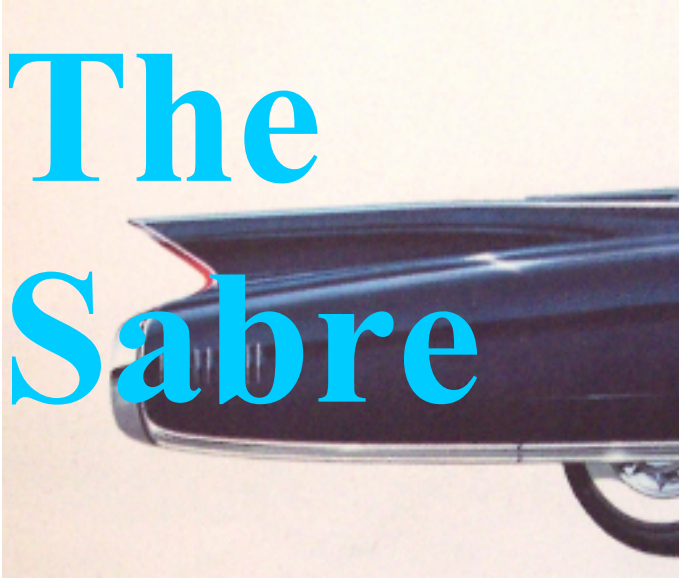


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Club Show Isn't Far Off

Once again, it's almost time for the Central Virginia Cadillac and LaSalle Club annual car show. The show will be held at Moore Cadillac on November 7th. Moore



Cadillac is located at 9177 West Broad Street in Henrico County. The show is open to all Cadillacs and LaSalles; although one need not be a member to show a car, we hope that non-members will join the club. The show will start at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. Moore Cadillac will also have the new model Cadillacs on display.

Club Vice President and Treasurer Ron Threadgill designed the great poster (shown on page 1) to advertise the show.

Keep your fingers crossed that we have great weather and that we have a record number of show cars. Start shining your beauties up, guys.

This Month is Road Trip!

Our second annual fall road trip is scheduled this month. The trip will be to beautiful Luray, Virginia in the Shenandoah Mountains on the weekend of October 24th and 25th.

We plan on leaving early on the 24th, having lunch in Luray, and touring the Caverns and Auto Museum. Then, members may choose to either spend the night at the Best Western motel, have breakfast the next morning, and enjoy a leisurely drive home, OR rush home Saturday evening via the Interstate.

Everyone who went on last year's excursion had a great time. So, plan on joining us (and I promise to start with a full tank of gas).

Keep That Clunker

Ron Threadgill provided some interesting statistics on the recently ended federal program, popularly known as Cash for Clunkers, that was created to both spur automobile sales and to get vehicles off the road that had low EPA mileage ratings.

Fifty-two people traded in Cadillac Allantes. Six hundred and sixty-nine Cadillac Broughams from model years 1987 to 1992 headed for the crusher. In addition, 90 Cadillac Eldorado coupes and 26 Eldorado convertibles (model years 1984 and 1985) went to that great scrap heap in the sky.

If there is any good news in the loss of these Cadillacs, it is that owners who kept models like these suddenly have more valuable vehicles due to a reduced supply compared to demand.

To think that anyone would scrap a Cadillac convertible, of any year or style, is pretty frightening. Thank goodness Elvis wasn't around to see it.

Holiday Gifts for That Cadillac Fan

Holiday time is fast approaching. With that in mind, here are four items you might want Santa to put in your stocking (or maybe you'll just buy them yourself).

First is the ever-popular display shelf – this time in the form of a 1955 Cadillac Fleetwood; it is almost 20 inches wide, 6 ½ inches high and 7 ¾ inches deep. It costs \$74.95 and is available online at www.GenuineHotrod.com or by calling 1-800-575-1932.



The 1959 Cadillac Eldorado shown last year is also still available from the same source.

Also at Genuine Hotrod is a short-sleeve shirt covered in vintage Cadillacs; it is 100 percent cotton and sells for \$36.95 (I've already ordered mine).



Finally, if you don't yet have your own copy of *Standard Catalog of Cadillac: 1903 – 2005* (3rd edition) by John Gunnell, you can now get one for only \$19.98 (list

price is \$37.99). This paperback is 400 pages with over 100 color pictures. With one of these babies, you can check the accuracy of your newsletter editor.

This essential book is available online at www.motormint.com or by calling 1-888-215-6468.

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Bailey's Pub & Grill at 11581 Robious Road in Richmond on September 8th, eleven club members enjoyed pub grub and talk of Cadillacs and other cars.

The **October meeting** will be held one week late on Tuesday, October 20th at River City Diner on Parham Road near the I-95 exit in Henrico County. Discussion topics will include final details about the 2nd annual Fall Foliage Drive, to be held the following weekend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

August Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer, Ron Threadgill, reports that the Club has a balance of \$1,383.55.

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