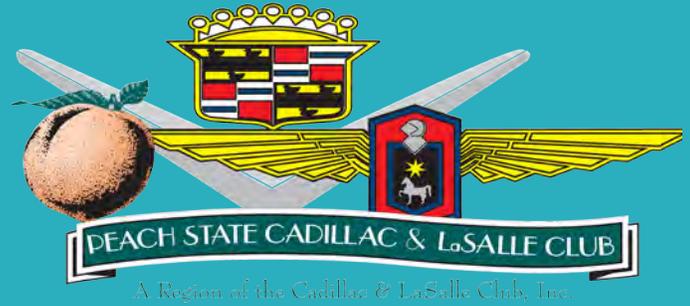


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**April 19: Southland Jubilee Car Show** - Greensboro, GA  
There's still room if you want to go!

**April 20: Avondale Estates Easter Parade**  
Join us for a great time! See page 15 for more information.

**April 25 - 27: Spring Driving Tour to Augusta, GA**  
Please note, the location has been changed — we're now going to AUGUSTA! Terry Bird, Tour Guide par excellence, will reprise his role as leader of the pack. Lots to do, so mark your calendars for this big event. Once again, we will seek CLC endorsement for touring miles and badges.

**May 2-3: 33rd Annual BOPC Show** - Marietta, GA  
**THIS IS THE BIG ONE!**

If you have not yet registered, PLEASE get online and do so: [www.BOPCshow.com](http://www.BOPCshow.com). We are at risk of falling behind the other clubs in numbers registered, and that's not a good thing. **We are HOSTING this year!** So, make it a point of club pride to come and have fun!

**NOTE: We're still looking for 25 Cadillacs and LaSallees to help make our goal.** Help us make sure we are well represented on the field with the dozens of Buicks, Oldsmobiles, and Pontiacs. **The rates go UP on April 15th.** So, please get your car registered as soon as possible. Let Tom or Doug know if you need help finding the registration form or choosing your Class! We have also included the registration form on page 24 of this issue.

Membership in the national club is required. **The Cadillac & LaSalle Club** pays for insurance to cover regions like ours during sanctioned events. CLC also offers one of the best glossy monthly collector auto magazines anywhere, The Self Starter.

CLC provides an online forum for parts searches and technical support. And membership is required if you ever want to join us for a Grand National in various parts of the U.S. Dues for the national club are \$55.00 per year through December 2013 for first class mailings of The Self Starter.

This first-class fee also gets you immediate access to the online version of the magazine if you live within the U.S. (You can receive the second class mailing of The Self Starter for \$40.00 per year, but without internet access; it will arrive a few days later. This is a popular option, unless you need immediate access to those parts and auto sale listings!)

Please visit [http://store.cadillaclasalleclub.org/category\\_s/1819.htm](http://store.cadillaclasalleclub.org/category_s/1819.htm) for an immediate on-line application using VISA, MC, Discover or PayPal. Or, you can print and send a paper application to:  
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# CLUB NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 26: American Legion Memorial Day Parade and Cook-out** - Gainesville, GA.

**June 12-14: AACA SE Nationals** - Lebanon, TN. See page 26 for full details on this 3-day event.

**June 28: Roswell Manor on the Square** - Third annual event! See page 19 for more information.

**July 12: Tucker Cruise-In** - Be in place in downtown Tucker by 3:30 PM so we can park together. The hosts are *celebrating the Cadillac Club as the featured marque* this month. Bill Greene is coordinating.

**July 20: Cadillac Clinic** - Details pending. We hope to have the usual spot: Winchell's garage.

— **Check out the next page for our Calendar at a Glance** —



**WE HAVE A WINNER!** Last month we shared a link to an Online Oldies Jukebox, thanks to Dianne Dougherty. We offered a prize (a 2014 Commemorative BOPC t-shirt) for the first person to find the red 1958 Cadillac in the song "Sh-Boom!" by the Crew Cuts. We heard from one who thought it was at 15 seconds, but that turned out to be a red '57 Belair! Later, we heard from someone who located a red '59 Cadillac, but that was the rear end of one made into a diner booth.

**Our winner is Rob Kaufman, who at 2:30 into the song found the red '58 parked at the drive-in movies. Congrats, Rob, you get the t-shirt!**



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## APRIL - DECEMBER AT A GLANCE:

### APRIL

- 12th -14th: **AACA National Southeastern** in Lebanon, TN. Three-day driving tour!
- 20th: **Avondale Estates Easter Parade**
- 25th -27th: **Spring Driving Tour to Augusta, GA**

### MAY

- 2nd - 4th: **The BOPC Show** in Marietta at the Marriott Northwest. Please see page 24 for updated information. This is a HUGE event as the PSCLC is hosting this year. Please come and bring your friends for this memorable event!

### JUNE

- 12th -14th: **AACA National Southeastern** in Lebanon, TN. Three-day driving tour!
- 28th: **Roswell Manor on the Square Cruise-In Cook Out.** Come join us and the residents for the third annual Roswell Manor on the Square cruise-in and cook-out!
- TBD **Street Side Classics** in Lithia Springs
- TBD **Cofer Collection** in Tucker

### JULY

- 8th- 12th: **Grand Nationals**, Lake George N.Y.

### AUGUST

- 10th **Cadillac Clinic** (planned)

### SEPTEMBER

- TBD **20th FALL CLC NATIONAL DRIVING TOUR**
- TBD **Coker's Cruise-in Chattanooga**
- TBD **Corinth Baptist Show**

### OCTOBER

- TBD **Oakland Cemetery**
- TBD **Marist Homecoming**

### NOVEMBER

- TBD **Members Appreciation Picnic**
- TBD **Cadillac Clinic**
- TBD **Veterans' Day Parade**

### DECEMBER

- 5th & 6th: **Peach State Fall Driving Tour**, Asheville N.C., Biltmore tour with the Allante Club
- 13th **Christmas Banquet**, 11AM, Atlanta Country Club
- TBD **Fayetteville Christmas Parade**



# Museum One-Day Driving Tour Recap

*If someone at a cruise-in asked* you how many members we have in the “Georgia Cadillac club” would you know how to answer? If you said 100+ you’d be accurate. If you said over half have joined us since 2011 you’d also be correct (and that means we have lots of folks who have never been on one of our famous driving tours). We own about 175 Cadillacs, about 10 Allantes and maybe 15 LaSalles. *How many drove to Cartersville on the 22nd of March on a beautiful, sunny Saturday?* About 10% — a good showing!

Bill Greene (gray '60 flat top 6-window sedan) got up EARLY to drive from Stone Mountain. I (white '66 Sedan De Ville) met Bill around 9:00 for a Waffle House breakfast. Sandy Partridge and Doug Johnson (blue '76 Coupe de Ville d'elegance) passed through while we chatted with onlookers, then Bill and Anne Marsh pulled in for a biscuit in their black '58 Meteor Flower Car. About 10:00 AM we drove a few hundred feet to the Tellus Museum. We parked in a row off to one side, show-style, and met the others: Tom Di Nucci (white '61 Series 62 convertible) and Jay and Elaine Friedman (green '49 club coupe). Nine of us in six Cadillacs. This day's activity was reminiscent of some of the one-day tours we did way back in 2005, when I first got active. There is something very pleasant about sharing a more intimate day of exploring with a handful of friends – something we don't get to experience when we have 25 or 30 traipsing around with us on a tightly scheduled three-day tour!

**Tellus Science Museum** (formerly the *Weinman mineral museum*): Jaw dropping. Simply an awe-inspiring visit. Someone ought to be recognized for converting this place into such a beautiful experience. Look, at the Smithsonian you can't get within six inches of the

Wright Brothers 1903 Flyer (left).

I sat down and studied the clasps the bicycle builders from Dayton used to hook the guy wires from the frame to the wing structures. “Fly by

wire indeed!” This not-so-large box kite got up the speed for lift-off by rolling along a wood rail,

riding on re-tasked bicycle hubs. I sat for fifteen minutes, undisturbed, directly under the jaws of a 20' tall Tyrannosaurus Rex, imagining what went through the mind of that lawyer in Jurassic Park just before his body went through the gullet of the T Rex (right).

I've seen mastodons and saber-toothed tigers before, but never from the angle one would see just before being stomped or eaten alive (right).

There was a Big, Mean, Prehistoric Fish (below) that scared me enough for me to empathize with the school children roaming around the darkened area.

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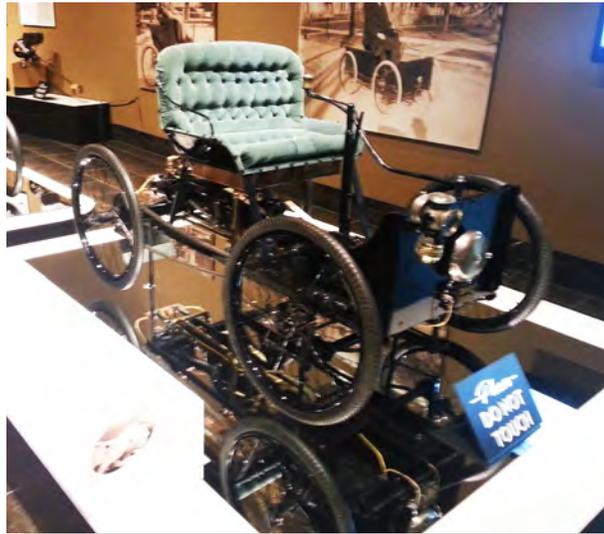


Those vehicles, from the 1896 Ford (right) to the 1902 Elmore, (below) were the best presented cars I have ever seen.

Tom, Bill and I pored over the mirrored floors, trying to figure out how they got the exhaust gases out of those cylinders. Chain drives, belt drives, "foot" brakes (quite literally Ford stopped his car with a foot on the tire), and tiny toeholds they built on to climb up into these buggies – all these were like visiting a car museum for the first time. I went back through a couple of times, foregoing the mineral exhibits this time, so I could experience the thrill of these displays. I WILL go back!

**Lunch: Downtown**

**Cartersville.** We slipped back behind the wheel for a 5-mile cruise downtown for lunch. Jay and Elaine headed home, but we found a nice corner market that also served sandwiches. Great sandwiches, and



(left) embraced the waitress, who was very friendly. She brought us an extra sandwich, which endeared her to me. Tom Di Nucci, Anne Marsh and Bill Greene enjoyed their meals, but not as much as I (below). Before we got back in the cars, Tom gave Doug a hug out in front of the cars, mugging for the record books (below).



Top, 1896 Ford  
Above, 1902 Elmore



sweet potato fries! We had a good time, too. Sandy Partridge and Doug Johnson

Sandy Partridge, Doug Johnson and our helpful waitress (above).



Tom DiNucci, Anne Marsh and Bill Greene (above).



Tom and Doug get friendly (left).

# BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM

Next up—the western art museum. Let’s start where I ended, with Custer’s Last Stand (*right*). Take a close look – it’s the Lakota Sioux version of this historic event. That’s Custer, old Goldilocks, standing at 10 o’clock, surrounded by dead and dying horse soldiers.



Finally, we got this neat shot of the group (minus Doug, who is taking the photo) as a reminder of the Peach State CLC’s visit to the Booth Western Museum. It’s a huge piece of sculpture that reminds you of Frederick Remington’s bronze castings.

The bust (*right*) is supposedly what the artist imagined the last Confederate soldier looked like at the end of the War of Northern Aggression. Weathered, I guess you could say...



Below is Bill studying the statue labeled “Catching the Eagle.” Bill is wondering... Who’s catching Who?



In case you wondered whether we could find a Cadillac connection in such as museum, here’s what Sandy found: [photo] It’s a cowgirl dragging a ’58 Cadillac sedan full of cowpokes out of the mud... Leave it to Sandy to find this needle in the proverbial haystack! I will be blowing this one up and mounting it in the “Turk’s” garage... We will go back to this museum again!



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*“Here’s another fine mess you’ve gotten me into!”* We have been traveling north and northwest a lot, and wanted to head in a different direction this year. Columbus could not be worked out this time, so we changed the destination to **AUGUSTA!** Get yourself DVDs of “Fried Green Tomatoes,” starring Kathy Bates, and “Here’s Another Fine Mess,” starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. We have a feature-packed trip to Augusta by way of Juliette, Milledgeville, Harlem and Thomson. We will rally at the Marietta Diner, then head south 30 miles to Riverdale to meet the rest of our group. Another 50 miles to our breakfast location, the Whistlestop Café in rural Juliette – breakfast is provided where “Fried Green Tomatoes” was filmed. We will drive back roads an hour for a lengthy trolley tour of Georgia’s original state capital, Milledgeville. Lunch at your choice of several neat places in downtown Milledgeville before we head on over to Thomson for a break before steaming on over to Augusta.

In Augusta we have found a large old hotel with tons of character, **The Partridge Inn**, which will become our base for two days and nights. On Saturday morning we have a huge local car show and vintage air show (free if you enter your 25-year-old car). After noon some will leave the show venue to take in shopping and lunch downtown, walk on the river walk. Many will take a riverboat tour of the vicinity. (There is a dinner cruise Saturday night.) The evening is yours for dining or hanging out with club members.

On Sunday after breakfast we stop in Harlem, where the Laurel and Hardy Museum waits for us. When we leave we will head down back roads for a stop in Jewell, Georgia. There we will meet up with Peach State CLC member Alan Shapiro, who owns one of the largest private Coca Cola museums anywhere, complete with a Model A Coke delivery truck. Alan’s collection of special vehicles includes a ’54 Eldorado convertible, and a ’41 Sixty Special. Alan has doubled his museum since we visited a few years ago! From Jewell we will travel back to I-20. After some lunch, we will head back on I-20 to I-285, where everyone will split up and head their own ways home.

This driving tour is being submitted to the CLC for its official Touring Program – to qualify registered Cadillacs and LaSalles 400 miles toward the CLC Touring Badge. An itinerary and registration form are posted below. The deadlines for registering your car and passengers with Tom Di Nucci is April 15th by 5:00 PM eastern time. You must make your hotel reservations by April 21st if you wish to get the favorable group rate.

To make your room reservations, call the Partridge Inn 2110 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30904 (800) 476-6888. We have 10 rooms blocked April 25th & 26th for the Peach State Cadillac Club. The negotiated rate is \$99.00, and they agreed to provide each room with two breakfasts for \$10.00. The regular room rate is \$129.00, plus full breakfast prices. The Peach State Cadillac group rate is guaranteed until **April 21st**. Make your reservation by calling **(800) 476-6888** or **(706) 737-8888**. Give the reservationist our group tag: **SUPKO & SUPQQ**.  
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# Florida Suncoast Region CLC Winter Tour

*with Martina & Frank Butler • February 21 - 23, 2014*

The president of the Florida Suncoast Region, **Len Berman**, extended an invitation to our club to join them on a visit to the **Bob Shearer Collection** in Mims, FL. Frank and I were not able to see the cars during the St. Augustine GN. We were so excited when they offered us a chance to join the group!

Our first stop was Savannah where we lived for 16 years before moving to Atlanta. The next morning we headed out to Jacksonville to link up with the Florida Cadillac Club group. We met at Jason's Deli and as is often the case – food comes first. After we were well fed, we drove a couple of blocks and toured the **Claude Nolan Cadillac** dealership. This dealership has been an authorized dealer since 1905 and is still run by the same family. They have two pre-1910 Cadillacs – one (the 1905) is on display in the showroom and the other one is unrestored and is the prominent car in the “shop”. We had a great introduction to the ins and outs of the way Cadillac dealerships were organized and run historically.

From there we departed and went to St. Augustine for the night. We all met at Caddyshack for dinner, a place many of us frequented during the GN. On Sunday morning we went to our final destination, Mims, FL. Not a place I ever heard of, but when you see the Bob Shearer Collection, you know the town must be special!



# Florida Suncoast Region CLC Winter Tour



Bob and his wife greeted us with open arms and gave us a complete tour of their facility. It consists of about **150 cars** starting from 1955 and newer. He likes cars that drive very comfortably and have all the “modern” conveniences. His facility also has a large shop where he restores the cars. Everything gets taken care of **in-house** with the exception of chrome and interior. From looking at the cars, it is evident that he likes gorgeous colors. His collection was indeed quite amazing. Due to age and health problems he is beginning to sell his cars. He has contacted some auction houses, but wants to sell cars by himself to owners who will enjoy them as much as he does. We were so glad to see the entire collection before it gets sold off.

We were about one hour from the beach so in order to make this long weekend extra special, we headed to Cocoa Beach and visited with our friend **Mike Linthicum**, also an avid Cadillac collector. Besides many Cadillacs in his collection, his home is “all about Cadillacs” as well.

Many thanks to our new and old friends from the Florida region for making us feel so welcome. We had a most wonderful long weekend!

*Below, A '58 Eldorado Seville looking FINE!*



# Florida Suncoast Region CLC Winter Tour



*Clockwise from top left:  
A '57 or '58 Eldorado Brougham in process — with suicide doors and stainless steel roof. A MAJOR car, and high on most peoples' list of dream cars! Part of the 150-car collection. Our host, Bob Shearer. Tailfin of a Roadmaster '75. Cadillac convertibles, hard tops and other fine automobiles.*

# Florida Suncoast Region CLC Winter Tour



*Above, 1957 Lincoln Premier in Flamingo color - dream-car styling, massive new proportions, and a mighty new 368-cubic-inch big-block V-8 packing 285 horsepower, they were the quickest Lincolns yet. A convertible was exclusive to Premiere and the priciest '56 Lincoln at \$4747 - with just 2447 built. Below left, interior of the Lincoln.*

*Below right, Michael Linthicum is a former Peach State member who hosted Frank and Martina on their trip.*





## AVONDALE ESTATES EASTER PARADE

Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 1:30 PM

*The annual Easter old car parade will be held in a lovely corner of DeKalb County called Avondale Estates. There will be a rally beginning an hour before the event kicks off at 2:30 PM.*

A posse of men and women in blue will block off the streets so we can sail through red lights and stop signs. Past parades have included 40 or 50 cars wending their way through the picturesque streets of Avondale. The people of Avondale are famous for turning out in good weather to sit on the lawns and on the curbs in front of their houses. They are known to applaud as the old cars pass by. Drivers will honk horns and throw Easter candies to the crowd. After an hour or so of slow cruising, we will end up in a city park where refreshments will be served.

**We will assemble at the Twin Oaks Shopping Plaza, 2853 East College Avenue, Avondale Estates, GA 30032 at about 1:30 PM.** The parade will start at 2:30 PM. The Avondale Estates Police Department will lead us through the residential areas. It is acceptable to carefully throw wrapped candy to the kids. The parade will end at Willis Park where refreshments will be provided by Peach State Cadillac and LaSalle Club. Local residents are invited to join us at the park for a closer look.

### — DIRECTIONS —

**From Conyers:** Take I-20 West to I-285 North to exit 43, Covington Highway. Turn left on Covington Highway and go over the bridge. Continue on Covington Highway, cross over Memorial Drive and into the Avondale Estates city limits. Like most roads in Atlanta the road name changes, but the road does not. Covington Highway becomes North Avondale Road and runs parallel to South Avondale Road.

**From Duluth:** Take I-85 South to exit 95A, I-285 Bypass toward Augusta/Macon. Take I-285 South to exit 41, Memorial Drive/Avondale Estates, turn right. Go to the second traffic light and turn right on Mountain Drive. Turn Right on Covington Highway. Like most roads in Atlanta the road name changes, but the road does not. Covington Highway becomes North Avondale Road and runs parallel to South Avondale Road.

**From Roswell:** Take GA 400 South to I-285 East toward Greenville/Augusta to exit 41, Memorial Drive/Avondale Estates, turn right. Go to the second traffic light and turn right on Mountain Drive. Turn Right on Covington Highway. Like most roads in Atlanta the road name changes, but the road does not. Covington Highway becomes North Avondale Road and runs parallel to South Avondale Road.

**Questions?** Please contact Tom or Linda Di Nucci (M): 678-880-4345 email: ltd9328@netzero.net



# The Tuxedo gets a new drive shaft

*A Cadillac Clinic Story by Doug Bailey*

**Is your Cadillac “pride and joy” the love of your life?** Well, maybe a close second? That love affair can survive for years, but it can sour in a second with one mysterious mechanical nightmare or another. Don't let your lover poison your relationship, leaving you on the roadside longing for a divorce! You have to find that sweet something to rekindle your affair with that 4,800-pound paramour... Start with a Peach State Cadillac Clinic! Here's a story that while superficially about your vibration woes, is really a rave about Winch's Cadillac Clinics. Get your “pride and joy” on the schedule for a future Cadillac Clinic!

**Background:** We were running a little rough, and I was beginning to wonder if “the Tux,” needed starch and a fresh press. First place to look: The tires are modern Diamondbacks (Firestone radial 380s). They were about six years old, showing about 20,000 miles and *some uneven wear up front*. They have been rotated and balanced every 3,000 miles, and I maintain proper and equal inflation. By the way, I get this question a lot: You should go by what's on the side of the tire, not what Cadillac put in the door column. Before they installed radials at the factory they used bias plies, and those are supposed to be inflated around 25 psi; radials will require higher pressures, in the neighborhood of 35 psi. Your door column label may be off considering modern tires!

Adam and Mike Byars, who adopted both my Cadillacs back in '07, installed a Performance Suspension Technologies (PST) front-end kit in the Tux back in 2009. PST is a reliable American manufacturer that advertises in Hemmings. We replaced the original, dried out, 42-year-old rubber. We used the original-style rubber kit (not the higher end polygraphite) that included bushings, tie rod ends, and ball joints, etc. That exercise cost me \$300, plus labor. We went through the entire suspension system and drivetrain over the ensuing months, replacing shocks, checking wheel bearings. We installed new U-joints at the time I put Diamondback radials on it. It drove like a new car. I remember the steering being tight (i.e., responsive, no play in the steering, no wander, no vibrations). So tight that I occasionally had the sensation of losing the rear end, as if it might come loose in a tight turn if the road was wet or gravelly. I am convinced that is the way these big beasts understeer – all that weight just isn't going to behave the way a lighter, more modern car with more complex steering and independent suspension will perform. This can happen if tire pressures are too low, too, when the sidewalls “roll over” in a turn.

But last year my '66 started vibrating and wallering around on the road. Steering was loose again, vibrating “in the seat of the pants,” but not in the steering wheel. This would start at low speeds and get worse with acceleration, up through about 45 mph. And it was getting worse month by month. We lifted this 1966 Sedan de Ville at Winch's Clinic back in September 2013.

**The Cadillac Clinic:** Like the Righteous Brothers, I was forlorn. She'd “lost that lovin' feelin'...” So we put it up on the lift at Winch's Cadillac Clinic. Steering was still tight: no play in the steering wheel. But off the ground the front wheel travel was AWFUL, rocking them from top and bottom. Some of those PST bushings were just *totally missing*; others were cracked and falling out. It was metal on metal, with yards of slop in there. Actually a lot like my knees... I really lost faith in PST over this – cheap overseas parts were the reason I had skipped buying a Kanter's kit! But I learned this life lesson: Before stepping out on your Cadillac with a Japanese hussy, consider the source of your woes: It might be YOU (or her parts).

Winch and the gang found that the front-end needed work. We replaced a couple of bushings with NAPA over-the-counter parts, which were high-end poly pieces and inexpensive. But we needed more parts than NAPA could provide.

## cadillac clinic

(continued)

**Time for Professional Help!** At Bob's suggestion I took it to Weaver's Brake and Alignment: 530 Manget Street, Marietta, GA 30060 (770) 422-3904. They did a complete rebuild of the front end – ball joints, tie rod ends, all the major (and minor) bushings. This time we used polygraphite instead of original equipment rubber. This cost me \$642. *"In for a dime, in for a dollar!"*

**Tell me it ain't so!** Driving home from Weaver's, the car was vibrating as badly as ever. It sounded and felt JUST like bad U-joints, but we had checked those at Winch's, and the replacements were holding up well. Now, we had eliminated just about everything EXCEPT the drive shaft. There was about an eighth-inch wiggle in the front joint, where the tail of the transmission hooks up. The parts do not exist; the shaft has to be machined or replaced. I searched the CLC Forum's Technical/Authenticity pages for "drive shaft" issues, and found only one entry of much relevance. That was about the '64 drive shaft, which is a different, two-piece shaft – much more like the one in my '58 (with the X- frame) than the one in the '66 (ladder frame, single piece shaft in the cars other than the Series 75s). Also, I found this note about the ball on the front end of the drive shaft: *"When you rotate a good one around you can hear a CLICK. A worn out ball just flops around loosely."* Mine was flopping around loosely!

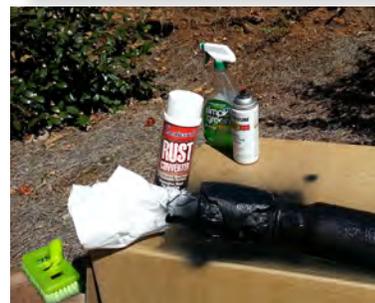
Over breakfast one Saturday morning in January I was feeling the guys out for an answer. One of the ROMEO car guys recommended Drive Shaft Services, 1395 Cobb Parkway NW, Suite L Marietta, GA 30062 (770) 427-4898. I called, and DSS was game. Adam came over during his lunch hour, and we lifted the car in my garage, using 8" wood blocks given me by member Paul West, with my floor jack and 3-ton jack stands. Adam had it out in less than 30 minutes with hand tools - four bolts. (I might have done this if I were a younger, skinnier man... Set the parking brake, chock the wheels, test your stands!) Adam had to lift it once to rotate the rear wheel and drive shaft enough to get out the last bolt. I took it in to Drive Shaft Services that afternoon. Russell explained that the joints were good and could be kept. (I knew that, so I knew he was honest.) He looked up the parts he needed on the computer and estimated \$200. He welded and repaired the joint up front, then balanced the shaft. I got the shaft back from Russell less than 24 hours after dropping it off! He charged me \$181. I painted it chassis black, and Adam slipped it back in place in under 30 minutes.

**Still Crazy after All These Years:** She is riding like a champ now, and I am back in love... Smooth as silk, cornering great. Zero rumble. I ran it out I-75 Saturday, March 22nd, on the Cartersville museum tour. I was hitting 75+ to keep up with traffic, and she was feeling fine. Sure, it's not as secure as a modern car. It DOES feel a little like if you had to swerve you would lose the back end. AND, I believe this four-door post car is stiffer and less rattle-y than a '66 convertible. Some of that is just the nature of the beast. A convertible by nature has to be more flexible than a post car.

I think the best way to keep that love alive is to stay on top of the little issues before they become the source of a broken relationship. And a terrific first step is to your couples counselors: Peach State CLC's Cadillac Clinics! Let us know if we need to put you and your Cadillac "on the couch!"

— Doug Bailey

*(Below) The tail of the transmission after the shaft is out (we lost all the ATF into a pan over the course of two weeks).*



*(Above) This photo shows the cleanup, rust encapsulator and Rustoleum semi-gloss black. I re-painted the shaft before Adam re-installed it.*

**Hey, Peach State Cadillac-ers!** Here's a tested and FINE car show to go to if you aren't going to the Steeplechase on this same day. It's in downtown Greensboro, east of Atlanta about an hour. Meet in Conyers and caravan along I-20 to the show. Ron and Annette Benneche are coordinating for us. Call Annette with questions: (706) 347-3892. Details below.



## Georgia Classic Cruisers 15th Annual

### Southland Jubilee Car Show



The quaint historic town of Greensboro, Georgia is the setting for the 2013 Southland Jubilee. This unique festival, drawing **thousands** of onlookers is centered in the downtown business district. The Jubilee features classic cars, live entertainment, antique tractors, art & craft vendors, children's activities, food and much more. The car show, drawing as many as 150 classic cars, will be located on South Main Street in downtown Greensboro.

#### Antique, Classic, Muscle, Street Rods & Special Interest Cars



**Saturday  
April 19th**

**Music by:  
Tommy Landrum  
"Cruzin to the Oldies"**

#### 50+ Awards!

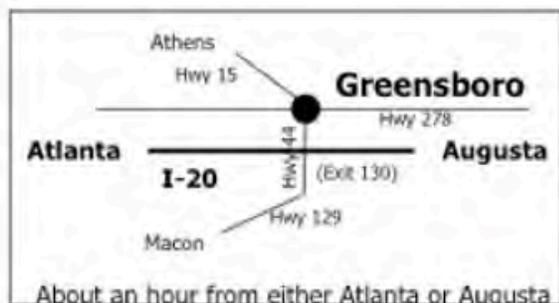
Including:

#### ◆ Top 40 PLUS:

- ◆ Best Of Show Best pre-1950
- ◆ Best Chevy Best 1950's
- ◆ Best Ford Best 1960's
- ◆ Best MOPAR Best 1970's
- ◆ Best Corvette Best 1980's &
- ◆ Best Paint later
- ◆ Best Engine Best Pickup 1950 & later

Independently Judged

- ◆ \$20 Registration Fee
- ◆ Registration: 8:00 AM - Noon
- ◆ Spectators: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- ◆ Award Ceremony: 3:30 – 4:00 PM
- ◆ Cars arriving **after NOON** will **NOT** be judged



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For more information, contact Jubilee Chairman, Al Murawski 706-347-1105  
Please also visit us at: [www.georgiaclassiccruisers.com](http://www.georgiaclassiccruisers.com) or [www.southlandjubilee.com](http://www.southlandjubilee.com)

JUNE 28, 2014

# Manor on the Square Coming in June!



*After all the chilly weather, can we stand some 60-70 deg. temps? Absolutely! We've been invited back to Roswell Manor on the Square, June 28, from 10am to 2pm.*

*Same as last year, plenty of sunshine (zippity do dah zippity yaa) my oh my, what a wonderful day, cook-out & Cadillacs —and watermelon. Y'all come! It's the truth, its actual, everything is satisfactual.*

*Executive Director, Jeffrey Smith, is looking forward to this event, and also said how last year's event worked out beautifully.*

*Let's have a strong showing for this event in a beautiful location near downtown Roswell!*

*550 Barrington Drive*

*Roswell, GA 30075*

*(770) 993-8040*

*[www.manoronthesquare.net/](http://www.manoronthesquare.net/)*



## Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center

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### BUILDING PROGRESS REPORT

Building completion estimate - June 30, 2014

Grand Opening Celebration - September 28, 2014

The CLC museum construction at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan (near Kalamazoo) is gaining traction! You can monitor the weekly construction progress on these social media sites:

**Facebook:** <http://on.fb.me/1fSSCyW>

**Google+:** <http://bit.ly/1ePNsPB>

**Twitter:** <http://twitter.com/clcmuseum>

Fortunately, all site preparation and the concrete foundation work was completed in December prior to the onset of the severe 2014 winter weather that is being experienced in the midwest. The pre-fabricated steel that forms the structure of the building arrived shortly before the Christmas holidays.

In spite of the record snowfall (about 70 inches to date) and chilling arctic temperatures (15 degrees below zero), Cornerstone construction has continued to soldier on. This has been the coldest and snowiest winter since the 1970s. But by the end of January the entire main steel structure was in place. The pre fabricated steel is assembled in much the same manner as an erector set. The installation of the corrugated steel inner roof is now being done. This is the first step in enclosing the structure. We are thrilled with the progress, particularly in lieu of the inclement weather.

The contractor still plans to complete the museum building and hand us the keys on **June 30**. Allowing time to install the lighting, create the displays and select and position the cars, the Grand Opening is scheduled for September 28. This will coordinate with the CLC National Driving Tour that will begin in Indiana and end at Gilmore at the annual Cadillac Gathering weekend at Gilmore.

Other great news is that we just passed a milestone... \$1,000,000 in donations and pledges. But with expenses such as the architectural fees, site preparation, lighting costs in addition to the building construction costs of \$1,164,000 and the cost of displays, there is still a need to redouble our efforts to seek donations and pledges. The dream is becoming a reality...and the opportunity for each of us to become a part of it is now!

<http://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org/>

## My 1979 Coupe deVille: "The Bumble Bee"

By Mark McDermott



My aunt bought this car off the show room floor from Lone Star Cadillac, Dallas TX in 1979. She drove many Cadillacs over the years, but this was her favorite color scheme (Yellow/Black)! She gave it to me a few years ago when she could no longer drive. One of my first purchases before the long 950 mile trip to Atlanta was power seat motors – the originals no longer functioned – and upgrading the air conditioning. My aunt was tiny, but I could not make the trip with my knees crunched into the dash, head and neck bent at a 45 degree angle. That was not an option as I'm 6'4"... Ha!

The drive to Atlanta was exciting! I felt like the King of the Road in my newly acquired, floating-on-air "Bumble Bee!" Yes, the plate reads "79BMBLB." I wasn't prepared for all of the attention, thumbs-ups, smiles and conversations this car would bring – especially the kudos from the Georgia Tech Alumni here in Atlanta. Someone even circled me on the highway taking pictures! Yikes!! My first thought at that point was "Window Tinting!" It's like being on parade every time you take it out for a spin... I can only imagine what it's like to drive around in the beautiful older models... Sooo much FUN!!

My love of Cadillacs started early. My childhood memories of my grandparents' late 50's and 60's model Caddies were CHROME and Push Buttons! When I recall my parents' '70's and '80's models I think CHROME, Push Buttons... and also Washing, Waxing and Polishing: I was now driving, and the Cadillacs had to be perfect when I arrived anywhere! "Dang" those little spot showers in Houston, TX that followed me around! I learned early on to keep towels and tire shine in the trunk at all times... still do!

My goal for the BMBLB is to bring it back to its original "Show Room" glory, then to enjoy driving it for many years to come. Guess I found the right club, huh? I am looking forward to many more Peach State CLC trips in the future!

Best regards,  
Mark & Carol McDermott



# Canton Cruise-In

## March 15, 2014 - Riverstone Mall

I was the first one there, at about 4:00 PM! Whoo Hooo, pick your spot! The field was beginning to fill up, to the eventual tune of maybe 250 cars. Di Nucci rolled up in the '61 convertible, and pulled out his daughter Lori's Christmas present, the custom-made sign and stand describing his pride and joy. I ran into Jeff Nedblake, call him The Stranger, and his pop cruising the grounds before leaving for soccer practice. (Speaking of that, I also ran into Roger Carlson of the Lincoln Club and former Peach Stater/current baseball coach, Chip Bryan, wandering about. *(I think they struck out in their search for a Lincoln, any Lincoln... my kingdom for a Lincoln!)* Bill and Patty Young made a showing in their blue '63 sedan, maybe the first big outing since Patty got back from back surgery: Dedication, because that's a hike from Gainesville. Judy and Bob Winchell flashed onto the scene in the marlin-silver/blue '76 Mirage, and all the folks around us got this perplexed look on their faces... "Where have I seen one of those before? It's just like an El Camino, only BIGGER!!!" We met up with a fellow named Gary Wordon driving a '41 convertible, who lives in Murphy, NC. We are hoping we roped him into a membership! That was a nice car.

We were able to sit around the cars for a little while, catching up – those are really good times, just talking about cars with nothing else on our minds. Do you agree? The only other shot we could find was this one of the "Tux," Doug's '66 and "Miss Blue," the '64 Eldorado Frank and Martina Butler brought to the show. [photo] I had to leave early. Stan Tucker must have crossed my path in his '56 Sixty Special, "the Godfather," but I never saw him. How do you miss a shadowy 20-foot schooner in a field of Hugger Orange and Stinger Yellow muscle cars? I understand that Judy and Bob Winchell, Vince Haaland, Tom, the Butlers, the Youngs and Stan had dinner together at the Red Lobster. Apparently the fare was good, but the service was... not. We may find the Provino's across the way next month! Mark your calendars: First Saturdays are downtown in Canton, and Third Fridays are at Riverstone Mall in Canton. See you there.

Happy Cadillacin'!

Doug



*Di Nucci white '61 convertible*



*Bailey & Butler cars at Canton.*



# 2014 Buick, Olds, Pontiac & Cadillac Show



**REMINDER...** Peach State Cadillac is hosting the 33rd Annual Peach Blossom Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac Show on **May 2-3 at the Marriott Northwest** on Windy Hill Road in Marietta, just off I-75. We have 26 Cadillacs and LaSallees committed already, and that is a LOT! And, we have 33 members signed up for the Friday evening BBQ and Bluegrass party! We are going to have some FUN! I count at least 35 of our members who often attend our driving tours, parties and other events who have not yet registered for either the BBQ or the car show that Saturday. **It is NOT too late to get signed up, folks.** But the rates go up on April 16th.

Do not tell yourself, “*Oh, my car won’t win anything so I’m not going.*” **Come anyway, and join the gang.** We will be hanging out together in the club tent, we have a TERRIFIC agenda for car nuts, and after hours there will be some refreshments and **great camaraderie.** Questions? Go to [www.BOPCShow.com](http://www.BOPCShow.com). Or give me or Tom Di Nucci a call!  
— Doug Bailey

**APPAREL...** If you ordered Peach State CLC logo apparel and have not picked it up yet, please get in touch with Doug to see if he can bring it to you at a club gathering soon. He’s carrying them around in the trunk of his car, waiting to run into you! Thanks.



**Registration Form (all fields required):** Mail to Tom Di Nucci, 202 Lakewood Drive, Waleska, GA 30183

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Registration (all fields required):**

Car #1: YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

BODY STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS (see page 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Car #2: YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

BODY STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS (see page 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please save me space for a car trailer:  YES  NO

If you have no club affiliation, would you like information about how to become a member? If so, check here which makes and clubs you are interested in. We will connect you with membership reps.

Buick  Olds  Pontiac  Cadillac

**FEES:**

FRIDAY EVENING BBQ and BLUEGRASS (band, food, cash bar) @ \$25/person.....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Car #1 (postmarked by April 15): \$25.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Car #1 (postmarked after April 15): \$30 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Car #2: (postmarked by April 15): \$20 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Car #2: (postmarked after April 15): \$25 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Commemorative BOPC Show T-Shirts (circle): M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL @ \$20.....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

1<sup>st</sup> Vendor Space (postmarked by April 15): \$30 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

1<sup>st</sup> Vendor Space (postmarked after April 15): \$35.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vendor Space (postmarked by April 15): \$20 .....# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vendor Space (postmarked after April 15): \$25.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to "Peach State CLC."

Send your PayPal payment to Peach\_State\_CLC\_Members@yahoo.com with a note explaining the form's mail date.

**OWNER RELEASE STATEMENT:** I agree to enter the vehicle described above in the 33rd Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. Show. In exchange for entering this event, I agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Cadillac & LaSalle Club and its Peach State regional affiliate, officers and representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorney's fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my participation in the BOPC Show. The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle. The owner/driver certifies that the vehicle entered in this event has met the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities, or other governing bodies of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and that the vehicle is legally registered and/or licensed. The CLC and its Peach State regional affiliate will not, and cannot, be held responsible for property damage or personal injury involving any participating vehicle.

Owner/Driver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Click here to view a PDF of the registration form and guidelines \(2 pages\).](#)



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH  
FALL DRIVING TOUR TO ASHEVILLE AND

## *Biltmore Estates*

We will join about 14 of Peach State's Allanté folks for this three-day, two night tour. The decorations should be out for this holiday season — and it will be beautiful!

Hotel rates have significantly gone up for the Asheville area, but the group is working to get the best rates. The Residences of Biltmore are \$179/night (*group rate*). We are also working with the Biltmore Group Sales for hotel rooms. We may use Grey Line tours for shuttle buses.

We will keep you informed as we make plans for the trip. Any suggestions or recommendations you have are welcome.

Mark your calendars for this late Fall Driving Tour!

Questions? Call Paula Vopelak (404) 788-6121

# ON THE ROAD WITH PSCLC



Wondering what is going on this weekend cars-wise? You can always check out the club web site at [www.PeachStateCLC.com](http://www.PeachStateCLC.com). Another place to check is [www.southeastwheelsevents.com](http://www.southeastwheelsevents.com). New member Michael Theis has made it his business to find out and post what all is going on in the world of wheels.

## AACA National Southeastern Dual Meet - Three Day Driving Tour Thursday / Saturday, June 12-14, 2014

A group of Peach State Cadillac folks will spend a weekend in Lebanon TN, just this side of Nashville, scouting the field of beautiful classic cars. This is expected to be on the caliber of the Charlotte AACA meets, only BIGGER! Member Bill Greene will have his '28 LaSalle on the field, and there are expected to be 200 other first-rate classics there for us to drool over. Location is Fiddler's Grove at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, All these cars are carefully selected, previous Senior award winners. There is no charge to visit the field. We will consider this a long drive, heading up on Friday, spending Friday night, and heading back Saturday after the show. This will be a round trip of roughly 500 miles, but you do not have to drive your classic Cadillac.

We will set up "camp" at the Hampton Inn, and maybe pitch the club's tent there for a base of operations. Details will follow as we close in on the summer! Questions? Call Tom Di Nucci at (803) 397-1386, or Bill Greene at (404) 218-5971.

Make your reservations at the Lebanon Hampton Inn for about \$125 per night with AAA or AARP membership. Hampton Inn & Suites Lebanon, 1065 Franklin Road, Lebanon, TN 37090 **(615) 444-3445**





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Everything about a Cadillac is *fit, fit* nicer this year—*for the ladies*. The beautiful new interiors are simply gorgeous—both in fabric and tailoring. The car is even *easier* to handle. Actually, it all but drives itself! There is finer comfort, too. And, of course, there is stunning new beauty of line and contour. We sincerely hope this is *your* year to get a Cadillac—because the car has never offered so many things to make you happy.



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