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Regional Elections –  
Next Meeting!

Chip Lamb

If you missed our Christmas Party on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, not only did you miss some great food and fellowship, but you missed a decisive moment for our Club. At the suggestion of one of our newest members, a Nominating Committee was formed to better choose the candidates for our annual election. In the past, we have not planned prior to an election, which effectively shuts out the input from members who were not aware of the elections or could not make the January meeting.

We Need You At The Meeting!

While the Nominating Committee will be contacting you soon if not already, we need your full participation at the January meeting. Be there, Thursday, January 5 at Extra Billy's on Alverser Drive no later than 7PM to make yourself heard. If there is a position you would like to have, we welcome you to stump for it as well, though please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee who are listed in this newsletter.

Following the Elections, it is the hope of those who spoke up at the meeting including this writer that a Constitutional Committee be formed to craft a more thorough replacement for our preliminary By-Laws written a

couple years ago and re-edited at the beginning of last year. With age comes growth in membership and experience. It is our hope that more members who have not yet taken an active role in the Region might find it interesting to help us in forming a more thorough code to simplify matters for present and future members to live by.

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

Remember that by-line from the Summer? Jeff stood in for a few more months after a technical glitch sent the August edition of this newsletter into cyber-hell, but a volunteer needs to speak up. We have much more advanced layout and design on the drawing board to make our newsletter truly the "Standard of the World". Speak up at our next meeting or mention your interest to our Region Director or to a member of the Nominating Committee.

Professional Help!

Friends of your Region Director are starting up a new detailing and partial restoration shop on Lakeside Ave in the "Dick Mahle Service Building" just north of Dumbarton Road. Mark Lawton, who did most of the nasty work on the LaSalle this summer, has set up in the back, gearing up to help any and all of us out with our old car needs. Contact Mark at 804-314-1103 to schedule an appointment.



# Mike, Chip and the '67 Convertible go to Fall Potomac....

By VP Mike Daly

Early Sunday morning Oct. 16th, Chip Lamb and I met up to make the trip up to Greenbelt, MD for the Potomac regions Fall show. Since it was a fine autumn day (and both Chip and I have AAA) we drove up in my '67 convertible. This was my first time attending the Potomac show, and I was very impressed with not only the quantity but also the quality of Cadillacs and LaSalles at the show. For anyone that hasn't been, it's worth the drive.

The theme of this fall's show was "Celebrating V-12 & V-16 Cadillacs". I believe there were six V-16's and six V-12's all from the 1930's. Most were displayed in the showroom and were just beautiful works of art and engineering. The big stately Cadillacs surrounded a future classic, the ultra-luxury high-performance XLR-V. Chip and I estimated there were probably around 80 cars entered in the show, and they were parked in all available corners of the property. From the front of the dealership building, around the corner on the side of the building, in the back parking lot, inside the showroom, and even inside the service bay when the back lot ran out of space. The Potomac region is very lucky to have such a wonderful dealer to help us generate interest in the Cadillacs old and new.

We're happy to report that the '67 made it home without us having to call AAA, although we did have to endure some belt screeching. We thought it was being caused by a locked up radiator fan clutch. (Cadillac Factoid: The radiator fan clutch was first used on 1967 Cadillac for quieter operation.) Our problem ultimately turned out to be the power steering belt. No problem, we

just turned up the radio and listened to some crackly music/static from 38 year old speakers.

Here's to our Potomac Brethren – we will get a larger contingent up there this coming Spring!

## Christmas Party a Fabulous Time!

Did we have a fantastic time at the Christmas Party? You bet! Members we usually see, a new member, and a few of our irregulars showed up to make this year's gathering at Dixon's Auctions a resounding success!

The Central Virginia Region owes a debt of gratitude to member Ed Dixon not only for his hospitality in donating space but also in catering the main entrée with Hank's BBQ, who put on a fabulous show!

This is not to say that members' contributions were less important. From Bo Tindall's cheese dip and chips to newlyweds Mike and Cary Daly's peanut butter pie, the spread was impressive!

Dinner discussion ranged from different shades of green on 1963 models to pictures of mystery autos at a Montpelier wrecking yard discovered by Woody Holtzclaw last month. Later

on, the Region Director took Ed's seat at the auctioneer's dais and ran a very fruitful discussion concerning the upcoming elections, sales of parts from the stash and took many suggestions from the floor, many of which were put into action immediately. One of these topics is one we've been living with out of necessity for some time now, the absence of a Secretary. Since 2004, the Region Director has created a meeting agenda and circulated it at the Monthly Meeting. If this then ends up in a following month's newsletter, this agenda effectively supplants the role of Secretary. Agree? Let us know!

## Nominating Committee Members

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**Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to volunteer for a position within the Club or with any election questions you may have!**

### *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!**

Printing services have been donated generously by member Ed Dixon, and all you have to do is finish your monthly masterpiece and e-mail it on down to Ed.

## Events!

Thursday, January 5  
Monthly Membership Meeting  
AND ELECTIONS FOR 2006!

Extra Billy's Barbeque  
1110 Alverser Drive, Midlothian  
Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30PM

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Thursday, February 2  
Monthly Membership Meeting

Super King Buffet  
8087 W Broad St, Richmond  
(just east of Parham Rd)  
Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30PM

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/>

## What's Coming Up?

*Region Director Chip...*

I know, it's winter and it's COLD!

As I've been working to finish the LaSalle to be trouble-free, messing with other stuff AND putting together a new home workshop for my toys (I was offered a reed organ the other day), we can still plan for the upcoming season.

A member called me the other day with an idea which I think is a great one and I wanted to share it with all of you. Future newsletters may have details on special presentations by members as to work they've accomplished on their cars, or in some cases, on others'. After a lengthy job on Ed's Fleetwood, I'm sure Ron could make some contributions. Marshall England and I have already discussed having a Flathead presentation on improvements we've done as well as failures we've experienced. We hope this sort of preparation for a meeting might attract more attendees and help to grow the group.

This Spring, we need to concentrate on moving out the bulk of the remaining Stash parts as well as thinking about regional events both here in town and afield. I mentioned the upcoming Cadillac show in Greenbelt in May, and you can always peruse the website of the local Car Club Council to see what all local groups have planned for 2006. See the Events Column to your left.

Let's make this coming year our best yet! Feel free to call your officers with suggestions you might have for upcoming monthly meetings, special events, car shows, caravans, Sunday drives and more!

## You Want to Make Something of It?

*From our Technical Desk...*

If you've ever been to our website (gosh, I hope so), you'll notice my 4 year old piece on adding headlight options to a 1976 Eldorado Convertible using both N.O.S. and used items to do the swap.

I did this piece when I did the original Hampton Roads Region Website, and it migrated over to us when we started this group.

In the last couple months, V.P. Mike Daly has sent me a few interesting pieces via e-mail from other folks, but honestly, I'd like to see some stuff you guys are doing. I know one of our members is sort of a convertible top hydraulics guy, another carries around colored schematics of the Rev. 3 Hydramatic transmission in his briefcase wherever he goes, and so on.

So take a look at the Technical section of our club's website and see if you can find a project which fits your style, ability and most importantly, pride of workmanship. On submission, they may find their way here into larger versions of The Sabre as well as preserved for posterity by our V.P. and Webmaster Mike Daly.

# *The 2005 Officers of the Region:*

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