

## Patrick Cadillac Show A Perfect Day In The Sun



8 Decades of Cadillacs on display  
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This continues to be a very busy summer with car shows and cruise nights.

I attended the Cary Cruise Night on August 6th. The theme for that week's show was Classic "Fin" Night and Main Street was filled with beautiful cars. The award winners were:

- 1st place - 1959 Cadillac convertible, white with red/white interior
- 2nd place - 1959 Cadillac convertible, black with black/white interior
- 3rd place - 1957 Dodge Coronet convertible

It was a perfect night to meet folks and pass out CLC information. Dan Leahy was also there so we were able to see all the cars and to visit with the owners.

The fundraising car show hosted by Ron and Debbie Rufo on August 10th was a huge success. There were over 90 cars there, and over 30 raffle prizes that had been donated. Everything from signed sports items from Chicago teams to free oil changes, car detailing and a variety of gifts and gift baskets. I was asked to be one of the judges and there were seven categories that received beautiful trophies:

- Best in Show - 1965 Buick Rivera
- Best Engine - - 1968 Dodge
- Best Modified - 1955 Ford Galaxie
- Best Paint - - 1933 Pontiac Coupe
- Best in Class - 2001 Acura NSX
- Second Best in Show - 1947 Pontiac
- President's Award - 1966 Oldsmobile Tornado

Ron and Debbie were wonderful hosts and their hard work really paid off. This event raised over \$4,000.00 for Mike Stoehlker as he continues to battle a very serious medical condition.

The weather was bright and sunny for the Patrick Cadillac show on August 16th. We filled their lot with 36 vintage Cadillacs. They were incredible hosts. They provided raffle prizes, donuts and juice in the morning, a lunch station with burgers, hot dogs and brats, lots of water and soft drinks and a very entertaining DJ who sang and danced for us the whole day. They also invited everyone to vote for their favorite cars and provided very nice certificates in four categories. The winners were:

- Best in Show - Kim Flores - 1949 Cadillac convertible
- Fan Favorite (most unique) - Tom DeVeno - 1989 Cadillac Station Wagon
- Current Classic - Lee and Ann Bailey - 1952 Cadillac Convertible
- First Place (pre 1985) - Ron Rufo - 1959 Cadillac convertible

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this show. And a special thanks to Valerie Brown who helped with registration.

I am always amazed at the endless variety of bumper stickers that I have seen during my daily outings. With that in mind, here are some suggestions for older drivers:

- Honor Roll student, class of 1951.
- Wave if you love my driving!
- My other car is a walker.
- How's my driving? Call 1-800 WHO CARES?
- I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you.
- Honk all you want. I can't hear you anyway.
- Follow me: I'm on my way to Bingo.

Enjoy the ride!!!

David Schumann

Month	Date	Event	Time	Details
September	1	Ettleson Cadillac Show	9AM-3PM	Ettleson Cadillac, LaGrange, IL (see Page 9)
	20	West of the Lake Region 40th Anniversary Party	12N-4PM	American Legion Hall 344 Maple Ave., Roselle, IL (See Page 10)
	21	Waterworks Pizza Brunch/Car Show	12Noon	7815 Ogden Ave. Lyons, IL (see Page 11)
	27	Veteran's Park Car Show	11AM-3PM	Veteran's Park, Franklin Park, IL
	30	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 Butterfield Rd., 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 (See Page 12)
	28	Monthly Meeting	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL
November	25	Monthly Meeting And Board Election	7:30 PM	American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL 310 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL

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## Member Video Page



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**THE PATRICK CADILLAC SHOW VIDEO:** Here is a walk-around video from the crew at Patrick Cadillac showing all the wonderful cars at our recent Patrick Cadillac Show. A great day filled with great cars and even greater friends!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKejkd4S84>

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## Just a reminder...

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## Welcome New Members:

Glen & Ronda DeValk  
Mahomet, IL

1941 Cadillac Fltwd 60 Special  
1952 Cadillac Fltwd 60 Special

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](mailto:westofthelakeclc@gmail.com)

## SENDING OUT GOOD THOUGHTS:

**Michelle Casey**, wife of our late Deputy Director **Paul Casey**, has moved into a new place in Wheaton, just minutes away from her daughter Katherine. Michelle is still recovering from a fall, but is out of the wheelchair and using only a walker – for now. Michelle will be 100% in no time. Please be sure to reach out to Michelle and let her know we are thinking about her.

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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It was a beautiful sunny day packed with good friends for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Patrick Cadillac Show on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>.



Cadillacs from the 1940s to the 2020s filled the show field at Patrick Cadillac.

36 Cadillacs spanning 80 years were on display making it nearly impossible to decide which cars were award winners.





When the voting was done, the Best in Show went to Kim Flores and his 1949 Cadillac Convertible. Tom DeVeno's 1989 Cadillac Station Wagon was voted Fan Favorite. Lee and Ann Bailey won the Current Classic Award with their 1952 Cadillac Convertible and Ron Rufo's gorgeous 1959 Cadillac Convertible won First Place.



**Kim Flores with WOTLR Director Dave Schumann and the Best of Show Award winner, a 1949 Cadillac**

**Ann & Lee Bailey's Classic Award winning 1952 Cadillac.**



**Ron Rufo with WOTLR Director Dave Schumann and the First Place Award for his 1959 Cadillac.**



A rare sight to behold was a row of 1954, 1955 and 1956 Cadillacs. Fins are fun, but nothing beats grabbing a nice set of Dagmars.



**Above Left:** 1954, 1955 and 1956 Cadillacs all in a row with their Dagmar bumpers. **Above Right:** The Dancer Dagmar.

A huge thank you to the great folks at Patrick Cadillac for hosting a fun filled day of music, food and prizes. Let's remember Patrick Cadillac when you are considering your next new car purchase; the Patrick Group, they have BMW, Mini, Jaguar, Land Rover, Hyundai, Genesis, Volvo and of course, Cadillacs. Good folks like Patrick deserve our business.

How's this for a visual of what 10 years of styling evolution looks like: A red 1959 Cadillac Convertible parked next to a red 1969 Cadillac Convertible. Today, you can keep a car for 10 years and it would still look current; in the 1950s and 60s that would have been impossible.



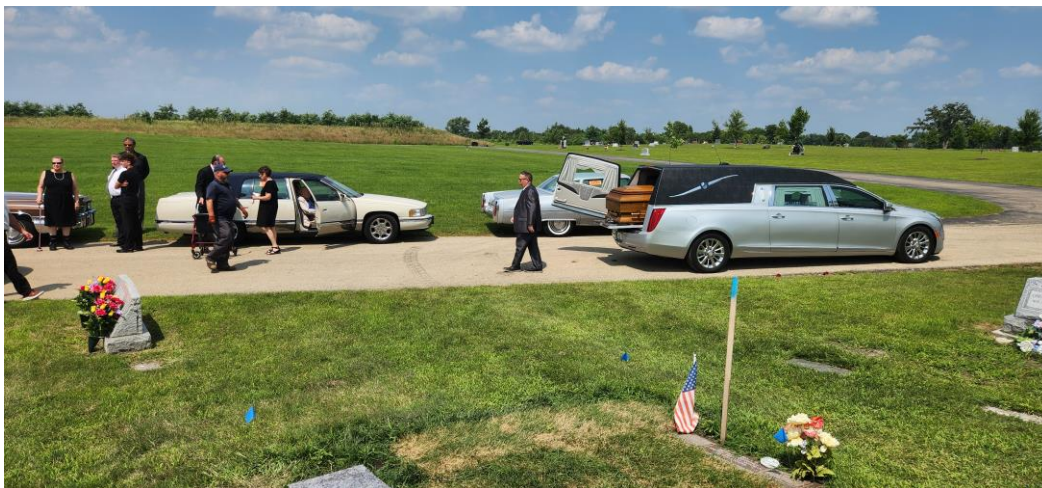
**Above:** A "Fin-tastic" 1959 Cadillac on the left with a sleek and modern 1969 Cadillac Convertible on the right.





Above: Nicholas Condon with his Grandpa, Paul Casey.

Below: A procession of Cadillacs escort Paul to his resting place.



Our Deputy Director, Paul Casey passed away on July 29<sup>th</sup> after a short but brave battle with pancreatic cancer.

The WOTLR was well represented at the memorial service. Click on the link to watch a video of the service.  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/nwh2MO7MM6w?si=xk-OUafGQsocpgCJ>

Michelle Casey wanted a procession of Cadillacs to escort the hearse to the cemetery. Seven vintage Cadillacs driven by WOTLR members provided a fitting farewell to a wonderful friend. See the video of the procession at this link: <https://youtu.be/PaD4pVsaglg>

We ended the day on a happy note when Paul's daughter told us she is expecting another baby in a few months. Paul was aware of this and now that baby will have a very special guardian angel.

**In Loving Memory of**

**Paul A. Casey**

Born

February 25, 1959



At Peace

July 29, 2025

God saw he was getting tired,  
And the cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around  
him and whispered,  
"Come live with Me."  
With tearful hearts  
We watched him suffer,  
And saw him fading away.  
We loved him so dearly,  
But couldn't make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating.  
Your healing hands put to rest.  
God broke our hearts to say to us,  
He only takes the best.

**Williams-Kampp Funeral Home**



## **The return of the Ettleson Cadillac Show Buicks & Oldsmobiles welcome too! Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM to 3:00 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, Buicks and Oldsmobiles.

For more information, contact Dave Schumann: [uncledavid@comcast.net](mailto:uncledavid@comcast.net)

**West of the Lake Region 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
Car Show and Lunch  
Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon-4 PM  
American Legion Hall  
344 Maple Avenue, Roselle, IL**



**Bring your Cadillac for a car show in the parking lot.**

**Lunch will include Meatballs, Wings, Italian Beef, Italian Sausage with Peppers, Mostaccioli and Salad, with Sheet Cake for dessert.**

**RSVP no later than September 10<sup>th</sup> using the SignUp Genius link:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449ABAA2BA0F58-58212363-wotlr>**

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



## Waterworks Pizza Car Show and Pizza Lunch Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> 12 Noon

Waterworks Pizza has been hosting our WOTLR Movie Nights and wants to host a car show and lunch as a way to say thank you for our business. Waterworks will provide the Pizza and there will be a cash bar.

Please use the SignUp Genius link below so they can plan on having enough food for everyone.

This is a great way to get together and show off our cars while enjoying some time with a great supporter of our club.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449ABAA2BA0F58-58212393-waterworks>



**Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** The West of the Lake Region is hosting a Route 66 driving tour from Wilmington to Dwight (just south of Joliet). The Badger Region and the Allante/XLR Club, the Indiana region and a group from the Springfield area will meet at the all new Gemini Giant Park in Wilmington, IL.

**Right:** Gemini Giant at his all new home in Wilmington, Illinois.  
**Below:** Vintage Coca-Cola Shop in Gardener, Illinois.



From there, we will caravan south along old Route 66 to Gardener to visit the two cell jail and the vintage Coca-Cola shop. We'll then continue south to Dwight for a stop at the Crazy 80s Museum (below),



followed by the original Ambler's Texaco (below) and Lunch at the Route 66 Café.

There is no charge for any of the activities, but the Crazy 80s Museum operates on donations, so please be generous. Lunch will be self-pay.



This is a rain-or-shine event, although we are hoping for plenty of sun so we can get a great look at vintage Cadillacs from other regions. RSVP to Dave Schumann: [uncledavid@comcast.net](mailto:uncledavid@comcast.net)





Rick and Vicki Kwarcianny were spotted looking like they stepped right out of a photograph from 1941 alongside their beautiful 1941 Cadillac Coupe.

The Geneva Concours d'Elegance is an invitation only car show featuring the finest examples of vintage motorcars.

Note the beautiful buildings in the background that make that photo look like it was taken when the car was new. Of course the actual scene was in vivid living color, but WOTLR Director Dave Schumann took the picture with the new Brownie camera he got for his high school graduation, so this is how all his photos look.

Congratulations Rick and Vicky and thanks Dave for pulling the hood over your head, lighting your flash pot and taking this beautiful picture.

Photo: Dave Schumann with a little touch of AI



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The Curated by Cadillac 2026 CT5-V Blackwing MSRP starts at approximately \$158,000 including destination freight charge, and excluding tax, title and dealer fees. Dealer sets final price.

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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.

A portion of the proceeds comes back to our local region to help fund fun activities. So show off your pride in the West of the Lake Region and shop our Club Apparel Store today!



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CADILLAC/LASALLE CLUB  
WEST OF THE LAKE REGION  
AUGUST 26, 2025  
MONTHLY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:36p by Director, David Schumann. All Board Members were present except Member at Large, Ryan. Dan Graziadei presented the July 2025 Treasury Report.

David presented trivia and a fun automotive history quiz with prizes.

## REVIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Paul Casey's (Deputy Director) funeral was well attended by club members. Seven vintage Cadillacs escorted Paul and his family throughout the entire day.

August 6 was the Cary Cruise Night Fin Night.

August 9 was Movie Night at Waterworks in Lyons.

August 10 was the fundraising car show hosted by Ron and Debbie Rufo. It was held at St. Patrick's High School in Chicago. There were 97 cars along with raffle prizes, food, and trophies. David was one of the judges.

August 16 was the very well attended third annual Patrick Cadillac Show. There were 36 cars on display. There was good food, cold drinks, a DJ who performed all day as well as raffle prizes. Awards were given out by Patrick Cadillac.

Roselle Cruise Night will continue every Friday until September 12. It begins at 5p in front of the American Legion Hall on Maple Avenue. Contact Ray Bombeck if you plan on attending so he will save a spot for members to be able to park together.

The Geneva Concours d'Elegance was August 24. Ron Rufo was there with his 1959 red convertible and the Kwarciany's were there with their 1941 Coupe. All cars displayed were awesome.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Ettleston Car Show is September 1. It will be from 10-3p with staging beginning at 9a. There will be food, prizes, and awards. Let David know if you plan to attend.

40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOTLR will be September 20 at the American Legion Hall in Roselle. It will be from 12-4p. The club will cover the costs. There is a \$325.00 for the rental of the facility and parking. We will have meatballs, wings, Italian beef, Italian sausage with peppers, mostaccioli, and salad. There will also be a sheet cake. Sign-Up Genius will be used for you to RSVP by September 10. Tom Orlando will secure Anniversary Window Clings.

September 20/21 is the Klairmont Kollection auction. There is a \$200.00 registration fee to be a bidder and an 18% fee added to the cost of your purchase. It will cost \$20.00 if you want to preview the cars in person.

September 20 is a Fall Festival and Car Show at St. John Vianney Church in Northlake. It begins at 1p with a \$10.00 entry fee.

September 21 is the Cantigny Car Show in Wheaton. Chuck Dolan, WOTLR member, has offered to meet anyone who will be attending at the front gate so we can all park together. \$21 to park and \$28 to register.

September 21 at Waterworks in Lyon is a free brunch and car show. It begins at 12 noon. RSVP on Sign-Up Genius.

September 27 from 11-3p is a car show at Veteran's Park in Franklin Park. RSVP to Ron Schweitzer.

Fall Festival is September 25-27 in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

October 4 is the outing to Dwight, Illinois. We will meet in Wilmington at the Gemini Giant at 9a. It will be a full day with the Crazy Eighties Museum, Amber Texaco Gas Station, Coca Cola Gift Shop, and lunch.

## EXTRA

Mike Herbert will come and speak to the group about his job on an agreed upon date.

Ron Rufo will come and speak to the group about judging on an agreed upon.

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 20. Glenn Brown is selling a 1963 Cadillac Trunk Lid and a 2025 Mini Refrigerator. See details on Page 21. Ron Schweitzer is selling his 1991 Coupe deVille. See Page 22. Grandma quit Driving and her 1992 Brougham is for sale. See details on Page 23. 1996 Cadillac Brougham for sale. See Page 24. Rick Eckstrum is selling 1957 to 1971 Cadillac Parts. See Page 25.


## 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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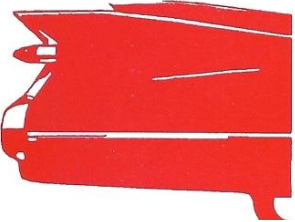
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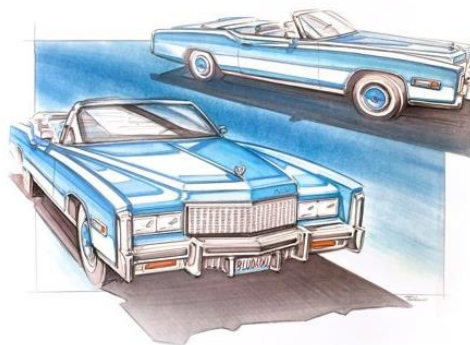
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