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CVRCLC Lives! Long Live CVRCLC!

Chip Lamb

Thanks to all who attended our last meeting - I hope we can see similar attendance in the future.

For those who were not present, we were on the brink of dissolution due to member non-participation. This region will not stand on the actions and words of the few, rather on the initiative and resolve of the many. This is your club - both at the National and Regional levels, and your input and participation are not just welcome, they are needed in order to keep us going in the right direction.

Happily, a few members have volunteered to get programs going to attract new and old members alike to future events. Ron Threadgill will be putting together a program this month at our meeting covering the rehabilitation of his 1959 Coupe de Ville. Other programs are requested on the creativity on the behalf of you, our members. Members need to be present to

vote on important topics; our Constitution needed a quorum of members to vote it into existence to protect your club and prevent against future reoccurrences of our past mismanagement.

We hope to hear from you and see you soon.

Until next month.

Cheers!

Meeting Minutes

Last month's meeting got off to a reassuring start. Twelve of our members were in attendance at the Super King Buffet in response to the possibility that this might have been our last get-together. It was resolved that not only would the Region continue with the support of the membership, but all present accepted the Constitution proposed in the Spring.

It was resolved that the September meeting would be the first with regular presentations from our members. Ron Threadgill generously offered to start us off on the right foot with a presentation covering the recent mechanical and cosmetic renovation to his 1959 Coupe de Ville.

Minutes (cont'd)

It was further resolved that a fall cruise would be postponed into 2007 in favor of an event at Moore Cadillac on West Broad Street. Please attend the next meeting for further developments and to have your voice be heard.

Scott Bard is working with Moore COO Merv Holland towards this end as we approach the Fall.

Scott Bard and Region Director Chip Lamb have agreed to do the newsletter in tandem. Thanks to Scott for handling the layout issues I have had trouble with these past few months.

Mike Daly has hired a helper to dismantle the big pieces he has remaining from the Paradise Collection. A large portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Club.

Renewals are due - if you have not renewed, please see the June newsletter for the rules, or attend the next meeting. You must also keep your National membership up to date! Dues are \$15 if not paid during this calendar year, or \$7.50 if you have renewed this year. We are moving to a July renewal date and pro-rating new memberships so that the yearly dues are ALL due in July of every year. Contact Ron Threadgill, Membership Secretary - 363-4055 - for more information.

Thanks to Mert Fowlkes for turning us onto the Contemporary Historic Vehicle Association (CHVA) at <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frame.set.cfm?club=chva>

A well known parts source on the Internet mentioned in the August meeting is Rock Auto - <http://www.rockauto.com/applet3.html>

If you have a GM factory part number and can't find it anywhere else, try <http://www.gmpartsdirect.com/>

Please see the Events column for more information about upcoming events, and as usual, check out <http://www.carclubcouncil.com> for the local automotive events calendar for the remainder of 2006.

What have I DONE???

Scott Bard

Being a compassionate soul, I could sit idly by for only so long (13 months?) and listen to Chip beg for someone to take over as editor of *The Sabre* before I felt it necessary to relieve him of this burden. It isn't that I thought I possessed any great writing or editing skills. It was just that I can listen to a grown man beg and whine for only so long. So here I am.

Many of you know me from club meetings. Some may even know that by the same twist of fate that finds me here as the newsletter's new editor I also found myself as our club's founding president. Rotten luck I guess, but just as then, I'll do the best I can with what I've got. I promise to stick to the job of promoting all things

classic Cadillac, eschew politics, in spite of the fact, as many of you know, once you get me started you may not be able to make me stop, and promise that when I do try to inject humor it will be of the non-offensive everyman type, a la Jay Leno.

I'd like to start some new regular features for the newsletter, beginning with the section below, "My Cadillac Moment". My intention is to give all members a chance to describe a time or times, whether in their cars or on the road or at a show, they felt that certain chill run up their spine that could only be felt behind the wheel of the car that came to be known as the world's "Standard of Excellence". I've got mine, let's hear yours.

Finally, since I am an inveterate procrastinator, and not all that creative either, I must beg of you to submit your own suggestions for content and writings so that our newsletter can really shine. Take it from me, cut and paste beats hunt and peck any day!

It's Your Club! Get Off Your Butt and Get Involved!

Events!

9 September - Suttle Show - Hampton Roads Region - 12525 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA (cross 255, west bound on VA-143 1/2 mi on Left).

14 September - Monthly Business Meeting - Olive Garden, Midlothian Turnpike across from Haley Pontiac

15-17 September - Field Day of the Past - Goochland County Fairgrounds off I-64 and US-250

12 October - Monthly Business Meeting - Fuddrucker's - Broad St just east of Parham Rd.

22 October - Potomac Region Fall Meet - Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD (I-495/I-95 exit at Kenilworth Avenue or Baltimore Washington Parkway Greenbelt exit)

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/>

My Cadillac Moment

Scott Bard

I think I'm one of the younger members of the group, so when I relate to you here a time before Lexus, Accura, and Infiniti, a time before anyone with a pay stub could lease a car with payments higher than their cost of housing, and the only folks who drove Mercedes or BMW's were considered a tad eccentric by the rest of us, you'll know from whence I speak. It was a time when not only clothes were the measure of a man, but the car he drove was too. It's was a time when GM was "The Mark of Excellence" and their flagship brand, Cadillac, was "The Standard of the World". It was an era when Cadillac was the undisputed best of the best, driven by folks who expected nothing less.

My Cadillac moment brought back a flood of memories from this time, and though it isn't my only "moment", it's the one that reminds me over and over why I love and strive to preserve these great beasts. It came, of all places, at an AACA annual meet a few years ago at RIR. I say "of all places" because in my mind, surrounded by a few hundred cars of every make and model far shinier than my own, I didn't feel my old Cad stood out particularly. But that feeling changed as a man and woman about my vintage approached the car and paid it and me the best backhanded compliment I think I've ever received.

As the man approached the car and passed his hand gently over one of her fins (I let him), he said to his significant other "You know Hon, back in its day, when a man drove up in one of these babies, you knew immediately that he'd made it. You knew he was either a doctor or a lawyer or successful in his business".

Yes! He was right! Back in the day driving a Cadillac really meant something! Not like today when you can't even distinguish one brand or model from another (except Cadillac, thankfully), and driving an expensive car can now mean either of two things; you're very successful at what you do or your kids will never make it to college without a Pell Grant.

Back when my car was new, as far down the road as you could see it coming, you knew that whoever was behind the wheel was doing a lot better than you, and you hoped to someday be that person. Those days of automotive class distinction may be gone, and in some ways it makes me sad, but every time I think about selling her all I need to do is slide behind the wheel of my heavy metal time machine and set the dial to 1966 and relive those glory days, letting slip from my mind for another day any thoughts of parting with my Baby Blue.



Contributions

From Mike Daly, a bottle of "Country Cruze" Wine. Notice the Big Fin:



An elderly man was driving his Buick down the freeway when his cell phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Herman. "It's hundreds of them!"

Not MY Cadillac!



Someday...



Lame Jokes

Courtesy of WWW.CARTALK.COM



Anne meets up with Dana while she is picking up her car from the mechanic.

Anne asks, "Everything ok with your car now?"

Dana replies, "Yes, thank goodness. I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off, so I was relieved when he told me all I needed was \$12 worth of blinker fluid."

Days of Futures Past

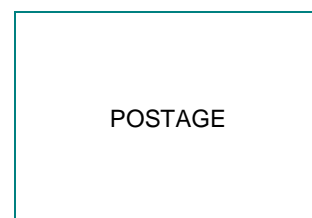


The 1959 "Cadster"

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