



Caddy Corner

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

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

Website: <https://www.cadillaclasalleclubflorida.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Cadillac-LaSalle-Club-Florida-Suncoast-Region-1573534062920397/>

CLUB OFFICERS

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Treasurer:

Gordon Koncelik

Membership Director:

Dotty Bellefleur

Activities Director:

Terry Sparks

Newsletter Editor/Publisher:

Paul Simcock

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: The next in-person activity is **On Hold** (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
August 31st, 2020

Treasurers' Report. On behalf our Club Treasurer for the reporting period ending July 31st, the Regional Director reports that the Region's bank balance continues to be very healthy and financially sound. There were no expenses payable this month. We had no additional income from any sources this month. No renewal dues were received this month for 2020. We had income of \$25.00 for one newsletter advertisement. For current bank balance, please contact our Regional Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Membership Report. This has continued to be a quiet month for membership in the Suncoast Region CLC. No new contacts nor new members have come in. Our membership remains at 44 family memberships.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Activities Director's Report.

Dear Florida Suncoast Region CLC Members,

The COVID-19 virus has stopped my planned activities for the Club. My responsibilities as Activities Director have been curtailed since March. Without a clear and safe direction, for the time being, my duties will remain on hold, regardless as to my location. Should circumstances become better, some activities that I have planned could be directed by myself, while in Fort Lauderdale, with the help, locally, of another Officer. In the meantime, I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Sparks
Activities Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club

***Did You Know...***

Al Capone's Cadillac was the first bulletproof limo. This famous gangster was a big Cadillac fan and had a 1928 sedan that was fully armored for his protection.

After Capone was arrested, the government seized this vehicle. President Franklin D. Roosevelt later used this vehicle after the attack on Pearl Harbor to go to the House of Representatives and deliver his famous "Day of Infamy" speech. Roosevelt showed his gratitude with his sardonic comment, "I hope Mr. Capone doesn't mind."

Capone owned other Cadillacs, including his favorite getaway car – the 1929 model. Paramount Pictures bought and used it in several gangster movies including *The Godfather*. This car even had authentic bullet holes in the side.



**Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Director's Report
September, 2020**

Fellow Florida Suncoast Region Members:

Since my cancelling of Monthly Meetings and Activities the first of March, I have phoned most all of the Members who attend nearly every Monthly Meeting and Monthly Activity as well as some of our remote Members. The reactions, beliefs and daily practices of Members to the "National Emergency" were found to be widely different. Because of these wide differences, I find it difficult to set a route for our Region. Also, because of these differences, I feel I will not be able to please everyone with the leadership decisions I am required to make. To those who have made little or no change in their attitudes or daily routine, I hope that their viewpoint keeps them healthy and happy. To those who have dramatically altered their lifestyle, I comprehend their frustration and disappointment that they cannot maintain a "Normal" lifestyle.

Recognizing both of these viewpoints, I feel that I must err on the side of caution and continue an "Until further notice" Meeting and Activities course of action. In a lengthy telephone conversation with our National CLC president, Glenn Brown, this plan is one that the National is also following. It was pointed out to me that, besides the obvious responsibility of trying to produce a "safe" interclub or public function, there is also a potential legal liability factor as well.

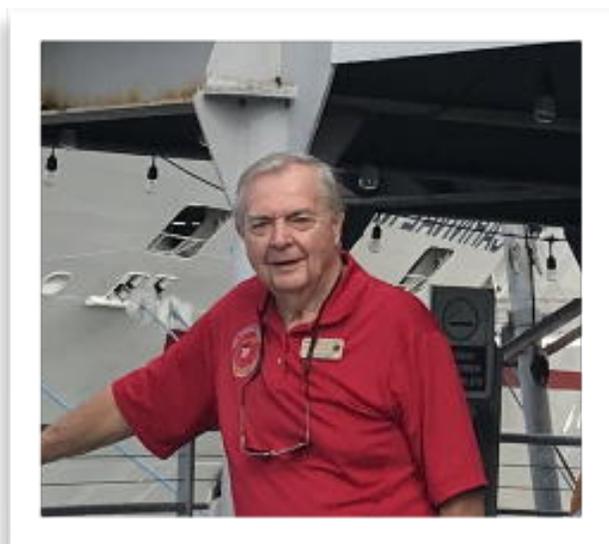
Our Club is a "social organization" currently dealing with required social restrictions and strong recommendations. Therefore, I do not see how any "in person activity" we might do will avoid being lackluster, please most of our Members or, most importantly, be "Fun"! I tried to "go virtual" by offering a "Zoom Monthly Meeting". Besides a few Officers and the host, not one Member registered to participate! A "Virtual Car Show" might be interesting. But, such an event would require someone with advanced computer skills to produce. (Any volunteers or even an interest?)

Our Club has offered Members a great Monthly Newsletter to keep everyone informed and entertained. Hence, the Newsletter will continue to be published monthly. Since the start of our fiscal year, the Club has not spent down any of the Treasury. In actuality, we have increased the Treasury due to new Members and Newsletter ads.

At this time, I feel that the Club will not be able to hold the Club sponsored "Annual Fall Picnic" or "Christmas / Holiday Luncheon". Therefore, without justifiable objection, I direct that Members, in good standing as of October 1, 2020, have their Florida Suncoast Region 2020 Membership dues and privileges continued through the 2021 fiscal year.

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I believe that each of us has a lot on their plate dealing with this current “National Emergency”. I understand that our Club may not be a priority right now. Please know that our Region remains financially strong and has Officers dedicated to their positions. When the time comes for us to resume “Normal” activity, the Florida Suncoast Region, CLC will be here to start where we left off!



Respectfully Submitted,

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

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? These symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to COVID-19:



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath

If emergency warning signs develop, get medical attention immediately

- Difficulty breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



HOW DOES IT SPREAD? The COVID-19 virus is mainly spread person-to-person by being in close contact with someone (within 6 ft.) or through respiratory droplets from an infected person sneezing or coughing. Another way COVID-19 can spread is by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY RISK?



Wash hands often



Stay home



Limit personal contact (6 ft.)



Stay away from sick people



Clean & disinfect frequently touched surfaces

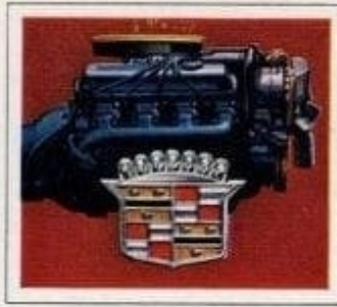


Don't touch eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands



Practice social distancing

See the Splendid New
Line-up for 1968...only
at your authorized local
Cadillac Dealer!



Most of the limousine comes with the convertible. The most desirable luxury features of the Cadillac Fleetwood 75 Limousine can be found in the DeVille Convertible. Like all Cadillacs, they share the all-new 472 V-8—biggest, smoothest engine ever put into a production car. They also share a host of Cadillac refinements, such as concealed windshield wipers and rich, tasteful interior appointments. Your authorized Cadillac dealer will be more than happy to point out a number of others.

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DEATH, LOVE AND PANDEMICS



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I never met my Grandfather, John Kelly. He was a carpenter and a cabinet maker during the sunset years of the nineteenth century. John was father of five children, the eldest of whom was my mother, Katherine Rita Kelly. I never met him because he died of the H1N1 virus in the William Backus Hospital in Norwich, Connecticut. He died along with 675,000 other folks in the United States, during the epidemic of 1918-19. The one, some call the Great Spanish Flu Pandemic killing 50,000,000 worldwide that same year.

I want to tell you this short story because in spite of being an event that happened over 102 years ago, it has an important and timely message for us all.

It was the evening of September 27, 1918 when Grandpa Kelly 37, realized his wife, my Grandmother, Johanna Coughlin Kelly was dangerously ill and needed to be hospitalized. My mother; then eleven, the oldest of the five Kelly children, was left in charge of her younger siblings, with strict orders that everyone was to be in bed by the time their father returned.

Josie, as she was called, was taken in as an emergency room patient that evening and later admitted to Backus Hospital with the diagnosis of; a severe, advanced, influenza.

John was instructed to return home until someone called and gave him an evaluation of her condition. He was also told he would not be allowed to visit his wife, nor even be allowed on the grounds of the hospital, until she no longer had evidence of the Spanish Flu in her system. John, in violation of strict hospital rules, bypassed the security guards, slipped into Josie's room and spent the night tending to his very ill wife.

Today, the outcome of this story would be as predictable *as it was not* to my grandfather in 1918. And in the end the irony of course; it was Josie who survived and lived on, and John who died from the disease she contracted, perhaps even from him.

Be careful out there my Caddy Club friends; Wear your masks, wash your hands, keep your distance, and we'll be together again soon.

-Philip A. Bellefleur 08/16/2020

Items for Sale



Up for sale is a stunning **1960 Cadillac Fleetwood Parade Car**. This car has no top, but has been finished very nicely. It has a full tonneau top to protect the upholstery and includes a zipper opening for the driver. This is a very unique car yet maintains the original look and feel of the '60 Fleetwood. This is an enjoy the sun...be seen in a real attention-getter. I have many pictures available (*stored*) online. Please contact me for a link to SNAPFISH®. The vehicle is offered at \$29,000.00 with all reasonable offers considered. The car is located in suburban Chicago. **My contact information:** Cell 224-217-3637 (*call or text*), or email marty@colgancommodities.com



1993 Cadillac Allanté Tail Light

Up for sale, a fine quality OEM (RH) tail light from a well-maintained '93 Allanté. All gaskets are in as new shape and the Allanté script is as it came from the factory.

Asking \$275.00. For further details call 352-232-7301 or email the Editor at: cablewood@hotmail.com



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Beautiful 1957 Ford Thunderbird!



Up for sale is this most spectacular example of the iconic '57 Ford Thunderbird finished in Torch Red and powered by a Ford Cobra 4.7L 289 cu. in. powerful V8 with automatic transmission. The car is showing 51,653 miles on the odometer which is undocumented. Comes with a desirable removable hardtop featuring the classic port hole windows. *The car does not have a soft top. Car cover included.* Fit and finish is excellent as well as all the chrome brightwork. Factory wires and great 1.5" correct white wall tires. Located in Spring Hill, FLAsking \$25,500. Contact Denise Paternoster at 917-902-8478 or email her at: dmp423@gmail.com for details.



Grand 2008 DeVille Touring Sedan

Up for sale is a stunning 2008 Cadillac DTS featured in light cashmere metallic paint with beautiful neutral shale leather interior. The odometer shows just slightly over 73K pampered miles. This ISA level luxury Cadillac has factory navigation, hands-free blue tooth and walnut steering wheel. One of the few produced without the center console making front seating more spacious and comfortable for those long road trips. It's radial, all-season tires are in fantastic shape and the factory 18" chrome rims provide excellent contrast to the overall appearance. Asking price is \$5,900.00 or best offer. The car is located in Spring Hill, FL and can be seen by appointment by contacting Greg Kullman at (352) 835-7025 or via email at dcanada304@aol.com



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, 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



GM Club Apparel

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

September 2020 Birthdays

Tommy John	9/9
Larry Nelson	9/16
Steven Tuck	9/29

Get the Most From Your National Membership

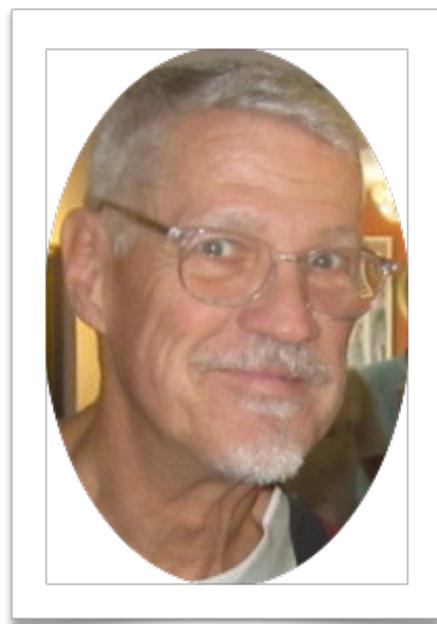
Go to the homepage for National CLC and click on “Forums” for all the latest blog discussions, and major category information on:

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



The “20th Anniversary” Logo Embroidered On Your Personal Items

Imagine!



Now that club member Gene Binion embroider the club’s special logo restrictions. The cost is based Gene is offering a special deal bag for \$25.00 including the logo, on an item you supply, Example: a three and one-half \$15.00. So, bring your items with him. If you can’t come to your item to him will work as contact Gene at his email - him at (727) 272-1045.



has the “Master” in his machine, he can on whatever item you provide, with some on the size logo you want. For instance, on a seven inch diameter logo on a tote bag. Therefore, a smaller diameter would be priced accordingly less. inch logo on your shirt/polo would be to a meeting and you can discuss it a meeting or monthly activity, mailing well. For further questions you can pappysstitchery@gmail.com or phone



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

2020 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: _____

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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.