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# The Sabre

Cadillac-LaSalle Club

<http://www.wmsbrg.com/cadillac/>

## New Constitution

*Chip Lamb*

Per discussion in the previous issue and at our last monthly meeting, three members of our Region have been working diligently at adapting a comprehensive document for our Club. The origin of this was the 2005 National Constitution with many changes relevant to a smaller group. Copies of this document will be on hand at our March meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Final Notice – Meeting Night Change

The night of the monthly meeting was changed to accommodate VP Mike Daly's new work schedule, but the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month is also the monthly meeting of the regional AACA meeting. Therefore, starting in March, the monthly business meeting will be held on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of every month. This matter was brought to our attention by our new Treasurer and long-time region member Mert Fowlkes. Sorry for any inconvenience or confusion, but we hope to finally get everyone who can and wants to make the monthly meeting *at the meeting!* Hope to see more of you soon!

### Wanted – Our Magnetic Signs!

We are missing a set of our custom-made Parade Signs that Steve Tuck had made for us and a few individual members bankrolled and donated to the Club a few years ago. The last time both

sets were accounted for was in the Fall of 2004. Right now, Ron Threadgill has one set and the other set, which I entrusted to someone during a move and a subsequent car show which I didn't think I would be able to attend, have gone up in smoke. PLEASE – if you think you have them, or if you've already looked – LOOK AGAIN!

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

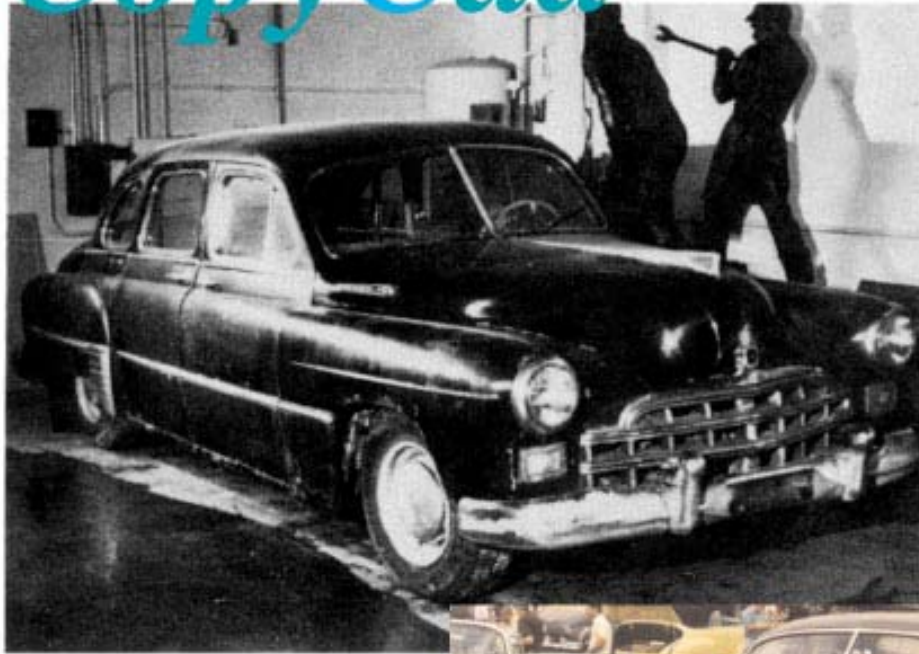
I'm not letting up on this point. We need someone to lay out and contribute as well as field submissions from the membership. See the blurb on a following page with regard to the ease of use. This is our second issue following in the shadow of our Potomac Region brethren and putting the newsletter out in PDF format from now on, making your life a little simpler and our ability to put the newsletter out easier and much more affordable. So far we have had nothing but positive responses to this. 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, as well as any needed assistance to get you up and running. It is our hope that we can find a good newsletter editor in our current membership dedicated to the task!

## Please Help Your Region!



*From the files of Bill Gilfoyle,  
Central VA Region Historian-At-Large*

# CopyCad



At left, 1952 ZIM, formerly used by Soviet Embassy in Washington. Above, brochure for the ZIM automobile. Below, 1948 series 6269 sedan at 2000 GN.

Many CLC members know the story of the Russian ZiS-110, which supposedly was made using the tooling and body dies from the 1942 Packard 180, shipped to the USSR as a gesture of Allied solidarity by FDR to Joseph Stalin during WWII. Later ZiS cars were made as close copies of other Packard models but without the original tooling and dies. It seems that Stalin, like Czar Nicholas before him, preferred Packards to Rolls, Mercedes or Delahayes.

However, it appears someone got the word after the war that Packard was not what it had been, and the car to copy now was the new 1948 Cadillac, at least for the ZIM automobiles used by the Soviet embassy in this country.



Note that the Soviet designer did not replicate the most compelling feature of the 1948 Cadillac, the legendary fishtails. Instead, aft of the cowl this 1952 ZIM borrows more from the 1949 Chrysler Imperial 7-passenger cars. Also note that the car appears to have just been washed, and some heroic figures of workers loom behind it.

At some point in its history this car was acquired by a Chicago historical auto museum, now defunct, but no current information on its location or condition was available for this article.

The ZIM factory states unconditionally it is not true that "ZIM" stands for the Russian phrase meaning "Not a Cadillac."

## Events!

Thursday, March 9  
Monthly Membership Meeting

Olive Garden Restaurant  
7113 W Broad St.  
(just west of Glenside Dr)  
Dinner 6:30 – Meeting 7:30PM

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Saturday, April 1  
Central VA Mustang Club  
Open Show  
VA Center Commons Mall  
I-95/I-295/Brook Road

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Thursday, April 13  
Monthly Membership Meeting

River City Diner South  
In the Shops at Bellgrade  
Huguenot Road

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Sunday, April 30  
Potomac Region Spring Show  
Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD

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

## Paradise Parts Update!

The Club has negotiated with former CLC member Jeff Malo to purchase the bulk of the small parts remaining in his storage shed. This does not complete the parts stash, since V.P. Mike Daly still has a good stash of bumpers and large sheetmetal sections in his storage buildings.

While this is not the most profitable method of dealing with the rump parts, Mr. Malo has made it clear at the National level that he does not intend to continue with the CLC in any way. Your officers therefore thought it best to finalize these dealings and move on with more productive and enjoyable tasks as a Club once the remainder of the very profitable items at Mike's are dealt with by as many of us as possible. Come Spring, we welcome your help and participation in finishing up this work and bringing this chapter of our Club's fundraising activities to a close.

## Special Contributions!

You'll note page 2 has become the home for an interesting article about classic Cadillacs or LaSalles. We hope to solicit more submissions from you, our membership, for submission in the Newsletter. Please either submit in graphical or MS Word layout, and the more, the merrier! We are happy to hear from you and share your interests pertaining to Cadillacs and LaSalles with the group!

(Speaking of LaSalles, expect to see mine back on the road in short order following some lifter shell modifications to remedy machine clearance issues at the time of initial build. Thankfully the inconsistency was uniform on all 16 valves.)

## February Meeting

*President/Secretary Lamb*

Our February meeting was held at the Super King Buffet on West Broad St.

No new members were present or recorded by Membership Sec'y Ron Threadgill.

Treasurer Marshall England reported a bank balance of \$947.92 after CCCCVA dues and some back postage.

Business discussion resulted in no new volunteers for the Secretary or Newsletter Editor Positions. The Region Director reported on the official refunding of the Club, independent of any individual officer. A notice of intent to vote to give the remaining Paradise Parts to the Region was announced since 5 out of the 7 original investors were present, constituting a quorum. This vote was taken after the meeting and resulted in a vote of 4 for with 1 abstention.

The meeting night change was announced since this was the last 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday meeting. Another request went out to look for the missing magnetic car signs.

Finally, the Constitutional Committee was formed, consisting of members Bill Gilfoyle, Scott Bard and Ron Threadgill. These three worked very hard together to make a new Constitution a reality for our Region.

Following a quick review of the upcoming events this Spring and a choice of next month's meeting locale, a motion was made to close the meeting.

# *The 2006 Officers of the Region:*

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