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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
CENTRAL VIRGINIA CADILLAC AND
LASALLE CLUB

Important Club Business This Month

Important issues will be decided at the Club's special September meeting. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.** The meeting will be **September 14th at 2:00 p.m. at Topeka's Steakhouse** at 1776 North Parham Road in Henrico County. It will be a late lunch meeting and will take the place of the regularly scheduled September meeting; it will adjourn no later than 4:00 p.m. Please **note the date change**, due to the Tidewater Chapter show on the 13th.

The principal topics of discussion will be ways to increase: attendance at Club meetings; interest in Club activities, and; Club membership. The Club's officers met and developed a series of questions to be answered and issues to be decided. On the next page, those items appear.

If you cannot attend, please indicate your position on each of the questions/issues (by circling your choice) and send your response to Club President Roger York so that he receives it by no later than September 12th.

Meeting Time Alternatives

1. Meet every month,
or
Meet every other month.
2. Meet on a weekday evening,
or
Meet on a weekend day,
or
Alternate meeting days

Meeting Place Alternatives

1. Meet at a consistent location,
or
Meet at a different place each meeting.
2. Meet at a restaurant for a meal,
or
Meet in a non-food establishment,
and/or
Meet for a road trip,
and/or
Alternate meetings.

Meeting Format Alternatives

1. Have social meetings,
or
Have meetings with presentations,
or
Alternate meeting formats.

Meeting Participant Alternatives

1. Invite only Cadillac/LaSalle owners,
or
Also invite Oldsmobile & Buick owners.
2. If Oldsmobile & Buick owners are invited,

Let them attend meetings/events,
or
Let them participate with meeting agenda/events.

Club Shows

1. Have one event at Moore Cadillac,
or
Have additional Cadillac/LaSalle shows,
and/or
Have shows with Oldsmobile & Buick owners,
and/or
Have shows with the Potomac and/or Tidewater regions.

Please make every effort to attend the special September 14th meeting to help decide these important issues.

If you are unable to attend, remember to provide your opinions/votes to Roger York.

Cadillacs in the Media

The October issue of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine features a great article on the 1950 through 1953 Cadillac Series 62. The author argues that these cars were the maker's post-war "pinnacle of excellence."



The 1950 Cadillacs were completely restyled and had a heavier look than the first prewar models of 1948-49. One piece windshields and "turtle-shell" roofs were prominent features. Above is a 1953 Series 62 sedan. The Series 61 was dropped for the 1952 and later model years, making the Series 62 the entry level car, whereas previously it had been the middle series with four more inches of wheelbase and length than the Series 61 in 1950 and 1951. Over the four-year model run, 186,427 Series 62 sedans were manufactured.

Something New in Cadillacs

Never before in its history has Cadillac offered a regular production station wagon. That will all change with the 2010 model year.



Of course, Cadillac calls it the CTS Sport Wagon. Cadillac will introduce this vehicle because the SRX crossover vehicle isn't cutting it in the marketplace. The SRX looked too carlike to be an SUV, yet it rode too high to be a car. Now, buyers who need the utility of a wagon but like the styling of the CTS can have both.



Note how the V shape of the grill is replicated in the contours of the tailgate. The wagon provides 25 cubic feet of storage behind the second row seats. The wagon rides on the same 113.4 inch wheelbase as the CTS sedan, but is 0.3 inch shorter. The large vertical taillights will feature “light-pipe” technology. The tailgate is power-operated. The roof rack is integrated into the roof for a seamless appearance. The wagon will be available with all-wheel drive and two V-6 engines, a 3.6 liter direct injection engine producing 304 horsepower and a 3.6 liter variable valve engine producing 263 horsepower. Six speed transmissions, either manual or automatic, are offered.



A 2.9 liter turbo-diesel engine is being developed, mainly for European and Asian markets. Cadillac expects that about 60 percent of all CTS sales in Europe will be the wagon; only about 20 percent of American CTS buyers are expected to opt for the wagon (your editor is likely to be one). The CTS Sport Wagon goes on sale in the spring of 2009 as a 2010 model.



Car Show Season Falls Into Place

The number of car shows will decline after September, so try to attend as many of these as possible. Remember, you still have time to share your LaSalle or Cadillac with the world at one, several, or all of these events.

September 4-7 Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet

Sponsored by the Hornets Nest Region of the AACA
For information, see www.charlotteautofair.com

September 6 - Charles City County Fair Car Show

8320 Ruthville Road, Ruthville VA 23147

Registration – 8:00 a.m. – noon

Registration - \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 on day of show

Sponsored by the Charles City Hot Rod Association

Contact Sonny at (804) 829-2976, Tiny at (804) 737-6071, George at (804) 305-3397, or Art at (804) 437-1495

September 6 - 4th Annual Paw-Paw Classic Car Show

Dominion Southpark GM, Dimmock Parkway, Colonial Heights, VA

Registration - \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 on day of show

Show – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (gates open at 8:00 a.m.)

Sponsored by the Crater Antique Car Club and Dominion Auto Group
Portion of proceeds to benefit police “Safe Kids Program”

Rain date – September 13th

Contact Jeff Malo at (804) 272-0579 or www.silentknightrecords@verizon.net or Amy Favreau at (804) 364-4500 or afavreau@dominionautogroup.com

September 6 - 35th Annual Fall Round-up

Newport News Park, Jefferson Avenue, Newport News VA

Registration - \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 on day of show

Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

Dash Plaques to first 150 vehicles on field

Awards – 2:00 p.m.

Contact Dale Bray at (757) 220-8905 or dabr125@yahoo.com

September 13 - 3rd Annual Horsepower Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Colonial Downs Racetrack, New Kent County

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact Kim Peters at (804) 222-6860 or www.HorsePowerShows.com

September 13 - 12th Annual Cadillac & LaSalle Car Show

Hampton Roads Cadillac and LaSalle Club

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

12525 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News (Suttle Motors)

\$25.00 Registration Fee

September 20 - Oldies But Goodies Classic Cruizers 6th Annual Christmas in
September Car Show
Children's Hospital, 2924 Brook Road, Richmond
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Donations for children accepted, such as store gift cards, movie, museum &
theme park tickets, toys, games, or DVDs
Check donations should be made to *Children's Miracle Network*
Club participation is encouraged (club participation award)
Contact Paul West at (804) 795-9165

September 27 - Annual Guinea Jubilee Gloucester Car Show
Guinea Jubilee Fairgrounds, Bena, VA
Gates open at 8:00 a.m.; awards at 3:00 p.m.
\$25.00 Registration Fee
Proceeds benefit Gloucester/Matthews Humane Society
Contact Tim Keefer at (804) 684-5332 or www.moparassociation.org or
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September 27 - Antique Aircraft Fly-in and Motorcar Show
W75 Hummel Airfield, Middlesex County, VA
Parking donation proceeds benefit Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department
For information, visit www.wingsandwheels.us

For information on other events, see www.carclubcouncil.com/cal.html

August Meeting Minutes

Ten members attended the August meeting at Spinnaker's Restaurant at 11500 Midlothian Turnpike in Henrico. Members discussed issues related to Club growth and participation. It was decided that the officers would meet to develop a comprehensive list for members to consider prior to the special September meeting.

Members also discussed giving members "business"-sized cards promoting the Club that could be put on Cadillacs and LaSalles that members happened to see during their daily routine.

Club President Roger York announced that the state Packard Club is holding its 50th anniversary show at Willow Lawn Shopping Center in Henrico County. The Club held its first show there when the center opened in 1958. There should be a number of beautiful cars on display. The date is October 25th, so mark it on your calendar.

August Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Club's account now has a balance of \$1,543.59.

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