



# The Standard of the World

West of the Lake Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

August 2021

## Member Video Tour of a 1975 Seville

1975 Seville? Didn't they start in 1976? Tune in for the answer!



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*Special substitute Director's Message by Tom Orlando:*

If you didn't join us for the July Zoom meeting, I'm sorry to have to share the news that our Region Director, Fred Butalla, and his entire household have contracted the Covid Delta Variant. Fred wanted to publicly share that news in the hopes that it may encourage you to make healthy choices. To answer the obvious question, vaccines were involved, but this new variant is pretty strong. The good news is that the symptoms are relatively mild and they are all recovering at home. That may just be luck and you may not be that lucky, so please take the necessary steps to stay safe, whatever those may be. If you DO get sick, please let us know; we are a car club and we can easily deliver food to your house.

Inside this month's newsletter you'll find some interesting things. We are trying to get you to participate in making member videos. They don't have to be Oscar winners, just a few minutes of things that would be interesting. Maybe a tour of your car, or a project you are working on; anything of interest to our members. Reach out to me at [westofthelakeclc@gmail.com](mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com) and I'll help you make the video. Our first video is found on page 3 and is a double feature from Robert Kravitz. Robert is a pretty interesting guy in person and on video he really tells a great story, enjoy.

Pre-Covid, Fred and I got together and made a live in-person "exploded view" of a Rochester Quadrajet carburetor. Luckily, we were also able to put it all back together and make it work. That story is on pages 5-6.

We had a great time at Lexington Square Senior Living Center, this was the first time I can recall a senior center show where the residents not only told us about the cars they used to own, but actually pulled out smart phones to show pictures. Our cars really do bring back great memories. Besides, they look better in public than in a storage garage.

Once again, we need to thank Mark Rizzo for finding us a location for our movie night. Mark got Frank Nosek, Jr. to invite us to use Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home in Brookfield. This time, the weather was dicey, so Frank set up a beautiful indoor theater screen. I'm sure we'll be able to get together soon and do that again.

We have another show at a local retirement community in August. If you feel up to it, please join us as we socially distance with our cars, but be prepared for last minute cancellations due to quarantine restrictions. The best source of up to the minute information is our club Instagram account: [westofthelakeclc](https://www.instagram.com/westofthelakeclc) Follow us, at a safe distance of course.

Finally, we are planning a Wisconsin Road Trip in September; details are on page 12. A good chance to get the cobwebs out of our cars and we expect to be joined by some of the Badger Region members, so we'll probably see some of their nice cars too. Please mark that on your calendar.

Fred should be back in the saddle next month, until then, motor on.

Tom

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Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
August	19	Beacon Hill Senior Living Show	5:30 – 8PM	2600 Finley Rd, Lombard, IL
	22	Geneva Concours d'Elegance	9AM- 4PM	Downtown Geneva, IL
	31	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:30PM	American Legion Hall 310 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
September	11	Wisconsin Road Trip	10:00 AM	See Page 12
	24-26	Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet	Wisconsin	<a href="http://www.madisonclassics.com/our-events">www.madisonclassics.com/our-events</a>
	28	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:30PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
October	26	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:30PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
November	10-14	CLC National Reunion		Kissimmee-Orlando, Florida
	30	Monthly Membership Meeting	7:30PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL

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Don't forget about our website: [www.westofthelakeclc.com](http://www.westofthelakeclc.com)

See up-to-date activity information, photos of member's cars, all of our YouTube videos and more. Send your car photos to us and we'll add them to the website. Help us to help you get the most out of our club!

**YouToo can be on YouTube!**

See the West of The Lake Region's welcome video on our YouTube Channel:

<https://youtu.be/6x5KgbxOMmo>

## Member Video Page

This is a new feature that we not only hope you will enjoy, but that you will often contribute to.

We will feature a 3 to 5 minute video of your car, a project you are working on or any tips you want to share with the club.

Our first video is actually a double feature from Robert Kravitz. Robert starts off by showing us his magnificent 1975 Cadillac Seville.



[Talking About my 1975 Cadillac Seville - YouTube](#)

The second video is a tear-jerker, but a good lesson for anyone active in the car hobby in the internet age. Some lessons are expensive; this one from Robert is free for us, if we learn from it.

[An Important Lesson](#)



Please send your videos to us at [westofthelakeclc@gmail.com](mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com) and we'll share them with the world. Contact us if you need help making a video.

## Just a reminder...

All CLC regional members are required to be members of the National Cadillac & La Salle Club as well. Among the many benefits that the CLC offers, they carry insurance coverage for all CLC events. This coverage will cover only members in the event that something happens. If you are not a National CLC member, please contact the National office today.

## Welcome New Members:

New members (and long term members – notice I didn't say "old") feel free to reach out with your life/car story and photos of your cars. We want to keep our website updated and your car photos are just what we need!

Please remember to carry a couple of West of the Lake Region membership applications (at the end of this newsletter) in your glove box. When you meet a fellow Cadillac enthusiast, invite them to join our club by handing them the application.

Spread the word, the more members the better!



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We post real-time pictures of events, cars spotted on the road and anything that might make you smile. If you can't be with us in-person, follow us at a socially safe distance using Instagram. It's FREE!

## Hey! What's your story?

Have an interesting story about your car, your life or an event the club might find interesting? Share it with us. We are always looking for features for the newsletter. Don't be shy, share your story. You don't have to be a writer, we have word-workers who can put your words into print. Operators are standing by, contact T.R. Toon today: [westofthelakeclc@gmail.com](mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com)

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## SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

Frank Murphy is back at the Symphony of Lincoln Park at Fullerton and Southport in Chicago. Despite having recent seizures, Frank is in good spirits and anxious to get back home. Hopefully he'll be able to join us at one of our monthly meetings soon.

A phone call, e-mail or card is always welcome when someone is feeling low, a good thought or a little prayer is nice too. If you know of a member in need, please let us know so we can reach out.

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**By: Tom Orlando**

Ethanol fuel is a renewable energy source for the world but a constant source of problems for classic cars.

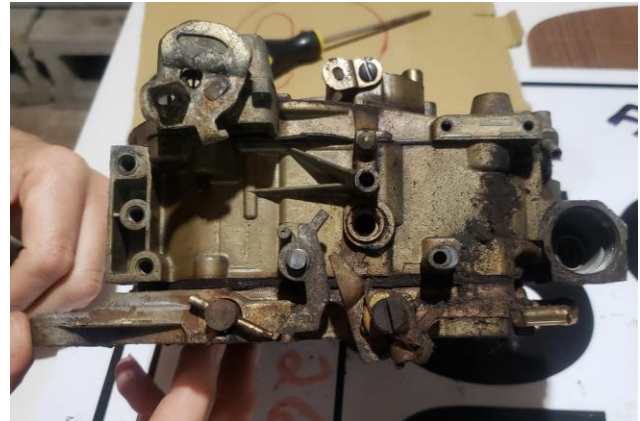
A recent outing in my 1975 Sedan deVille brought the new experience of hesitation and stalling on acceleration. The culprit turned out to be the Rochester Quadrajets Carburetor. Age and 10% ethanol fuel blends had either dried out or outright consumed the non-metallic parts of the carburetor, so it was time for a rebuild. A new carburetor could be had for \$400 plus core, but what fun is that? Do you recall a newsletter article from a couple of years ago when we replaced the air conditioning system in Fred Butalla's 1986 Fleetwood Brougham? I did. So I called Fred and cashed in a payback.



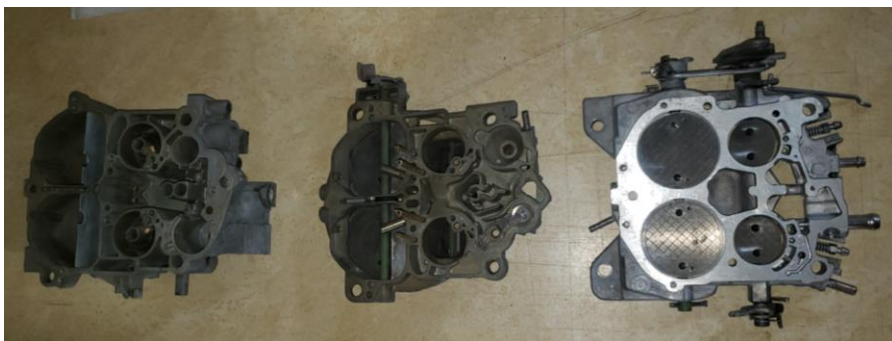
Fred didn't write the book on carburetors, but he OWNS the book; a 7 inch tall binder of specifications, technical instructions, service bulletins and parts lists from the 1930s to the late 1980s. If GM used it, it is in this book, and boy did it come in handy.

We started by removing the carburetor from the car, a task made more challenging by corroded fuel and brake booster lines.

Once those lines were destroyed, the carb came right out. Of course replacing those lines still had to be done, and we went directly to [In Line Tube](#) ironically located near Rochester, Michigan. In Line Tube quickly shipped the lines we needed (**Pro Tip #1: For the extra \$5, buy the stainless steel tubes**) (**Pro Tip #2: To replace the fuel line, you need to remove the A/C Compressor drive belt**) (**Pro Tip #3: Know which bolts to loosen on the power steering pump to remove the belt or you will get a face full of power steering fluid – a friend told us that – okay, it was me after getting a face full of power steering fluid**).



Next up was finding the rebuild kit. There are a million places to buy a rebuild kit, but only one place to go if you want the right kit the first time and great advice if you get caught in an impossible spot (a friend told us that – okay, it was us after being caught in an impossible spot). [Cliff's High Performance Quadrajets](#) in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Cliff makes the kits specifically for your carburetor number and has pro tips to help you over the rough spots. No internet company does that, but Cliff's does.



With parts in hand, we started with a complete disassembly and a thorough cleaning of our carburetor.

In car circles, some people call the Quadrajets "quadra-junk", but once you see what makes the carburetor tick, you'll change your mind. The carburetor is the perfect mate to the

Cadillac engine. In two barrel mode it provides smooth steady fuel and air flow that makes the Cadillac cruise down the highway. When the secondary barrels kick in, it pours fuel into the engine by the barrel and has enough air-draw to suck pigeons in off the sidewalk. Bone stock from the factory it is perfectly balanced to provide smooth acceleration and quick responsive performance off the line or during passing.

Fred explained that it is possible to get even more performance by making a few simple modifications, such as boring out the tubes and adjusting the opening rate on the secondary barrels to allow for more performance. Of course as with anything in life, there are trade-offs. More performance means less fuel economy and better fuel economy means less performance. In my experience of driving this car over the last 15 years, the performance to economy ratio was just fine, so we opted to leave the carburetor's factory settings in place.



*As a side note I did ask Cliff, from Cliff's High Performance, if there was anything I could do to improve the performance of my 1987 Brougham with the 5.0 liter Quadrajets system. Cliff told me what I already knew; that the engine was designed for maximum fuel economy and minimal emissions, therefore performance was never going to be available for that car. I pressed and said that certainly SOMETHING could be done. Cliff relented and explained in very technical terms that I should, and I'm paraphrasing here: Take the engine out of the car, load it onto a C-135 Cargo Transport Plane, get to an altitude of 40,000 feet and push the engine out of the plane. At that point, the engine will travel as fast as it will ever go and use the least amount of fuel, but it would still pollute the air. So that is a "hard no" on improving the 87 Brougham. Cliff also happens to be hilarious.*

Once the carburetor's parts were completely cleaned, it was ready to be reassembled. Fred started by testing all the castings to make sure there would be no vacuum leaks, one leak was found and repaired. Next, we tested the needle seats for proper seal, they were found to leak a bit, so Fred used a steel bearing and punch to resurface the ports and they held like brand new. There is no point in putting new parts in a bad mount, so in this case, the preparation work was well worth the effort. A small amount of play was found in the primary and secondary butterflies, so they were bored out and new bushings were added.

During final assembly, it was necessary to properly adjust the float level and that required searching Fred's five billion page book of carburetors. After a bit of searching, the specs were found and the adjustments were made.

From that point, it became a whirl of fingers, parts and tools. I remember Fred being impressed by my ability to be blindfolded and placed in front of his broken A/C system, then 2 hours later (including barbeque lunch) having cold air come from the vents. I felt the same way watching Fred take that 500 piece Quadrajets jigsaw puzzle and come up with something that not only fit on the engine of my car, but started and ran!



I guess we all have our talents. I hope I never have to rebuild a Quadrajets on my own, but after seeing what an engineering marvel they are (and knowing Cliff is only a phone call away) I may give it a try. Now you might too.

Photos: Tom Orlando

(Top to bottom: Fred's bible, the dirty carb, cleaned pieces, 87 Brougham 5.0 Liter upgrade, the finished product)

## Drive-In Movie Night

Our second Drive-In movie night featured "Tucker-The Man and His Dream". Due to the rain, heat and high humidity, Frank Nosek of the Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home, 3847 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL, invited us indoors to enjoy the air conditioned comfort of one of the viewing rooms. Viewing a movie was one of the liveliest events that room ever saw.



Frank provided an inflatable 12 foot movie screen to give a more realistic theater experience. West of the Lake Region provided Pizza. Everyone in attendance had a great time.

Once again, it is hard to say thank you enough to Mark Rizzo for the introduction, and to Frank Nosek for warmly welcoming us. Please remember Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home when making advanced plans for your family's future needs.

Photos: Mark Rizzo





## Bringing back memories of the good old days



Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> saw perfect weather and brought back perfect memories for residents at Lexington Square Senior Living Center in Elmhurst. 15 West of the Lake Region member Cadillacs spanning seven decades gave everyone a chance to remember events in their lives. Lexington Square provided live music and a picnic lunch. Residents marveled at the beautiful array of cars. Dozens of times throughout the day we heard "I had one just like that", but this was the first time we recall having guests pull out smart phones to show pictures as proof. Ain't technology grand?



A wide variety of Cadillac from across the decades are shown above, but our favorite moment came when a husband and wife spotted an 87 Brougham and said they had one just like it. Of course that called for a test-fitting and a photo (below). Thanks to Lexington Square for inviting us to share our cars and your resident's memories.







Cuba is just 90 Miles south of Florida, but decades behind in the automotive world. Join us for our August West of the Lake Region meeting as we welcome our guest speaker, Alan Nowaczyk, who will give us Part 1 of the status of vintage American cars in Cuba. Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM at the American Legion Hall, 310 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, IL

## Cadillac vs. Cadillac, in person



In the July newsletter we featured a Cadillac promo mailer from 1978 showing the virtues of the new “right-sized” Cadillacs. Little did we know that life would imitate art just four days later at White Fence Farm in Romeoville.

A 1975 and a 1978 Cadillac Sedan deVille landed right next to each other, and they were the same color! What are the odds?



Brochure by: Cadillac Motor Car Division from Tom Orlando's collection, photos by Tom Orlando

## GM Introduces New Super Cruise Features to 6 Model Year 2022 Vehicles

- *New Super Cruise capabilities include hands-free automatic lane change and trailer towing for trucks and SUVs*
- *Company will offer over-the-air updates for select model year 2021 Super Cruise-equipped models*

**(Right: 2022 GM Pick-up Truck Prototype)**



Super Cruise is the industry's first true hands-free driver-assistance technology allowing drivers to travel hands-free on over 200,000 miles of compatible roads across the U.S. and Canada.

New capabilities include:

- **Trailer towing** – Customers will be able to trailer their boat, camper and more while driving hands-free.<sup>1</sup>
- **Automatic lane change** – The technology can indicate when a lane change is optimal and initiate the maneuver, while following signaling protocols.<sup>2</sup>
- **Enhanced navigation display** – Super Cruise compatible roads will be displayed in the in-vehicle navigation systems for vehicles equipped with the embedded Google Maps app and show routes available for hands-free driving, during route selection

These enhancements will be available on select model year 2022 Super Cruise enabled vehicles, including Cadillac Escalade<sup>3</sup>, Cadillac CT4<sup>4</sup>, Cadillac CT5<sup>5</sup>, Chevrolet Silverado<sup>6</sup>, GMC HUMMER EV Pickup<sup>7</sup> and GMC Sierra<sup>8</sup>.

GM's vehicle intelligence platform, which provides more bandwidth and data processing power, enabled these enhancements and underscores GM's software expertise. The digital platform also enables GM to provide over-the-air updates to select model year 2021 vehicle owners, allowing them to take full advantage of Super Cruise's latest enhancements.

Super Cruise will be available [on 22 vehicles by 2023](#), including Cadillac LYRIQ<sup>9</sup> and GMC HUMMER EV SUV<sup>10</sup>. Additional vehicles that offer versions of Super Cruise include the 2022 Cadillac XT6<sup>11</sup> and the 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV<sup>12</sup>.

GM launched Super Cruise in 2017 with the Cadillac brand and has added capabilities, expanded Super Cruise-enabled routes and availability on more products since then. To date, approximately 10 million miles have been driven by customers using Super Cruise across the U.S. and Canada.

**Photo Courtesy: GM Corporate Newsroom**

<sup>1</sup> Trailer towing will be available post-launch for the GMC HUMMER EV models and 2022 Cadillac Escalade.

<sup>2</sup> Automatic lane change is not available while trailer towing.

<sup>3</sup> The 2022 Cadillac Escalade is not yet available in dealerships.

<sup>4</sup> [The 2022 Cadillac CT4 will be available in late summer 2021.](#)

<sup>5</sup> [The 2022 Cadillac CT5 will be available in late summer 2021.](#)

<sup>6</sup> The 2022 Chevrolet Silverado is not yet available in dealerships and Super Cruise will be available in the late 2022 Model Year.

<sup>7</sup> [The 2022 GMC HUMMER EV Pickup will be available in fall 2022.](#)

<sup>8</sup> The 2022 GMC Sierra is not yet available in dealerships and Super Cruise will be available in the late 2022 Model Year.

<sup>9</sup> [The 2023 Cadillac LYRIQ will be available in the first half of 2022.](#)

<sup>10</sup> [The 2024 GMC HUMMER EV SUV will be available in the first half of 2023.](#)

<sup>11</sup> The 2022 Cadillac XT6 will be available in the second half of 2021.

<sup>12</sup> The 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV will be available in late summer 2021.

**Beacon Hill Senior Living Community**  
**2600 Finley Rd, Lombard, IL**  
**Antique Car Show**  
**Thursday, August 19, 2021 5:30-8:00PM**



Steve Szot, our friend and father of WOTLR member Jacob Szot, is inviting us to show off our cars to the residents of Beacon Hill Senior Living Community in Lombard. This is a great opportunity to show off our cars and help the residents of Beacon Hill relive the memories of their youth. As an added bonus, dinner will be provided. This is a new location for us and we have the opportunity to provide warm smiles and fond memories for the residents. This is a show that shouldn't be missed. If you have any questions, contact Steve Szot at 630-981-1510. See you there!

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*d'Elegance*

**Geneva Concours d'Elegance**  
**\*\* Car Club display area \*\***  
**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

The Geneva Concours Committee is inviting the members of local collector car clubs to take advantage of our special display area reserved for car clubs and their members' collector cars. This reserved display area is located behind the Old Kane County Court House on Third Street and is adjacent to the official Concours site. The entrance is on James Street at Fourth Street. Come spend a relaxing day in Geneva. You will see spectacular cars surrounded by wonderful shopping and fantastic restaurants of all kinds. Plus, you do not want to miss the special Awards ceremony at 3:00 pm which is narrated by the renowned automotive historian, Bob Joynt.

***Space is limited and early registration is strongly recommended.*** This special display area is available to collector car clubs and members only. All vehicles must meet individual club criteria.

***Your car must be in place by 9 am and remain until 4 pm.*** The Geneva Concours d'Elegance opens to the public from 10 am to 4 pm and will take place, rain or shine, on August 22, 2021. There are no refunds after your check/registration is tendered. Registration closes August 18, 2021.

**Registration forms are available at [www.genevaconcours.net](http://www.genevaconcours.net)**



## Wisconsin Road Trip: Caddys - Curds and Kringles Saturday September 11, 2021



Join us as we venture north to Wisconsin to enjoy a beautiful day filled with the very best treats our neighbors to the north have to offer.

We will visit Racine, Wisconsin, home of the Danish Kringle for a presentation, enjoy lunch (and maybe a Wisconsin beer), stop for world famous cheese curds and have a chance to do a little outlet mall shopping.



Our day will start with a tour of the O&H Danish Bakery where we can see world famous kringles created right before our eyes, we'll stop for lunch at Racine's Charcoal Grill Restaurant, and then we'll head south to Kenosha for a stop at Mars Cheese Castle or the Premium Outlet Mall depending on your tastes. We'll also have a chance to mingle with members of the Badger Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

RSVP to Vicki Hagstotz: [vhagstotz@gmail.com](mailto:vhagstotz@gmail.com)

Final itinerary and map will be sent by e-mail



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5910 Washington Rd.  
Racine, WI



Charcoal Grill  
8300 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI



Mars Cheese Castle  
2800 W. Frontage Rd.  
Kenosha, WI



Premium Outlet Mall  
11211 120<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Cruise Nights are back on and we've compiled a list of some of the ones of interest. Clip this page and save it all summer long. Don't forget to take pictures when you go to cruise nights and send them to us, we'll publish them in an upcoming newsletter.

**Sundays:** Flavor Frenzy Ice Cream & Treats from 6 - 9 pm at 48 W. Lake St. in Addison. If you were there last year you know it was a fun time, so plan to be there again in 2021 for all the fun. You never know who might show up for your listening pleasure.

**Mondays:** Muggs N Manor Food & Beer from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at 437 S. Addison Rd. in Addison.

**Tuesdays:** Downtown Plainfield 5:30 to 9:00PM. Free admission, enjoy Plainfield's stores and restaurants at this family friendly event.

**Wednesdays:** Elio's Pizza in Caputo's Center, 520 W. Lake St. Addison, IL from 6 - 9 pm.  
(25% off pizza's to anyone with a classic car)

Downtown Lemont, IL 230 Main Street from 6 to 9:00 PM.

**Thursdays:** Dunkley's Tavern located at 96 E. Lake St., in Addison. DJ Tony will be back there on a regular basis in 2021, so be there for the fun.

Downtown Westmont, IL from 5 to 9 pm thru August.

Ace Drive-In 1207 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL from 6:30 to 9:00PM thru August.

**Fridays:** Rolling Meadows on the last Friday of August plus something special in September from 5 to 8 pm.

**Saturdays:** Bluesmobile Cruise Nights: Every Saturday through September 25, 3:00 – 9:00 pm (weather permitting). See your favorite classic cars in the east Metra lot at Emerson Street and Northwest Highway in downtown Mount Prospect.

Cars, Stars and Stripes at the Elmhurst American Legion Hall, 310 W. Butterfield Rd. from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch specials available.

Morris, IL: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, thru October. \$10 entry fee.

This is just a partial list that was sent to us and is certainly not a complete list. Get all the latest information and links to other area cruise nights on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140478002750053/>

Even better, Google search: "Cruise Nights Near Me 2021" for the most comprehensive list of cruise nights near you.



It's hard to believe, but it's just a little over a year to go before our Grand National here in the Chicagoland area.

Just a quick recap.....we will be hosting the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's Grand National starting off with a driving tour to Pontiac, IL on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Then on Wednesday June 22nd, the official start of the Grand National week kicks off with a few tours to some interesting sites and an evening reception sponsored by Cadillac.

The rest of the week will be filled with other tours, car collections, seminars, meetings, lunches and dinners, ending on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with the judging and car show during the day and the awards banquet in the evening.

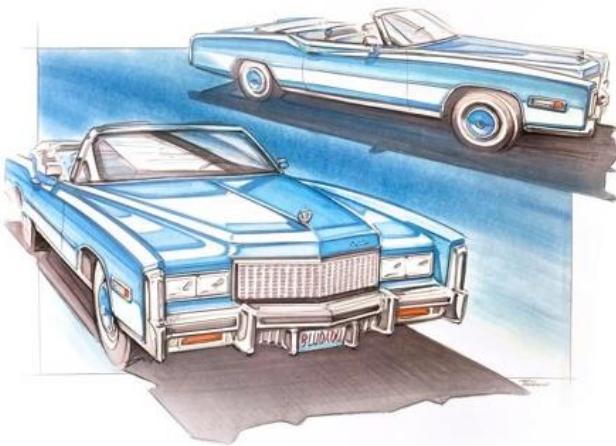
All of this being based out of our host hotel, The Westin in Lombard, IL.

We're looking forward to a great week, seeing everyone there, having fun and finally getting together with some old friends!

Your 2022 Grand National Co-Chair People,  
Glenn Brown, Valerie Brown, Elaine Link, Frank Link, Willie Garrett & Dan Graziadei

## Member Artwork

Mike Herbert sent along a sample of his latest drawings. This time, club member Chris Kentra's beautiful 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible is memorialized in a piece of artwork ready for framing. If you would like your very own gallery quality artwork, see Mike's contact information on page 18.





## Cadillac & LaSalle Reunion 2021“Back Together Again”—Nov. 10–14

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club will be holding the **CLC Reunion** in the Orlando, Florida, area. We can catch up with our Cadillac family, see some amazing car collections, and be just minutes from world-famous theme parks and attractions!

The host hotel will be the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South** in **Kissimmee, Florida**. With complimentary breakfast in the morning, free drinks and snacks in the early evening, all at a cost of only \$129 per night. You can bring your favorite Cadillac or LaSalle, but there will not be any judging, nor will there be a special parking area. Simply relax and have fun.

The all-inclusive registration fee is \$250, (\$100 per child up to age 12), and it gives you an event T-shirt, along with some Florida swag, and covers the following:

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10**

Visit the **Hospitality Suite** and get your registration packet. After you have enjoyed the complimentary refreshments at the evening reception at the hotel, join your friends at the **Welcome Dinner**.

### **THURSDAY, NOV. 11**

After breakfast join your friends for a special tour at the **Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing**. The motor coach and lunch are included. After the meal, we'll continue to the **National Parts Depot Private Car Collection**. Half the participants will tour the National Parts Collection first and then the Don Garlits Museum after lunch. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 12**

Our tour today takes us to Melbourne, Florida, to visit the **American Muscle Car Museum**, the fabulous private car collection owned by Mark Pieloch. This tour will include lunch and transportation. Return to the hotel and relax. Then after you grab a complimentary beverage and snack at the hotel, you can join some friends for dinner on your own.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 13**

We will be enjoying a matinee production at Capone's Dinner Theater. It is all-you-can-eat-and-drink, so don't have lunch. Transportation will be provided for the 1 p.m. show. Your adventure begins at a vintage ice cream parlor. Knock three times and say the secret password. Welcome to Gangland Chicago, circa 1931. Mobsters and dames shine in this unforgettable production with nonstop surprises, a gangster shootout (with a chance to win prizes).

We will head back to the hotel, and, if you still want something to do, make your way to **Old Town Kissimmee** for a classic car show, which begins in the early afternoon. It is not far from the hotel, and you may come and go as you wish. Be sure to check out the live band on the main stage. Car show participants start cruising at 8:30 p.m., and the event closes at 9 p.m.

To register for this event, look for the registration form in the June issue of *The Self-Starter* or register online beginning in mid-May at [cadillaclasalleclub.org/event/CLCReunion](http://cadillaclasalleclub.org/event/CLCReunion). 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.

## JULY 2021

### CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES JULY 27, 2021

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 1) August 19—Beacon Hill Senior Living Facility located at 2400 South Finley Road in Lombard. The car show will be from 5:30-8pm. Food will be provided. We are invited to attend with other car clubs. Jacob Szot's father has invited us as he is an employee of the facility.
- 2) September 11—"Caddys, Curds, and Kringles Day" driving outing. We hope to coordinate with and have members from the Badger Region, as we will be traveling to southern Wisconsin. We plan to visit Charcoal Grill and Rotisserie at 5745—75<sup>th</sup> Street in Kenosha as well as O&H Danish Bakery located at 5910 Washington Avenue in Mt. Pleasant. Tom Orlando will be putting together a flier. At the bakery there will be a presentation and demonstration on making Danish Kringles. Charcoal Grill can accommodate us with CDC spacing. They need a head count 5 days ahead of time and meals are individual checks. We could also visit Mars Cheese Castle and/or the outlet mall. The plan is to meet at the Lake Forest Oasis between 10:3-11am.

#### NATIONAL NEWS—Glenn Brown



- 1) The National Board Meeting was held July 17<sup>th</sup>. Membership is up. Chapters and regions are doing well. Dirk Van Dorst resigned as the European Affiliates Director.
- 2) There will be a virtual "Gran National" September 1, coupled with a membership drive.
- 3) Hershey, Pennsylvania, needs people to staff the membership tent. There will be free refreshments. David Leash will be selling Cadillac items. The event is October 6-9, 2021.
- 4) Fall Festival is September 24 & 25, 2021. Cadillac is sending 5 concept cars. There will also be 3 or 4 new cars on display as well. Friday will be dinner with a live band. Saturday will be Concours judging by the Cadillac Design Team. A CTS will be auctioned off.
- 5) There is a CLC Reunion November 11-13, 2021, in Kissimmee, Florida. You must be registered by September 15 to attend. Wednesday there will be a dinner for which Cadillac is picking up the tab. Thursday there will be two car museums tours.
- 6) Authenticity manual for '59 and '60's Cadillacs has had draft submitted. Final will be developed by early next year.
- 7) Proposal has been submitted for a book on '70s Cadillacs. This is similar to previous books of 30's, 40's, and 50's Cadillacs.
- 8) October 2022 will be a multiple region driving tour. The dates are October 30-November 4. It will cover 600 miles. It will begin in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and end in Charleston, South Carolina. The end dates coincide with the Hilton Head Concours which is November 5 & 6.

Allan Nowaczyk will present "Cars of Havana" when we are able to meet in person. This would probably have to be done in two parts due to the photos and wealth of information that he has.

LEADS: '71 for \$17,900 in the Badger Region (Vicki) and '76 triple white in the Badger Region (Vicki)  
New Zealand will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of December 7, 1941, and is looking for Cadillacs of 1941.  
Submitted by,

*Valerie Leon Brown*

Valerie Leon Brown  
Recording Secretary  
CLC/WOTLR

	<p><b>1987 Brougham d'Elegance</b>, 37k miles, 5.0L V-8, Chestnut metallic, Saddle Leather, garage kept, interior like new. Needs only a battery, fender extensions and A/C charge. \$6,500 OBO <b>Contact: Frank Murphy 312-656-5627 (3/21)</b></p>
	<p><b>Cadillac Trim Parts</b>, 80's and 90's hood ornaments, trunk key trim, quarter panel and wheel opening moldings. Also have right quarter panels for '96 Fleetwood Brougham and '92 Seville. <b>Contact: Jim 630-254-6655. (6/21)</b></p>

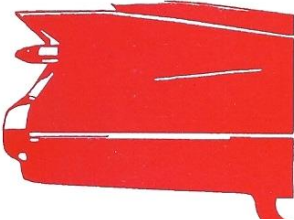
The Zoom simulcast of our monthly meeting is a hit! If you can't join us in person, be sure to Zoom in using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95355384179?pwd=TmhrU0hiOGZBWfH3Wml0czU5MEswZz09>

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**1987 Brougham d'Elegance**  
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Chestnut Metallic, Saddle Leather Interior

Garage kept, interior like new, exterior flawless except for fender extensions. Needs only a battery and A/C charge. This is a virtual copy of the brochure car; the 1987 Cadillac brochure featured a near identical Brougham d'Elegance.

**Contact: Frank Murphy 312-656-5627** (10/20)





## Cadillac Trim Parts

Many 80's and 90's hood ornaments, trunk key trim, quarter panel and wheel opening moldings. Also have right quarter panels for '96 Fleetwood Brougham and '92 Seville.

Part Numbers: DeVille Nameplate 25634919, RH Molding 12522250, Molding 12505631, Molding 7729430, Wheel Opening Molding 1633889.

Contact: Jim Conway 630-254-6655.

(6/21)





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please accept my application for membership in the Cadillac-LaSalle Club and/or The West of the Lake Region. (Please print legibly.)

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 enclosed for membership in the Regional Club only (I'm already a National CLC member).

MAIL TO: Ron Schweitzer  
West of the Lake Region  
15W279 Lexington  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
Phone: (630) 833-3593

Please list all Cadillacs and LaSalle's owned:

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This region was founded in August of '85 and has grown to over 130 members in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Northwestern Indiana.

We publish a monthly newsletter and hold monthly meetings during the "driving season," March through November.

Our activities include road trips and various shows throughout the area, a winter game night, a family picnic, and occasional special events.

Families are encouraged to participate in Club activities. Spouses and children through age 17 are included in your membership.

For more information, call Ron Schweitzer, Membership Secretary, at (630) 833-3593.

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## TO JOIN THE CLUB

Just complete and mail the membership application above. Annual dues for the West of the Lake Region are \$20. The National Club dues are \$35 if you want the monthly "Self-Starter" magazine online, \$55 if you want the online magazine plus a hard copy sent to you via first class mail, or \$40 if you want second-class mailing of the magazine. Membership in the Regional Club requires membership in the National Club.

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