine's going to be a 2.0 liter, 270 horsepower, 4 cylinder." Butler takes positions again and repeats "4 cylinder!" Intending to make a point that better gas mileage can still be powerful.

Pricing has not yet been announced but it is more than likely to be less than its mid-size big brother the CTS but GM doesn't plan on it being anything less than extravagance in a cool metallic body. Estimated peak highway fuel economy of the ATS is currently aimed to exceed 30 miles per gallon. The ATS' portfolio will comprise of base model, luxury, performance and premium versions sporting 2.0, 2.5 and 3.6 liter engines.



***Cadillac has shed any remaining vestige of a 'land yacht' reputation...***

-CLC Member Paul Ayers



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