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Cadillac LaSalle Club North Texas Region

September 2024



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The 2024 Cadillac Fall Festival



September 27, 2024 - September 28, 2024

**Gilmore Car Museum
6865 Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, Michigan United States**

The Cadillac Fall Festival celebrates Cadillac's commitment to Innovation, Performance, and Design for more than a century. Each year the event brings together Cadillacs from its beginning in 1903 to the present day at the Cadillac Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum Campus.

Every year there are new features and opportunities to enjoy your love of Cadillacs.

The 2024 Cadillac Fall Festival will be held September 27 & 28. This year all GM brands are invited to join in the fun.

1963 – 1964 and all Pink Cadillacs are the featured models plus

Collector Car Rides • Garage Sale • Cadillacs in Pop Culture Exhibit • Drive-by Awards Ceremony •
No pre-registration

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*Winner Old Cars Weekly
Golden Quill Award
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015,
2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*

NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast

Text by Lifer, Photos by Jim Hanson

Our 1st Saturday meeting and social get-togethers are a relaxed fun event with a breakfast meal and a group of classic cars in the parking lot. The gents share thoughts on old cars, collector cars, and more cars, and the spouses enjoy things that are just not very automobile related. Part of the car club experience is friendship, with those who have similar interests, and these friendships can grow and last for years. So, if the timing of the 1st Saturday meets your availability, come on in and break bread with us for a while. Bring your collector car, weather permitting. You will have a good time and food and conversation is good. Your spouses are invited. Next meeting is September 7th. It will be at Darren's American Grill, 7602 N. Jupiter Road, Garland, TX (972 414-4009).



Breakfast and fine cars: Neal Polan, Reginald Self, Raymond Self, Alex Beloff III, Dan Harrison, Ron Fishell, Mark Kenning, Frank Remes, Bill Levy, Jeff Pendleton, Jim Hanson, Steve Overby, Doug Ashby, and Harry Michalewicz.



Our Cadillac Queens planning events for the guys and enjoying the social interaction-

Marcia Pendleton, Connie Beloff, Judith Michalewicz and Linda Mikyska

Diane Gardner, Debbie Overby, Karen Fishell, Helen Remes, Harriett Levy, Sydney Stevens, Judy Hanson, and Kathleen Ashby



Up and Coming Events



Largest Steam Locomotive in The World Big Boy No. 4014 was delivered to Union Pacific in December 1941. The locomotive was retired in December 1961, having traveled 1,031,205 miles in its 20 years in service. Union Pacific reacquired No. 4014 from the Rail-Giants Museum in Pomona, California, in 2013, and relocated it back to Cheyenne to begin a multi-year restoration process. It returned to service in May 2019 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad's Completion. NTXCLC will have a road tour to visit this display on Oct 11th.

“Frontiers of Flight Museum” at Love Field Many of our members have been to this fine museum, but new members and others will enjoy the visit. NTX will do this on November 9th with a rain date of November 16th.

National Vietnam War Museum, Weatherford, Texas This museum is right near where I spent time during the beginning of my adventures as an Army Aviator, Ft. Wolters. The museum has been designed to tell the unbiased story of the approximately 2.7 million servicemen and women who served there; the civilian contractors who supported their efforts; the Vietnamese people, their culture and history; and those on the home front, both those who supported and those who protested the war. NTX will do a road caravan on December 14th to visit this museum.



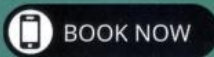
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time to consider serving as an elected officer or committee chairman for next year. Let me know what ideas or improvements you want to be a part of. We need more person-power for our activities. Are you feeling the call to be an elected officer?

The following elected officers are now open, either for your own nomination, or the nomination of other qualified members.

The positions open are **Vice President, 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 four 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.

You may submit nominations for yourself or someone else who would be interested in the position(s). Send your nominations by email to **doverby@hotmail.com**, or by USPS to **D. Overby, 8530 Bacardi Drive, Dallas, TX 75238-4924. Please submit by October 20th.**

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

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.

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.

Additional position are non-voting and are appointed by the Board. If you might be interested in these position, please include this in your nomination. 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.**

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Classified Ads – for 3 months Members: free, Non-members -\$35 for three lines for three months. \$50 for ad with photo. No credit for early cancellation. For additional rates contact Bill Levy @ (214) 563-1033

Cadillac Wheels



For Sale Four 2005 CTS nine spoke aluminum bright polish wheels with chrome lug bolts and TPMS senders. Condition is like new. Size—18 X 8.5 5X120 lug 48mm offset. \$600.00 Shipping included.



For Sale Four Vogue Rio #190-67910 PVD Chrome Condition is like new. Size— 17X7.5 5X120 lug 48mm offset \$600.00 Shipping included.

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NTXCLC, 16734 Lauder Lane, Dallas, TX 75248

Activities Calendar

2024

- September 7th** NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social.
- October 5th** NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social. And a visit to Neal Polan's **Mel's Diner**.
- October 11th** See the Big Boy #6014 in Ft. Worth, Texas
- October 26th** Buick Olds Pontiac Cadillac Car Show First Grapevine Methodist Church
- November 9th** Fronters of Flight Museum at Love Field.
- December 16th** National Vietnam War Museum, Weatherford, Texas

PATE SWAP MEET 2025
Please plan accordingly
March 22nd Tile Party
April 19th Setup
April 24-26 Pate Swap Meet

NATIONAL:

- 2025 January 29-February 3**, Chattanooga, TN, National Reunion Board Meeting.
- 2025 June 2-7** CLC Grand National, Murfreesboro, TN
- 2026 January 7-10**, Orlando, FL, National Board Meeting.
- 2026 June 1-6** CLC Grand National, Concord, North Carolina
- 2027** Winter Reunion Board Meeting Birmingham, AL
- 2027** CLC Grand National, Reno, NV

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Sunshine Report

NTXCLC is scheduling somethings for next couple of months so as to see one another! watch your emails. If you have a suggestion for a road trip or visit, send it to: lifer@writeme.com

September Birthdays

- Jeff Podmers 9/4**
- Bill "Lifer" Levy 9/9**
- Ruby Hubbard 9/10**



Please inform me of members that were missed on the list.

Love, *Ruby*

CADILLAC'S "TEUTONIC" (RWD) BOOMER CATERA

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My entire selling career, I developed a clientele where none existed. Loosing a single Cadillac "carriage trade" owner is critical! Catastrophic Cadillac HT-4100 V-8 engine failures, misunderstood 8-6-4's, diesels, Cimarrons, embarrassing Cadillacs down sized 1985's, increased owner mutiny. 1996 the end of (RWD) Fleetwood's, Coupe DeVilles and Allante`. By 1997, 40% of my Cadillac owners were driving Lexus and Infiniti. Thank God for the 1997 (RWD) Teutonic pedigree Catera. My frugal tax man, Chuck Putney, drove his Catera into retirement. Not every Cadillac dealer was qualified to sell Catera. All customer contact and sales staff were Catera college graduates.



Catera: Based on the best selling ride in Western Europe, Opel's Omega, the largest most expensive executive sedan produced in Russelsheim, Germany, by the rear wheel drive (RWD) car company G.M. purchased in 1929. Catera now in a league with the 5-Series BMW and E-Class Mercedes, exactly the market Cadillac is weakest. Catera wins Germany's Golden Steering Wheel Award and Japan's Import Car of the Year. Standard with virtually every current luxury, safety and performance feature. Eight position driver's seat leather appointed models are three position memory and mirror settings, console shift, and analog instruments. A Cadillac first with fold down rear seats with right front seat folded flat, takes two by fours or wind surfer masts dash board to trunk.

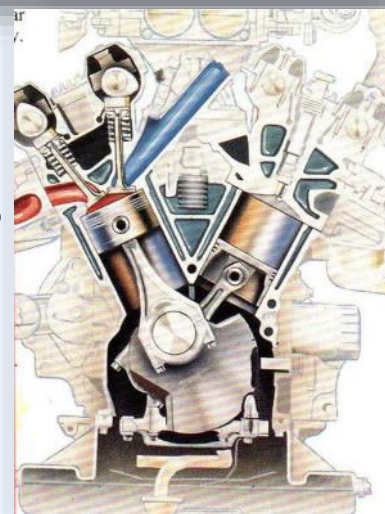
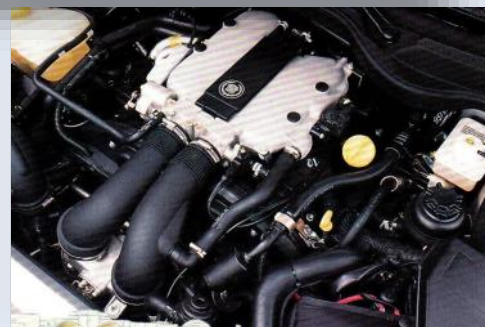


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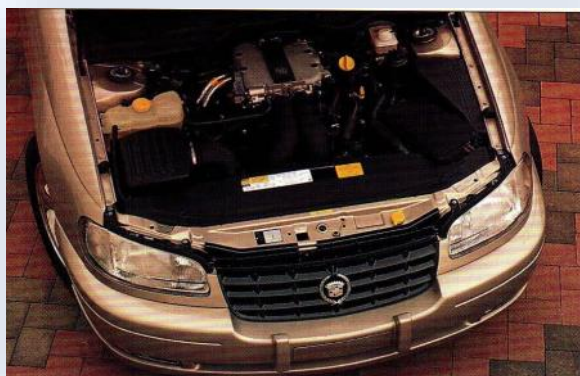
CADILLAC'S "TEUTONIC" (RWD) BOOMER CATERA



1997 Cadillac Catera with "coolness" optional chrome wheels. New Catera 54 degree "dual overhead cams," 24 sodium filled valves, triple-tipped spark plugs, 200 HP V-6 breaths thru performance multi-ram three mode induction system. Hauls hiney at 0-60 in low eight seconds. The GM electronic controlled four speed "Strasbourg" automatic delivers sooth or neck snapping shifts depending on your foot position. BMW buys 90,000 of these GM transmissions every year. If you speed challenge a Catera at the stop light, you may get your feelings hurt. The spirited purpose Catera is limited electrically to 125 mph (141 mph in Europe) because of tires.



Standard: four wheel disc brakes, independent, coil springs auto level, anti-lock, traction control, 16 inch wheels, 17 cubic foot trunk, express up and down power windows, cup holders, automatic climate control including glove box, separate driver settings, remote keyless entry, no door or deck lid keyholes, dual air bags, belt tensioners, (p.s. only Corvette has better braking), tilt steering wheel, cruise control, anti theft, cabin filtration, AM/FM cassette, C-A-D-I-L-L-A-C block letters on deck lid. Stainless steel dual exhausts. Driving FUN! \$32,900 Premium upgrades: CD changer, sun roof, cellular phone base sound.



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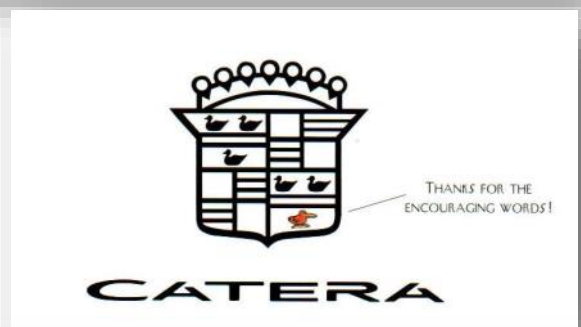
For over 100 years, RWD BMWs and Mercedes have been driven in brutal winter weather in Germany in the snow. Millions of American drivers survived snow in RWD vehicles. Today almost all the most expensive respected hot selling imports are RWD. Most pickups and big SUVs are RWD. Of course, we have modern technology that makes marginal drivers safer. Front wheel drive is perfect for smaller vehicles with no drive shaft, lowering the floor height allowing comfortable head/leg room and more cargo space. BMW's CEO, Tom Purves 2008 said, *Rear wheel drive delivers the best vehicle balance of performance and feedback to the driver and customers who value the enjoyment of the driving experience.*



Special thanks to Cadillac, *Automotive News*, *Car & Driver*, *Motor Trend* and *The Plain Dealer* from my archives of the 1996 Catera dealer brochure and notes.

Two tone 1998 Catera I sold at Massey Cadillac, former Lone Star Cadillac, Dallas, Texas. Note factory chrome wheels.

May God bless the trails you ride. *Alex*





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Membership Report

Welcome to our New Members:

For membership information— Contact Bill Haesslein at
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There are 14 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 could 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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The following Cadillac & LaSalle Club items are now available:

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Parting Thoughts

Cadillac: Interesting Facts

Cadillac, a car brand founded in 1902 and named after the French explorer who founded Detroit, is among the world's most prestigious automobile brands. As part of General Motors, Cadillac is known for luxury and innovation.

1. **Early Recognition:** Cadillac got the nickname "Standard of the World" in 1908 when it won the Dewar Trophy for its cars' reliable and interchangeable parts.
2. **Innovative Firsts:** In 1912, it was the first brand to equip cars with electric starters and lights, making them safer and easier to use without hand cranks.
3. **V8 Engine:** Cadillac introduced the first mass-produced V8 engine in 1915, offering unmatched power and smooth driving that set a new luxury standard.
4. **Design Milestone:** In 1927, Harley Earl designed the LaSalle, Cadillac's first car with a designer body, making car design a crucial aspect of manufacturing.
5. **Tailfin Trend:** The brand made tailfins popular with its 1948 models, a design inspired by airplanes that symbolized the era's optimism and progress.
6. **Comfort Innovations:** Cadillac added features for comfort and convenience, like power steering in 1952, standard air conditioning in 1953, and memory seats in 1957.
7. **The Eldorado Brougham:** This 1957 model was among the most luxurious cars of its time, boasting a stainless steel roof, air suspension, and an automatic trunk opener.
8. **Presidential Limousines:** Cadillac has a tradition of providing limousines for U.S. Presidents, reflecting its status as a symbol of prestige and security.
9. **Fuel Economy Efforts:** In response to the 1970s oil crises, Cadillac introduced an engine in 1981 that could deactivate cylinders to save fuel, a precursor to today's technology.
10. **Modern Transformation:** In the early 2000s, Cadillac revitalized its brand with models like the CTS and a new design approach, "Art and Science," featuring sharp lines and advanced tech.

Cadillac's history showcases its role in shaping American luxury and innovation in the car industry. The company continuously pushes boundaries with its commitment to excellence.

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