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Spring Has Sprung

Chip Lamb

After a not too bad winter, the yellow stuff has covered everything outside again. This is not a bad thing in my estimation since half my front yard was torn up last autumn for a new water pipe, and we've had the look of a construction site cum disaster zone since. While the yearly pollen dump is an irritant – just washed it off my truck along with the usual monthly accumulation of bird splatter and tree debris – I actually look forward to it this year.

Some other things to look forward to this year is the veritable host of car events posted and updated regularly on the Central Virginia Car Club Council website – <http://www.carclubcouncil.com/>. Some shows have already gone off, like the Mustang Club's premiere show at VA Center Commons on 1 April, and the likely-rained out Mass Communications Club meet at VA State in Petersburg on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month. See the top of the list for the weekly and monthly cruise-ins, I heartily recommend the one at Pietro's Pizzeria every Friday night.

Despite my many pieces of LaSalle not being able to attend, our big sister club in the metro DC area are holding their usual stream of great events apart from those locally. The semi-annual Capitol Cadillac show is early this year, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April rather than in May, and

they have scheduled two great events for May – the driving tour on the 7<sup>th</sup> and a Cadillac show at the Potomac Hunt Races on the 21<sup>st</sup>. More discussion below and at our meeting this coming Thursday, 13 April, at the Southside River City Diner, Huguenot and Robious Rds.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Meeting Nights

We are experiencing great turnouts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays since we no longer interfere with the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday AACA meetings or anyone's work schedules. Thanks for making each and every one of these a success this summer! If you haven't been with us lately, come enjoy a spirited dinner conversation and contribute to our meeting with your input and volunteerism.

We're still looking for that Newsletter Editor...

I'm not letting up on this point. We need someone to lay out and contribute as well as field submissions from the membership. See the blurb on a following page with regard to the ease of use. The PDF format makes your life a little simpler and our ability to put the newsletter out easier and much more affordable. Of course, issues will still be mailed to members with no computer access. A copy of Adobe Acrobat and any other relevant software one may need will be provided to anyone who wants to undertake the newsletter.

Please Help Your Region!



## Paradise Parts Still Remain... Let's Clean 'Em Up!

Former member Jeff Malo bought the parts he has been housing for the last few years, but we still have large parts at Mike Daly's house, and tying up his storage unit. 2006 needs to be the year we bring this topic to a profitable conclusion; without it, we cannot fund any shows or other special events we may want to have.

April's meeting agenda will cover a good date for a Parts Cleaning Party. We need you there to help. Bring standard tools, cleaning products and anything else you can think of. If you are inclined to help sell this stuff as well, that would be great; currently we have two or three experienced eBay users among us.

Remember, we want to create further incentive among our members to sell these items. Not only will you be raising money for the Region, but you will be allowed a percentage of the net proceeds.

Also, if we can come up with other fundraising ideas at the next meeting which involve activities we are more inclined to pursue and which do not occupy great amounts of other people's storage space, we're inclined to hear them out! The idea here is to eventually be able to host events which draw folks from the surrounding area and beyond.

Let's have a good time making our club stronger into 2006. We have largely recovered from the recent unpleasant events and are ready to move forward. This promises to be a great season, and perhaps our best yet.

## Senior Car Defies All Logical Attempts to Repair

Some of you may recall that I own a 1940 LaSalle, purchased in May of last year. 3 weeks after arriving here from its lifelong home in Wilmington, NC, it broke a piston and began its long trek into a mechanical restoration.

Recently it was thought that I was getting close to solving the typewriter noises emanating from this motor discovered on initial fire-up. I noticed that the new lifters I purchased for the engine rebuild bore little dimensional resemblance to the originals, and modified the cam follower (original) portion of the lifters to compensate.

There's still something going on, and in the confusion of last year, some of my original lifters fluttered away for parts unknown. So, while I wait, there's that door glass... and the interior handles... and the radio... and the gas tank sitting in a box in my living room...

Gotta love these old cars!

## European Grand National?

Your Region Director has been giving serious thought to attending the European Grand National at Zeebrugge Resort in Belgium during the first weekend of September. Yes, I know, we have one of those Grand National events right here in America, yes, every year.

However, I have not been to Europe in 5 years come June, I haven't gotten the stamps in it which my old passport was nearly full of, and my Cadillac Mailing List pals Rik Gruwez and Dirk van Dorst are instrumental in organizing this affair. Despite what you might think, our friends in Western Europe really have some very nicely restored cars as well as some great unrestored examples, some of which have recently arrived from the US.

If you might be interested in accompanying us over there for part of our European vacation (still not totally decided upon, but I feel like doing it), take a gander at the CLC of Belgium website: <http://www.cadillaclasalleclubbelgium.be/> and then get hold of me on [chip@wmsbrg.com](mailto:chip@wmsbrg.com).

### *Newsletter Editor Position STILL OPEN to Members*

#### **New Graphics and Layout Available From a Pro!**

One of our members has offered his services to put out a far better newsletter than the one you see here. Prior to printing, your materials can go to him...

#### **What's fair game?**

This is a Newsletter for a Region of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club. We represent not only ourselves, but our entire National Organization. There's room for creativity, but it needs to be on point per the National Club's guidelines in your directory.

#### **OK! I'm up to the task!**

Since very few newsletters have to be printed normally, PDF distribution of the newsletter is very simple and straightforward with few exceptions.

## Events!

Thursday, April 13  
Monthly Membership Meeting

River City Diner  
Huguenot and Robious Roads at  
the Shops at Bellgrade  
Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30PM

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Sunday, April 30  
Potomac Region Show  
Capitol Cadillac  
Greenbelt, MD (just off I-495E)

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Sunday, May 7  
Potomac Region Spring Tour  
Contact Vince Taliano:  
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Thursday, May 11  
Monthly Membership Meeting

Topeka's Steakhouse  
Parham Rd ½ mi S of I-64.

For information on other area  
events, visit  
<http://www.carclubcouncil.com/>

Don't forget to check our  
website as it comes up to date  
again and does so regularly:  
<http://www.wmsbrg.com/cadillac/Richmond/>

## Our Last Meeting...

We kicked the Olive Garden event off by welcoming our newest member, Sam Stanley, who recently purchased former member Bill Grindstaff's 1972 Eldorado Convertible. Sam and his son Rhett joined us for dinner and the meeting. Always glad to see a new face and know the whereabouts of a nice car.

Treasurer Marshall England reported a balance of \$980.92 as of the night of the meeting, this has gone up a few hundred due to the Paradise parts settlement.

No volunteers came forward for the Newsletter or Secretary Posts.

No additional information surfaced on our missing signs.

Bill Gilfoyle presented our new Regional Constitution. We took the month to digest it, and will discuss it further in the April meeting.

Upcoming car shows, including one in September for which I received many fliers just that afternoon, were discussed, as were dates for AACA meets, one of which is the eastern regional meet in Tidewater this year.

## Literati, Awake!

*From Our Submissions  
Department*

I hope you took me seriously when I solicited help not only in laying out the newsletter but in getting materials together so that every issue is more interesting for us to read. The alternative is more content such as this and more stress on the newsletter editor who is forced to ad lib or postpone bi-monthly issues of our newsletter.

Whether technical, detailing-oriented, road-trip diary or something similar in content, we heartily welcome it and will publish it in its entirety! Didn't you like the CopyCad article from Bill Gilfoyle last month?

Also as solicited in the last issue, we could use some more Technical guides for our website, maintained by VP Mike Daly.

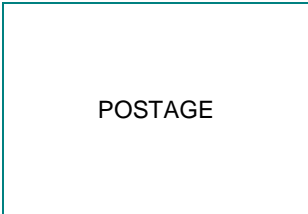
Finally, as brought up in the last issue, ideas are welcome for meeting plans during which informative sessions led by one of our resident experts could cover things such as Flathead engine rebuilding and troubleshooting (ahem). Maybe convertible top operation and repair, or perhaps the power of good sense when going out on the road in search of a misrepresented classic?

Hey, summer is right around the corner. Help us make 2006 a very interesting year all around!

# *The 2006 Officers of the Region:*

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**Newsletter Editor – YOU? Come on now!**

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