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Region Director Speaks!

Yr hmbl srvnt Chip Lamb

You will notice a new format for this newsletter, as well as a new direction. While we thank Jeff Malo for the inception of this publication and for carrying it through the first couple of years, we also accepted his resignation from this post. The repeatedly late publications resulted in disorganization, not to mention disagreements from within our membership and a reprimand from the National level with regard to content. Let's keep moving forward...

As such, we are looking for a newsletter editor!

Since I've got enough on my plate with the Region Director post and our Vice President Mike Daly is trying to stay abreast of the Webmaster position, I am opening the position of Newsletter Editor up to the membership. You will notice that this format created with Microsoft Word is fairly simple to create; I will give it to you, or we can fulminate some ideas at our next meeting at the beginning of July.

Speaking of July – what are we doing for our annual Summer party?

Woody Holtzclaw, erstwhile thrower of massive Fourth of July shindigs at "Woody's Famous Southside Patio Bar & Grille" has again generously offered to host our next gathering, which will

double as our organizational meeting for the month of July. Since Membership Secretary Ron Threadgill will be refighting the Battle of Gettysburg during the prior weekend, and because most folks might be out of town for said holiday weekend, we are moving it up to the second Saturday in July, the 9th. Bring beverages, food for grilling, salads, et.c. – use the cadlasal@yahogroups.com list to coordinate with other members, call Membership Secretary Ron Threadgill on 804-363-4055 or call Woody Holtzclaw on 804-233-1742. Keep reading, I'll talk more about this coming up...

Summer is here...

So where are the shows?

Unless you're incapable of visiting the public library, having Ron print you out a copy of the CCCCVA (Car Club Council of Central Virginia) events guide, or just going on-line yourself – well that just exhausted all of your options! Seriously, folks, there's a show on every weekend in the Central Virginia and Tidewater area, and if you're hard up for things to do, I've got this LaSalle engine and transmission... otherwise take a gander at:

<http://www.carclubcouncil.com/>

and click on Calendar. This handy-dandy guide ought to be in your Bookmarks file in your Web Browser.



Famous Car Sold

Me Again

About a month ago, I was following the Cadillac sale sagas out on eBay. If you don't hunt the new listings on eBay every day, good. You don't need to. If you're an addict like me, it's the finger on the pulse of real world sales prices of our favourite marque.

The Spartacus Car

One day, I saw a 1970 Spartacus Blue DeVille Convertible on eBay – no Buy it Now price, no stated reserve, lousy pictures and no options on the car that could be seen. Yes, the car was immaculate, or so it looked in the 400x300 resolution pictures. I asked for more pictures – and got MORE 400x300 images. I saw the car for what it was, a nice 38,000 mile unrestored car, but unrestored mechanically with a

dry engine compartment and a front end tired from sitting around all that time. Bushings which were visible in the pictures looked pretty bad, and if what you can see is only a small piece of what you can't see...

Ten days later, the Spartacus car sold for \$22,000! Talk about spring convertible fever!

What to do...

Having bought my own 1970 Convertible a little over a year ago, and then having gone through the front end on a 50,000 mile car not to mention other mechanicals such as the timing chain, water pump, convertible top hydraulics and more, I thought this would be something of a valuable commodity in a market where the value was seasonally inflated. With the car freshly detailed for pictures, I first

returned to the Potomac CLC's biannual meet in Greenbelt, MD at Capitol Cadillac to get a second 2nd place in Class finish. Then I put my car on eBay for just less than the Spartacus car finished up, with Leica-quality pictures, extensive description, AND a Buy it Now price! Sure enough, I should have asked more – it sold in under 48 hours, and I made a sizeable profit.

My friend and customer Keith Martin, editor of "Sports Car Market" magazine would be proud of my achievement – and I'm getting better; making money on a car means you have that much more to spend on the next beauty which comes your way. Still, the recent purchase of a LaSalle which spun 2 rod bearings early into my ownership has me back in the red again. Oh well – I put radial tires on the 1940 5019 the day before the tragic occurrence, and it does drive well now!

If you're as much a fan of the auction scene as I am, whether you just tuned in to Barrett-Jackson on the Speed Channel recently, or you're a hard-core eBay Powerseller with a feedback rating higher than the guy who sells 10,000 cell phone batteries a week, I advise you to subscribe to Sports Car Market. SCM does not just cater to the Sports Car sales market in terms of its auction listings, but everything from full classics to "Cheap Wheels". A second publication which is all about the sales of parts and cars is Hemmings Motor News. Since the death of past editor Terry Ehrich, Hemmings has come a long way to bouncing back from the surge in Internet advertising of classic cars.

Hemmings Motor News:
<http://www.hemmings.com/>

Keith Martin's Sports Car Market:
<http://www.sportscarmarket.com/>

Newsletter Editor Position OPEN to Members

OK, so you think Chip's doing a good job...

Thanks to Scott Bard's tip, I'm using the Newsletter Wizard in Word '97. So if you have a moderately new version of Word, you can do at least this well.

Are you creative? Do you have a way with words? Can you bully our members to write articles or take pictures for this publication?

These are about the only requirements for being the newsletter editor, other than, of course, being a car buff, a member of this region who occasionally comes to regional monthly meetings, and a human being with a heartbeat.

Does it eat into my free time?

Sure it does – like any good thing, it takes time. The first time will be the hardest, unless you chicken out like me and make the newsletter using Word's generic format. After that, it will be a breeze, and you can make good use of your journalistic talents.

OK! I'm up to the task!

Contact Region Director Chip Lamb on 804-357-4926 or e-mail chip@wmsbrg.com if you think you're up to the task. Printing services have been donated generously by member Ed Dixon, Dixon's Auction House on Midlothian Turnpike, and all you have to do is finish your monthly masterpiece and e-mail it on down to Ed.

Events!

Saturday, July 2nd
Glendale Ruritan Car Show
Darbytown Rd, Richmond's East End

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Saturday, July 9th
Woody Holtzclaw's House
Leicester Rd between Forest Hill Avenue and Jahnke Rd – Richmond's Southside

Monthly meeting and pig-out fest at Woody's! If you get lost, call Woody on 233-1742

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For more car show and event information, 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/>

Summer Party!

Back to Woody's in 2005

As I mentioned earlier, Woody Holtzclaw, car buff extraordinaire and member of our good ship the CVCAR has offered to put on our summer shindig as we did last year. We missed some folks last year due to July 4th commitments, being that we held the event on July 3rd, so we're going to try and avoid any conflicts to get everyone over to Woody's on the 9th of July. Woody has parking for more cars than we have members with cars, and unless the LaSalle fairy fixes my engine in time or I buy another Cadillac to supplant it (much more likely) there will be one more open spot. That means you, Marshall England – I want to see BOTH '37 LaSalles and YOU Mert Fowlkes – with the '39! John Church, we haven't seen your '59 since last August! And so on...

So that we don't all bring beer, hot dogs or potato salad (even if they are different types) let's try to co-ordinate what foodstuffs and drinks we will have so to have plenty of variety. Let's get the dialogue going NOW on the cadlusal listserv about this and attendance and/or if we have to change the date to accommodate more folks. It's been a while since I've seen some of you and we need to continue to work to build this club's membership.

Parts Cleaning Parties Keep Stalling

Region Director Chip...

While some of you may not have been around with the Club when we signed on to take on the parts collection from Joe Martin's large Cadillac and Chrysler car stash in the Fan, we need your help to finish cleaning and selling these items. It would be nice to build up our

club's coffers so to put on a Class A event, membership drive or similar in order to enhance our club to its members and its prospective members as well.

Treasurer Jeff Malo has generously donated the use of his outside shed to stash parts, as has V.P. Mike Daly for larger items. Enough of us have to be present with good cleaning and detailing supplies (window/surface cleaner, Nevrdull polish, et.c.) to start getting through the nitty-gritty and get the parts out of our officers' barns and the money from them in our bank account.

We were very lucky with such a young club to have such an opportunity come down the pike. Also, we may not have another chance for "business builder" money such as this until we start putting on car shows to raise such capital – and that will not happen without your help!

If you are one of the folks holding parts from the stash, I urge you to bring them to Woody's party and we can put a small dent in our inventory and get items ready for sale. Another date will be set at this event to have a real cleaning party which is not stalled out due to lack of supplies, or worse, putting all the responsibility on a real minority of members.

Remember, folks, without the participation of our membership this Club cannot stand on its own. We officers have jobs and lives too, and we work hard to keep the business of this club going. We need your help with the Parts Cleaning Parties, articles for this newsletter, and helping with new ideas or assisting with traditional events to keep this club fun for everyone and growing into the coming years.

Classic Cadillac Air Conditioning

From our Technical Desk...

Remember the days of 36 cent/lb Freon? Neither do I! But that was the service environment our cars used to have, hence why they are not as leak free as modern automobiles whose refrigerant charges hold almost indefinitely!

Many classic A/C parts vendors have updates to common failure parts such as the Suction Throttling Valves, Valve in Receiver assemblies and more efficient condensers and evaporators that need less charge for more chill! Do your homework, spend a few extra bucks and bring your AC up to snuff for the summer months!

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