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West of the Lake Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

August 2025

Remembering Paul Casey WOTLR Deputy Director



1959-2025
See Page 5.

Funeral Information:

VISITATION: Monday August 4th 3-8PM
Williams-Kampp Funeral Home
430 E. Roosevelt Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

MASS: Tuesday August 5th 10AM
St. Michael Church
310 S. Wheaton Ave.
Wheaton, IL 60187

GRAVESIDE: Tuesday August 5th 11:30AM
Assumption Cemetery
15510 Winfield Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60189

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We have learned of the passing of our Deputy Director Paul Casey. You will find a lovely tribute on Page 5 of this newsletter. Please keep the Casey family in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral plans are printed on the front cover of this newsletter.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Mike Ettleson and his family on the death of his father, Maurice Ettleson. His obituary can be read later in this newsletter.

Summer means car shows and cruise nights and this year has been especially busy for our Club.

Here are some highlights:

- Roselle Cruise Night - Every Friday until Sept 12th. I attended on June 27th. There were four cars from our club and 7 members. Great weather, food trucks, a live band and the lot was filled with over 50 cars, including a beautiful 1936 Chrysler Airflow coupe.
 - Mt Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Night - Sat, July 12th. This was Cadillac Night and there were over 90 cars on display, with 11 Cadillacs from our Club - a food truck and a live band. The highlight of this show was seeing Dan Graziadei's 1954 Fleetwood for the first time. Could this be Dominic's future Prom car?
 - Niles Car Show - Every Monday night until August 25th - I attended on July 14th. There were over 100 cars, several food trucks, vendors and a live band. I met several people who brought Cadillacs but were not members. One of these people was Gus, who brought his impressive 1959 Biarritz convertible. He is a retired Chicago police officer and is friends with Ron Rufo. Needless to say, we spent a lot of time with Gus and he has expressed interest in joining our Club. He also has several other vintage Caddy's in his collection.
 - Lake Zurich Cruisin' Car Show - Thurs, July 17th. Sadly, the weather was overcast and it looked like rain so I was one of only 13 cars that attended. As the weather cleared, a few more cars arrived but by the end of the show, there were no more than 20 cars. I have attended this show in the past and both times the lot was filled with cars. Their next show will be August 14th.
 - Broken Oar Rest/Bar-Port Barrington - Tues, July 22nd. Over 40 cars and beautiful weather.
- At each of these events, I had the CLC rack cards and our new business cards to pass out. I have met people at every show - a perfect opportunity to let folks know about the CLC.

And speaking of shows, let's not forget our two dealer shows this year -

- Saturday, August 16th - Patrick Cadillac in Schaumburg
- Saturday, September 6th - Ettleson Cadillac in Hodgkins

The best way we can say "Thank You" to these dealers is by filling their lots with our cars.

Other cruise nights and shows this year

- Wednesday, August 6th - Cary-Grove Cruise Night - downtown Cary - Classic "Fin" night
- Sunday, August 10th - Fundraising Car Show - St Patrick's High School, 5900 W Belmont, Chicago
Hosted by Ron Rufo - donation \$10.00 - raffles, food and music, 9am - 2pm
- Tuesday, August 19th - Wauconda Cruise Night

If there are other shows that I have not mentioned, please let me know.

And, let's remember to take some pictures and send them to Tom for our newsletter.

Enjoy the ride !!

David Schumann

Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
August	9	Waterworks Pizza Movie Night	6:00 PM	7815 Ogden Ave., Lyons, IL (See Page 11)
	10	Ron Rufo Benefit Show	9AM-2PM	5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago (See Page 8)
	16	Patrick Cadillac Show	9AM-2PM	Patrick Cadillac, Schaumburg, IL (See Page 6)
	24	Geneva Concours d'Elegance	10AM-4PM	Downtown Geneva, IL
	26	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
September	6	Ettleson Cadillac Show	9AM-2PM	Ettleson Cadillac, LaGrange, IL (See Page 7)
	30	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL
October	4	Crazy 80's Car Museum and Rt. 66 Tour, Wilmington to Dwight, IL	TBD	Wilmington Rt. 66 Visitor Center to Gardner, IL to Dwight, followed by Lunch TBD
	28	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
November	25	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL

We are now on Instagram: Follow: [westofthelakeclc](#) on Instagram for news, pictures and event updates.
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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.



SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM VIDEOS FROM CELOZZI-ETTLESON: Our friend Mike Ettleson of Ettleson Cadillac lost his father Maury in July. Maury was a local Chicago celebrity known as much for his TV ads as for his work in the car business. The Celozzi-Ettleson ads became so well known that other advertisers had the Celozzi-Ettleson duo make ads for their products. Enjoy a sample of classic Maury Ettleson ads, may his memory be a blessing.

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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.

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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:

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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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

SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

With the passing of our Deputy Director, **Paul Casey**, we are reminded that it is often hard to know what to say to the family and friends. If you aren't sure what the right thing to say is, you can try some of these time tested words:

"I'm so sorry. Let me know if I can do anything for you."

"They were wonderful and will be deeply missed, but always remembered."

"We're praying for you."

Or you might choose to just quietly smile, that works too. It's never the wrong time to be kind.

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Paul & Michelle Casey at Movie Night

West of the Lake Region Deputy Director Paul Casey lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer on Tuesday July 29th at the age of 66. Paul is survived by his wife Michelle, his daughter Katherine Condon along with her husband Stephen Condon and Paul's grandson Nicholas Condon.

In addition to Paul's work with the WOTLR, he spent many years in the automotive business, most recently as the Corporate Parts Director for the Hawk Auto Group.

While cars ran through Paul's blood, his love of Cadillacs came later in life. Despite Paul's father being a CLC member, Paul owned a prized 1969 Camaro. However, Paul, knowing what his TRUE love was, sold that Camaro for \$4,000 to buy an engagement ring and to start a life together with Michelle.

Years later, after the death of Paul's parents, Michelle suggested that Paul find another Camaro as a hobby car. On a trip home from his parent's former home in Michigan, Paul and Michelle came upon a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Coupe. It seemed like a message from his late father, so they bought the car. Paul found the West of the Lake Region and forged great friendships with so many of us.

We will all miss Paul greatly and are keeping Michelle and family in our thoughts.

Paul: Hit that power recline button and enjoy that final rest stop on life's great highway; so long old friend.



Clockwise from the Left: Paul and Michelle at the WOTLR Spring Fling 2024, Paul at the 2021 Holiday Party, Paul and WOTLR members at the post-2022 Grand National Picnic, Paul's 1976 Eldorado.



Photos: WOTLR Archives



PATRICK CADILLAC

3rd Annual Patrick Cadillac Show
Saturday, August 16th
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



ETTLESON CADILLAC

The return of the Ettleson Cadillac Show Buicks welcome too!

Saturday, September 6th

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

6201 S. LaGrange Road, LaGrange, IL

Join us for food, music, trophies and lots of fun at the return of one of the great Cadillac & Buick Shows in the Chicago area!



No fee to enter, open to any and all Cadillacs and Buicks.

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

Fundraising Car Show

Benefitting Mike Stoehiker



Sunday, August 10, 2025

(rain date August 17th)

**Belmont Parking Lot at
St. Patrick High School**

5900 W. Belmont in Chicago

9 am to 2 pm

Donation \$10

Raffles, Food, Split the Pot

Music with DJ Jose

For more information

Call Ron Rufo at 773-616-3404



Maurice “Maury” Ettleson, 93, longtime car dealer, community supporter, and devoted family man, passed away peacefully July 16, 2025 at his home in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Maury built a legacy that combined business acumen, philanthropy, and an appreciation of art and culture.

Maury co-founded Celozzi-Ettleson Chevrolet in Elmhurst in 1968 with his business partner Nick Celozzi. Their dealership flourished throughout the 1970’s, 80’s, and 90’s, earning the reputation as “the biggest Chevrolet dealership in America.” Their boisterous, cash-waving TV commercials became iconic in Chicagoland, seared into local memory with the tagline: “Where you always save more money!”

Maury shared nearly 68 years of marriage with his beloved wife Ruth (née Scharf) who passed away on March 17, 2025. Ruth and Maury were devoted parents to Michael (Jeri) Ettleson, Sherry Ettleson, and Linda (Gary)

Stolberg, and cherished grandparents of Matthew (Melanie), Daniel (Inga), Lizzy (Jai), Jake, Rose, Ari, Maya, Hale, and Ilana and adored great-grandparents of Nolan, Milo, and Sadie. A special thank you goes to Maury and Ruth’s loyal caregiver Grace, who tended to their needs with love and compassion.

Maury was a supporter of the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, raising awareness and funding, bringing personal passion to the cause. He was an avid tennis player, baseball fan, book and music lover.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation Illinois Chapter <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/chapters/illinois> or to a charity of the donor’s choosing.



2025 marks the 40th year of the West of the Lake Region, and August is our actual anniversary month. There's a nice article about our history in the August Self-Starter, be sure to check it out.

We are planning a car show and lunch at the American Legion Hall in Roselle, Illinois early in September. As soon as we have the date confirmed we will send an e-mail so you can save the date.

We are also working on a commemorative window cling for our cars.

In the meantime, enjoy some classic photos of West of the Lake Region events from the past 40 years.



Clockwise from top left: Fred Butalla and Ron Schweitzer, Alan & Dianne Benning, Joe Kotil along with Sidney Hurst, and Fred Butalla with Ron Washington. Great memories of 40 years, let's keep making new memories for the next 40!

Photos: West of the Lake Archives

Rain and extreme heat caused our July drive-in movie night to be postponed. We're hoping for better weather Saturday August 9th. Join the crowd for an evening of fun starting at 6:00 PM at Waterworks Pizza for a fun car related movie. We'll be providing pizza. Bring your chairs and beverages, of course drinks are available at the Waterworks Pizza bar, 7815 Ogden Avenue, Lyons, IL.

Movie will be chosen by a "last-man-standing" style cage match brawl from a selection of club DVDs and anything we can download from Rich Daniel's Netflix password that we are "borrowing". (Okay, that last part might not be completely true, but we are borrowing Rich's Netflix account). Either way, join us, it promises to be a good time. If we did do a cage match brawl, my money is on Elaine Link to win it all.



The West of the Lake Region is regularly hitting the area cruise nights. Enjoy a selection of photos from some of the July cruise nights and the Allante/XLR Breakfast.





Photos: Dave Schumann



Your faithful Editor was driving around and came upon this beautiful 1985 Eldorado Convertible in Joliet. The owner promised to try to make it to our Ettleson Show in September and even promised to invite his uncle who owns a couple of mid 70 Cadillacs. It pays to say hello when you see a fellow Cadillac owner.



WOTLR Member Greg Rankin, his father Milton, Bill Bijou and Tom's neighbor gathered at Tom Orlando's house for a repair day plus lunch. Next time some wise guy asks you how many bodies you can fit in the trunk of your Cadillac, tell them it depends on how much the body ate for lunch. In this case, the answer is: One.



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If you have extra stuff, please consider donating to the CLC Museum. Contact Glenn Brown.

Work bench	Rolling stool
Battery carrying strap	Drop Light or LED rechargeable light
Jack stands	Timing Light
Torque Wrench	OBD I & OBD II Reader
Air Compressor	Sledge & Ball peen hammers
Pry Bars, Chisels & Punches	Vise Grips & Needle Nose
Electric fans	Exhaust Hose (to outdoors)
2-door tall metal supply cabinet	Paint / Explosion-proof cabinet
Trash Can with Lid	Rag Can with foot operated lid
Push Broom & Whisk Broom	Corner Broom & Dustpan
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Digital Multimeter	Oil filter wrenches
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Shop towels, rags	Wax / Polisher
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Mary Kay Cosmetics goes electric with 2026 OPTIQ



NEW!

2026 Cadillac OPTIQ Career Car

Starting with September 2025 qualifiers, you can earn the use of a new pink Cadillac that embodies innovation and elegance: the luxurious 2026 Cadillac OPTIQ EV. This cutting-edge vehicle is designed for doers ... opportunity seekers ... and possibility thinkers – for those who are ready to take a Step UP into luxury and a bold step into embracing the electric vehicle. Please note that the current Cadillac XT5 option will be phased out with June 2025 qualifiers.

Mary Kay Consultants have posted mixed feelings about the move to Cadillac EVs. Some are very excited, others are apprehensive about the unknown. One Mary Kay Consultant from West Texas posted that driving an EV in Oil Country would be disrespectful of her customers, so she was taking the cash option. Your Editor lived in West Texas and Mary Kay is as serious as a heart attack out there, Mary Kay Consultants regularly apply makeup to their “former” clients at funeral homes.

Change is slow, but change is coming; and as usual, Cadillac is leading the way.

Image: Stolen from internet

CADILLAC/LASALLE CLUB
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:46pm by Director, David Schumann. The Board of Directors present: David Schumann, Valerie Leon Brown, Dan Graziadei, Ron Schweitzer. Paul Casey, Deputy Directory, passed away this morning. David distributed information on the funeral home and church.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Dan Graziadei shared the treasurer's report covering June 1-30, 2025.

REVIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- 1) Lamb's Farm Car Show was July 27. David attended and joined the Allantate/XLR Club and indicated that it was a great opportunity for people to get to know the WOTLR and the CLC. David met Peter Schellhorn from the Buick Club. We might be able to collaborate with them.
- 2) Wauconda Car Show Ray B. attended

REVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Dealer shows--

- 1) August 16 at Patrick Cadillac in Schaumburg. David needs to know by August 2 how many cars (approximately) will be there so the dealership will know how much space to reserve.
- 2) September 6 at Ettleston Cadillac in Hodgkins will be an all GM car show.

Cruise Nights/Car Shows

- 1) August 6 at Cary Grove Chamber of Commerce. Classic "Fin Night" from 6-8:30pm
- 2) August 10 at St. Patrick's High School from 9-2p. The address is 5900 West Belmont in Chicago. It is a fundraiser and the cost is \$10. There will be food, raffles, 50/50 raffle, etc. It is being hosted by Ron Rufo to benefit Mike Stoehtiker who has a severe medical condition.
- 3) August 14 is Cruisin' Kildeer from 4-8pm.
- 4) August 19 Wauconda Cruise Night from 5-8p
- 5) October 4 at the Crazy 80 Car Museum in Dwight. The Badger Region, Lars Kneller (LaPorte, Indiana), and the Allante Club will be invited. We will have lunch at The Old Route 66 Family Restaurant. We will visit the two-cell jail in Gardner as well as the Ambler-Becker Texaco Station.

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday August 9 at Waterworks Pizza in Lyons. It will begin at 6p and the club will provide the pizza. You will provide your own drinks.

We have the Rack Cards to distribute. It is felt more is needed to invite people to our events. We need to get the website updated.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOTLR

Mike Herbert and David Leash came up with four sketches for a logo. Tom Orlando has a cling from 20 years ago that he will scan and send to David Leash. The group decided to go with the original WOTLR logo and at "40" and at the bottom "established in 1985". Window clings can be mailed to all the members.

Ray B. will look into holding our gathering in Roselle at the American Legion Hall. He will check to see if the weekend of September 20-21 is available. The food could be catered by Portillo's. Bring your car. They have a large parking lot.

LEADS

The Klairamont Kollections Automotive Museum has closed. Mecum will be holding an auction for the 295 cars September 13 and 14. The Driehaus Collection was bought by Klairamont.

If you know of a car appraiser please let Glenn Brown know.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Submitted,

Valerie Leon Brown

Valerie Leon Brown, Recording Secretary WOTLR/CLC

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Goodies For Sale!	57/58 Eldorado Brougham owners can pre-order rear air ride diaphragms. See Page 22. Glenn Brown is selling a 1963 Cadillac Trunk Lid and a 2025 Mini Refrigerator. See details on Page 23. Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Coupe deVille. See Page 24. Grandma quit Driving and her 1992 Brougham is for sale. See details on Page 25. 1996 Cadillac Brougham for sale. See Page 26.


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:

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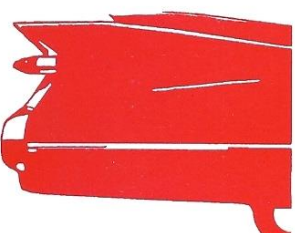
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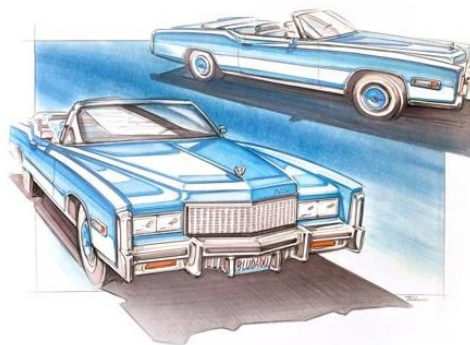
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