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America's Finest Automobiles*

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Message from the Regional Director

How about it, gang, were we good or what? On Oct 4th we conducted our first ever all Cadillac/LaSalle show; and the first ever in Tidewater. We had said early on that with our small membership, we could feel successful if we have a turnout of 20 cars; right? Well, we registered a total of 32 Cadillacs and LaSalles. Everyone of you need to pat yourself on the 'cause you "Done Well". Not only did we have a great turnout in numbers of cars, we had a great age diversification, cars from 1931 up to 1993. The heaviest concentration was in the decade of the 70's with eleven cars. A listing of car by class is shown below;

Class	Years	No. of Cars
1	02-40	5
2	41-58	4
3	59-70	3
4	71-76	6
5	77-79	5
6	80-85	4
7	86-97	3
8	Allante's	2

There were 5 cars in Class 1, two of them LaSalles. We had verbal commitment from two 41's that did not show. I think everyone went home happy after a very enjoyable day with great expectations for next year. If anyone out there has suggestions of

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Next Months' Meeting

Our next meeting of the Hampton Roads Region will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 at 7 PM. Meeting site will be at Colonial Cadillac in Norfolk. Hope to see you there.

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Minutes from Aug. Meeting

1. The director gave a final count on the results of the show at Suttles. There was a total of 33 cars registered and 32 cars on the show field. Financially, after expenses, the club had a net gain of \$198.08.
2. Members were once again reminded to submit their bios for the Meet-A-Member section of the newsletter.
3. There was a discussion about how the meet can be improved next year. Some ideas included making a Club Banner, a display board, ask other dealerships for door prizes.
4. A suggestion was made to approach The Oldsmobile Club about a joint meet.
5. Name were taken from those wishing to attend the Potomac Region Show on Nov. 2.
6. The Car Club Council has asked for Clubs to provide volunteers to work the Toys for Tots show in December. The group voted to make a donation.
7. The Director gave a report from the last Car Club Council.
8. The director reviewed the car shows on tap for the month of October.
9. The director asked that all members come to the November meeting prepared to discuss ideas for the winter months.
10. The group viewed the video tape if the Cadillac Museum in Detroit and the tape of our Oct. 4 meet.

Kaddy Korner

- 1966 Sedan DeVille excellent original, 99K miles, \$6,500, Bill Jones (757) 868-8811 (This is an excellent car and I think that it could be had for a reasonable offer)
- 1972 Eldo Convertible, excellent restoration, black & white, \$8,700, (This too is a nice car & I think that a reasonable offer will take it)
1972 - Coupe Deville, Blue w/ blue velour interior, 51K, \$6000 (Gordon said this is a better then condition #2 original, have not seen it yet)
Gordon Garnett (757) 838-1716
- 1976 Eldorado, 82K miles, \$7,500, (757) 874-5907, (I have seen this car and it is nice. Much restoration. It has been for sale some time so a good offer might work.)
- 1983 Factory Limo, all black, good driver, Northern VA, \$6,900, Tim Eads, (703) 922-5482



Picture from the Oct 4th meet showing Class 1 (background) to Class 3.

Calendar of Events - 1997

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| Nov. 2 | <u>Capital Cadillac - Greenbelt MD</u>
<u>Potomac Region - CLC Meet</u> |
| 4 | Club Meeting at Colonial Cadillac |
| 8 | Hickory H.S. Car Show
Chesapeake |
| 15 | Auto Swap Swap - Chesapeake |
| Dec. 2 | Club Meeting at Suttle Motors |
| 6 | Toys for Tots Show, Norfolk |
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National Board of Directors Report

Here is a brief summary of things that were discussed at the board meeting held at the Grand National on Aug. 18, 1997.

1. Full region status granted to the SAGUARO Region (Tucson, AZ) & Gulf Coast Region (Huston, TX)
2. Say Bye to the Greater New York Region
3. New regions granted provisional status: Las Vegas Region; Badger Region (Milwaukee); Upper Susquehanna Region (N.E. PA)
4. The 1998 Grand National will be held July 15-19 at the Radison Hotel Islandia on Long Island.
5. The 2002 Grand National will be in Detroit MI for the 100th Anniversary of Cadillac.
6. The CLC will have web site available for viewing in the near future:
<http://www.cadillaclasalleclub.com>

Director's Message

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ways to improve our show, please let us know right away. I would also add that we also saw a number of different "spectator" cars which did not register and we experienced a number of folks expressing interest in club membership. Hopefully the meet will spur on club membership.

Our next club meeting is on the southside in Norfolk at Colonial Cadillac. At our Oct. meeting following the meet, I gave all members homework for the November meeting and that was for everyone to come with ideas of things you would like to see the club do through the winter months. One idea is to have a fall social on the south side, or to choose a southside restaurant and have a club dinner including the spouses. I will also be happy to host a holiday get-together in Poquoson. if you prefer; but come prepared for this discussion on Nov 4th.

Art Matthews

Editors Comments

I also think we had a very good show for the first time the club put on a show. The ideal weather and location help bring out the cars and spectators. We need to thank two people who helped make this show a success, they are our director, Art for coordinating all the necessary details and Mike Suttle for making a corner of the parking lot available for parking the show cars and for his contribution toward the trophies. We need to start thinking now on how to make next years show even better.

Don't forget to support the Potomac Region Show at Capital Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD on Sunday Nov 2, The members from that region had four cars at our meet on Oct 4th.

I still need more bios from the members to be able to continue the Meet-A-Member section of this newsletter.

Meet-A-Member

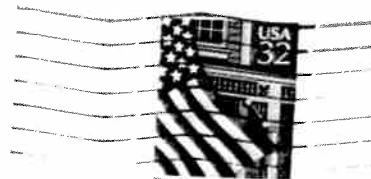
Bill Petty

This month we meet Bill Petty, as written in his own words:

A Virginia Beach native, I work as architect and have been with the City of Virginia Beach since 1976. I started developing an interest in car in the early '50's and it was further developed by building scale model cars from 1958 to present. My appreciation for luxury cars was particularly influenced by having two uncles and a cousin that were undertakers. One uncle had a funeral home in Washington, NC and had Chryslers and Imperial family cars while closer to home, an uncle ran Snellings Funeral Home in Portsmouth and usually drove black Buick Electra 225's and Oldsmobile 98's and had Cadillac Service cars. Those fancy black cars sure looked good and the Cadillac always seemed to be the 'ultimate' goal.

(Speaking of Snellings Funeral Home, it's interesting to note that on page 312 of the book '80 years of Cadillac-LaSalle', there is a picture of a 1955 Superior-Cadillac Service Coach with Snellings name on the door.)

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