



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Caddy Corner

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Promoting fellowship with people of similar interests in Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles.

Website: <https://www.cadillaclasalleclubflorida.com/>

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Mike Santos

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Ben Berman

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Mike Santos

Activities Director:

(open)

Newsletter Editor/Publisher:

Paul Simcock

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

All meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETING - March 11th 2025

Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater, address is 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd , Clearwater, FL 33759.

EVENTS: See details in the Activities Director's Report in this newsletter.

*Can you Guess
the Car Photo?*

Test your overall skill and knowledge base of various Cadillac motorcar imagery. Find out the answer by emailing the Editor.



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Florida Suncoast Region CLC Consolidated Meeting Reports February 28, 2025

Treasurer's Report A few weeks ago many of us celebrated Valentine's Day in one form or another. My contribution to this effort is to offer gratitude and affection for the 24 members who have paid their 2025 dues (*as of the day I write this message*). On behalf of the Club and its officers, I thank each of you for making your contribution to keep the Suncoast Region healthy and fiscally stable. For those of you who have not yet responded to the call for this year's dues, I like you too, but time is running out. Please pay your dues before we must reluctantly remove you from our membership rolls. For those who want to mail their dues, please make a check payable to Florida Suncoast Region CLC and send it to me at the following address:

4223 MacKay Falls Terrace
Sarasota, Florida 34343

For those who have made this year's commitment, the next task is to help decide how best to use the available funds to further the goals of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, and to provide enjoyable experiences for members of our Region. If you have suggestions for projects or activities, please forward them to Mark, Len, Mike or myself. We're eager to hear from you!

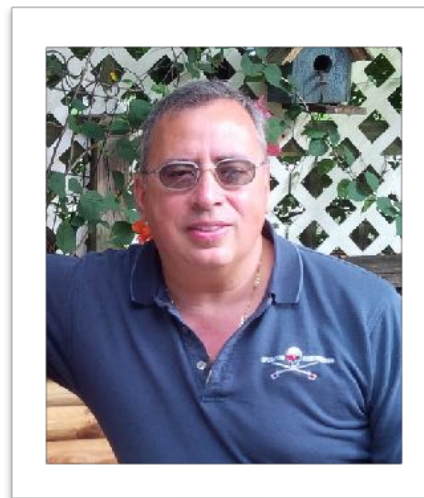
Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin L. Berman,
Treasurer, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club

Membership Report There were no new members this month. We have a total of 27 Active Members who have paid their renewals for 2025 and four Honorary Associates. *We'd like to remind all members that your National CLC Dues must be current.* The expiration date of your National CLC Dues is on the mailing page of your SELF STARTER.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Santos,
Membership Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Florida Suncoast Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club Director's Report March 2025

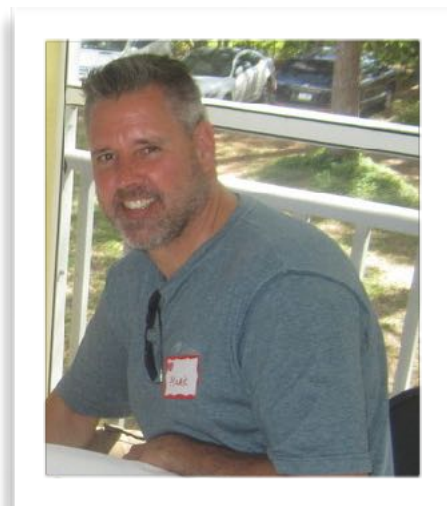
Hi All!

Our membership is not as strong in numbers as it once was but we are still as strong in participation as we ever have been. For most of us, our gatherings are a welcomed opportunity for socializing with others who, not only enjoy cars like we do, but also many other topics. Our monthly gatherings and picnics are such opportunities so it's always great to see everyone who shows up regularly. Also, those who make the occasional appearance and especially those who, when the stars align for them, show up out of the blue to join us.

Dues collection for 2025 is now in the past. Those who choose not to renew are no longer receiving our monthly newsletter so they are missing out on knowing what we are up to. I am very glad to see that each of you are still with us.

Mark

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Demyan,
Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Did You Know...

Al Capone's Cadillac was the first bulletproof limousine ever built? This famous gangster was a big Cadillac fan and had a 1928 sedan that was fully armored for his protection.

After Capone was arrested, the government seized this vehicle. President Franklin D. Roosevelt later used this vehicle after the attack on Pearl Harbor to go to the House of Representatives and deliver his famous "Day of Infamy" speech. Roosevelt showed his gratitude with his sardonic comment, "I hope Mr. Capone doesn't mind."



Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

The spring picnic is next on our calendar of special events. We are looking now at May when we can be sure that it won't be too cold or too hot. With Easter being so late in April, we had to move it out a bit. The website for reserving State Parks continues to get harder to deal with rather than easier. I am working on trying to get Lettuce Park again but it has been a real struggle to communicate with them. More to come soon.

The monthly gathering is always on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am at the Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33759.

If you have an idea for an event and you are willing to do the legwork to make it happen, please contact me and I will provide all needed correspondences to the members.

Mark

It's Showtime!



LAKE BERNADETTE NEIGHBORHOOD CAR SHOW
CAR SHOW

LOCATION: CABANA POOL PARKING LOT
DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 8TH: STARTING @ 5PM
TROPHIES AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD BEST OF SHOW.
ALL CARS WELCOMED
CONTACT: JOHN BISHOP @ 813-210-7051 FOR DETAILS.

It's our 41st show
Manatee Car & Truck show
Sunday, March 2, 2025
Presented by
Citrus County Cruisers
Hosted by **EAGLE** BUICK GMC
Rain or Shine
Over 75 Awards



1275 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa FL.
Dash Plaques to 1st 200 registered, Door Prizes, 50's Music, Venders, 50/50
Registration 8 AM -NOON
Pre-registration \$20, Day of Show \$25
Cars with Visible FOR SALE SIGNS Will not be judged

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Swap Meet
FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY



229-507-3548
Florida Classic Park
5360 Lockhart Rd.
Brooksville FL 34602

Plan now to attend the Lake Mirror Concours and Classic Annual Event in the downtown historic Lakeland, FL district. See rolling works of art from some of the nation's top auto collectors and museums along with rare and themed automobile displays. This unique setting also features many vintage wooden boats and the ever popular novel Amphicars will be in and around Lake Mirror at this center piece of the 3-day event. If you want to enter your car, the Concours Entrance Fee is \$75.00 Show Hours are: 10-4pm.

Lake Mirror Concours and Classic Car Show to be held on Saturday - Oct. 18th, 2025



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Saturday, March 15th, 4-9:00 PM
Celebrating our 29th Year!

The Villages monthly Cruise-In
Spanish Springs Town Square
<https://www.thevillagesentertainment.com/special-events/March-2025-cruise-in/>

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The GO-TO Place on the web for all your upcoming car show cruise-in venues, dates, and times!

...See you there!

DADE CITY
CAR & TRUCK SHOW
Hosted by Ronnie Setser

THE FIRST SATURDAY FROM SEPT-MAY
12pm-4pm

\$10

Registration fee to qualify for trophy presentation

Cruising cars will still be allowed but will not be part of the judging or receive dash plaques or trophies.

PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF DOWNTOWN DADE CITY

NEW LOCATION: Enter from Hwy. 301 / 7th St. onto Pasco Ave. We will no longer be closing SR 52 / Meridian Ave. Show will take place on the east and south sides of the Historic County Courthouse and roads to the east.

For questions and further information, please contact Ronnie Setser (813) 879-1616 or (813) 601-7227 // ronniestsetsercustoms.com

Items for Sale



If you're a fan like me, the 1967 Eldorado represented the epitome of luxury and styling; especially with the famous "razorback" taillights. Sporting a hefty front wheel drive 429 cubic inch OHV V8, it was the most powerful personal luxury car you could own in '67.

So, if you're looking for a Replacement Back Window in excellent condition, call Bill Storms in Nokomis, FL at 941-356-2064 or email him at: captainwindy@verizon.net

Asking Price: \$50.00
or Best Offer



Professionally Framed Original Vintage Cadillac Magazine Ads



Up for sale is beautiful series of Vintage Cadillac full color print ads appearing in tabloid sized publications like the Saturday Evening Post, Look Magazine, and other similar magazines of the day.

Professionally framed and preserved under special mounted protective glass with exquisitely bevel custom-cut colored matting; matching the central color theme of each ad. The six piece collection features solid oak wood frames showcasing various 1950s model years. Contact the Editor for more details on this marvelous set of historic framed prints.

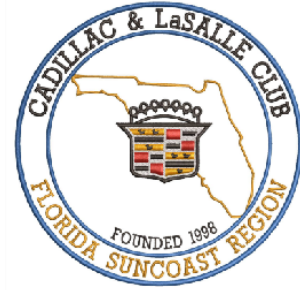


A Word From the Editor: Paul Simcock

A few reminders: If you would like your “story” to be featured in the newsletter, please submit your article along with some photos directly to me. *All articles, business cards and ads are due by the 15th of each month.*

If you have a pre-published article you would like to submit; those are also welcome. Please include copyright information so we can properly give credits to the source or author of the article or piece. Any reproduction of this newsletter content, *in whole or in part*, without prior permission is strictly prohibited by copyright law.

Also, we offer free advertising for cars & parts in our regional newsletter to current paid Regional Members. These ads do not have to be just for Cadillacs or LaSalles. Regional Members may also run their business cards for cars, or non-related ads for \$25.00 for a 4-month ad. A Non-member can take out a 4-month ad (*up to one page including photos*) for \$25.00. Non-member ads must be car related and you must state an asking price.



Part\$ and Apparel for \$ale



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Thomas 3/6
Sharon Piety 3/17

Note: If you would like your birthday posted, please respond back to the Editor.

Get the Most From Your National CLC Membership

Go to the homepage for National CLC and click on “Forums” for all the latest blog discussions, and major category information on:

- Authenticity Manuals and VIN Data
- Technical Manuals & Bulletins
- Restoration Tips & Techniques
- Parts Availability & Sourcing
- Newsletters Past and Present





BECOME A MEMBER

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Membership is open to anyone owning or having an interest in Cadillac or LaSalle Automobiles.
You Do Not have to own a Cadillac or LaSalle to join.

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Being a member is a way to participate in the Club's monthly meetings, activities and fellowship with other car enthusiasts. Also, it is a great way to learn more about your car and cars of other club members. A monthly Newsletter will keep you informed of all Region Activities. Many of our members are located in the Central Gulf Coast area, but we routinely welcome and have current members in Central and North Florida.

Mail your completed application form and check payable to "CLC, Florida Suncoast Region" to:

CLC, Florida Suncoast Region
c/o Benjamin L. Berman, Treasurer
4223 MacKay Falls Terrace
Sarasota, Florida 34243

2025 Membership Application/Renewal Form

(Membership Consists of Two Members per Household.)

Those joining October - December will include membership for the following year.

New Member _____ or Renewal _____ Date _____
Name(s): _____

NEW MEMBERS: Below, please print the exact name(s) for two complimentary club name badges.

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Cadillac or LaSalle vehicle(s) owned *(use separate sheet for additional cars).*

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Member of National Cadillac LaSalle Club? Yes: _____ No: _____

National Member # _____ National Membership Renewal Month: _____

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED. YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW THE NATIONAL AT THIS SITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CADILLACLASALLECLUB.ORG](https://www.cadillacclasalleclub.org)

I authorize use of my information for club purposes only: Yes _____ No _____

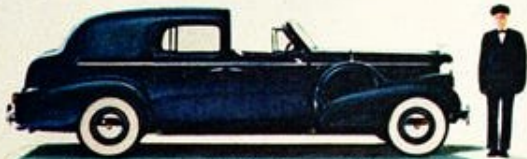
Signature: _____

Club apparel is available for purchase. Inquire at monthly meeting or club website.

From a brilliant past... a brilliant present.

Announcing Cadillac 1975. As responsive to the needs of today's luxury car owner as was the 1938 Cadillac Town Car in its day. With better overall operating economy than its efficient 1974 counterpart. With an array of standard features unsurpassed in Cadillac history. With new features available...like the Astrorooft. New excitement. New efficiency. New value. Then and Now...an American Standard for the World.

Cadillac  '75



Cadillac Motor Car Division



1957 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special



1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz

Nostalgia Corner

Here's a few former photos to spike your memory of some wonderful times together as a Club. See if you can identify some

“For it is in the *remembering* that we bear the seeds for a better tomorrow.”



Charles Durning

Charles Durning

Note: Some of our Suncoast CLC Region members have since passed but we remember them with great love and affection for their wonderful contributions to our Club.



Cadillac's Northstar Engine



The first Northstar engine, RPO Code L37, was launched in the year 1993 Cadillac Allante roadster and in the Cadillac Eldorado. It displaced 4.6 liters and delivered 295

horsepower and 290 pound-feet of torque. Later, the engine was also used in the Buick Lucerne.

A slightly different version of the L37, dubbed LD8, was released shortly after to provide more torque (300 pound-feet) and slightly less power (275 horses). The naturally-aspirated 4.6L Northstar V8 LH2 made 320 horsepower and was available in the first-generation Cadillac SRX, Cadillac STS, Cadillac XLR and Chinese-market Cadillac SLS.

The range-topping variant was the supercharged 4.4L Northstar LC3 used in the Cadillac XLR-V and STS-V. It pushed out 469 horsepower and 439 pound-feet of torque. Despite those incredible figures, the range-topping Northstar was outdone a few short years later by the 6.2L V8 LSA Small Block engine in the second-gen CTS-V, which made an even more potent 556 horsepower and 551 pound-feet of torque via the simpler OHV design, otherwise known as push-rod.

In July 2010, production of the Northstar V8 engine family ceased after a 17-year-long run. This move to discontinue left Cadillac without a Dual OverHead Cam engine – something that's not necessary from a technological concerns; given that GM's Small Block engines are just fine from a power standpoint. However, a DOHC V8 was necessary for two reasons: design refinement and image. Simply put, the feel delivered by a DOHC-style engine is a necessary expectation, and such an image is all but expected from an image standpoint in the luxury car market segment.



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Happy Motoring!



...and Best of All, it's a Cadillac!