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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER
OF THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA CADILLAC AND
LASALLE CLUB**

As you should know, Ryan Babcock is now the Director of our region and I've agreed to take over the newsletter. This is quite a challenge since I have no idea what I'm doing. But I'll try to come up with an issue each month. Please send any contributions to Roger York, email: LAHM1887@hotmail.com.

Some Pictures I've Accumulated Lately

A restoration project for the ambitious



1954 Cadillac “Park Avenue” Show Car



Eldorado Concept Car



1961 Flower Car



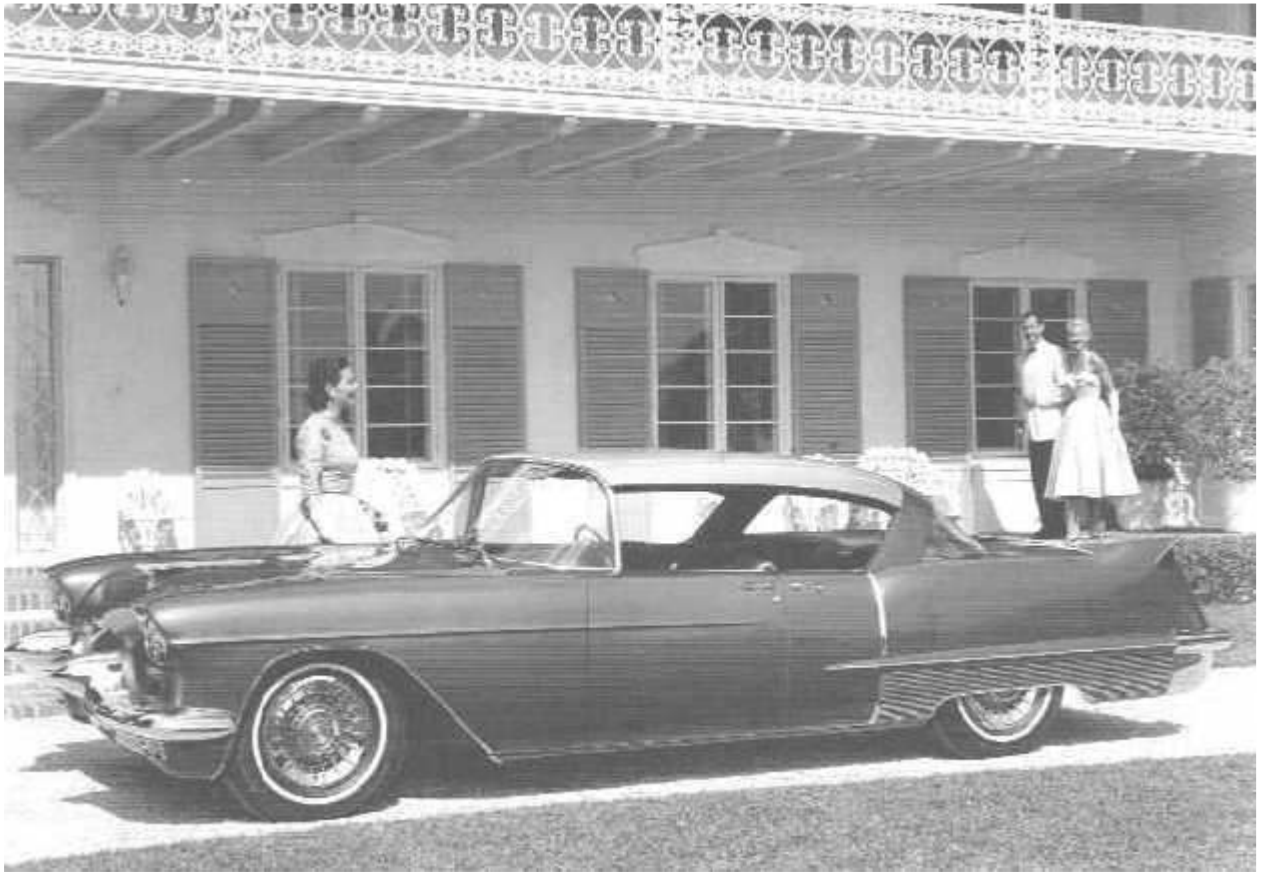
Circa 1958 Town Car



Recent Concept Car



No Idea What This Is



The Ghostbuster Car (Purportedly) at a Local Car Show



A Recent Show on the Discovery Channel

I recently stumbled across a show on the Discovery Channel called Arizona Desert Kings. The premise of the show is for this salvage yard/restoration shop to prepare cars for auction. They decided to restore a 1950 Cadillac Series 61 (like Bo's) parts car. It was really rough. No engine or transmission. Missing rear fenders. The seats were nothing but a jumble of springs. They decided they could perform this restoration in 3 weeks!!! They went to another Arizona junk yard looking for another 1950 parts car for the rear fenders. They spotted one and proceeded to pretend to remove the rear fenders. The problem was that it was actually a '49 and the fenders are completely different (somehow they magically transformed when installed on the restoration project). They were unable to find a 1950 engine. They said any engine from 1949 'till 1953 would work, but not later because in '54 there was a change to a 12 volt system (of course it was actually '53). Anyway, they ended up with a 1961 engine which they admitted was externally quite different. Dual exhaust manifolds, location of engine accessories, etc. How they were able to do this is amazing because they claimed that they had no 1950 engine parts. No mention of all the other needed work like wiring, chrome hydraulics, weatherstripping, steering wheel, etc. What a joke.

This isn't Cadillac related, but its really impressive. Be sure to check the detailed close-up pictures. There's a link to a Youtube clip where the engine actually runs.

<http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/Chenot.htm>

January/February Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11th at the Lamplighter restaurant in the Fan. Discussion centered on the election of officers and a possible spring road trip. Roger York indicated that he wanted to pass the Presidency on to some fresh blood. Ryan Babcock was elected as President, Dan Kaufmann was elected Vice-President, Ron Threadgill was re-elected as Treasurer/Membership Secretary, and Roger York was elected as Newsletter Editor. Ryan agreed to work with the Hampton Region about arranging a joint Spring show

The February meeting was held on Tuesday, February 9 th at O'Tooles restaurant. Ryan reported a possible April 30 date for the joint show with the Hampton Region.

The March meeting was held on Tuesday, March 8 th at the Robin Inn. We discussed the possibility of a spring drive to the Classic Car Center (restoration and sales) in Fredericksburg. A tentative date of April 16 was suggested. There was also a discussion about possibly coming up with a new name for the newsletter that is more closely related to the Cadillac marque.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Baileys (the place we've met several times before – at the southwest corner of Huguenot and Robious Rds.)

March Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer, Ron Threadgill, reminds all members that dues for 2011 are currently due. Dues are \$15.00 and can be paid at the April meeting or mailed to Ron at his home address.

Upcoming Events

Charlottesville AACA Meet – April 24 - Sams Club Parking Lot, Rte. 29 North

Spring Carlisle – April 28-30

Potential joint meet with Hampton Region CLC in Williamsburg – April 30

Winchester AACA Meet – May 7

Potomac Region CLC Spring Meet – May 15 – Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, Md.

Richmond AACA Meet – June 11 – Richmond Raceway (the Fairgrounds for those of us of a certain age)

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