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#### Summer is here!!!

First, as we have just celebrated Memorial Day, let's take a moment to say "Thank you" to all our veterans who have faithfully served our country and for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Thanks to their efforts and dedication, we can all enjoy the freedom that all of them fought to protect.

Freedom is not free.

When I first joined this Club and started attending our meetings, I quickly realized that there was a deep friendship between members that had very little to do with our long-standing admiration for Cadillacs. I would hear many stories of members willing to share their time and their skills to help someone in need. And here is one more story. The power seats on my "new" Cadillac were not working. One day, I sought advice from Tom Orlando, who immediately told me that he had repaired many of these seats and invited me to his house. Tom spent several hours removing the seats and inspecting the many components. The main problem was that the plastic housings for these components were literally coming apart as Tom held them in his hands (I'm not sure if he was showing me his "Mr. T" impression or if he had had an extra helping of Wheaties that morning). The new housings could be ordered but the passenger seat was missing a small gear and without that gear, the seat would not work; and that gear could NOT be ordered. As luck would have it, or maybe divine intervention, we found the gear and the bracket for it in the ash tray (Thank you, Robert, for saving those parts.) A week later, I was back in business, thanks to Tom's willingness to spend two very long days repairing those seats. Several attempts to compensate Tom for his help were unsuccessful.

Show season is now here. Don't forget to have some rack cards with you - a perfect way to let folks know about the CLC. Here is a list of events that I am aware of:

- --- Sun, June 15th Saratoga Assisted Living, Downers Grove 12:30pm 3:00pm
- --- Fri, June 20th Covenant of Batavia, Batavia, 1:00pm 3:00pm (lunch at 11:30am)
- --- Sat, July 12th Mt Prospect Cruise Night, 3:00pm 8:00pm Cadillac Night
- --- Sun, July 20th AACA Annual Car Show, Carpentersville, IL, 9:00am 2:00pm (entry fee)
- --- Weds, August 6th Cruise Night, Cary, IL, 6:00pm 8:30pm Classic "Fin" Night
- ---Sat, August 16th Patrick Cadillac show, Schaumburg, IL, 9:00am 2:00pm If anyone has information regarding additional events, please let me know.

Our annual summer picnic has been scheduled for Sun, June 22nd at Big Bend Lake in Des Plaines. This is same location as last year. Plans are still being finalized, including a serious discussion with our Treasurer Dan as to how much cash we will need for Ron's bail money.

The Grand National begins on June 1st. This will be Fred's first year as our Chief National Judge and we wish him many years of successful leadership in this very important role.

This year I will be showing my 2012 Escalade EXT. Also showing his 2013 EXT will be Jason Edge. I first saw Jason's car in Albuquerque and that car is stunning. He has certainly set the bar high so I will do my best to represent our region.

And speaking of bars - - A pair of jumper cables walk into a bar. The bartender says, I'll serve you but don't start anything.

Enjoy the ride !!!
David Schumann

| Month  | Date | Event                           | Time      | Details   |
|--------|------|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
|        | 1    | Union Grove Lions Car Show      | 8AM       | Racine Fair Grounds, Union Grove, WI (See Pg. 7)                        |
|        | 7    | Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest    | 10AM-3PM  | 800 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL (See page 8)                         |
|        | 7    | Oak Park Vintage Auto Show      | 10AM-2PM  | Lake St. & Lombard St., Oak Park, IL (See Pg. 9)                        |
| June   | 15   | Saratoga Senior Living Show     | 12:30-3PM | 3460 Saratoga Av., Downers Grove, IL (see Pg. 10)                       |
|        | 20   | Covenant of Batavia Senior Show | 1PM-3PM   | 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy., Batavia, IL See Page 11)                           |
|        | 21   | Badger Region Driving Tour      | 7AM-6PM   | Waukesha to Green Bay, WI (See Page 12)                                 |
|        | 22   | West of the Lake Picnic         | 11AM-3PM  | Big Bend Lake Forest Prsv. Des Plaines (See pg. 13)                     |
|        | 24   | Monthly Meeting                 | 7:30 PM   | American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL<br>301 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL |
|        | 12   | Mt. Prospect Lyons Cruise Night | 3PM-8PM   | NW Hwy & Maple, Mt. Prospect-Featuring Cadillacs                        |
| July   | 20   | AACA Car Show                   | 9AM-2PM   | Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL (See Page 14)                      |
|        | 29   | Monthly Meeting                 | 7:30 PM   | American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL                                      |
| August | 16   | Patrick Cadillac Show           | 9AM-2PM   | Patrick Cadillac, Schaumburg, IL (See Page 15)                          |
|        | 24   | Geneva Concours d'Elegance      | 10AM-4PM  | Downtown Geneva, IL   |
|        | 26   | Monthly Meeting                 | 7:30 PM   | American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL                                      |

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Don't forget about our website: <a href="www.westofthelakeclc.com">www.westofthelakeclc.com</a> Send your car photos to us and we'll add them to the website. Help us to help you get the most out of our club!

## Member Video Page



This is the spot where we feature a short story of your car, a project you are working on or any tips you want to share with the club. Be sure to visit our page and SUBSCRIBE, the more subscribers we have the higher up our videos land in the YouTube search engine.



A SPECIAL VIDEO FROM A FRIEND OF WOTLR: Our friend Peter from Australia (Bicentennial Eldorado) bought one of the first Cadillac Lyriqs in Australia. He sent us a video of his first drive and some interesting information about buying an American car Down Under. https://youtu.be/0ilS6C1-cL4?si=h02wBPXmecKIR xe

COMING NEXT MONTH: We will feature a video that will answer common questions about using a consignment service to sell your classic car. Jon Cody, of Cody's Classic Cars tells us the pros and cons, costs and benefits of using a consignment service to buy or sell a car. The video is being edited as we speak, look for the finished product in this space next month.

Don't forget to submit your YouTube Video featuring your car or a repair you have done. We have thousands of subscribers just waiting to see your talents.

Send your video to us at westofthelakeclc@gmail.com and we'll feature it right here in our newsletter.

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

### 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:

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.

Spread the word, the more members the better!



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## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: westofthelakeclc

We post real-time pictures of events, cars spotted on the road and anything that might make you smile. If you can't be with us in-person, follow us at a socially safe distance using Instagram. It's FREE!

## 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

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## **SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:**



Please keep our Deputy

Director, **Paul Casey** in your thoughts. Paul is starting chemotherapy treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Paul is being treated by great doctors, but more importantly, he is under the care of his wife Michelle. An uplifting note or e-mail would be a great way to brighten Paul's day.

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An enthusiastic group of West of the Lake Region Members and friends spent a Sunday touring the Klairmont Collection on the North side of Chicago. Not only is Klairmont a fantastic place to see cars and have lunch, but they also have quite of bit of memorabilia from the early days of automotive and electronic history. Klairmont is also the new home of the Richard Driehaus Automobile Collection.





Photos: Glenn Brown & Tim Dawson

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The Badger Region usually host the always popular Crest Cadillac Show in Brookfield, Wisconsin, but this year, Crest Cadillac is in the middle of a huge construction project, so the Badger Region has come up with a great one-day road trip to take the place of the Crest Show.

Please RSVP as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

## Badger CLC June Road Trip & Meeting

## Saturday June 21, 2025



Tom Sanders and Jake Jakus are planning a summer driving tour. You may meet at Waukesha State Bank and caravan as a group to Green Bay or pick and choose whatever event you want to participate. Either way, let Jake know your plans.

## Call or text Jake at 414-331-1151 or email: Jake@Jakus.com.

## AGENDA FOR THE DAY

7:15am Meet at Waukesha State Bank (or drive directly to the train museum on your own)

Waukesha State Bank: 18300 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield WI 53045

7:30am Depart Bank for National Train Museum – 920-437-7623 (130 miles = 2 hours)

National Train Museum: 2285 S Broadway, Green Bay WI 54304

Each person will pay the group rate of \$11 at the museum entrance

Train Ride at the Railroad Museum – Twice around the loop as a group

10:00 – 10:30am Train Ride at the Railroad Museum – Twice arour

10:30 – 11:00am Guided tour by a museum staff member

11:30am Depart Train Museum for the Texas Roadhouse – 920-498-8800 (1 mile = 4 minutes)

Texas Roadhouse: 2375 S Oneida Street, Green Bay WI 54305

11:45am – 1:15pm Lunch and a brief club meeting

1:30pm Depart for the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame – 920-569-7512 (1.4 miles = 5 minutes)

1265 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay WI 54304

1:45pm -3:30pm We will take the "Combo Tour" (Champions Tour + Hall of Fame) Tickets are \$30.60 each

The Champions Tour lasts 90 minutes with about a 1mile walk

There are steps, but an elevator is accessible

3:30 – 6pm? Depart for home on your own – Hall of Fame open until 6pm

We will be collecting the \$30.60 per person ticket fee in advance for the Packers tour

Send a check payable to Badger CLC

Jake Jakus

S35 W33193 Honeysuckle Ct.

Dousman, WI 53115

Please have your payments sent to Jake before June 13, 2025 (earlier if possible)



Join your friends from the West of the Lake Region Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Big Bend Lake Forest Preserve on Bender Road just south of Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL (Golf Road just west of the Tri-State Tollway) for our start of summer picnic.

There is a bike path, a fishing pond, plenty of room for yard games (bring your favorites) and a big parking area to show off your cars.

WOTLR will provide the burgers, dogs and plates. We ask that you bring a dish to pass, chips or sweets to snack on.

We have the shelter reserved for the day but plan on being there between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome; members, kids, wives and girlfriends (but not both at the same time).

Send an e-mail to Dave Schumann so we know how much food to bring. <a href="mailto:uncledavid@comcast.net">uncledavid@comcast.net</a> or 847-404-4250. Please RSVP by June 19<sup>th</sup>.



# PATRICK CADILLAC

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Patrick Cadillac Show Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 526 Mall Drive, Schaumburg, IL

Join us for food, music, trophies and lots of fun at our Premier Cadillac Show of the season!



No fee to enter, open to any and all Cadillacs. You'll have a GREAT TIME; that's a promise, the PATRICK PROMISE, see you there!

For more information, contact Dave Schumann: uncledavid@comcast.net

On a recent Saturday, 5 WOTLR members teamed up to help replace the engine on Rich Daniel's 1969 DeVille Convertible. The day turned into a mini car show with a total of 9 Cadillacs in attendance.



You start by taking all the parts and pieces off the top.



Then you get on top of your work.



Take a break for an impromptu car show.

Finally, the new "Flintstones Engine" is ready to roll.



This is what the Cadillac Club is all about, friends getting together and helping each other with our project cars.

**Photos: Bob Daniels & Ron Schweitzer** 

# WOTLR 40th Anniversary

2025 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the West of the Lake Region. Over the past 4 decades, we've gone far and wide to experience everything the car hobby has to offer. This month we go through our photo archives and remember our 2008 trip to Detroit for the GM 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, our 2008 Heritage Cadillac Show and a 2009 driving tour that featured our fearless leader, Fred Butalla daring a lion in a show of bravery.



Clockwise from the top: Marilyn Schweitzer and Fred Butalla at the 2008 Heritage Cadillac Show. West of the Lake members at the 2008 GM 100 Celebration in Detroit. Then Director Fred Butalla doing the "lion's share" of the work at a 2009 tour. Jason Yau and Tom Orlando taking a break at the 2008 GM 100 Celebration.







Photos: West of the Lake Archives

West of the Lake Region member Robert Kravitz is an avid collector of vintage Cadillac Ads. This month, Robert found a print from a photo shoot, likely at a wedding. While the street signs and license plate put this photo somewhere in the USA, the scene and staging could make you believe it was on a street in Paris. Another beautiful photo for you to enjoy from the collection of Robert Kravitz. Thanks Robert!



## CADILLAC/LASALLE CLUB WEST OF THE LAKE REGION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES MAY 27, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Schumann- Director, Valerie Leon Brown- Recording Secretary

Ron Schweitzer- Membership Secretary, Dan Graziadei- Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Director, David Schumann. He began the meeting with fun facts and trivia. TREASURER—Dan Graziadei-- Dan verbally presented the treasurer's report. He will submit a copy of the report on line. Five club members visited the Klaremont Kollections Automotive Museum last Sunday. David received photos. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Paul Shellhorn from the Buick Club would possibly like to do group events with us. They meet in Lisle. March 26 at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosement is the "World of Wheels" weekend. You can submit your car for consideration to be shown. It has to be left there the entire weekend and there is a fee. Jim Bloomstrand is the Activities Director for the Illinois Chapter of the Buick Club.
- 2) Patrick Cadillac is ready for us on August 16 in Schaumburg.
- 3) August 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Classic Fun Night in Cary
- 4) Tom Orlando will have an article in "The Self Starter" regarding The WOTLR turning 40. Is there going to be a commemorative item? David Leash will be contacted next week at the Murfreesboro GN about a patch with "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2025" or something to that effect.
- 5) Bring cards when you go to Cruise Nights to advertise the WOTLR. They will be available next week at the GN.
- 6) June 12 in Kildeer—Cruise Night
- 7) June 15 in Downers Grove—let Ron know if you plan to attend
- 8) June 20 in Batavia—let Ron know if you plan to attend
- 9) June 22 at Big Bend Lake in Des Plaines is our chapter picnic. Let David know no later than June 19 if you plan to attend so meat and other items can be purchased. Please let David know if you are able to bring a grill. Tim will bring one. Remember to bring a side dish or dessert to pass. The event is listed as "David Schumann's Birthday Party" for cost purposes.
- 10) Cadillac Parts Company in Pahrump, Nevada, is having a going out of business sale
- 11) There is a car show in Mount Prospect every week. We (Cadillacs) are scheduled for Saturday July 12. It is a free event.
- 12) July 4 in Elmwood Park will be the annual parade. Let Matt McLinn know if you are planning to attend with a car.
- 13) July 20 The Antique Car Club is having a show in Carpentersville
- 14) August 24 is the Geneva Con Cours. Go to the link or website for information and registration. If you would like to have your car shown there is a fee and you must pre-register. You must also submit photos of your car. It is by invitation only. Club sections are available.
- 15) September 20 Lemons of Love at the Mount Prospect Car Show.
- 16) Medinah Shriners Club car show on October 5 in Addison

#### **GRAND NATIONAL**

It is June 2-7 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. If you have not yet registered and plan to bring a car, there is a late fee and your car will not be judged. It will have to be for display only.

#### **FALL FESTIVAL**

September 26-27 in Hickory Corners, Michigan, at the Gilmore Car Museum. The weekly "Cruise In" is September 24. The garage sale is both days. Car Judging is Saturday and there will be collector car rides both days. LEADS

Paul Casey is selling his 1978 Seville

Ray has a 1992 Allante with 42K miles. He is asking \$9k. It is a polo green convertible in beautiful condition.

Tim has a 1996 Brougham. It is dark cherry with a tan interior. It has 107K miles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.

Submitted By,

Valerie Leon Brown

Valerie Leon Brown

**Recording Secretary** 

**WOTLR** 

# Classifieds (all ads expire three months after being placed)

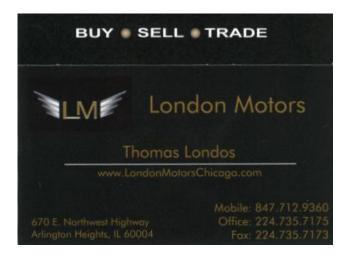
| Advertise toda<br>Goodies For Sal | e! Tim Dawson found a "Free Cadillac". See Page 24. 57/58 Eldorado Brougham owners can pre-order rear air ride diaphragms. See Page 25. Glenn Brown is selling a 1963 Cadillac Trunk Lid and a 2025 Mini Refrigerator. See details on Page 26. |
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|                                   | Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Coupe deVille. See Page 27.  Grandma quit Driving and her 1992 Brougham is for sale. See details on Page 28.  |

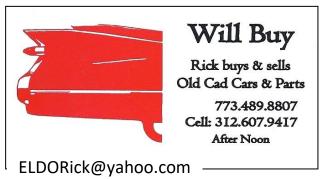
# Monthly Zoom Meeting Link

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: 883 4199 4307

Passcode: 020766





Want to list your car or parts for sale in the newsletter? Contact Editor Tom Orlando at <a href="mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com">westofthelakeclc@gmail.com</a>
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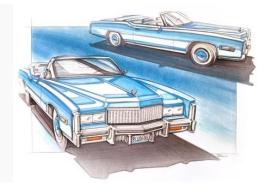
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The car has 107,000 miles and is either a nice parts car or a potential fixer-upper for the right person.

Contact Tim at tdawson@sgkinc.com or Glenn Brown at a65caddy@sbcglobal.net









Photos: Tim Dawson

Do you own a 1957/1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham on original Air Ride?

Here is a chance to get some rare parts that have been impossible to find. A couple of CLC members are doing a run of Eldorado Brougham air suspension diaphragms. They did a run of the fronts 6 years ago, but this is the first time they are doing the rears. They need a commitment of 60 units for the manufacturer to cover the tooling costs and start the build.

The cost is expected to be around \$600 each.

Glenn Brown has all the contact information for the members spearheading this project.

This could be the last chance you will have to get your car back on the original air ride, time is short, so act today!



Glenn Brown is selling a Deck Lid (Trunk – or Boot for the British) from a 1963 Cadillac deVille. Beige, solid with some surface rust. The trunk light has been removed but is included. \$150







A 3.3 Cubic Foot Refrigerator used for 10 days in March. Still under warranty, paid \$100, Best Offer.

Contact Glenn at <a href="mailto:a65caddy@sbcglobal.net">a65caddy@sbcglobal.net</a> or 708-278-6194



# Classified Items For Sale

Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Cadillac Coupe deVille. Very good condition. Everything works well. Interior is in excellent condition with the exception of the driver's door armrest having the usual splits. Brand new tires and tune up. 93k miles. Asking \$6,300 obo. Contact Ron at 630-956-3504.





96 Year old lady from St. Charles has given up driving and her 1992 Cadillac Brougham needs a new loving home.

The car is a one owner standard Brougham with a 5.0 Liter engine, 200,000 miles, leather seats, well documented maintenance. Light Driftwood all the way around. Asking \$5,000.

Tom Lee 330-327-0118





Fred Butalla 20751 Rock Run Dr. Joliet, IL 60431

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