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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
CENTRAL VIRGINIA CADILLAC AND  
LASALLE CLUB

*Club Officers for 2007*

***Eighteen*** club members and guests met on January 11, 2007 at the Olive Garden restaurant on Broad Street in Henrico County and elected club officers for 2007.

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**Rick Wilkinson** is Newsletter Editor; he can be contacted at (804) 358-0618 or [vargw@netscape.net](mailto:vargw@netscape.net). He welcomes articles from members for the newsletter.

Got a story about your Cadillac or LaSalle restoration? Or a story about your dream car that got away? Or about the first Cadillac or LaSalle you ever owned? Send it to Rick so the club newsletter can share your story with all our members. Know a good restorer you would recommend? Or a great guy who rechromes? How about someone who has a great parts stock? Send this information along too.

### *Rescue Me!*

**Ever** been driving along and suddenly seen an old car in need of rescue? Here are two seen recently and located in the city of Richmond.



Both are convertibles. The first is a 1967 DeVille convertible of which there were 18,200 made. The second is a 1976 Eldorado convertible, which saw a production total of 14,000, and which was sold at the time as “the last Cadillac convertible.” Both are located at Hall’s Auto Service on Cutshaw Avenue. They both seem to be in sad shape, but do appear to have most of their parts intact.

If you run across a Cadillac or LaSalle crying out for salvation, send its picture and some location information to the Newsletter Editor (vargw@netscape.net). We’ll publish it, and maybe somebody will take pity, rescue it, and restore it to its former elegance and glory.

### *Famous, Former Club Members*

**Seen** the February 2007 issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine?



It’s a special issue devoted to Cadillacs. One of the articles is a retrospective of the Eldorado from 1953 to 1966. The article has pictures of a car from each model year with its owner. For 1962, the magazine features the beautiful 1962 Eldorado Biarritz convertible owned by former club member Steve Tuck. Be sure to pick up a copy of this issue. It’s a real treat for all Cadillac lovers!

When you run across information about Cadillacs or LaSalle's of interest to club members, forward it to the Newsletter Editor (vargw@netscape.net) so we can share it.

## *Cadillacs in Miniature*

**Maybe** you can't afford the Cadillac or LaSalle of your dreams in the full-size version. But you can still enjoy the beautiful lines and thrilling design of that car in miniature. The most popular scale models and toy models generally range in size from 1/43<sup>rd</sup> to 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale.

The first Cadillac Rick Wilkinson ever owned was this 1953 Cadillac Eldorado convertible. He got it many years before he got his driver's license.



It's in 1/43<sup>rd</sup> scale and was made by Dinky Toys (Meccano Ltd.) in England from 1956 to 1962 in two colors, yellow and this salmon. Depending on condition, today it's worth between \$150 and \$175.

Then, many years later, Rick found this 1961 Cadillac Series 62 four-window hardtop sedan in a flea market in Paris. It's also in 1/43<sup>rd</sup> scale and was



made by Dinky Toys in France from 1962 to 1969 in metallic dark green and this metallic blue. Depending on condition, today it's worth between \$125 and \$150.

In the late 1980's Matchbox Toys bought out and began issuing new Dinky Toys. In 1989, Rick bought this 1959 Cadillac Coupe de Ville in metallic red with a white top.



This line of cars was made in China in a slightly larger scale – 1/37<sup>th</sup>.

Own any Cadillacs or LaSallees that you can park on a bookshelf rather than in a garage? Send pictures and related information to the Newsletter Editor ([vargw@netscape.net](mailto:vargw@netscape.net)) so the club newsletter can share your miniature “pride and joy” with our members.

## *January Meeting Minutes*

**The** primary business of the January meeting was the election of officers (see “Club Officers for 2007”). The Treasurer reported on members who had paid their dues for 2007 and members who still owed payment of dues.

Members were notified that the club would be paying dues of \$10 for membership in the Car Club Council of Central Virginia, an organization that represents all car clubs interested in the promotion and preservation of antique, classic and collectible automobiles.

Copies of the current membership roster were given out. The club has 22 current members. Increasing membership was discussed and was determined to be a priority. Anyone with ideas about how to attract new members is encouraged to provide them to Ron Threadgill, the club's Membership Secretary.

Legislation introduced in the General Assembly by Delegate Danny Marshall that could negatively affect antique, classic and collectible car owners was discussed. Among the provisions of the bill, as introduced, are:

- Changing the current one time licensing fee to an annual fee;
- Requiring annual safety inspections of 1932 or newer cars;
- Restricting issuance of antique plates to persons who also have a regularly licensed vehicle.

Members were encouraged to contact their delegates to express their opinions on this proposed legislation.

### *January Treasurer's Report*

**The** Treasurer reported that as of January 10, 2007 the club account had a balance of \$1,339.87.

### *Special Thanks*

**The** club extends its thanks and gratitude to outgoing Region Director Chip Lamb for all of his efforts to make the Central Virginia Cadillac and LaSalle Club the success that it is. Chip has given exceedingly of his time and energy. Without his hard work, the club would not be where it is today.

### *Future Meetings*

<u>February 8</u>	River City Diner The Shoppes at Belgrade in Southside Richmond
<u>March 8</u>	Fuddruckers Broad St. & Old Parham Rd. in Henrico
<u>April 12</u>	Mi Hacienda Mexican Restaurant Midlothian Turnpike in Chesterfield
<u>May 10</u>	Super King Buffet Westland Shopping Center in Henrico

## *Member Challenge*

**Members** agree that the club needs to grow to be stronger and more vital. Each member is therefore challenged to bring a potential new member or members to the February 8 meeting.

Potential members do not need to own a Cadillac or LaSalle. They may simply have an interest or fondness for Cadillacs and LaSalles or aspire to own one in the future.

A prize will be awarded to the member who brings the most guests to the next four meetings (February thru May) who become members before June 1. The gauntlet is thrown down. The prize will be awarded at the June meeting.

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