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West of the Lake Region Makes a Big Showing At The CLC Museum Fall Festival.



Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center’s annual fundraiser brings out great cars and great times!

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I don't say this often, but thank goodness October is here! The last two weeks of September have been extremely busy for me. I have been on four different trips in two weeks time. As part of my new duties as the interim National Chief Judge, the day after our movie night, I drove out to Dayton, OH to examine a site for the 2028 Grand National. Upon my return, I was off to the airport 6 hours later for a business trip to Detroit. The following Monday, it was off to Dallas, TX for another business trip. On my way to the Dallas airport for the trip back home on Tuesday evening, Tom Orlando sent me a text asking what time I was coming over. Coming over for what? One glance at the calendar and I realized it was the WOLTR meeting night! I thought it was the following week. Oops! Thanks to Tom, I gave a quick call to Deputy Director Paul Casey to ensure he could run the meeting instead. Two days later, it was off to the Fall Festival in Michigan. Back in the office on Monday, Tom again served as my reminder that I was late on this Director's message. Oops again! Thankfully, October should bring some normality again.

We are a mere 6 weeks away from the Presidential election. The signs are up, the commercials are starting to show, the pets are missing, oh, it's the most wonderful time of the year! While we have to patiently wait 4 years for this joyous season, the WOTLR gets to have elections every year. For the first time in 20 (or so) years, we are going to have a new name for the position of Region Director during our Board of Directors nominations at the October meeting. I am hoping that there will be more than one name on that list. It is a rewarding position as I have met so many great people while being the Director of this Region. I hope that numerous others in our Region want that same opportunity next. Please consider coming to the October meeting and adding your name to the ballot. If you cannot attend, but are interested in running, please reach out to me before the meeting.

We have a couple more events still coming up this year. Coming up this weekend, we are headed to Dwight to check out the Crazy 80's Museum. This museum features a lot of cars that you haven't seen in years. Do you remember the Pontiac Astre, Dodge Omni, or Toyota Tercel? These were the cars that were everywhere on our roads and then years ago, just disappeared. Well, two men in Dwight have found these and many more cars from the '70's and '80's and assembled them in a large collection in Dwight. Somehow, they found these cars before they were all turned into vegetable cans on the store shelf. Everyone will find something that brings back a memory of a car either they had, a friend had, a family member had, or a neighbor had. You don't want to miss this unique museum. Look for all the details in this newsletter.

The second event still to come is a showing of It's a Wonderful Life in the beautiful surroundings of the Egyptian Theater in DeKalb. We toured this theater back in spring and it is really something to see. The theater is going to reserve a couple of rows of seats for us. This should be a fun event to see a classic holiday movie, in a classic theater, early in the holiday season. Mark your calendar for December 1st. More details are forthcoming.

Until next time, motor on,

Fred

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Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
October	5	Crazy 80's Car Museum	9:00 AM	Dwight, IL (See Page 12)
	29	Monthly Meeting & Board Nominations	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 301 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
November	26	Monthly Meeting & Election	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
December	1	It's a Wonderful Life 35mm Movie	1:00 PM	Egyptian Theater DeKalb, IL

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This month, Fred Butalla helped Tom Orlando fix an irritating leak from the driveshaft of his 1976 Cadillac deVille. Fred also gives a great tip to prevent the leak from returning.

Click the link to watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/GDp7ExcwmPk?si=hkCygy67TzFi6XPz>

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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:

Martin O'Brien
Arlington Heights, IL
1966 Cadillac De Ville
1983 Cadillac Eldorado

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.



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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:

Frank & Elaine Link both had skin cancers successfully removed from their heads. A reminder that skin cancer grows very rapidly and is easily cured, but only if you catch it early. The best treatment is prevention, so a good sun hat is always advisable.

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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The last weekend in September made for a great start to autumn with the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center's Fall Festival.

Hundreds of cars descended on Hickory Corners, Michigan to enjoy all the museum buildings and events as well as an all-GM car show that feature a lot more than just Cadillacs.

The West of the Lake Region was well represented, we counted more than a dozen WOTLR Members, most notably Pre-War Award winner Rick Kwarciancy and his wife.

The CLC Museum is a wonderful place by itself, with many beautiful cars and countless artifacts, but it also houses an incredible amount of research material and documentation relating to all Cadillacs. There was even a garage sale to allow visitors to take a little history home with them.

In addition to the Cadillac Museum, there are also buildings housing Ford, Lincoln, Franklin, Pierce Arrow, Nash Rambler, a motorcycle museum, a slot-car museum, a vintage diner and so much more. The Fall Festival ran two days, and to do the Gilmore campus justice, you need both days.

Here's a sample of what we saw:



Left: A small part of the Cadillac Museum display floor.

Right: Pink Cadillacs fill the showroom of the Cadillac Museum.



Right: The Cadillac Thunderbird Concept Jet-Car.



Left: The Harley Earl designed Buick Y-Job concept car. The car was driven by Harley Earl and is the highest mileage GM concept car still on the road with 25,000 miles.

Right: The vintage Diner on site serving classic lunch dishes, pie and frozen custard.



Left: Cadillacs filled the show field including a beautiful two toned coupe that won the People's Choice Award.

Top to Bottom: Cadillacs were grouped according to vintage, 50s, 60s, 70s & 80's were prominent, but everything from the 1920s to the 2020s were on display.



Clockwise from the top: Cadillac specialty cars, Buicks and Oldsmobiles were on the show field, Pontiacs and Chevrolets were late entries on Saturday.



Clockwise from the left: A vintage Shell Service Station was open for tours, old appliances were in the Nash Kelvinator Museum and every type of motorcycle imaginable had a museum building.



Clockwise from the right: Judges inspected the cars on the show field, Rick Kwarciancy's newly restored 1941 Coupe won best pre-war Cadillac. Rick and His wife proudly hold the award.



Left: The Fall Festival was a family event. Little children were running around pestering their mothers to buy them all sorts of souvenirs.

Photos by: Tom Orlando, Jason Yau & Fred Butalla



Saturday September 14th was a picture perfect day for weather and classic cars at the Roosevelt at Salt Creek in Elmhurst.



West of the Lake Region members and their cars were joined by the families of Roosevelt residents and their cars for a show that also featured music, games and some incredible food.

Residents of The Roosevelt at Salt Creek shared memories of the good old days, told stories of their cars and got a big kick out of the variety of cars on display.

The Roosevelt provided lunch and a live band for entertainment.

This is an annual event held each September, so save the date for 2025!



Photos: Tom Orlando

Our final “drive-in” movie night of 2024 brought out the crowds and cars!



After spending the day at the Roosevelt in Elmhurst, we gathered at Waterworks Pizza, in Lyons, IL on Saturday night September 14th. West of the Lake Region Members parked their cars, set up their lawn chairs and enjoyed a big screen showing of The Blues Brothers. The club provided pizza, and reports were that this was one of the best movie nights ever.

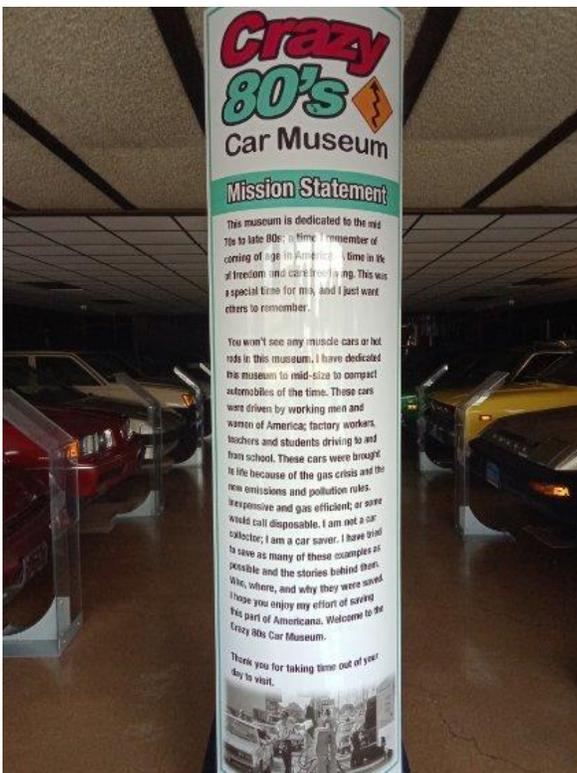
Next season, we'll be making one notable improvement: Like Drive-in movies of the 1950s & 60s, we'll start the evening by showing some car themed cartoons before the main feature.



Watch the 2025 calendar for dates. Thank you to Waterworks Pizza for hosting us and allowing us to convert their parking lot into a drive-in movie theater. Everyone agreed that Waterworks has fantastic pizza.

See you next summer at the movies!

Crazy 80s Museum



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.

Photos: Crazy 80's Car Museum

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.

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CADILLAC AND LASALLE CLUB
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Director, Paul Casey at 7:32p.

Board of Director's member, Director Fred Butalla was absent.

Treasurer's Report—Dan Graziadei

The August report was posted on line.

Events—

- 1) Roosevelt at Salt Creek car show was held Sunday, September 15. It was a beautiful day. A variety of cars, not just Cadillacs, were on display.
- 2) Movie Night was held, Sunday, September 15 at "Waterworks Pizzeria and Tavern" in Lyons. "The Blues Brothers" was the movie shown under the stars.

Upcoming Events—

- 1) Fall Festival September 27-30, in Hickory Corners, Michigan. If you are planning on attending and leaving on Thursday, please contact Fred Butalla so you can meet up at the Lincoln Oasis and caravan.
- 2) Veteran's Park District car show in Lyons is September 29. Nine people with their cars will attend.
- 3) October 5 in Dwight, Illinois. Meet in Joliet for breakfast at the McDonalds at 4280 West Jefferson Avenue. Those who do will leave at 8:30a and caravan to "Crazy Eighties" on Route 66 with Fred Butalla. We will meet at "Crazy Eighties Car Museum" about 10a in Dwight. There is no cost for admission but a donation is appreciated. It is located at 316 West Waupansie Street. About at 11:30a we will go to Ambler's Texaco Station (gift shop here) and then "Old Route 66 Family Restaurant" for lunch. Please let David Schumann if you are joining us for lunch no later than October 1. The restaurant is small and they have to make plans and space to comfortably accommodate us.
- 4) October 29—next WOTLR meeting. This will be a Board election nominations meeting. We will vote in November.
- 5) December 1 in DeKalb is the showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Egyptian Theater. The address is 135 North Second Street. The showing is at 2p. Dan Graziadei will see about getting a block of tickets. We could possibly go to dinner afterwards.

National News—Glenn Brown

- 1) The Winter Board Meeting is January 29-February 1, 2025 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- 2) The Grand National is June 2-7, 2025, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Make your hotel reservations now. The rooms are going quickly. The Driving Tour will be that Monday. Tuesday will be the Gathering of the Cadillac Queens and a tour. Tours will be repeated. Judging will be on Friday. Saturday night is the banquet.

The West of the Lake Region is the most active in the CLC!!! ☺ That is a credit to us.

Leads:

- 1) 1991 Fleetwood Brougham beige. 200,000 miles. Consistently stored in the garage. Contact Fred.
- 2) 1972 Coup De Ville. This is Roy Johnson's senior Car. Relatively low miles. He's like to get \$20K. Contact Glenn.
- 3) 1950 Convertible white with red leather interior. The chrome is in the shop. Asking \$10K. It requires some assembly. Glenn has pictures.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.

Valerie

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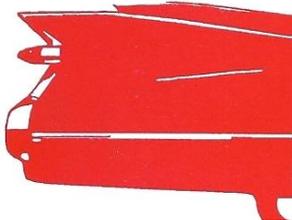
The Zoom simulcast of our monthly meeting is a hit! If you can't join us in person at 7:30pm Central Time on the last Tuesday of the month, be sure to Zoom in using the following link:

Meeting ID: 832 5223 0424

Passcode: 389723

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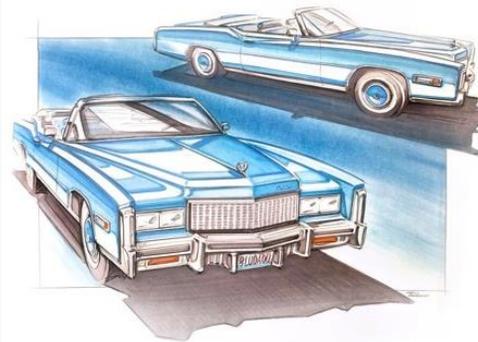
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For the first time in 20 years, we are going to be electing a new WOTLR Director. Nominations will be received at the October Monthly Meeting October 29th.

Fred Butalla is taking a Cadillac & LaSalle Club national position that will take up all his time, so we will be looking for a new leader.

Fortunately, our current board looks like they are willing to play a game of musical chairs and fill the spaces, but we'll still have at least one empty chair.

Our club is only as good as its leaders and we've been pretty lucky for the last few decades. Join us on Tuesday October 29th at the American Legion Hall in Elmhurst and help take us into the future.

As an incentive, we will help interested parties with campaigning (see below).



Hey, it's the least we could do; and never let it be said that we didn't do the least we could do.

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