



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.



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Florida Suncoast Region CLC
Consolidated Meeting Reports
April 30, 2021

Treasurers' Report. On behalf our Club Treasurer for the reporting period ending March 31, 2021, the Regional Director reports that the Region's bank balance continues to be very healthy and financially sound. There are expenses of \$61.25 for the Florida Region's Annual Report this month. We had no new memberships. For current bank balance, please contact our Regional Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Membership Report. The CLC Florida Suncoast Region had no changes to membership for the month of March, 2021. We currently have 39 family memberships.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Activities Director's Report.

Dear Florida Suncoast Region CLC Members,

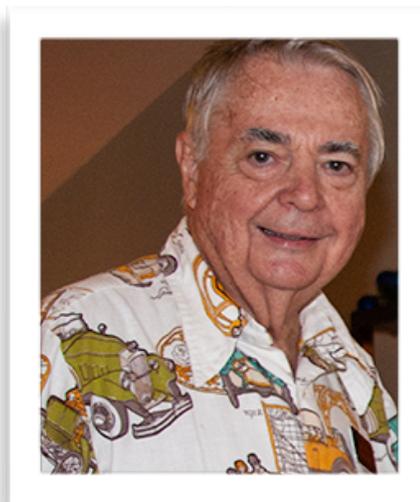
The recent cancellation of the 2021 Cadillac & LaSalle Club “Grand National” and the “Kaiser-Deveraux” Show, popular with our Club Members, are testament that the Pandemic is still upsetting our normal car activities. Currently, Florida is among several states experiencing a rise in Covid cases, including a mutated virus, which shows us that we still have a “bumpy road” back to normal activities.

Looking ahead, with the hope of a return to normal, I have booked our Annual Fall Picnic, at John Chesnut, Sr. Park, in Palm Harbor, for November 7, 2021. Details will be announced as the date becomes closer.

Addendum: Since filing the above report on April 15th, the newsletter deadline date, changes have been made to Covid restrictions. Therefore, I would ask any of our members that would like to offer their yard or property, for a private outdoor club function, to please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Did You Know...

The Cadillac Ranch is a public sculptural anomaly located on Route 66; just west of Amarillo, TX. It is a must see for anyone doing the Route 66 excursion from beginning to end. It seems a wealthy Cadillac owner decided that he wanted to “preserve” his retired old Cadillacs for all time to be placed on public display. His name was Stanley Marsh and he commissioned an independent agency to do the install which was completed in 1974. The old Cadillacs range in age from 1948 to 1974. Cadillac Ranch typifies the Golden Age of American Automobiles and is meant to provide a tantalizing admiration for the eccentric-minded individual who truly appreciates sculptural Americana and desires to leave their mark by adorning the car display with their own graffiti.



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

Fellow Florida Suncoast Region Members:

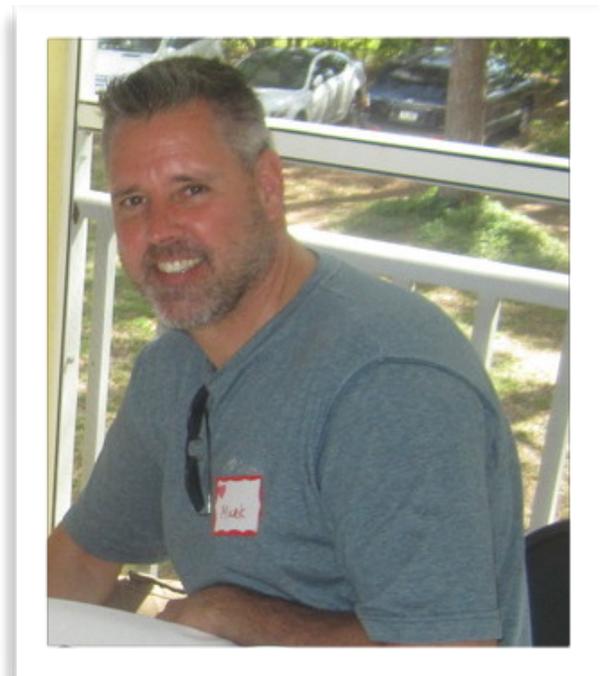
Hi All,

I hope everyone is doing well and making the best of things.

I don't have much to talk about this month. I look forward to when we can all start hanging out together again as club members and friends.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Announcement: National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Reunion 2021

“Back Together Again”

When: Nov. 10–14

Where: Orlando, Florida

{See further info at end of newsletter.}

The Story behind “Blue” the 1966 Cadillac DeVille. *By Anthony Scaramouche*

I remember Dryden (James/Jimmy) Leitner telling me the story behind my 1966 Cadillac and thought I'd better write it down to pass along to the next owner if I ever go to sale.

Dryden's Mother, Mary Leitner, worked for a wealthy banker, Mr. Sottile, from Coral Gables, Florida who had purchased several acres in the Micco area to raise cattle, and later on converted it to orange groves. There was a ranch house, cowboy quarters, warehouses and even a landing strip for his Beachcraft Bonanza aircraft. Mary owned a Pontiac Bonneville, but Mr. Sottile drove Cadillacs and all his Bank Presidents drove one too, which he purchased for them.



One day Mr. Sottile ordered a new baby blue Cadillac convertible for Mrs. Leitner, his personal secretary. It was shipped down to a Vero Beach Cadillac dealership from Jacksonville on a railcar. On its journey down to Vero, a bum had slit the roof and soiled the back floor. Needless to say when the car arrived it had to have a new top and carpeting installed. Mr. Sottile also had cruise control and tilt and telescopic steering added at the dealership. He'd surprised Mrs. Leitner with the car and she was very overwhelmed with his generosity; however, thought it was too extravagant of a gift and refused the car. Later they



worked out a deal that if he allowed her to pay the sales tax, she would accept. On a side note, funny story about one of the work-hands later seeing Mrs. Leitner's Bonneville being driven in Vero and thought someone had stolen her car...she explained that she was now the proud owner of a brand new Cadillac.

On October 1, 1966 Dryden borrowed his Mother's new car and took it to the beach where back in those days you could drive on Miami Beach only to get it stuck in the sand. Dryden tried to jack the car up and the jack slipped leaving a mark on the back-left side of the car to this day. There is a receipt from Triangle Garage showing a towing out of Virginia Beach Dr, Key Biscayne, Florida paid by D.J. Leitner. Mary Leitner's primary home was near the University in Coral Gables and Mr. Sottile and she traveled back and forth to Micco with the car.

Mary Leitner was born in Fall River Massachusetts (*side note, her Grandfather was an attorney on the Lizzy Borden case*) and would often have her car shipped there on the Auto Train to take on trips in the summer. On August 20, 1975 she was involved in an accident at the intersection of Main and Elliot Street in Vermont witnessed by a Police officer.

In 1976 the convertible was supposed to be a car whose time had gone, an impractical relic of the days and Cadillac, the last automaker to turn out convertibles. Well, Mrs. Leither purchased a royal blue 1976 Eldorado convertible and passed the 1966 Cadillac on to Dryden.

At the time Dryden received the car he was a Captain in the United State Air Force and was stationed in Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan.

Here the car's leather interior couldn't compete with the dry winter weather and suffered several cracks.



Dryden did however, continue to maintain the car, replacing the convertible top one night while on base duty. He also had a famous painter Homer LaGassey do a painting of the car in 1977. It's an ice blue winter scene with the car's top down.

Years later Dryden retired from the Air Force as a Major and returned to Florida. Patrick Air Force Base was one of the factors for choosing Florida...not to mention helping take care of his Mom. He had the top portion of the engine serviced, the car painted, and he and I replaced the top, in 1999.

Sadly, Dryden passed away in March of 2001 and I inherited the car which remains in Brevard County, Florida to this day.



Greetings from New Members Robert & Patricia Rockelein

Greetings to all Caddy Suncoasters!

Having grown up in New York in the 1960s, I was always aware that the bigger, longer cars on the roads were considered the luxury models. My father had a Volkswagen Beetle, our only car for my first 12 years, so I was usually relegated to the smaller back seat (*sometimes along with two grandparents for trips upstate!*) I was always jealous of families with the bigger cars.

When I started working part time in High School years, there was a young guy who I worked with from time to time who would give me a ride to and from. His car was a 1958 Cadillac Sedan, cosmetically challenged, but mechanically reliable. I was amazed with the smooth ride, the spacious interior, and of course all the attention is garnered from other drivers. I was hooked on the style and feel of the car, which he would let me drive from time to time. I didn't

know it at the time, by my destiny as a future classic Cadillac owner was already cast in stone!

Some years later, I met another gentleman at work who owned some classic Chryslers, and had the various publications listing local auto shows, and vehicles for sale. After attending several large shows and auctions, I was committing to finding and buying my Cadillac. Although I loved and appreciate both the 1958 and 1968 model years, I choose the 1958 year for its unique blend of 50's and 60's roundness and streamlining, as well as the dual headlights, and curved glass.

I had noted a listing for a 1958 Series 62 4d sedan, with only 23,000 original miles, still kept by its original owner about an hour drive from my home in New Jersey. A quick trip to confirm the car's condition, and a recently cashed tax refund check for my first home purchase sealed the deal. I took the train back a few days later and drove it home through the various bridges and tunnels that connect New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island. The story behind the car was that the owner had

won it in a Church raffle and had given it to his father as he was only 16 at the time. Dad bought him a Chevy when he got his drivers license and for many years, it was only used for church trips and occasional special events, as it was now the third car in a family when most only had a single vehicle. The interior was still covered and fitted in plastic which preserved it almost as new. I had a few ace mechanics check all the systems, and update as needed. My next quest was to consider a repaint, since over the years the original gray paint was a little flat after years of washing and compounding, so the *cost* and *color choice* became my two

priorities. I choose a medium blue color for the body that matched a color chip from the 1958 original chart, since I felt it would contrast and show off all of the chrome, fit in nicely with the light interior and white roof. Besides radial tires, and various seals and brakes, nothing else needed to be done over the 22 years since, and the car now has only just over 30,000 miles! We had a very active Cadillac club on Long Island for many years, and hosted a great Grand National in 1998. Although I'm still desirous of a 1968 Cadillac convertible, I doubt I'll ever part with my "First Cadillac." My wife and I appreciate your warm welcome, and we look forward to meeting all of you at future events and meetings!

Safe Driving, Robert & Patricia Rockelein, Tarpon Springs, FL

Many thanks to the Rockeleins, our newest Florida Suncoast Region CLC members, showcasing their beautiful '58!





LIFE IS JUST ONE CADILLAC AFTER ANOTHER!

No one knows better than a doorman that wherever people of consequence gather, the Cadillac car is a predominate part of the scene. For whatever their prime consideration in choosing an automobile—performance, luxury, comfort, beauty or distinction—Cadillac meets their most exacting demands. Cadillac's new 1964 engine—the most powerful in its history—is equally agile in traffic

or turnpike driving. Its fresh, trim styling sets it apart from all other cars. Its luxury of fabrics and appointments more than rewards the most fastidious taste. Its comfort and ease of handling are unsurpassed. Is it any wonder that Cadillac is the choice of so many discerning people everywhere? And isn't one true measure of any car the people who drive it?



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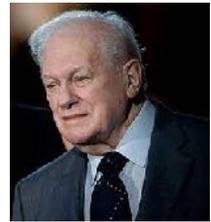
Nostalgia Corner

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!

“For it is in the *remembering* that we bear the seeds for a better tomorrow.”

Charles Durning

Charles Durning



these
are the
good old days

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An Uplifting Experience

By Bruce Lyon

I have had a lot of time on my hands with the travel restrictions so I have been thinking I would try yet again to try to fix the oil leak on my '81 280ZX. The problem is getting under it. I've tried jack stands but it's tough to



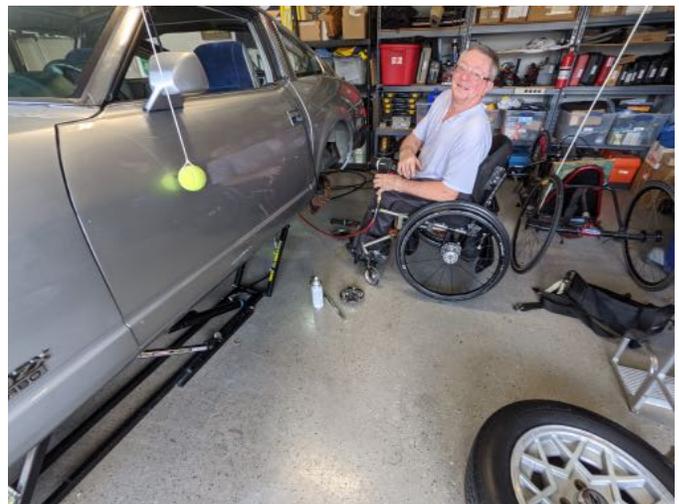
jack the car up, crawl under one side to place the jack stand, crawl around and then under the other side to do the same, then let the car down only to find I have to move one or both stands.



With the garage doors open I have about a 7 ft 'ceiling', so even if the boss approved a real lift, it wouldn't fit. I think I have fixed the problem with a visit to Costco.com and ordering a QuickJack™. One (*determined*) guy can assemble it in a few hours with the help of YouTube. It is just two jacks, some hydraulic piping and the hydraulic pump. They fit under a pretty low chassis. They also fit under my Cadillac, which is even lower. The only problem is that you can only access from the front or the back. The good news is that a guy can get to everything under the car from either end. Some competitor lifts have a crossmember that blocks access to the middle of the car. The Quickjack goes plenty high enough to squeeze that belly under – and this is the low setting! I would like a 15 foot ceiling so I don't have to crawl around on



the floor, but this isn't bad.



The lowest mechanical safety lock height is just right for a sitting guy to change the rubber bits on the sway bar ends. And Quickjack hangs on the wall, out of the way. They're a little awkward for a short guy to lift up onto the hangers so I got some pulleys from Amazon... no sweat now.

Many thanks to Bruce and Christine Lyon, our long-standing Florida Suncoast Region, CLC members for their wonderful and interesting contribution on QuickJack!

Items for Sale



1993 Cadillac Allante' Tail Light

Up for sale, a fine quality used (RH) tail light 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, 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.

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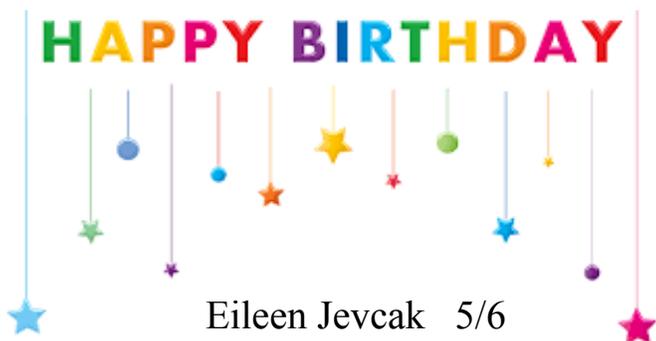


GM Club Apparel

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:

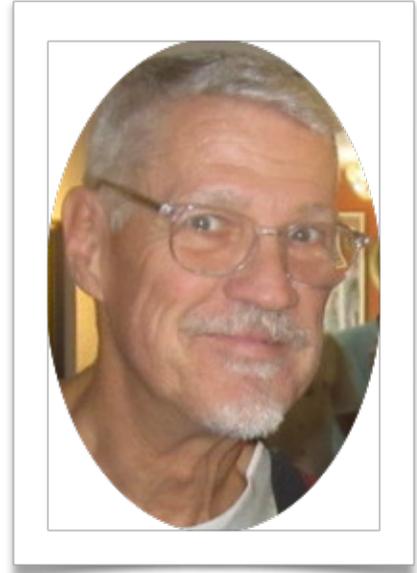
- Authenticity Manuals and VIN Data
- Technical Manuals & Bulletins
- Restoration Tips & Techniques
- Parts Availability & Sourcing
- Newsletters Past and Present
- Event Calendar
- Want to Buy



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The “20th Anniversary” 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.