



The Standard of the World

West of the Lake Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

September 2024

Patrick Cadillac Show Brought Out The Best.....People and Cars.



Old friends, new friends, great food, and amazing weather!
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Last month I took a trip to Albuquerque to see my friend Nick Manole. Nick is a fellow CLC member and the New Mexico Region Director. He is also the National VP of Chapters. I met Nick 9 years ago at the CLC National Driving Tour. However, it wasn't until 2 years ago that we really connected. That is when I bought my Suburban from an online auction and Nick picked it up for me until I could make it out there to drive it back. Since that time, Nick and I have gone on numerous adventures together. It is another example of what I appreciate most about this club of ours, both Regional and National. While I enjoy seeing all the wonderful Cadillacs and LaSalles, it is the friendships that I have made that I appreciate the most. I have met some of the most wonderful people in my life through car clubs. I honestly could not imagine what my life would be like without these friendships.

While visiting Nick, I had the pleasure of a very rare opportunity. I got to drive Nick's all original 1957 Eldorado Brougham! This car is even still on its original air ride system. These truly are magnificent cars. The ride was smooth, but not floaty. I was ready to cancel my flight and just drive that car home. Nick is not one to play around with options even though he wants his cars to have them all. He is afraid something might stop working. I on the other hand want to check out everything. As a result, I knew about many of the features that he did not. It was fun showing him the power trunk in operation. I wish I could have captured the look on his face when he saw that trunk close by itself for the first time. Maybe someday he'll grow tired of that car and give it to me. Hey, one can always dream, right?

Unfortunately, my trip coincided with our show at Patrick Cadillac, so I missed out. It sounds like it was another great show! I want to thank our Member at Large Dave Schumann for handling everything from making the arrangements with the staff at Patrick, to running registration at the show. Dave had everything covered and provided us with a good follow up report. Patrick Cadillac has already indicated that they want to do it again next year.

We have a last minute addition to our calendar of events. We are going to hold one more pizza and movie night before the nights get too cold (oh that's painful to think about). This will be on the 14th at Waterworks again. This will be the same day as our show at The Roosevelt at Salt Creek which starts at 11AM and includes lunch. Make it a Cadillac day and stuff yourself with your fellow club members. Look for all the details in this newsletter.

Next month we are going to take a unique tour to the Crazy 80's Museum in Dwight. This museum showcases the cars that were everywhere, but are now nowhere. Think of cars like the Dodge Omni, Ford Pinto, Chevy Vega, Chevy Luv, and so much more. It seems that these cars somehow just up and disappeared one night. When is the last time you saw some of these? Well here is your opportunity to see them again. This is a unique collection that recently opened to the public. It will be a fun day filled with breakfast and lunch (self pay for both) stops on both ends of the museum tour. Make sure you mark your calendar so you don't forget.

Until next time, motor on,

Fred

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Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
September	14	Roosevelt at Salt Creek Show	11AM-3PM	Elmhurst, IL (See Page 10)
	14	Movie Night at Water Works Pizza	7:00 PM	Waterworks Pizza, Lyons, IL (See Page 11)
	24	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 301 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
	26-28	CLC Fall Festival		Gilmore Museum Campus, Michigan
October	5	Crazy 80's Car Museum	9:00 AM	Dwight, IL (See Page 12)
	29	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 3
November	26	Monthly Meeting & Election	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
December	TBD	It's a Wonderful Life 35mm Movie	TBD	Egyptian Theater DeKalb, IL

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We are reaching a large audience with helpful videos. If you would like to share your knowledge, please consider making a video and uploading it to our YouTube Channel, you could be helping Cadillac owners around the world! Send your video to: westofthelakeclc@gmail.com

Roselle Cruise Night



The Roselle Cruise night brought out some beautiful Cadillacs and the West of the Lake Region's own three wise men: Bob Daniels, Ron Schweitzer and Vic Kostecki. The wisest one of all was Ray Bombeck, he stayed out of that group and took the picture! Thanks for sharing guys. If you are at an event, snap a photo and send it along.

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:

Ronald D. Penkava
Berwyn, IL
1940 Cadillac Series 62
Convertible Coupe
2005 Cadillac Escalade

Darren Orluck
Evergreen Park, IL
1992 Cadillac Brougham

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.



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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 Tom Orlando today: westofthelakeclc@gmail.com

SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

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 Dave Schumann

Saturday August 10th saw an impressive collection of beautiful Cadillacs at the Patrick Cadillac Show in Schaumburg. We ended the day with 37 cars. Our hosts at Patrick Cadillac were very pleased and they have already invited us back next year for another show.



Above: West of the Lake Region Members at the registration table.



Rick Kwarcianny brought his 1941 61 Coupe out for its maiden showing after 10 years of work and restoration. He parked it next to Andy Derr's 1939 convertible. Those two cars attracted a lot of attention. **(Left)**

Ron Schweitzer and Bob Daniels brought a total of 5 cars with them and they all pulled into the show field at the same time. The staff at Patrick Cadillac just stopped and watched as this parade of vintage cars came into view. They made quite an impression. **(Below)**





Our friends from the Allante-XLR Club arrived with a total of 7 cars and really supported us. There would have been 8 cars but, sadly, Neil Jefferson, their Director, totaled his Allante two days before our show. He's OK but his insurance company was not willing to fix his car. We also received support from our friends in the Badger Region.

Pete Paraskis had a tan 1962 Coupe De Ville. His trunk was open and he had a 3 piece set of old American Touristero luggage, which he uses to keep jumper cables, some tools and other useful items. Each piece had an old luggage tag on it from the Cadillac Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. I checked and this hotel was built in 1940 and is still open today. Can you image having a Grand National at that hotel.

Adam Glickman arrived with his very impressive 1969 red De Ville convertible (**Right**). Even more impressive was his over-the-top Chicago Cubs outfit. If the CLC ever needs a Fashion Editor, he's the man for the job.



Several cars also had brochures, original window stickers and other material and pictures that helped to explain the history of these cars. (**Below**)





The award winners were as follows:
1st place - Norton Baum - 1993 Allante
2nd place - Rick Kwarciancy - 1941 61 Coupe
3rd place - Kim Flore - 1949 convertible **(Left)**

At the end of the show, Ron Rufo serenaded us by singing "After the Loving" by Engelbert Humperdinck. He told us afterwards that he sang that same song at his wedding reception. Look for him on a future "America's Got Talent" show.

Patrick Cadillac really knows how to roll out the red carpet. They provided coffee and sweets in the morning, a food truck and ice cream for lunch and many wonderful prizes for the 50/50 raffle.



They also had trophies for the winners and a two-piece band for entertainment. Finally, the weather was absolutely perfect. Bright sunshine, high in the upper 70's and a cool breeze. Custom made for our show.

Thank you again for supporting this show, for helping with registration, parking cars and making everyone feel welcome.



Glenn Brown, Andy Derr, Rick Kwarciancy and friends enjoying the sights (Left). (Right) A pair of Rons can't be beat – Ron Wichinski & Ron Schweitzer soaking up the sun.

Photos: Tom Orlando and Dan Graziadei



The Patrick Cadillac Show wasn't just about the cars, the Patrick people have stories to tell too.

Did you know that the Patrick Auto Group is named after Patrick Dawson, the son of Hanley Dawson III. If the name Hanley Dawson sounds familiar to Cadillac fans, that's because Hanley Dawson was THE Downtown Chicago Cadillac dealer at 630 N. Rush Street for decades. **(Left)**

The Dawson family saw the value of moving out of the city to Schaumburg where there was more room to grow. They also saw the value of long-time Cadillac professionals.

Ed Gesualdo has been selling Cadillacs for 46½ years, starting at Francis Cadillac on Rand Road in Mt. Prospect.

When Francis Cadillac closed, Hanley Dawson III called Ed at home on a Sunday morning and asked him if he wanted to continue selling Cadillacs for Patrick. Hanley didn't have to ask Ed twice, Ed was in the showroom at 9:00 the next morning and has been there ever since.

Ed says he loves the new Cadillacs and drives a CT5, but he loves the look of the 70s and 80s rear wheel drive Cadillacs that were new when he started selling. **(Right)**



Ed not only has loads of great stories from his sales days in the 80s but he is as fresh as can be on the new cars of today, often dealing with customers armed with tablets and smart phones full of data. Ed just takes out a sheet of paper and lays out the facts in a way no computer can ever do.

In 2018, Ed was honored by Cadillac for 40 years of service; he said the award presentation was the only time in 40 years that he was speechless. **(Left)**

Ed's wife Andrea passed away in February of 2022, but he is "Papa" to three granddaughters and a trusted advisor to his Patrick clients. Ed is a REAL Cadillac Classic.



Saturday September 14th had a little of everything, rain, sun, Cadillacs, Fords,



Chevys and lots of smiling faces.

West of the Lake Region and friends provided the cars and Sheridan at Oak Brook provided lunch.



The residents were able to relive memories of the cars of their youth.

Events like these remind us of one of the best reasons to belong to the West of the Lake Region, we get to share our cars with people who need a little extra joy in their lives.

If the rain kept you away from the Sheridan at Oak Brook Show, you still have a chance to share your cars. Check out the next page for our next senior living show.





**Saturday September 14th from 11am-3pm
400 W. Butterfield Road in Elmhurst.**

Bring your cars and help residents of The Roosevelt at Salt Creek (formerly Lexington Square) share memories of the good old days.

The Roosevelt will provide lunch and the residents always have a great time seeing cars just like the ones they drove back in the day.



It's hard to forget watching this couple spot a red Cadillac Brougham and say "This looks just like our car!" It's even better seeing the joy on their faces when they sat inside and were transported back in time.

You'll not only get to show your cars and visit with friends, but you'll be bringing back great memories to the residents. Lunch is free courtesy of the Roosevelt at Salt Creek.

This show is not limited to Cadillacs, we are also inviting the Buick Club, but any fun classic car you have is welcome to attend.

It helps to have a head count to prepare the right amount of food, so please RSVP with Ron Schweitzer at: brghm58@yahoo.com

By the way, Debbie Horn, daughter of long time WOTLR member, the late Ed Horn is putting this event on, so this would be a great way to honor Ed's years of service to our club. See you at the Roosevelt!

It's our next "drive-in" movie night! Saturday September 14th at Waterworks Pizza in Lyons



We'll gather at 7:00 PM and start the movie around dusk at Waterworks Pizza, 7815 Ogden Avenue, Lyons, IL (Ogden between 1st Avenue and Harlem). Bring your lawn chairs, bug spray and blankets. You can bring snacks and drinks, but the club is providing pizza, please use the Sign-Up Genius link so we know how much pizza to order. Alcohol is self-pay.

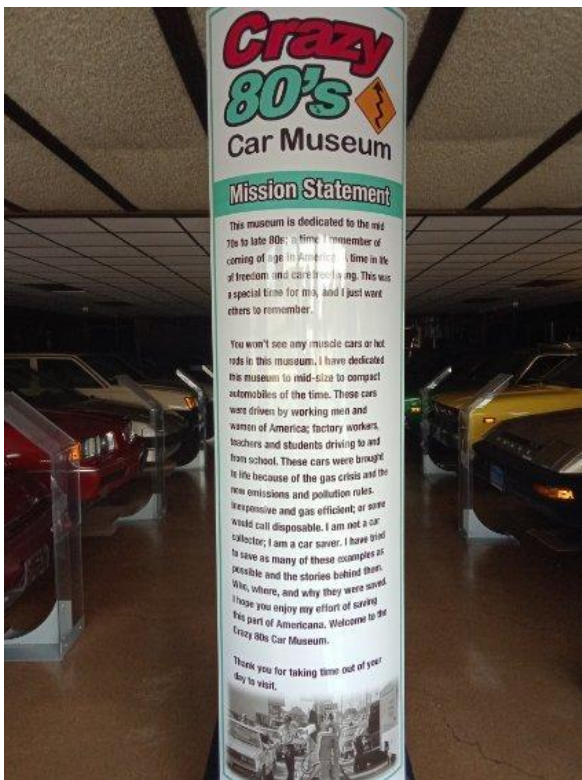
The movie will be chosen by popular vote from a selection of car-themed movies that Fred is bringing.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449ABAA2BA0F58-51058060-movie>

Waterworks Pizza has a perfect parking lot and park area that was converted into a drive-in movie theater, and everyone agreed that Waterworks has fantastic pizza.

See you at the movies!





October 5th is the target date for a road trip to Dwight, Illinois (about an hour south of Joliet on Route 66). We'll visit the Crazy 80's Car Museum.

The museum is dedicated to the ordinary non-muscle cars that working class folks drove to work every day.

We plan on meeting in Joliet in the morning to caravan down Route 66. We'll also stop for lunch at the Route 66 Diner in Dwight.

Please RSVP with Dave Schumann at uncledavid@comcast.net.



The Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center at Gilmore Museum Campus, Hickory Corners, Michigan

Mark your calendars for September 27-28 and join West of the Lake Region members at the CLCMRC Fall Festival.

If you are interested, a small group is doing a caravan to Kalamazoo on Thursday afternoon. We'll spend the day Friday touring the Gilmore Campus and then top it off with the Fall Festival on Saturday. Local hotels in Kalamazoo are a relative bargain (some "literally" because Fred Butalla is staying with relatives for FREE!) Contact Fred to join the caravan; we start in Joliet, stop at the Oasis in South Holland to meet others, then on to Kalamazoo.

Schedule

Friday Sept. 27

- Bring your GM product! All GM cars, trucks, and SUVs are welcome!
- Show field opens at 8 a.m. - Please park your GM vehicle in its class area on the show field.
- Garage Sale and Classic Car Rides 9:30 - 3:30
- DJ featuring Cadillac themes noon - 4
- No official show or car judging this day - enjoy all that the Gilmore has to offer.

Saturday Sept. 28

- Show Day! Bring your GM product! All GM cars, trucks, and SUVs are welcome!
- Show field opens at 8 a.m.; all cars must be in place by **9:30 a.m.**
There will be a dozen representatives handing out the placards (on a clipboard with a pen) for you to fill out while you wait to enter.
We will make this move as quickly as possible!
Once you pay (by cash or credit card), proceed to your class parking area. Your car must be parked in its class area in order to be judged.
- Garage Sale and Classic Car Rides 9:30 - 3:30
- DJ featuring Cadillac themes 10-3
- More than 30 high-quality awards will be presented starting at 1:30 pm!

Cadillac Reveals Opulent Velocity Concept: The Future of All-Electric Luxury Performance



Cadillac introduced the Opulent Velocity concept vehicle, a pure expression of innovative design and prestigious performance. By combining advanced technology with bespoke luxury, the concept represents the future vision of electric performance for Cadillac V-Series.

A pioneer in EV and self-driving technology, Cadillac utilizes both innovations to create two dynamic extremes in Opulent Velocity.

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Cadillac explored scientific insight of sound and light waves during the development of Opulent Velocity. It then leveraged these findings throughout the cabin, incorporating curated art, entertainment, and ambient light to immerse travelers in a sophisticated, individualized hands-free environment.

The West of the Lake Region now has a Club Apparel Store! Click on the link and you can buy any of a dozen different kinds of shirts, jackets, hats, totes or even a banner for your garage.

A portion of the proceeds comes back to our local region to help fund fun activities. So show off your pride in the West of the Lake Region and shop our Club Apparel Store today!



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CADILLIC AND LASALLE CLUB
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION
MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 30, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:32p by Director, Fred Butalla. All Board Members were present. Bill Hollywood was present as a guest of Matt McLinn.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dan Graziadei posted the report for June 2024 on line. It was received and placed on file for audit.

Dan Graziadei has been appointed Chair of the Judging Administration Committee for the CLC. Congratulations!!! Fred gave judging/tabulator pins to Dan, Dominic Graziadei. Valerie Leon Brown, Glenn Brown, Mike Herbert, and David Schumann.

Movie Night—34 people were in attendance. The location was great and will be our permanent location for Movie Night. Thank you Rich, Jo, and Richie, for selecting the location. "Cannonball I and II" were the movies shown.

August 10—Patrick Cadillac in Schaumburg car show. Thank you David Schumann for setting this up and organizing everything. The time is from 9-2p. The Patrick Cadillac staff will judge and provide the trophies. The Badger Region and the Allante Club have been invited. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as a food truck from 11-1p.

The Mt. Prospect Show is every Saturday. It is sponsored by The Lion's Club and is held in downtown Mount Prospect.

August 17—The Oakbrook Sheraton Car Show will be from 10-1:30p. Lunch will be served. There is a QR Code in the newsletter to sign up and show additional information. Please let Ron Schweitzer know if you plan to attend so he can let the "food crew" know. It is located at 2055 Clearwater Drive in Oakbrook.

September 14—Roosevelt at Salt Creek will host a car show. It is located at 400 West Butterfield Road in Elmhurst. It is from 11-3p and lunch will be served.

There was a discussion about two outings. The first was the Mascot Hall of Fame and Interactive Children's Museum in Whiting, Indiana. No one wanted to go.

The second is the Crazy 80's Car Museum in Dwight, Illinois. It is located at 316 West Waupansie Street. There are 40 cars and no admission is required. The museum would appreciate a donation. It is open Saturdays. Ambler's Texaco Station is next door. The Old Route 66 Restaurant is located in walking distance down the street. That address is 105 South Old Route 66. Please let David Schumann know if you plan to attend. We will go October 5.

Fall Festival—September 27 and 28 in Hickory Corners, Michigan. There is no host hotel. There will be a garage sale as well as car collector rides. All GM cars are welcome. There will be trophies awarded in each class. You pay at the gate and do not need to pre-register. Judging will be on Saturday. Pink Cadillacs will be featured.

Leads—1964 Corvette convertible for sale
2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

Bill Hollywood is looking for a body shop for a 1981 Eldorado to do fillers. Bump City on Lake Street in Oak Park was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.

Submitted,
Valerie Leon Brown

Valerie Leon Brown, Recording Secretary, CLC/WOTLR

CADILLAC/LASALLE CLUB
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION
August 27, 2024
MONTHLY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Director, Fred Butalla. All Board Members were in attendance except for Valerie Brown, Tom Orlando took minutes.

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS –Richard Penkava, 1940 Series 62 Convertible and 2005 Escalade. Ryan Travis, currently in between Cadillacs, but owns several non-Cadillac classics.

TREASURER REPORT—Dan Graziadei posted his report on line and it was received.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS—

PAST:

Dave Schumann reports that the Patrick Cadillac Show was a great success. 37 cars. Patrick provided coffee and sweet rolls in the morning, a food truck and ice cream truck at lunch. We've already been invited back for 2025.

Ron Schweitzer reports that the Sheridan at Oak Brook Show was wonderful with over 30 cars. There was a little on and off rain, but the food was good and everyone had a good time.

FUTURE:

September 27-28 the Fall Festival at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This will be an all GM Show. 1963 and 1964 Cadillacs will be featured as well as pink Cadillacs. There is no host hotel and no formal dinner, people are encouraged to stay at Kalamazoo area hotels. There are no "official" events on Friday, just show your car and tour the museum grounds. Saturday there is a judged car show.

October 5th Crazy 80s Car Museum in Dwight, IL. Meet in Joliet for breakfast, caravan to Dwight on Route 66, lunch at the old Route 66 Diner, RSVP with Dave Schumann.

NATIONAL NEWS:

Winter Board Meeting is in Chattanooga, TN January 29-31. Open to all members, there will be a tour of the Coker Tire Car Collection.

Reserve your room for the 2025 Grand National in Murfreesboro, TN, rooms are selling out fast.

LEEDS:

Roy & Jean Johnson's car collection is being sold off on Bring-a-trailer. The 1956 Fleetwood sold for a very low price. A dark brown 1972 Coupe de Ville; 30,000 miles, Senior Wreath car is going to be listed next.

A 1939 Street Rod is going to be sold at the Fall Festival by silent auction.

A Drive-on auto/truck Ramp is for sale and will be listed in the newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IDEA:

Is anyone interested in a September Movie Night? Ron Schweitzer will check with Water Works Pizza to see if September 7th is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Submitted,

TOM ORLANDO for

Valerie Leon Brown

Valerie Leon Brown
Recording Secretary
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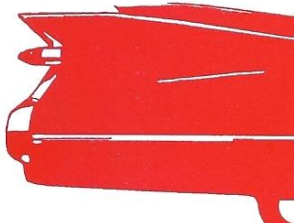
The Zoom simulcast of our monthly meeting is a hit! If you can't join us in person at 7:30pm Central Time on the last Tuesday of the month, be sure to Zoom in using the following link:

Meeting ID: 858 2366 5222

Passcode: 979575

Can You Help This Member?

Ken Franzese's convertible top on his 76 Eldorado Convertible needs adjustment, and the fuel injection system needs some attention. If you have, or know of, a mechanic with the skills to fix these items, contact Ken at 847-456-4213.

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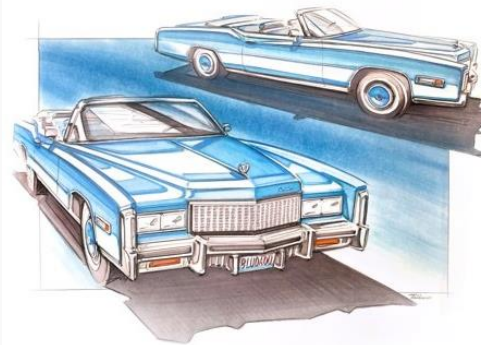
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