

THE TALENT

The Newsletter of the Western New York Region of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club, Inc.

SPRING 2009

THE CLUB'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

By Jerome Puma

Members and guests of the Western NY Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club were treated to yet another outstanding club event earlier this year. On Sunday, January 11, the club held its annual Post-Christmas, Post-New Year's Eve, Pre-Groundhog Day Holiday Celebration at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Depew, NY.

This year, a record 42 members and guests partook in the gastronomic delights, organized by event chairman, Dan Marinola. The event began at 2 p.m. with an hour of open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Top shelf beverages and fine appetizers, along with some clever conversation were enjoyed by all. This year, the event attracted several new attendees and their guests. This was a pleasant surprise, as quite frankly, most of the club members are pretty gosh-darn (descriptor courtesy

of Sarah Palin) tired of having to talk with the same old crowd (some much older than others) at every club event. Some of the old-timers actually spoke with the new members and welcomed them into the fold.

On the subject of old-timers and old-time Cadillacs, club member Bob Morris, affectionately known as "The Gray Eminence," brought one of his Cadillac models from his vast collection, for display at the dinner. This fine example was an attractive centerpiece for the event. It even had functional headlamps. Unfortunately, club member Frank Puma attempted to steal the model, and a small fist-fight broke out. There were no reported injuries, and the model did remain in Bob's possession.

Shortly after 3 p.m. the white gloved staff of Salvatore's began to serve dinner.

A salad of mixed field greens and Italian wedding soup began the dinner. Guests were then served their choice of filet mignon, prime rib of beef, salmon with lemon dill sauce or chicken Française. Bottles of fine Merlot and Chardonnay were available at each table for those of legal drinking age. It was reported that club member Chris Rizzo attempted to leave with all the partially consumed bottles at the conclusion of the dinner, but he was subdued, wrestled to the ground and tasered by a female member of the Salvatore's wait staff when the 17 bottles hidden in his designer suit became entangled in the revolving door. A survey of the table manners of the club members this year indicated an increase in the number of club members who dined with their utensils rather than their fingers.

Club President, Pete Arnoldo, provided an update of upcoming club events to those present and encouraged everyone to attend the next planned event which is the Spring Ice-Breaker Brunch at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island. Pete graciously and eloquently (he used three big words) thanked everyone for attending.

Now that you have read about this event, and have sunk into a deep depression and are considering self-mutilation because you decided not to attend, please consider becoming more involved in your club's events. This dinner is one of the many benefits of club membership. For example, cost of this dinner was \$50 per person, but the club subsidized \$30 of the cost, so members and guests paid only \$20 to dine. The event is always held in early January, so how about postponing washing the cat or changing the air in your tires, and think about attending in January 2010?



Frank Shatluck and guests

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They are provided by Roger Libby, with assistance from our membership director, Dick Walther.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting fellow Cadillac-LaSalle Enthusiasts

By the time you read this let us hope that winter's worst is behind us, and that the recent memories of ice and snow have been wafted away on the gentle zephyrs of Spring!

I expect most of us are becoming increasingly impatient to launch into a new season of cruise nights, car shows, and driving those classic cars that we have been preserving so carefully from the cruelties of salt and slush and all other forms of unspeakable winter nastiness.

Those of us who participated enjoyed a very successful start to our 2009 season of fun and frolic. I'm speaking of course of our dinner at Salvatore's, at which 42 members and guests attended. We also have upcoming our club Brunch on May 3 at the Grand Island Holiday Inn and the Keyser Cadillac show scheduled for June 7. Please see The Talefin inserts pertaining to these events.

The coming months should be fraught with interest and suspense, as we watch Chrysler and GM tottering on the brink of the abyss, with Ford not far behind. Let us hope that somehow these business entities that for so long have been pillars of American commerce and industry can somehow survive the financial storm.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Brunch and the Keyser Cadillac show.

Until then, drive safely,

Peter Arnold
President

CLASSIC LOGO



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RUMINATIONS FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Peter Arnoldo

Are you thinking of buying a new car? Here's some grist for the mental mill. In December of 2000 I bought a 2000 Eldorado Touring Coupe at Keyser Cadillac. I have had the car for over 8 years, and have at this writing 101,000 miles on the odometer. At 97,656 miles I had the second repair to the car (a recalcitrant starter). There is still not a bubble, a dot, a spot of rust on the vehicle. In

other words, after 8 years and 101,000 miles, the car looks great, drives great, and has had only 2 repairs.

Again, if you are thinking of a new car, take a good look at your Cadillac dealer, and when you hear people say "When American companies build better cars, I'll buy American", you may put this down as salve for their consciences. It makes them feel less guilty in using their

American earned dollars to support foreign workers and foreign families and foreign car companies.

Americans are building great cars again. If you're interested in reliability, longevity, and lasting good looks, take a trip to an American Auto Dealer before you plunk down your hard earned dollars for that next automobile.

PICTURES OF MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS



Cecilio & Beth Diaz

'76 Eldorado Convertible



Dan Marinola

'78 Eldorado Biarritz



Christy Rizzo

'75 Coupe



Jim Cranston

'62 Sedan

Ice Breaker Brunch



Where: Holiday Inn
100 Whitehaven Rd.
Grand Island, NY 14072

When: May 3, 2009 • 11 a.m.

Our Fourth Spring Break

Now it's time to dust off our Cadillacs after their winter slumber. Our brunch will be a breakfast buffet with all the usual breakfast menu items including an omelet bar with the omelet of your choice. **Again this year: Door Prizes.**

Guests are welcome.

The cost is only \$10 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Complete the form below, enclose your check payable to: The WNY Region-CLC, and mail it to Bob Morris, 280 Belmont Ct. East, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. You may also pay at the door, but be sure to RSVP to Bob Morris at 694-9830, no later than April 24, 2009 so we can notify the Holiday Inn as to the number of attendees.

Directions: Take the I-190 to Grand Island, take exit 19 on Grand Island which is Whitehaven Road, go four mile east on Whitehaven to the Holiday Inn.

Reservations by April 24, 2009

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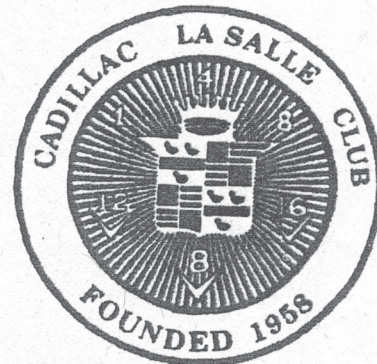
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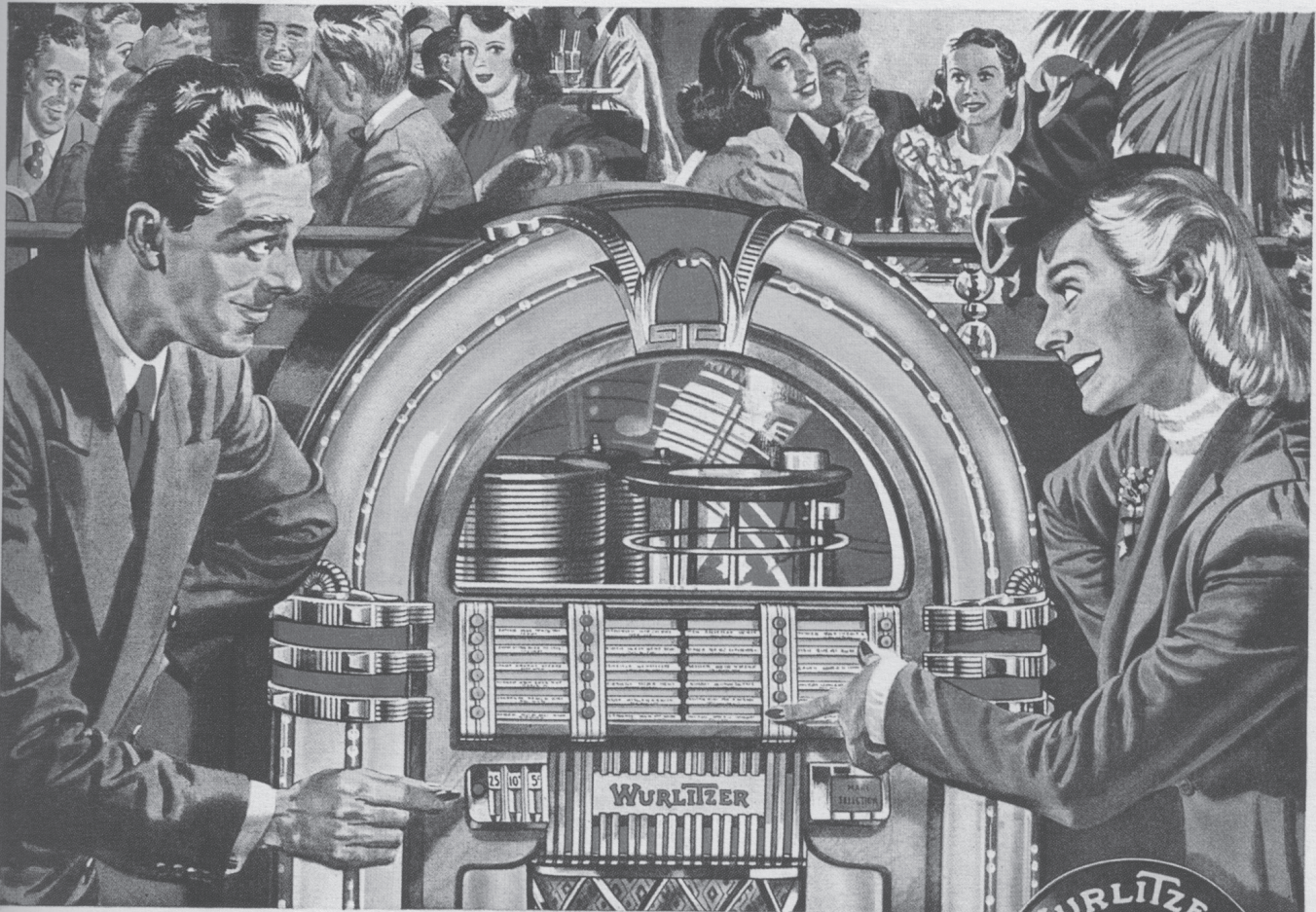
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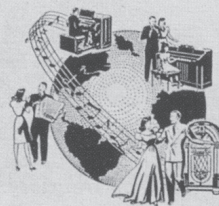
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'56 Coupe

CLASSIC QUOTE

When Solomon said there was a time and a place for everything he had not encountered the problem of parking his automobile.

– Bob Edwards

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

As a club, it is important for members to share their experiences that would be interesting to those who love old automobiles especially Cadillac's and LaSalle's. Here are some ideas to get you thinking about your article for our newsletter:

1. How did you find your car?
Is there a story that we all can relate to.
2. Interesting experiences with your antique car.
3. Restoration – What to Do and What Not to Do.
4. Trip Suggestions.
5. Experiences at car shows
6. Your views on the hobby, cars, judging, club, etc.
7. Garages, yours or a garage you saw that we would all love to have.
8. Why I like my model Cadillac, LaSalle.

Send your article to the editor who will be most appreciative as will the readership. Addresses are:

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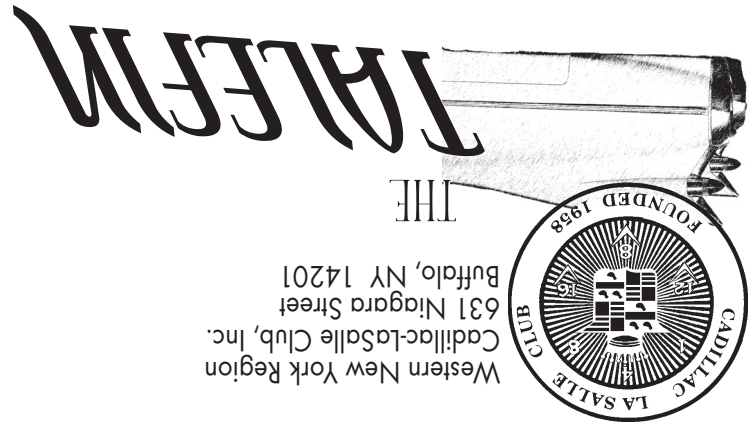
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