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My 1938 Cadillac 60 Special

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I never thought I'd be the owner of a 1938 Cadillac, but happily fate had other plans for me. Back in mid-2013, my father passed away and left his estate to be shared between myself and my sister. It didn't take long for me to decide how to use some of that bequest in a fitting tribute to my late father.



I decided to look for another antique automobile to keep company in my shop with my 1931 Model A Ford Cabriolet (68-B), which as of today I've owned for over 21 years.

Initially I began my vehicle search online, concentrating on 1938 Buicks. This car choice came about because when I was a senior in high school (1972-1973, a few years or so ago!), I found a pair of 1938 Buicks for sale about an hour's drive away from where I lived in New York in those pre-Internet days. I used the hobby's bible (Hemmings Motor News) to aid my search. The two Buicks were a Roadmaster 4-door sedan and a Century 2-door coupe. They weren't in pristine condition, showing some rust, but even so I thought they were overpriced at \$275 for the PAIR. Hindsight can be cruel at times! So, although I passed on those 2 cars, I have long held an appreciation for the 1938 Buick design. I've always thought that the grille was extremely attractive and classy looking.

In the spring of 2014, I began a serious search for a 1938 Buick, and quickly found several online that were reasonably priced for their condition. But none were in Texas nor any nearby states. On a whim, I then searched for a 1938 Cadillac 60 Special, and again found several for sale although most of them were priced way beyond my budget. There was another memory that came to me during my Cadillac search, in that my father had always wanted a new Cadillac but never fulfilled that desire. I thought that using the funds he bequeathed to me to buy a Cadillac would be a fitting tribute to his memory. He was a GM guy most of his life, although his first car was a 1947 Frazer purchased after he came home from his service during World War II in Europe. This car was my ride home from the hospital after my birth. The Frazer was followed by a 1956 Oldsmobile 88, several Chevrolets, two Buicks and finally a Ford. My dad also had a couple of motorcycles, too.

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My 1938 Cadillac 60 Special

In my online search for a 1938 Cadillac, there was one standout located in Connecticut. This car was advertised as being unrestored, although it had been repainted from the original Edgewood Green (paint code 13) to black. I was fine with that since I don't like the color green. And once again, fate intervened. My employer's headquarters is in White Plains, NY and as luck would have it, I had to visit that office the following week. I contacted the seller and set up an appointment to see the car after work one night, about a 90-mile drive one way. After arriving at the seller's home at dusk, we took the car out for a test drive. The weather was in the upper 30's and the car wasn't running smoothly, but I didn't think that was



Notice the Connecticut License Plate.

a major issue. My thinking was that more likely the rough running was due to lack of use and the cold weather, and probably needed some fine tuning. The seller and I reached an agreement, so I left him a cash deposit and agreed to wire him the balance the following day. Once that transaction cleared, I then arranged to have it shipped to Texas. Ironically, he had purchased the car from a seller in Texas and paid to have it shipped to Connecticut, and I turned it around and paid to have it shipped back to Texas! He bought it from an individual located somewhere in Texas. I'd be interested if any CLCNTX members recognize my car.



The shipper (Reliable Carriers) that I used offered enclosed trailers that I wanted as well as the latest GPS technology. I was able to continuously track the progress of the delivery vehicle as it headed to Texas, so I knew exactly where it was and when it would arrive at my home in Forney. That's a great use of modern technology!

I'm really enjoying the 7+ years that I've owned my 60 Special. It looks good, runs and drives



well, still exhibiting the "Cadillac ride quality" we all know and appreciate. The seller's description as an original car is believable, since it appears to have the original upholstery, carpeting, headliner, chrome, most glass, and I believe the original engine, although I still need to confirm the engine serial number. I have located my serial number on the frame, and it agrees with the fire-wall dash plate. The previous owner told me he painted the engine while it remained in the car. Under the hood, some of the wiring (a lot of it appears original) does look a bit scary, but everything works. I have since learned that I don't have the correct Stromberg AAV-25 carburetor



but a later Carter WCD carburetor, likely from a LaSalle. Maintenance or repairs have been minimal – a tune up, a carburetor rebuild kit (yet to be installed), and a new 6V Optima battery. The speedometer works but the odometer needs repair/replacement. It's stuck at 64,210 miles, which hopefully isn't too far from the total mileage since new! The car was equipped with a radio at one time, but it is no longer installed. The control knobs and the speaker/



grill cover are not in good condition, as the early plastics didn't hold up well due to time and temperature extremes. Years of sun and heat have taken a toll and these items are the least presentable things about my car. I have located a person that makes a modern reproduction radio grille, which looks very well done and accurate, but is also quite expensive.



Radio/dash panel. Warped due to heat and age

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I also have purchased a pair of 1938 Texas license plates, which I use for my registration in Texas. In 1938 the same color scheme was used as on the current Texas plates, black characters on a white background. I found the set on eBay for a reasonable price. I was told by the seller that the plates were used on a vehicle owned by John Doud, Mamie Doud Eisenhower's father. The seller was working on raising funds to restore the Doud home in Boone, Iowa, which is where Mamie was born in 1896. The Douds had a winter home in San Antonio, thus providing a plausible explanation as to why the Iowa homestead had a set of 1938 Texas plates.



I purchased a copy of the original build sheet and shipping information from the GM Heritage Center. It shows my car was shipped to Greenlease Cadillac Motor Car Company in Kansas City, MO. That dealer is long out of business but the building still stands, having been repurposed into luxury apartments. The only option on the factory build sheet is listed as "Royal WSW" (White Side Wall), which is the current spare tire in the trunk. The tread on that spare is a simple straight line groove.

The gentleman that I purchased my car from graciously agreed to let me use the images he took of the car when he listed it for sale, which is why it has 1938 Connecticut license plates in the images. He is a professional photographer and I have used those images to illustrate this article. Most of the images were taken by Martin Cooke and I would like to acknowledge and thank him for allowing me to use them for this article.



Front seat, some wear by driver's left shoulder



Instrument Cluster



Instrument Cluster Detail



Hood latch, original factory color, the only part not painted black



Original (?) spare tire with factory painted rim showing double pin-stripes



Original keys, Briggs and Stratton side



Larry Kolodziejski



Original keys, General Motors side

NTXCLC Membership Survey 2021

This is YOUR club so your Board (page 11) would appreciate and needs your suggestions.

Please return no later than **July 5**. You may
 Reply and answer questions to lifer@writeme.com
 Print and complete /take a picture and email it back by scanning or attachment
 Call me if would rather discuss or text me a picture of responses 214 563-1033
Bill Levy, President



How would you rank your satisfaction with the following activities?

Activity	Love It	Not My Favorite
1 st Saturday Breakfast Socials		
4th of July parade		
Cadillacs In The Cul-De-Sac – a car show , possibly Regional Meet		
Cadillac Through the Years car show		
Meet up at car events in town (at various producer's car shows)		
Christmas Holiday party – Dressy event at the Country Club		
Meet Up and Cruise Somewhere (Monthly Meeting)		
Picnic		
Zoom meetings		
Newsletter		
Pate Swap Meet – Tile Party		
Pate Swap Meet – Setup Day		
Pate Swap Meet – Tear Down Day		
Pate Swap Meet - Hospitality Tent		

Are you ready to meet with the Cadillac Club?

- ☐ a. More than ready just tell me when and where
☐ b. Outdoors only!
☐ c. Not yet but soon!

How satisfied are you with the NTXCLC Cadillac Club?

1 – Not for me	2	3	4	5 Love it
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Any ideas, suggestions, or general comments. Location suggestions for above events appreciated. Use additional paper if needed.

Call me: Name: _____ Phone: _____

I will help with: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Cadillac & LaSalle Reunion 2021



“Back Together Again”—Nov. 10–14

To register for this event, look for the registration form in the June issue of *The Self-Starter* or register online beginning in May at cadillaclasalleclub.org/event/CLCReunion. The host hotel is the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746-5512. Book your room online at book.passkey.com/e/50188034 or call (407) 597-4000. If you call, ask for Reservations and mention rate code “CLC” when reserving your room. Room rate is **\$129/night** plus taxes and fees. This rate is good from Nov. 7–16, 2021, and includes breakfast each morning plus complimentary drinks and light appetizers at the Evening Reception. You must book your room by **Oct. 20, 2021**, to receive this rate.

Things you need to know:

Registration will be open from now through Sept. 15;

No late registration;

No onsite registration;

Registration packets will be distributed in the Hospitality Suite;

Hospitality hours will be listed in your registration packet;

Registration can be mailed in or processed electronically;

Registration form are scheduled to publish in this and the August issue of [3SC] the self-starter and on the CLC website;

Rates at the hotel are honored three days before and three days after our event; and

We have only 75 rooms blocked for the four days starting Nov. 10, so book early.

Venues and events during the CLC reunion are subject to change due to circumstances beyond the control of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

Don't dawdle with your registration, with all the interest expressed we expect the event to fill up quickly.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in November

Regards,

the Cadillac & LaSalle Club

Memorable Pictures



1941 Cadillacs on their own row, CLOC Grand National, Dublin, Ohio 2011



Richard has Pate Swap Meet Fuel



Al and Mary Getleman 2011



Cars & Coffee 1st Saturday on Cadillac Row (32 Cadillacs this time). Charlie Bros, Ro Fishell, Neil Jefferson

Newsletter Articles

Would you like to see your Cadillac on the pages of the NTX-CLC newsletter? This small, but deluxe publication gets circulation, not only in our region, but is sent to many of the CLC clubs across the nation and world. By appearing here your story can become part of Cadillac history. **I need your story and your pictures,** or just your favorite photo of your car. It could be a story about the vehicle as it is now, or it can be a restoration article, or a funny, interesting, or even a sad story. But it's about your car, and this means it is about you, too. If you feel you can't write well enough, send me the basics and I will help you write the story. I have many pages to present monthly, and I have room for you in them. So, don't feel embarrassed—email me, or call me, or see me at the NTXCLC outings and let's make history.

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1965 Cadillac De Ville convertible. This is my mother's car, which has been fine-tuned by Sewell Cadillac of Dallas. It sparkles and runs like new. At age 95, my mother is seriously ill and as the original owner, can no longer drive. The car has always been treated with tender loving care and has earned several first place awards. There is no room for the car at her new address. It is being offered to Cadillac club members only - will consider best offer. It must be seen to be appreciated. Shown by appointment in Dallas. Call Caron Grant at (305) 494-7387. APR



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Activities Calendar

Here are the up and coming activities that members and family and guests can plan for and participate in.

2021

Due to the current Coronavirus situation, certain activities are on hold. Please bear with us and be safe.

June 5th NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast Social

NATIONAL:

2021 September 24-25, 2021 Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center Fall Festival, Hickory Corners, MI.

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Sunshine Report

HAPPY FATHER DAY GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sunshine:

Pauline Johnston
Bob Musser

To any others that I have missed during the Covid
WE hope all are well and ready for some outings

Working on some events if anyone has a suggestion,
please email or call 817 996 8066

Working on a drive just a bit more time

Stay and be safe.

Love,

Ruby

Membership Report

Welcome New Members:

There are 15 car clubs that manage the Pate Swap Meet each year. If every member of the North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle club recruited just one new member each, we would be the biggest club in the swap meet. Remember, the member count, besides meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.

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

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Next Board Meeting TBA

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