



# STANDARD OF THE WORLD

## Cadillac LaSalle Club North Texas Region

November 2024



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### A Visit to Mel's Diner



On a bright sunny Texas day members of the North Texas Region took a leisurely drive to Lucas, Texas to visit Neal Polan's and Linda Mikyska's home, where we experienced Neal's Man Cave and—Mel's Diner. He has been working on his dream and creation for several years and his efforts really shine. With multiple restored cars and a restoration shop full of the best equipment, Neal has put together a beautiful collection. And, with Mel's diner's Soda Shoppe, it tastes good too.



*Winner CLC Web Site Merit  
Award 2007-2008, 2013,  
2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018*

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

# THE MAN CAVE



NTX members gathered outside Neal's garage for a look at his four favorite restorations inside,



The guys went to the back to check out Neal's collection of future projects including a few Mustangs, a T-Bird and a Corvette.



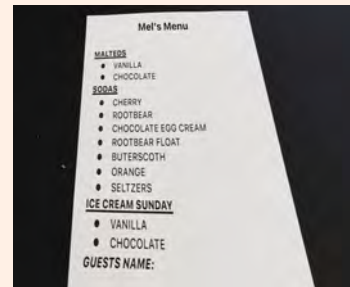
The front room of Mel's Diner has collector toys, posters, and a wild Harley pin ball machine.



Mel's employees only the best Soda Jerks to prepare it's delicious fare. Marcia Pendleton, Harriett Levy, Debbie Overby and Judith Michalewicz.



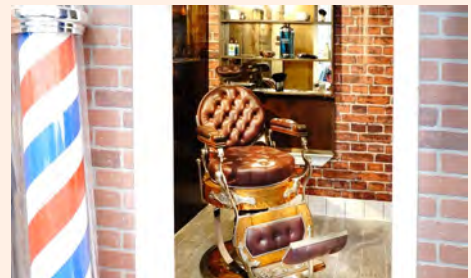
Neal is very proud of his hand-built soda fountain, containing somev rare and functioning equipment.



You can get anything you want at Mel's Diner (cepting Mel...).



Everyone had a delicious soda, malt, or ice cream treat at Mel's. Here Lifer, Marcia, and Linda are enjoying the hand-made treats.



And if you have time you can a haircut and a shave in this antique Bsarber Shop.

# NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast

Text & Photos by Lifer

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 November 2nd. It will be at Darren's American Grill, 7602 N. Jupiter Road, Garland, TX (972 414-4009).



**Jeff Pendleton, Raymond Self, Steve Overby, Dan Harrison, Ron Fishell, Alex Beloff III, Mark Kenning, Bill Levy, Mark Watterman, Reginald Self, Neal Polan, Harry Michalewicz, Bill Sheldon, and Travis Dowell, Jr.**



**Connie Beloff, Marcia Pendleton, Judith Michalewicz, Linda Mikyska, Kathleen Ashby, Debbie Overby, Harriett Levy and Diane Gardner,**



# REGIONAL DUES

For all of the members of the North Texas Region, it is dues time again, \$20.00, due December 31st, for another whole year of membership. This is your local club dues.

Let's put this \$20.00 dues in perspective so you can better understand what it buys you. First, you become part of a group of people that all have a mutual interest—classic cars and especially fine Cadillacs and LaSalle's. Second, when you need help with repairs, parts, how-tos, and information, the club is a great venue to get this and other assistance. Also, you get this great newsletter monthly.

Now, there is a cost above and beyond. We do expect our members to participate in monthly events, many which are of no cost to members, or some costs paid for. There is the adventure aspect and of course, the social aspect of these events. And in order to pay for all these extras, we expect our members to help with our work at the Pate Swap Meet, the largest swap meet west of the Mississippi river. Whether you are helping with vendor space marking tiles, street signs, or just being a friendly person in our hospitality tent, your work is always appreciated.

And speaking of Pate Swap Meet, we earn a share of the profits based on our membership roster as of December 31st each year.

Note: If you are a new member in 2023 or 2024 your 2025 dues are already paid.

So, please make your checks out for **\$20.00**, payable to the **North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club** and mail to our Treasurer -

North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club c/o Jim Hanson  
2622 Chevy Chase Dr,  
Irving, TX 75062

**Or** you can send it on the internet for no extra fees to [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com), account [lifer@writeme.com](mailto:lifer@writeme.com), send as **Friends and Family (no fee)**.

National dues are invoiced from when due through the year. They are paid to:

Cadillac & LaSalle Club c/o Cornerstone Registration Ltd.  
PO Box 1715  
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Always include your CLC member number on your check.

## Special Sale Item

**For Sale: 1949 Cadillac 60 Special** 1978 Cadillac frame & running gear, completely rebuilt, including adjustable rear shocks, Cadillac Escalade leather front seats and seat belts, Rebuilt Turbo-Hydra-Matic 400 Transmission and differential, rebuilt power steering pump, steering gearbox, air conditioner compressor and starter. Cadillac tilt/telescoping steering column installed. All new tinted glass, custom radiator and gas tank, new fuel and water pump and much more. Lots of interior parts and wiring which needs to be installed. Body work and paint done. Complete documentation available on request.



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## New Member

**Lee Malan, Dallas, TX '55 Series 62**

**North Texas Region**

Hat Bands           **\$10** + \$3.95 S&H U.S.

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Jacket available in adult sizes (S, M, L, XL). These can be special ordered in sizes 2X, 3X, or 4X at an additional cost.

Blankets are 60x48", all cotton, Jacquard mill woven, really nice



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## 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 off-set. \$600.00 Shipping included.



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

Make checks payable to **North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club**

NTXCLC, 16734 Lauder Lane, Dallas, TX 75248

# Activities Calendar

2024

- November 2nd NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social.
- November 9th Fronters of Flight Museum at Love Field.
- December 7th NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social.
- December 14th 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
- April 27th Tear Down

See page 11 for national CLC activities

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# Sunshine Report

**Birthdays**

Steve Overby 11-4



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

Love, *Ruby*

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The North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club CLC is looking for a member to take on the duties of the club's Membership Chairman. Our current chairman, Bill Haesslein, is retiring as of December 31 after having this well-oiled position since 2006. He has done an outstanding job, keeping good records and processing new and current membership, and we will miss him.

Although the Constitution of the Cadillac LaSalle Club, North Texas Region, paragraph III requires this position to be elected and have Board voting rights, an exception is being made to paragraph IV, Club Management, Vacancies, for the appointment of a qualified volunteer.

Duties of 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 shall notify the Board of any Club member whose national dues have not been current for a period of six months.

Another long-term board member has declared her retirement from duties. Minnie Bedrick, who has been with NTXCLC since 2001 and has served as our Webmaster, is leaving this position. Since this is a non-voting position, the president can appoint an interested member in good standing to be the Webmaster.

Duties of our Webmaster: responsible for maintaining the CLCNTX website and maintaining the design, update the website, fixing website errors and posting club information and media for its members and running tests to make sure designs or updates function properly.

For interested persons in these openings please contact me at [lifer@writeme.com](mailto:lifer@writeme.com)

# CADILLAC'S MID-CENTURY GLAMOUR ROAD STYLE

Cadillac Motor Car Division, GM Photographic, Art Fitzpatrick, Van Kaufman, Alex Beloff III



By 1949, Cadillac's unapologetic "Standard of the World" showcased diamonds and emeralds necklace by Harry Winston replacing the V surrounding the Cadillac crest. The emotional even

sensual impact of Cadillac tasteful legendary design reflected this 1955 Eldorado "St. Moritz" convertible show car in pearlescent white with English full interior leather of white ermine with white mouton carpets. Note: 1st year coveted saber spoke wheels, futuristic '58 quarters, hard boot, 270 hp 2-4's, chrome steering column, 24K gold emblems, and class evening attire. WOW!



Lila Party





Expand your luxury vocabulary by magnifying and reading brilliant script. Cadillac

owners: no finer list of names on Earth!



Furs made their appearance in ads. Glamorous fur draped models make reference to women driving Cadillacs. The pitch is to men to buy it for women! Peta conscious climate, fur was a luxury lifestyle. Cadillac made sure “mink” would not discolor or get caught on fabrics.

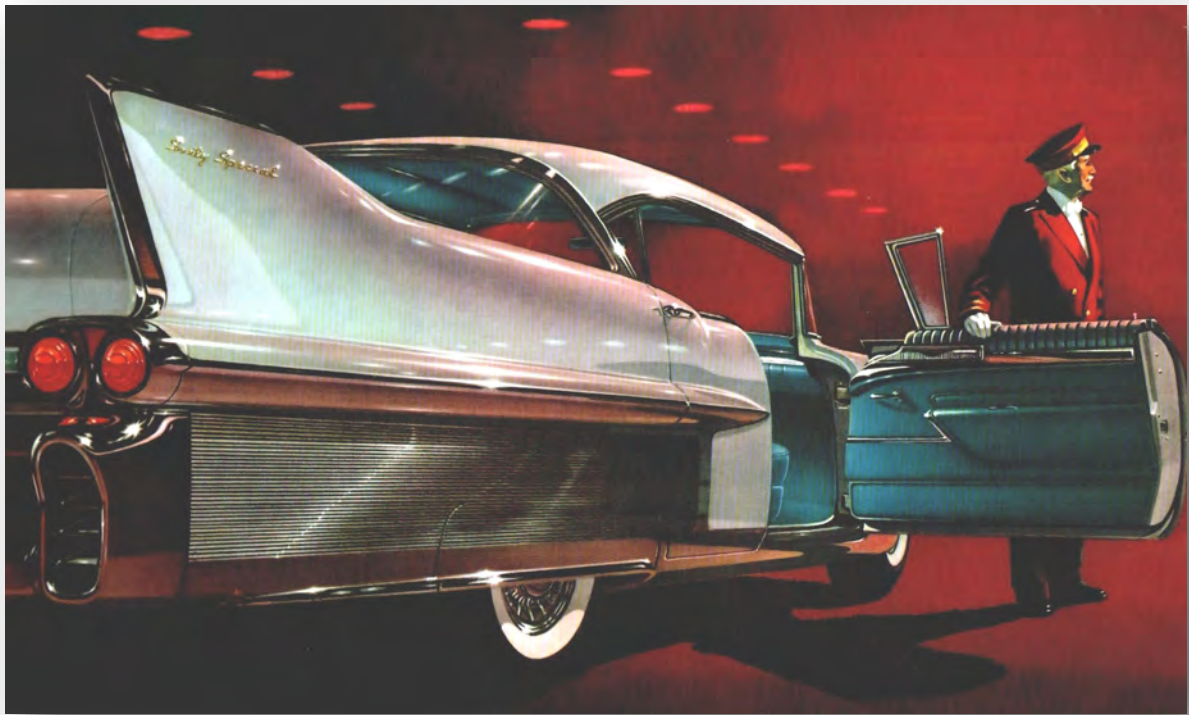


Photography came in 1957. One knew instantly it was a Cadillac. 1958 had



beautifully gowned models. Cadillac spoke about women—never to them.





1958 Cadillac Sixty Special “Fleetwood” - this Cadillac picture proved to be the most popular piece in the Art Fitzpatrick Van Kaufman book and a favorite of Fitzpatrick’s wife Betty. Last year for impressive metal grooved quarters and bumper exhausts. Classic art.

In 1956, GM Tech Center opens. The Versailles of the industry at the time (closed to the public). It was an aesthetic triumph! A mandarin red Coupe DeVille graces the floating staircase in the styling center lobby (invitation only). This one photograph has become iconic and highly collectible today.



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**2025 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings** Embassy Suites by Hilton Chattanooga Hamilton Place  
2321 Lifestyle Way, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2291 January 29–February 1 (Board meetings February 1)  
Room rate \$149 plus tax

**CLC Grand National** Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville SE Murfreesboro  
1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129-4320 June 2–June 7 (Board meetings June 7)  
Room rate \$149 plus tax

**2026 Winter Reunion & Board Meeting** Element Orlando International Drive  
5750 Central Florida Pkwy., Orlando, FL 32821-8638 January 7–January 10 (Board meetings January 10)  
Room rate \$149 plus tax

**CLC Grand National** Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa  
5400 John Q Hammons Dr. NW, Concord, NC 28027-3401 June 1–June 6 (Board meetings June 6)  
Room rate \$149 plus tax

**2027 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings** Hyatt Regency Birmingham—The Wynfrey Hotel 1000 Riverchase Galleria,  
Hoover, AL 35244-2301 J January 27–January 30 (Board meetings June 30)  
Rate \$145 plus tax

**CLC Grand National**  
Nugget Casino Resort 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks, NV 89431-5750 May 17–May 22 (Board meetings May 22)  
Rate \$115 plus tax

**2028 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings** Holiday Inn San Antonio—Riverwalk  
217 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX 78205-2303 January 26–January 29 (Board meetings January 29)  
Rate \$159 plus tax

**CLC Grand National**  
Marriott at the University of Dayton 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409-2105  
July 24–July 29 (Board meetings July 29)  
Rate \$159 plus tax

# Parting Thoughts



Member of NTX had an opportunity to see Big Boy 4014, the largest steam locomotive ever built, as it was visiting Ft. Worth. L-R: Jim and Judy Hanson, Bill Levy, Sandy and Bill Ische, Linda Mikyska, Neal Polan, Paul Fruel, and Judith and Harry Michalewicz. The weather was fantastic, the crowd was huge, and we had a wonderful time at the train.

## BIG BOY UP 4014 FAST FACTS

Twenty five Big Boys were built exclusively for Union Pacific Railroad, the first of which was delivered in 1941. The locomotives were 133 feet long and weighed 1.2 million pounds. Due to the great length, the frames of the Big Boys were "hinged" or articulated, to allow them to better negotiate curves. These massive engines normally operated between Ogden, Utah and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Big Boy number 4014 was retired in December 1981, after traveling 1,031,205 miles in its nearly 30 years in service. Union Pacific reacquired UP 4014 from the RailGiants Train Museum in Pomona, California in 2013 and relocated it to Cheyenne to begin a two-and-a-half year restoration process. UP celebrated the restored Big Boy's inaugural run on May 4, 2018.

The markings located beneath the cab of the Big Boy (4-B-8-4-1-88) refer to the following:

- 4: Refers to four pilot wheels known as the "Engine Trucks" that guide the giant locomotive down the track.
- 8: Refers to the first set of eight drivers on the front engine.
- 8: Refers to the second set of eight drivers on the rear engine.
- 4: Refers to the four-wheeled "Trailing Truck" located under the cab.
- 1: Refers to the first series of Big Boys numbered UP 4000 through UP 4019. These were the first series of Big Boys built in 1941. A second batch, numbered UP 4020 through 4026, were known as the second series, these were built and delivered in 1944 and had a dash "2" next to the wheel classification.
- 88: Refers to the clear diameter in inches.

A fraction was used on articulated locomotives to designate multiple cylinders. The top numbers represent the cylinder diameter of 24 inches for both the front and rear engines, while the four numbers on the fraction represent the cylinder stroke of 30 inches. The number 540 represents the 540,000 pounds of weight on the drivers. Fun fact: Locomotive engineers were paid based on the weight on drivers, the heavier the engine, the more they were paid.

The Big Boy locomotives were originally equipped with a standard MB right slider. The UP 4014 was converted to burn oil during the restoration; the letters "OB" refer to the last names of Ed Oleske and Austin Berke. They exclusively designed and built the oil burning apparatus on this Big Boy.

STEAM PRESSURE <b>300 PSI</b>	SUPERHEATER <b>TYPE "E" ELESKO</b>	FUEL CAPACITY <b>6,100 GALLONS</b>
WATER CAPACITY <b>25,000 GALLONS</b>	TENDER TYPE <b>14-WHEELED CENTIPEDE</b>	ENGINE + TENDER LENGTH <b>133 FEET</b>
LIVE STEAM INJECTOR <b>"NATHAN 4000"</b>	ENGINE + TENDER WEIGHT <b>1.2 MILLION LBS</b>	EXHAUST STEAM INJECTOR <b>"ELESKO TP-503"</b>
TOP SPEED <b>65 MPH</b>		HEIGHT <b>17 FEET</b>

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