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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It's that time of year again that we have elections for our six office positions. The positions open are **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chairman** and **Activities Director**. Any member in good standing (both National CLC and Local Region) is eligible to participate in nominations and elections. These six officers are Board voting positions. The Club is governed by the Board. The Board assumes management and control of the affairs and property of the Club; establishes policy for the Club not otherwise specified by the Constitution; performs all duties usually accorded a board of directors; and at all times acts in the best interests of the Club and its members. See page 3 for descriptions of the positions.

Here are the candidates for your consideration. Each NTXCLC member in good standing (National CLC and Local Region—verified 8/19/2021) has one vote for each position, and can be substituted by your write-in if desired.

Send voting selections by email to doveryby@hotmail.com or by USPS to **D. Overby, 8530 Bacardi Drive, Dallas, TX 75238-4924**. Please submit by **October 22nd**.

Additional positions are non-voting and are appointed by the Board. If you might be interested in these positions, please include this with your ballot. The assistant positions are a great way to learn about the positions and the club operations. **Newsletter Editor, Pate Director (Region), Assistant Pate Director, Assistant Membership Director, and Assistant Activities Director**.

OFFICIAL 2021 NTXCLC ANNUAL BALLOT

PRESIDENT: Vote For One.

Bill Levy

VICE PRESIDENT: Vote For One

Bill Ische

SECRETARY: Vote For One

Terry Graham

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Vote For One

Bill Haesslein

TREASURER: Vote For One

Jim Hanson

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: Vote For One

Ruby Mae Hubbard Musser

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DUTIES OF OFFICERS



PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board and the membership. He/she shall appoint all committee chairpersons who, in turn shall select their committee members, except the Nominating Committee, of which the President shall appoint all committee members. He/she shall decide all questions of equal division and shall have all powers, authority and duties usually accorded a President.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board. In case of death or absence of the President, He/she shall perform the duties of President.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record and keep all minutes of the Board and the annual meetings of the members and mail them to all board members within two weeks after the meetings. The Secretary shall carry on and maintain a file of Club correspondence and shall perform such other duties as the President or the Board may direct.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: The Membership Chairman shall actively promote membership in the Club. He/she shall keep an up-to-date roster of the names and addresses of all Club members, send membership applications upon request, process membership applications, receive dues to be turned over to the Treasurer; and he/she shall notify the Board of any Club member whose national dues have not been current for a period of six months.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect funds on behalf of the club for deposit in the club's operating account, and disburse the funds of the Club as directed by the Board. He/she shall keep the region's financial records current and in order at all times and give a report of the club's finances at each regular meeting of the Board. He/she shall render a financial report to the membership at the annual meeting, and to the President and/or the Board as they direct. He/she shall perform such other duties and possess such other powers usually accorded the office of Treasurer, or as the Board may direct.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: The Activities Director shall plan and coordinate activities of interest to the Club membership, and in furtherance of the purposes for which the club is founded. He/she shall present proposed activities to the Board for consideration, and shall have primary responsibility for the details of any activity undertaken by the Club, and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

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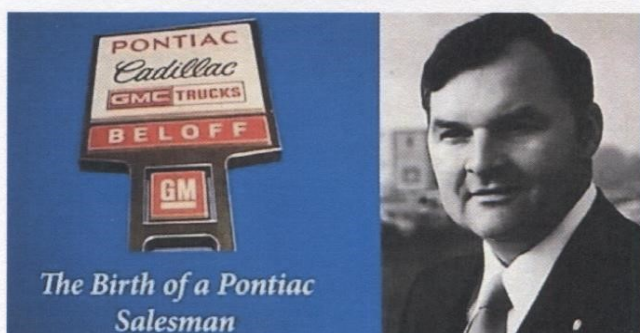
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THE BIRTH OF A PONTIAC SALESMAN



A SPECIALLY MODIFIED 1973 CADILLAC ELDORADO

Story and artwork by Alex Beloff III



The 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Eldorado convertible is the “official” Indianapolis 500 pace car (code SR-X20) for the 28 May 1973 race. Jim Rathmann was the actual “veteran” Indy pace car driver. Only “veteran” Indy drivers allowed to drive pace cars. Cadillac paced the Indy 500 in 1927, 1931, 1934, 1937 and 1992. Cadillac was facing serious stock engine and body suspension issues (more about that later). The 566 gorgeous (pace car replicas) all had cotillion white (code 11), white top (code a), medium red (scarlet) sierra grain leather (code 488), and factory air with special dash plaques and graphics. 513 replica cars were delivered around the country promoting floor traffic. A total of 53 Eldorado convertibles were built for Indy 500 festival duty. Twelve were for celebrity escort service with festival director designation. Sadly many required extensive after race conditioning.

In 1973, Cadillac was proud to bring you “The Masters Tournament” and the “Triple Crown” Racing of the Kentucky Derby on 5 May, the Preakness on 19 May and the Belmont Stakes on 9 June all on CBS-TV..

My valued friend Jimmy Dapuzzo was close to Frankie Delroy (USAC official) and Tony Hullman. Jimmy arranged for me via Mrs. Doris King of Grant King Racing Indy to feature 31 year old George Snider at



Tile Party

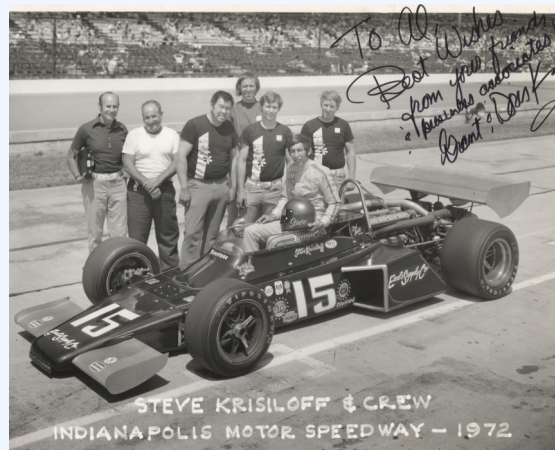
my grand opening of Beloff Pontiac Cadillac GMC in April 1972 in Peru, Indiana. Can you possibly imagine an Indy 500 driver with #35 race car on our showroom floor? It was amazing! George is also the national dirt track champion, nickname "Ziggy".

Grant King has been building cars since he was a teenager in Victoria, British Columbia. He's built midgets, sprints, super modified, dirt track and championship cars. Many of them were very successful and dozens still running. Steve Krisiloff and George Snider drive for Grant King Racing (the biggest independent operation in racing). His cars won 60-70 features.

Sammy Sessions, championship race car driver, was so enthused with Peru and its circus parade. He was honorary parade grand marshal and he told me he had no idea how many friends he had here. Sessions won 11 sprint races and was a much decorated former paratrooper. He was tragically killed in a snowmobile accident in Nashville, Michigan.

Doris King, Grant King Racing Indy, considers her coup of the season to be the pace car provided her to promote the Sprint Race by Pontiac Division of General Motors and owned and prepared by Beloff Pontiac Cadillac GMC of Peru, Indiana. She had the only 1972 GTO convertible in existence. Clocked at the Indy Speedway at 146 mph, this advanced engineering 455 turbo hydramatic was piloted by race legend Jim Hurtubise. It is shown here at America's deadly high speed oval Winchester and it paced 11 other races throughout the United States.

Again a specifically constructed 1973 Pontiac will pace the field for the Indy Sprints. Al Beloff of Beloff Pontiac Cadillac GMC in Peru provided a 1973 Pontiac Grandville 455, turbo hydramatic with an advanced engineering "tri-power three two barrels. It was the first such engine out of Detroit in 7 years. Pontiac's James Bostwick III provided the



systems. The over 400 hp pace car paced 9 races.

The Indy 500 Speedway's co-founder Carl Graham Fisher believed that manufactures ought to sell performance and initiate the brickyard tradition of the pace car. Well, the stock front wheel drive 1973 Cadillac Eldorado was totally unsuited for Indy. The stock engine would run out of breath with its tongue hanging out. Enter Cadillac Motor Car Divisions top technicians and service rep, Larry Carrino, featured here at the Beloff Pontiac Cadillac GMC golf scramble. Larry told me that two "official" pace cars have been built.

They are not street legal because their Indy 500 suspension is for constantly turning to the left! Both had modified advanced engineering 500 cubic inch 8.2 liter engines that cranked out almost 500 hp including new crankshaft, forged pistons, low restrict dual exhaust, no factory a/c, and the front and rear bumpers were polished aluminum. And as in drag racing, nobody succeeds unprepared. The purpose of a pace car is to slow down the field of participants in logical order. The moment the green flag drops to start the race, it must safely haul hiney for the pits and this continues until the checkered flag.

I was asked by Cadillac Motor Car Division to be their formal Cadillac Ambassador with special speedway credentials for the pits and sacred off limits areas. It was a lifetime honor to have photos with A. J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Gordon Johncock. Note: My tie tack and cuff links are off my Dad's 1966 Cadillac.

This true story involves a close family friend whose boss gave her a ticket for the Indy 500 race. She completely refused my influence to get her seated in the covered DePalma stands. She insisted that I drop her off at the 38th Street main entrance. Dressed for a fashion show with a big hat and beautiful pink dress and pink shoes, she made her way to her seat on the 4th turn. Folks, that is a 2.5 mile walk. For some reason, all the rubber off the race car tires are slung into the 4th turn stands. She walked 2.5 mile back to my car. She looked like a raccoon with mascara running and she had black rubber specks all over her pink outfit. What a sight.

A special salute goes to Cadillac dealer Carl Sewell. Greg Paul alerted me that Carl has not allowed any of his dealerships to charge \$20,000 over list for the newest Escalade.

May God bless the trails you ride. Alex



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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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Sunshine Report

Bob Musser
Pauline Johnston
Malia Hubbard Garret—having radiation now for cancer
Marvin Block

May all have a speedy recovery

Please inform me of anyone you know that should be on the list

May God Bless All and keep safe from the Covid

October Birthdays:

Steve Janicek
Mary Gitleman
Judy Hanson
Debbie Overby
Helen Remes

Love,



Membership Report

Welcome New Members:

Mathew Varble Irving, TX

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.

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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

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October 2nd NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast Social.

November 20 NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast Social.

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March 19 Tile Party (March 26 Rain Date)

April 23 Setup Saturday

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NATIONAL:

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

2021 CLC National Driving Tour, **TBA**

2021 November 10– 14 Cadillac & LaSalle Reunion 2021, Kissimmee, Florida

2022 January, Irving, Texas National Board Meeting.

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