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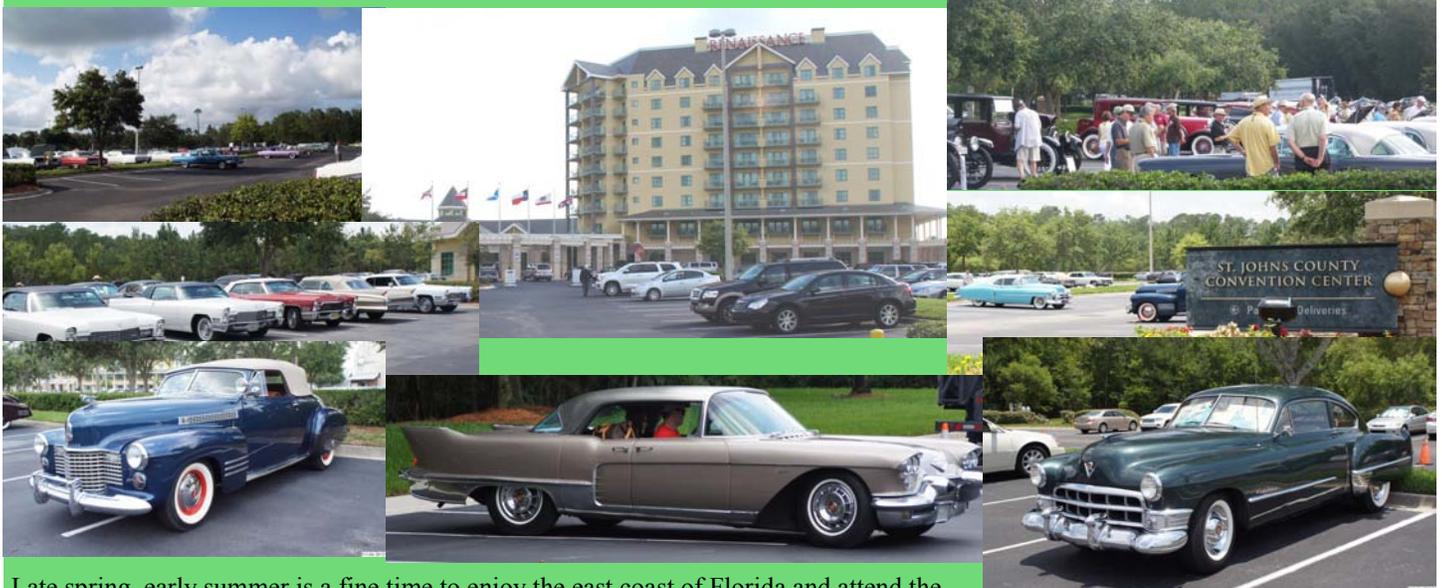
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### Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 St. Augustine, Florida

Pictures by Lifer



Late spring, early summer is a fine time to enjoy the east coast of Florida and attend the Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National convention, hosted by the Florida Suncoast Region, and taking place at the fabulous Marriott Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. Even with the usual June rains, it was an exciting event, enjoyed by the 605 attendees and the 166 Cadillac and LaSalle cars that were registered for show and judging. NTXCLC members were treated to tours of the 172-car private collection of Robert Shearer in Mims, Florida, and in the St. Augustine area the Castillo de San Marcos Fort, the Lightner Museum, the Alligator Farm Zoological Park, St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum, Daytona International Speedway, the Fountain of Youth, and dinner at the famous Columbia Restaurant. Check the Self Starter magazine for complete descriptions of these tours. The hotel and surrounding grounds is set in the motif of golf, since the Golf Hall Of Fame is located here, and the two golf courses have a four-and-a-half stars rating (out of five). And it is near the east Florida beaches for those so inclined to swim and tan in the Atlantic surf. Great cars, great location.



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# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 St. Augustine, Florida

Story and pictures by Rubye Musserr

The Texas Cadillac & LaSalle Clubs had 12 members and spouses traveling to St Augustine, Florida to attend the Grand National Convention June 13 -17. The Mussers stopped in route to enjoy BBQ with **Gulf Coast Annual** sponsored by Dwayne Medley and Russ Stripay held at Stripay's garage where we viewed his neat collection of cars.



Continuing on our way, we stopped in Louisiana at a working **Creole Plantation** called Laura. This was very interesting because in early days it had workers from five different cultures and countries. For me visiting the capital of Louisiana at Baton Rouge, which overlooked the mighty Mississippi River at a height of 34 stories was a breath taking sight. We also stopped early morning to see the capitol of Florida at Tallahassee, which was very picturesque and full of history.



Creole Plantation



Louisiana State Capital



Mississippi River



Florida State Capital



Arriving in St. Augustine at the plush and luxurious **Marriott Renaissance Resort** at the World Golf Village, we were anxious and ready for the beginning of our long week of creating more great memories and adventures in the oldest town in US. Ponce de Leon landed in 1565 claiming the land for Spain. Of course, the most exciting thing was to see and greet friends who drove or brought their cars in to show and be judged.

Tuesday we began by boarding a tour bus to town of **MIMS** to visit Bob Sherear's private automobile collection housed in 6 secured air conditioned buildings, containing 172 cars of all different makes. His collection consists mostly of 1950s & 1960s Cadillacs of which he is most fond of.



Bob Sherear



Rubye—Bus Commander



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Other locations we toured were the Castillo de San Marcos Fort made from rare locally quarried stone consisting of seashells and limestone. A very unique feature was that this soft stone absorbed cannon shot and was easily repairable.



The Lightner Museum--- a large collection of more than 40,000 items, many of which were salvaged from the great Chicago fire and eventually relocated to St. Augustine and housed in a large closed building during the Depression.



Lightner Museum



Hotel Alcazar

Flager College, a flourishing college now, was originally the huge plush hotel Alcazar built in 1887.



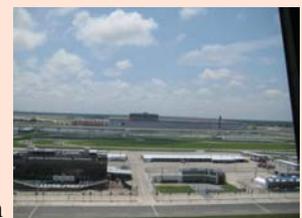
At our hotel we had a **Welcome Reception** that was highlighted by the CLC Museum & Research Center Auction. The proceeds from the auction go to the CLC Museum located in Gilmore MI. Richard Dormois conducted a very spirited auction. A 1998 Cadillac Sedan Deville donated by Rob Robison was the highlight of the evening. Of course there were many items such as a rug with Cadillac emblem, pictures of cars, and items of interest to car collectors were offered on the block. I was proudest of the Hub Cap Clock that the NTX club donated, plus a set of cups by John Foust. The sharp looking clock went for a nice sum, purchased by our National Secretary Toni Huse. The Huses attended our driving tour last year all way from Danbury, Connecticut. Thanks to John Foust for donating cups for the auction.



Richard Dormois, Auctioneer with our clock



What am I bid??



The **Daytona Speedway** was an exciting tour, because we were able, with a tour guide, to ride on the speedway track and to step out and walk up the 18% grade bank of the track to get a feel of it.. Boy! It was very steep and we walked very cautiously. We were not allowed to walk up the steepest bank. Then we were taken to the press box area where we looked down onto the track



Ruby at Daytona

# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 St. Augustine, Florida

That evening we dined at Six Mile Marina and Crab Shack on State Rd. on alligator tail at a very rustic cafe with friends. While walking on the pier, we were shown an alligator by a very enthusiastic young boy.

Another tour that turned out to be interesting was the **Alligator farm** and sanctuary of all sorts of birds, egrets, herons, and lots of hatching and nesting among the trees.



We also climbed to the top of the **St. Augustine Light House**, which was very intriguing. The climb and the view took your breath away. We then had dinner at the very famous **Columbia** restaurant, which was a delight and very tasty.

The **Fountain Of Youth** tour was interesting. The water is supposed to make us all younger looking. So check us out (haha).



**Rubye and Phil Terry**  
our Southwestern Region vice presi-



**Entrance to the Fountain Of Youth**

The finale was the awards banquet .

Rick Payton of Austin and Klaus Deisinger from Bahlingen, near Freiburg, Germany, won third place in each of their classes provided some highlights for our NTX club. Klaus also won the Hard Luck Award, and a special Preservation award for the best original driven to the meet. This was his 1967 Sedan DeVille. There were 166 cars judged and awards given during the course of the evening. We are very proud of our winners. Congratulations!!!!!!

Upon our departure of from St Augustine, we stopped at the tall bronze cross that designated the PONCE de LEON landing of 1565. While touring the beautiful grounds, I came upon the small chapel that has been reconstructed, as it would have been in 1565 and depicting the first mass celebrated on Sept 8. This impressed me, for that is my birthday.

Our last stop was at Natchez, Miss. to have lunch on a steamboat moored on the Mississippi River. It permitted a nice view of the bridge and surrounding buildings.

As for the merchandise, the Goddess shirt, jackets and golf shirts and the cups we sold a good number.

This was a very delightful and memorable trip. We are now looking forward to Boston July 31 -Aug 13, 2013

*Rubye Musser*

# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 NTXCLC Winners

Pictures by Lifer



Rick Payton



Third Place Primary 16 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham 7059X



Klaus Deisinger



Hard Luck Award, Special Preservation Award for being driven to event, and Third Place Senior 09. 1967 Cadillac Coupe DeVille 68369

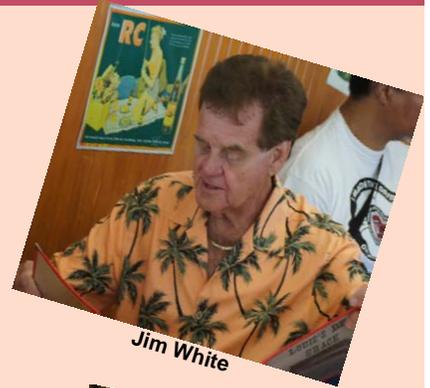
# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 People



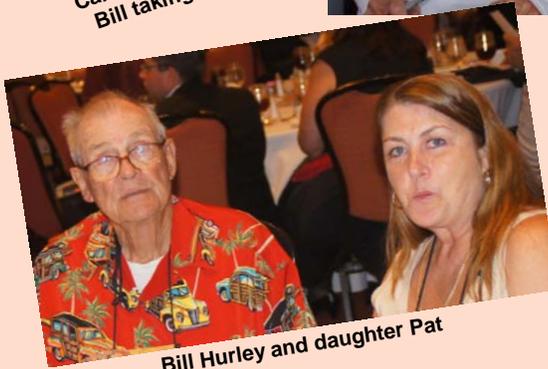
Carole Levy (Husband Bill taking pictures)



Bob and Rubye Musser



Jim White



Bill Hurley and daughter Pat



Ned and Karen Hannah



John Foust (wife Donna at another table)

Not picture:  
Rick and Pat Smith  
Dwayne and Jenny Medley  
Lance and Diane & Diane & Ella Hirsch, youth judge  
Greg and Barbara Surfes (he gave a class on AC)



Klaus and Anja Deisinger with daughter Isabelle



Lars Kneller, CLC President



Phil and Sande Terry, Southwestern Regions VP

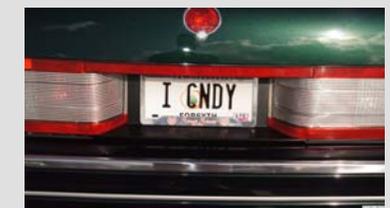


Gary Fisher, Central Regions VP and NTX Shirt Salesman

# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2012 PLATES

Pictures by Lifer

One of my "hobbies" is collecting pictures of personalized or vanity license plates when I am at car shows. The Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National provided a wealth of fun plates. All these plates were on Cadillacs at the convention, either on display, or drivers in the lot.



# Cruisin and Ramblin Caddies

This year at CLC Grand National Klaus Desinger won the hard luck award for blown carburetor gasket and then he blew the tread off a tire while looking for a new gasket. Honest John came to his rescue to get him back on the road.

However, I have another Hard Luck story for you. Our Mr. William (Bill) Hurley had the air conditioner go out of his red 1991 Allante he drove from Lawton, OK to St Augustine. So after several days he found someone to work on it. When taking it over to repair shop the brakes also went out. So by the time all repairs were completed, he returned to judging field on Saturday, but the judges declared he was too late to have it judged. Bill and his daughter Pat were very disappointed, because having his car judged was the driving force for Mr. Hurley to attend the Florida Grand National.

As you may know, Bill is our 87 year old member and a World War II paratrooper who landed behind the line with his gun being dropped also. He was on the ground about the same time that other members like Jess Lackey (deceased) and our 89 yr old member Al Gitleman landed in NORMANDY.

So be sure to cheer Mr. Hurley for all his efforts. He is also working on a LaSalle he hopes to show someday. Give him a hand the next time you see him.

Love and Hugs,

**RUBY MUSSER**



## Obituary

### Margaret Peggy Ruth Van Luven 8/7/1943—6/5/2012

PEG VAN LUVEN had a heart attack and passed away.



She was in attendance at our National Driving Tour in the Panhandle last year.

Peg was a live wire and enjoyed life and has been a friend of mine for several Grand Nationals. She owned several fire trucks and belonged to a club for fire trucks besides their Cadillac. They drove an aqua 1963 on the tour. Her husband Bill took many, many pictures and made CD of the great tour we had. However he had a flat and ruined a fender. He was able to replace the fender with one from Ned Hannah. After the Tour they came to the Metroplex and we had a little more visiting time.

Peg was a lovely lady will be truly missed.

We the NORTH TEXAS CLUB send our sincere sympathy to the Van LUVEN Family Our thought and prayers at this difficult time.

John Foust sent a bouquet to funeral from the NTXCLC Club

A full obituary can be found at [WWW.williamrhilton.com](http://WWW.williamrhilton.com).

**RUBY MUSSER**

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# Under the Editor's Bonnet by Lifer



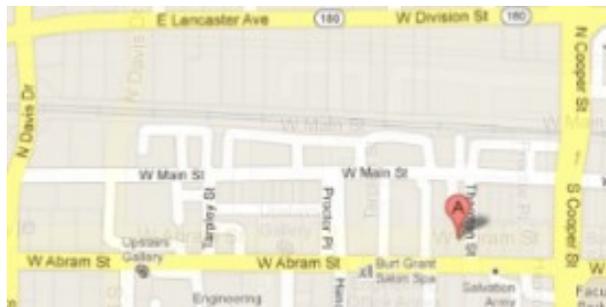
One of the fun things about going to the Grand National meets is that it can be full of surprises, neat places to see, and great people to meet who, like myself, enjoy talking about Cadillacs and just cars. So, for a real surprise, on the Tuesday morning of the week spent in St. Augustine it was about 6:30 am and I was finishing my two-mile run through the World Golf Village and was coming into the parking area where the Cadillac & LaSalle Club would be parking the cars for show and competition. There was a moving van there, open, and what to my eyes did appear, but two brand new Cadillacs (and me without my always-at-my-side camera). These new beauties had just arrived from Michigan and were to be on display at the GN. A slick as can be new red Cadillac XTS



and a black on black Cadillac ATS4. The van driver was met by the Florida Suncoast Region chief judge who was taking charge of the cars. As they came out of the van each was opened up (with me right there in my jogging clothes drooling on each one) and they were examined and then prepared for spending a few days in sunny (oh yea, it rained every day...) Florida. I didn't see the cars again until the awards dinner Saturday night. They were kept in a ballroom until then to be a treat to those who came to the awards dinner. It was a pretty cool surprise. [The cars were returned on Sunday.]

Lifer

Thorton House at  
719 West Abram,  
Arlington, TX For  
July 4th See page  
11, President's Ac-  
tivities



MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bill Haesslein

## Welcome

Tony Yates is challenging all members to each bring in one new member. Remember that membership means income from the Pate swap Meet, so lets recruit!

*If a member obtains 5 or more new members to the NTXCLC they will receive a free meal at the annual Christmas dinner.*

### COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PRICES FOR NTXCLC NEWSLETTER "The Standard Of The World"

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Contact Rubye Musser (rubyemusser@yahoo.com) or Bill Levy (lifer@writeme.com) For application.

For members getting this newsletter by email or web –THANK YOU!

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**CARS FOR SALE**

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**'59 Cadillac** A 4 dr "special" with a bar in the back seat and adjustable air shocks. The engine is out & in a box; Contact Jim Edwards, 940-592-4874, jdedwod@clearwire.net (June)

**1968 Cad Coupe DeVille** Convertible, Gold outside, tan inside. Call for info 817-428-1204. Asking \$12K, negotiable. (May)

**PARTS FOR SALE**

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 1. Recently rechromed '41 Side Grilles with repainted shields. \$375.00  
 2. Pr of recently rechromed '41 tail light mountings.:  
     Rght: \$75, Lft (with hinge ) \$50.00 Both \$100.00.  
 3. Pr trunk hinges- '41 Sedan. Decent: \$50.00.  
 4. Tail light red lenses w/mountings. Decent: \$35.00 ea.  
 5. Inside S.S. window moldings for '48-'49 w/ one spacer. Good condition : \$125.00  
 6. '39 LaSalle trans bought for spare: \$150.00. (Need to pick up). (May)  
 Jim Edwards, Iowa Park, TX 76367. ( 940) 592 4874. jdedwod@clearwire.net.

**WANTED**

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 Logo/shield for '41 fender skirts. Jim Edwards, Iowa Park, TX 76367. ( 940) 592 4874. jdedwod@clearwire.net. (May)

OLD 8.00 X 15" or 8.20 X 15" tire to fit inside an enclosed continental kit; doesn't need to hold air. Steve Overby, 214/343-3355 or doverby@hotmail.com. (July)

Classified Ads – for 3 months Members: free, and Non-members -\$35 for three lines for three months. No credit for early cancellation. For additional rates contact Rubye Musser at 817 996-8066 rubyemusser@yahoo.com

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**President's Activities**  
 By Rubye Musser

**Need Help----Volunteers for Nominating Committee-----**

**July 4th** We are only watching the July 4th Parade in Arlington then about 5 blocks or walking distance. We will have our cars parked to show at the OLD THORTON HOUSE-- now Terry Graham's Real Estate offices -- refurbished -- 1906 Thorton house where we will enjoying BBQ & cool drink.

In the 1960 and 1970 it was the DELTA U Epsilon Fraternity House for UTA. You will be able to tour the house and visit on the porch. There will some entertainment, possibly a bounce house for the children.

The Parade begins on Central and Cooper at 9 am. It will conclude around 11:30 So meet at the Thorton House at 719 West Abram, Arlington around 12 noon. Let us enjoy and celebrate the JULY 4th. It is the largest day time Parade in US.

We will have a very good spot to watch the Parade and then be close to our cars and entertainment

Call Rubye for more information 817-996-8066

**SUNSHINE REPORT: Rubye Musser**

Best Wishes and Speedy Recovery to:

- Al Gitleman - broken elbow and bruises
- Charlie Gambolus - stitches
- Justin Burgess - cancer treatments
- Bill Coleman, Bill Byers, Bill Tucker
- Dave Eckberg, Louis Seiler, Delores Lackey
- George Nilan, Mark McKay, John Harmon
- Margaret Kressman, Rudy Bedrick

We wish all who have a birthday this month.

*Send me your birthday*

Richard Cross

Happy Birthday All

Randol and Joyce Reagan are in Montana, S. Dakota, and then Colorado on mission trip and helping churches with projects

We wish to send extended wishes to Bill Shipp and Ford McWilliams on their drive in the GREAT RACE being held in Michigan and Canada. We hope they are Winners!!! and have fun. Good luck with the drive!!

**May God Bless All**



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**The 15th of July  
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newsletter items**

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Rubye Musser Pictures by Lifer

**NTXCLC**

- \*July 4**—Parade and Car Show, Arlington, TX. —Open House at the Original 1906 Thornton House, Arlington, TX. See page 13.
- \*August 11th**-Sherwin Williams Automotive Training Center Grand Prairie Ave R just off 360 10 am. See map on Page 19.
- September 15**— Annual Cowtown Cruisin' For The Cure, Ft. Worth. 10am-3pm. Still time to register your Cadillac. Contact Neil Jefferson at [neiljefferson@att.net](mailto:neiljefferson@att.net)
- \*October** TBA, Texas State Fair, Cadillac Car Corral.
- \*October 13**, NTXCLC Regional Meet and Officer Elections , Sewell Cadillac, Lemon and Mockingbird, Dallas, TX
- \*November 24**—Sam Pack Museum with the Early Ford V8 Club. 1-5 pm.
- \*December 8**—Toys For Tots at Frank Kent Cadillac.
- \*January 13**—NTXCLC Annual Holiday Party.

**July 7th**, Cars and Coffee, 8am – Noon. Get there NLT 7:15 for a reserved spot on Cadillac Row as the lot fills up fast after 6:45 am. 6800 Dallas Parkway, Plano TX 75024 email lifer@writeme.com that you will be there.



June 2012, 17 Caddies

**September 1st** Lancaster Regional Airport "Warbirds On Parade" and car show 10am to 4pm.

**COMING UP:**

- June 3 –7, 2013** National Driving Tour, Northern California Region. 900 miles. See Self Starter for details.
- July 31—August 3, 2013** Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Boston, Mass. See Self Starter for information and application.
- July 8—12, 2014** Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Lake George, New York.

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