



Caddy Corner

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Promoting fellowship with people of similar interests in Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

All meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with a program of interest to both the men and the ladies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Due to Coronavirus, in-person monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice by the Region Director.

EVENTS: See details in the Activities Director's Report in this newsletter.

*Can you Guess the
Car Photo?*

Test your overall knowledge of various Cadillac imagery. Find out the answer by emailing the Editor.





Florida Suncoast Region CLC
Consolidated Meeting Reports
June 30, 2021

Treasurer's Report. On behalf our Club Treasurer for the reporting period ending May 31, 2021, the Regional Director reports that the Region's bank balance continues to be very healthy and financially sound. There were no expenses for the month of May. We had two new memberships for a total of \$50.00. For current bank balance, please contact our Regional Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Koncelik
Treasurer, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Membership Report. There were new requests for membership in April resulting in new members Chris and Denise Overcash. They have a 1956 Series 62 Sedan, 1972 Eldorado Coupe, 1980 Eldorado Diesel, 1985 Eldorado Coupe, and a 1992 Eldorado. Also new members Bill and Claudia Storms have a 1931 Model 355A Speedster, a 1939 Model 6049, 2007 Escalade, and a 2009 XLR Platinum.

We have 42 family memberships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dotty Bellefleur
Membership Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Activities Director's Report.

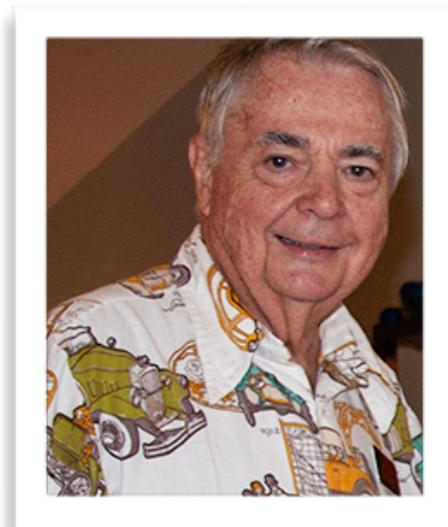
Dear Florida Suncoast Region CLC Members,

“Are we there yet??!! A phrase often heard when a car full of kids were anxious to get to the family’s vacation place, the beach or even a trip to Grandma’s house. “We’re almost there” the parents would respond. At this time our Club is at a point, with regard to Covid, where “We’re almost there” can be optimistically declared.

Hopefully, there will be no public health concerns the weeks after the “Crowd” holiday of “The Fourth of July”. If so, I look forward to offering a “Monthly Club Activity” for August.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Jevcak
Activities Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Did You Know...



Liberace’s 23.75 Karat Gold-Leaf 1931 Cadillac

Eccentricity doesn’t even come close! Check out the license plate. This unique car was specially commissioned by the maestro himself, Valentino Liberace; a famous American pianist and entertainer whose career spanned four decades of colorful concerts, recordings, television, motion pictures, and endorsements. One of several cars that he owned, this one features a white leather interior, moving headlights that follow steering wheel movement and a 5.7 Liter V8 with 3-speed manual transmission. Even the door handles were silver plated on the outside and 24 karat gold inside. The car was auctioned at Barons' at the Sandown Park horse racing track in Surrey, England on September 17, 2013 with bidding starting at 85,000£. Final sale price was undisclosed and went to a private collection.

**Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Director's Report
June, 2021**

Fellow Florida Suncoast Region Members:

Hi All,

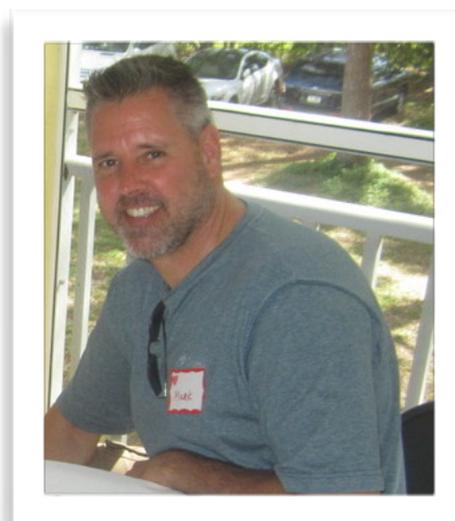
I hope everyone is doing well.

This is your club and I want to know *“Are you ready to meet with the other club members again?”*

You can call me or email me to let me know your thoughts. Maybe you're just not ready yet and that is fine as some still won't be. If you are interested, would you want it to be outdoors only or are you ready to be told when and where regardless. I have only heard from a few members on their thoughts but I would like to get more input from the rest. Again my phone number and email are included in this newsletter, so please reach out to me and let me know your thoughts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Demyan,
Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



National CLC Reunion 2021

When: Nov. 10–14

Where: Orlando, Florida

{See further info at end of newsletter.}



Cadillacs at Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance By Ben Berman

The post-pandemic rebirth of the car collecting hobby in Florida began on May 23 with the 28th Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance at its usual location, the exclusive Ritz Carlton Hotel in Fernandina Beach. Although delayed from its usual early-March timing, and somewhat smaller than usual, the Concours hosted a healthy crowd of car enthusiasts in sunny but not oppressively warm weather.

The usual Concours-related activities took place during the days preceding the event itself, although on a somewhat diminished scale. Of the three upscale auction houses that schedule sales only two, RM Sotheby and Bonham's, were present this year. Both, however, ushered high quality vehicles across the block. Bonham's featured a large number of rare offerings from the early decades of the last century, some well-preserved rather than restored, as well as Rolls-Royce and Bentley models from the 1950's and a lone Jaguar F-Type Project 7 coupe, a low production high performance version of its current sports car offering. A lone Cadillac represented the brand at Bonham's, a bedraggled '59 model 75 limousine that looked out-of-place.

RM, as usual, offered a blend of classics from the 1920's and 1930's as well as later model Ferraris and one Lamborghini. At the auction preview on the lawn behind the Ritz a trio of Cadillac Eldorados – a 1956, 1957, and a 1958, all consigned from the same collection – attracted a good bit of attention. Two early 1930's V16s were also on display, a 1930 All Weather Phaeton and a 1931 roadster.

As is customary, three manufacturers offered test drives of their current products in the days leading up to the Concours. This year Lexus, Rolls-Royce, and Porsche had the opportunity to display their new models, the most interesting being the redesigned and much-improved Rolls-Royce Ghost sedan. Hagerty Insurance, which markets to the collector car market, offered four cars for ride and drive experiences: a 1967 Pontiac GTO, a 1969 Camaro, a 1960 Plymouth Fury convertible, and a Land Rover from the 1960's.

As usual, there were concept cars on display on the show field. This year there were four, all of them full electrics. The most stunning was the Cadillac Lyriq SUV, to be introduced next March as a 2023 model. It was joined by two versions of the reborn GM Hummer, a pickup and a small SUV. Finally, a Lucid Air made its appearance. The large but anonymous looking luxury sedan is projected to start production in the near future.

Cadillacs were well represented at both the Cars & Coffee display preceding the Concours as well as at the Concours d'Elegance.

One jarring note was the apparent hostility displayed by the Ritz Carlton itself toward those attending Concours-related events. Normally car enthusiasts flood the hotel's lobby, bar and restaurants; this year guards were posted at every entrance to the Ritz to prevent all except guests registered at the hotel from entering. The throngs who wanted to browse through the many offerings of the vendors associated with the Concours or attend the seminars which were part of the annual ritual, were directed to a single side entrance and barred from using all but one set of restrooms.

Despite this year's anomalies, the 2021 Amelia Island Concours has to be rated an unqualified success. After 14 months in which most car related activities were cancelled, and the rest confined to computer screens, it heralded a welcome return to the real world.

Absolute Works of Art and Stunning Automobiles...!



1930 Cadillac V16 Sport Phaeton, Style No. 4260



1930 Cadillac V16 All Weather Phaeton



1932 Cadillac Style No. 355-B



1912 Cadillac Torpedo Touring Sedan



1930 Cadillac V16 Roadster... an amazing "Belle of the Ball" for the most affluent and privileged concours connoisseur



Have We Gone to Heaven Yet?

...and for your complete viewing pleasure, we have a beautiful 1956 Eldorado white convertible, a 1957 black Eldorado Brougham and for your entertainment enticement; a very rare, absolutely magnificent Carolina Blue 1958 Eldorado convertible. All three displayed in model year sequence and all three dazzling works of art to be preserved in the annals of rich Cadillac motordom.



Anyone for Electric in 2023? The new SUV Cadillac Lyric EV

The new Lyric SUV from Cadillac represents its first in a complete grand lineup of future EVs offering the readily recognizable Cadillac pedigree coupled with single and dual motor rear-wheel and all-wheel drive designs. Projections for distance longevity range up to 300 miles between charges. Lyric will offer a new larger, more spacious interior with GM's all new "scalable battery" architecture specific to EVs.

1954 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible



1940 Cadillac Series 60 Special



1952 Ferrari



1975 Ferrari 275



2021 Ferrari Roma



2007 Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano



Performance Prospectus

Much is still left to be determined for the final production design on the new Lyric EV, however, it appears that early indicators for the rear-wheel version place the generated HP rating at 340. While it has a very similar appearance to the current Cadillac XT5 crossover, it has an enhanced wheel base and discernible bolder large stance for added structural stability.

Quick Off the Line

As with most EV entries, the new Lyric won't be lacking in nimbleness projecting an impressive 0-60 in 3.4 seconds with outstanding torque ratings characteristic of new electric technologies. Look for the new Cadillac Lyric at your dealer's lot beginning mid 2022 for the 2023 release model year.

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ONLY CADILLAC COMBINES MOTORING'S FIVE NEWEST ADVANCES

EVEN IF YOU OWNED ALL THE CARS BUILT IN THE WORLD, YOU COULDN'T ENJOY THE EXCLUSIVE COMBINATION OF MOTORING ADVANCES THAT ARE STANDARD ON THE CADILLAC FLEETWOOD ELDORADO: THE PRECISION OF FRONT WHEEL DRIVE, THE MANEUVERABILITY OF VARIABLE-RATIO POWER STEERING, THE BALANCE OF AUTOMATIC LEVEL CONTROL, THE FIDELITY OF FRONT WHEEL DRIVE BRAKES, THE EXCITEMENT OF THE LARGEST AND SMOOTHTEST PRODUCTION V8 ENGINE IN ANY PASSENGER CAR.

EACH CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO ELDORADO'S SUPERB PERFORMANCE AND ROADABILITY. ALL THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE COMPLEMENTED BY DRAMATIC NEW STYLING AND UNSTINTING LUXURY. TOGETHER, THEY LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE 1968 FLEETWOOD ELDORADO IS THE WORLD'S FINEST PERSONAL CAR - A CAR THAT COULD BE BUILT ONLY BY CADILLAC. VISIT YOUR LOCAL AREA CADILLAC DEALER TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.



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Nostalgia Corner

Here's a few former photos to spike your memory of some wonderful times together as a Club. See if you can identify some folks, the event and where it took place!

"How quick and rushing life can sometimes seem, when at the same time it's so slow and sweet and everlasting."
— Graham Swift



Items for Sale

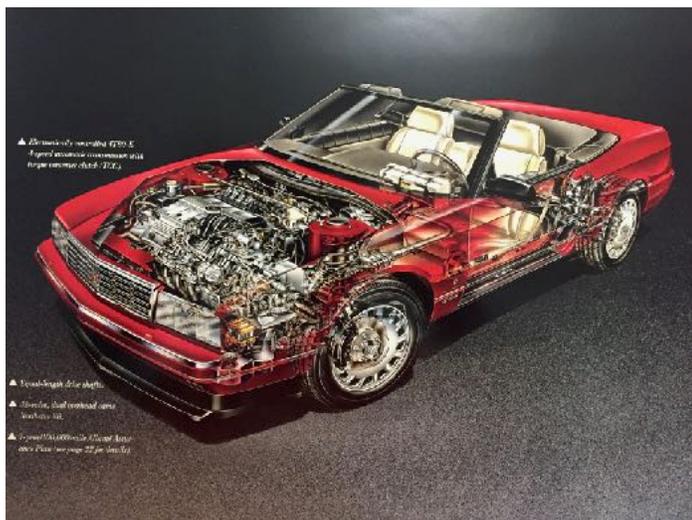


1993 Cadillac Allante' Taillight

Up for sale, a fine quality used (RH) taillight from a well-maintained '93 Allante'. All gaskets are in good shape and the Allante' script is like new. Asking \$275.00. For further details email the Editor.

Cadillac Factory Literature

Need that factory fresh new looking dealer color brochure for your late model Cadillac? Up for sale is a wide assortment covering model years 1990 to 2016. All brochures are the customary high quality issue direct from Cadillac Motor Division. From Eldorado, Seville STS, Allante' to Fleetwood Brougham; all are available. For further details and pricing, email the Editor.



A Word From the Editor: Paul Simcock



A few reminders: If you would like your “story” to be featured in the newsletter, please submit your article along with some photos directly to me, if you wish. *All articles, business cards and ads are due by the 15th of each month.*

If you have a pre-published article you would like to submit; those are also welcome. Please include copyright information so we can properly give credits to the source or author of the article or piece. Any reproduction of this newsletter content, *in whole or in part*, without prior permission is strictly prohibited by copyright law.

Also, we offer free advertising for cars & parts in our regional newsletter to current paid Regional Members. These ads do not have to be just for Cadillacs or LaSalles. Regional Members may also run their business cards for cars, or non-related ads for \$25.00 for a 4-month ad. A Non-member can take out a 4-month ad (*up to one page including photos*) for \$25.00. Non-member ads must be car related and you must state an asking price.

Part\$ and Apparel for \$ale



<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/clc-florida->

Get the Most From Your National CLC Membership

Go to the homepage for National CLC and click on “Forums” for all the latest blog discussions, and major category information on:

- Authenticity Manuals and VIN Data
- Technical Manuals & Bulletins
- Restoration Tips & Techniques
- Parts Availability & Sourcing
- Newsletters Past and Present
- Event Calendar
- Want to Buy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

★	Gordon Koncelik	7/24
★	John Wiles	7/30
★	Paul Simcock	7/31

The Suncoast Region CLC Logo Embroidered On Your Personal Items

Imagine!



Now that club member Gene Binion embroider the club's special logo some restrictions. The cost is instance, Gene is offering a logo on a tote bag for \$25.00 smaller diameter logo, on an accordingly less. Example: a shirt/polo would be \$15.00. So, you can discuss it with him. If monthly activity, mailing your further questions you can contact pappysstitchery@gmail.com or



has the "Master" in his machine, he can on whatever item you provide, with based on the size logo you want. For special deal on a seven inch diameter including the bag. Therefore, a item you supply, would be priced three and one-half inch logo on your bring your items to a meeting and you can't come to a meeting or item to him will work as well. For Gene at his email - phone him at (727) 272-1045.

National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Reunion 2021

“Back Together Again”—Nov. 10–14



If you're looking for that perfect change of scenery in November, mark your calendar now!

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club will be holding the **CLC Reunion** in the Orlando, Florida, area. Not only do we catch up with our Cadillac family and see some amazing car collections, but we will be just minutes from world-famous theme parks and attractions, as well as the headwaters of the Everglades. Visiting this sunny destination and seeing old friends will also give you a sunny disposition!

The host hotel will be the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South** in **Kissimmee, Florida**. You know what that means—complimentary breakfast in the morning, and free drinks and snacks in the early evening, all at a cost of only \$129 per night. You can bring your favorite Cadillac or LaSalle, but there will not be any judging, nor will there be a special parking area. Simply relax and have fun.

If you've ever been to central Florida, you know just how beautiful, fun, and exciting it is in the fall. The Reunion was planned to give you the much-needed opportunity to get together with your Cadillac friends. Sound like fun? We thought so. Read on to learn more details.

The all-inclusive registration fee is \$250, (\$100 per child up to age 12), and it gives you an event T-shirt, along with some Florida swag, and covers the following:

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

After you've settled in and made yourself at home at our host hotel, check out the **Hospitality Suite** and get your registration packet. After you have enjoyed the complimentary refreshments at the evening reception at the hotel, join your friends at the **Welcome Dinner**.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

Rise 'n' shine, get your breakfast, and join your friends for a special tour at the **Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing**. The motor coach and lunch are included. After the meal, we'll continue to the **National Parts Depot Private Car Collection**. Half the participants will tour the National Parts Collection first and then the Don Garlits Museum after lunch. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

Our tour today takes us to Melbourne, Florida, to visit the **American Muscle Car Museum**, the fabulous private car collection owned by Mark Pieloch. This tour will include lunch and transportation. Return to the hotel and relax. Then after you grab a complimentary beverage and snack at the hotel, you can join some friends for dinner on your own.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

While some are scheduled to attend a CLC Strategic Planning Session on Saturday morning, others may sleep in or relax by the pool. We will be enjoying a matinee production at Capone's Dinner Theater. It is all-you-can-eat-and-drink, so don't have lunch. Transportation will be provided for the 1 p.m. show.

Your adventure begins at a vintage ice cream parlor. Knock three times and say the secret password. Welcome to Gangland Chicago, circa 1931. Mobsters and dames shine in this unforgettable production with nonstop surprises, a gangster shootout (with a chance to win prizes). So, head for Capone's and be part of the "family." You'll leave humming the songs and talking the talk! Just don't go talkin' to any coppers. It might not be so good for your health!

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We will head back to the hotel, and, if you still want something to do, make your way to **Old Town Kissimmee** for a classic car show, which begins in the early afternoon. It is not far from the hotel, and you may come and go as you wish. Be sure to check out the live band on the main stage. Car show participants start cruising at 8:30 p.m., and the event closes at 9 p.m.

You should be part of the first official **CLC Reunion—“Back Together Again!”** So, gather your family— Florida will be beautiful in November. Come early or stay late and go see the **Mouse** or the other tourist stuff, or just hang out and soak up some Vitamin D. Pack the car or get on a plane. Hurry, your friends are waiting. We can't wait to see you.

To register for this event, look for the registration form in the June issue of *The Self-Starter* or register online beginning in mid-May at cadillaclasalleclub.org/event/CLCReunion. The host hotel is the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746-5512. Book your room online at book.passkey.com/e/50188034 or call (407) 597-4000. If you call, ask for Reservations and mention rate code “CLC” when reserving your room. Room rate is **\$129/night** plus taxes and fees. This rate is good from Nov. 7–16, 2021, and includes breakfast each morning plus complimentary drinks and light appetizers at the Evening Reception. You must book your room by **Oct. 20, 2021**, to receive this rate.

Things you need to know:

- Registration will be open from now through Sept. 15;
- No late registration;
- No onsite registration;
- Registration packets will be distributed in the Hospitality Suite;
- Hospitality hours will be listed in your registration packet;
- Registration can be mailed in or processed electronically;
- Registration form are scheduled to publish in this and the August issue of [3SC] the self-starter and on the CLC website;
- Rates at the hotel are honored three days before and three days after our event; and
- We have only 75 rooms blocked for the four days starting Nov. 10, so book early.

Venues and events during the CLC reunion are subject to change due to circumstances beyond the control of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club.





BECOME A MEMBER

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Membership is open to anyone owning or having an interest in Cadillac or LaSalle Automobiles.
You Do Not have to own a Cadillac or LaSalle to join.

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Being a member is a way to participate in the Club's monthly meetings, activities and fellowship with other car enthusiasts. Also, it is a great way to learn more about your car and cars of other club members. A monthly Newsletter will keep you informed of all Region Activities. Many of our members are located in the Central Gulf Coast area, but we routinely welcome and have current members in Central and North Florida.

Mail your completed application form and check payable to "CLC, Florida Suncoast Region" to:

CLC, Florida Suncoast Region
c/o Gordon Koncelik, Treasurer
2898 Meadow Lake Avenue
Largo, FL 33771-2486

2021 Membership Application/Renewal Form

(Membership Consists of Two Members per Household.)

Those joining October - December will include membership for the following year.

New Member _____ or Renewal _____ Date _____
Name(s): _____

NEW MEMBERS: Below, please print the exact name(s) for two complimentary club name badges.

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Cadillac or LaSalle vehicle(s) owned *(use separate sheet for additional cars).*

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Member of National Cadillac LaSalle Club? Yes: _____ No: _____

National Member # _____ National Membership Renewal Month: _____

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED. YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW THE NATIONAL AT THIS SITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CADILLACLASALLECLUB.ORG](https://www.cadillaclasalleclub.org)

I authorize use of my information for club purposes only: Yes _____ No _____

Signature: _____

Club apparel is available for purchase. Inquire at monthly meeting or club website.