



# BUMP IN THE ROAD

By John Bray

Recent surgery on my right hand left me in a cast encompassing my fingers and running halfway up my arm. The "Cast from Castile" as I named it, was as hard as a Sherman tank turret and weighed the same.

Being right handed, this opened a new world of challenges to me; getting dressed, shaving left-handed did not leave me looking good, and combing my hair were all possibilities for America's Funniest Home Videos. And showering; I could not get the cast wet so my right arm and hand were enclosed in a huge plastic 'mitten' designed to keep the area dry, while cutting off blood to both hand and arm numbing the extremity. Try showering and shampooing with one hand.

My biggest accomplishment was devising a way to open a bottle of beer; opener in the good left hand, bottle tightly held under my right arm. No problem. Beer lovers are ingenious folk. Typing on the computer keyboard with one finger, left-handed, severely curtailed my e-mails.

While these obstacles were a bit annoying and amusing in their way, the major impact of being in this situation was psychological in respect to the realization that I was literally under 'house arrest'. I could not drive a car and with the February weather, I could not take a walk on icy sidewalks. I was trapped and could not go out to play.

The worst part, and the guys will appreciate this, was that my wife had to drive me everywhere! Now she did a great job while I was home despite the fact that after three days she wanted me out of the house more than I wanted to be out. Humans cannot be together 24 hours a day for any length of time.

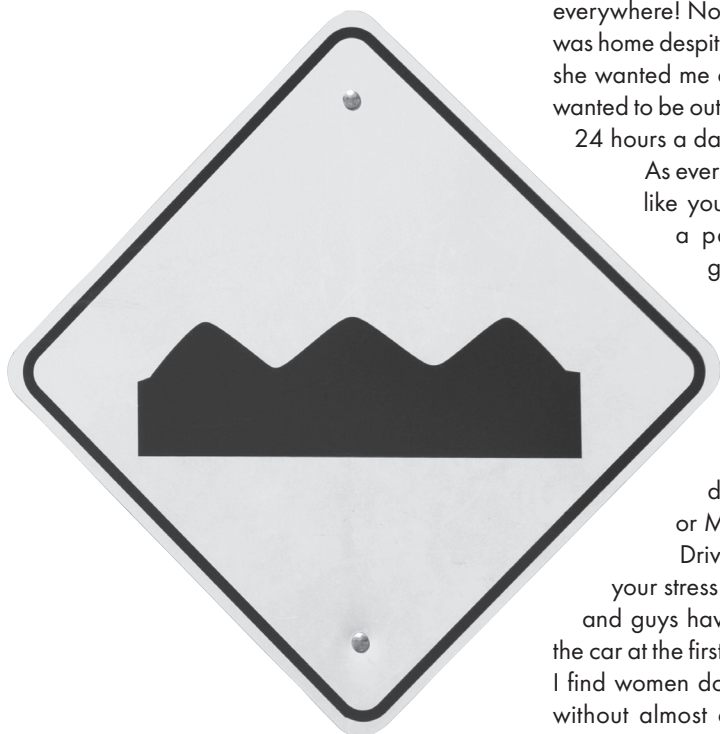
As every driver knows, no one drives like you or as good as you. Being a passenger, even with your good car-buddy driving, is stressful. You, a driver since you were 16, can find fault with anyone who is driving you. No body handles a car as well as you do or as good as you do. Well, maybe Jeff Gordon or Mark Martin.

Driving with your wife increases your stress level beyond all safety limits and guys have been known to get out of the car at the first intersection and walk home. I find women do not know how to turn right without almost coming to a complete stop

and slowly, slowly turning. They do not test the limits of a car's suspension as men do. It's annoying when you are behind such a lady but if you are in the car with a woman turning slowly right, and she is your wife, it causes strokes.

When I was out of beer and said we had to make a run to get some, that's when fight #1 started. When I asked her to take me to O'Daniel's Pub for a drink with friends, that's when fight #2 started. This was a long incarceration.

On the serious side, the loss of your driving privilege, whether because of a physical limitation or age, is one of the most negative psychological impacts on your mental health. We take for granted the privilege of jumping into our car, firing it up and going down the road. The loss of this wonderful freedom, even temporarily in my case, was bad enough. I cannot image how it would be if the ability to drive was gone for good. I now have a new appreciation and respect for individuals who have infirmities that prevent them from driving and how they cope with everyday life.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Cadillac-LaSalle enthusiasts

By the time you read this let us hope that you have felt the first soft zephyrs of Spring, that you have seen the first robin and the first buds on trees and shrubs; in short, those harbingers that presage the onset of a new season of cruise nights, car shows and just plain-old driving fun in those automotive beauties that we have been storing away through our western New York winter.

Our dinner at Salvatore's in January was another success. If you weren't there you missed a great time and a financial bargain as well. Where else can you get hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a lavish dinner, elegant surroundings, sparkling companions and witty repartee, all for only \$20.00?

Please see the insert for our Spring Brunch, May 2, at the Holiday Inn, Grand Island. Come out and weather permitting, bring your classic car. Also we have a June 6 date for our show at Keyser Cadillac. This has become the highlight of our social season, with upwards of 50 or more great looking old Cadillac's and LaSalle's. Don't miss this one.

Our Western NY chapter of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club operates on a charter granted by the National Club. One of the requirements for us to acquire and retain this charter is that all the members of our club shall also be members of the National Club. I have received several notices from the National office that we are not in compliance with this. From our list of 68 members, 18 are not members of the National. It is within the power of the National Club to revoke our charter on this basis. We certainly do not want to lose any of our present members, and of course we do not want to endanger our affiliation with the National Club. If you are not a member of the National Cadillac and LaSalle Club, Inc. please give consideration to joining.

Please feel free to call any of the following for information and/or applications for membership.

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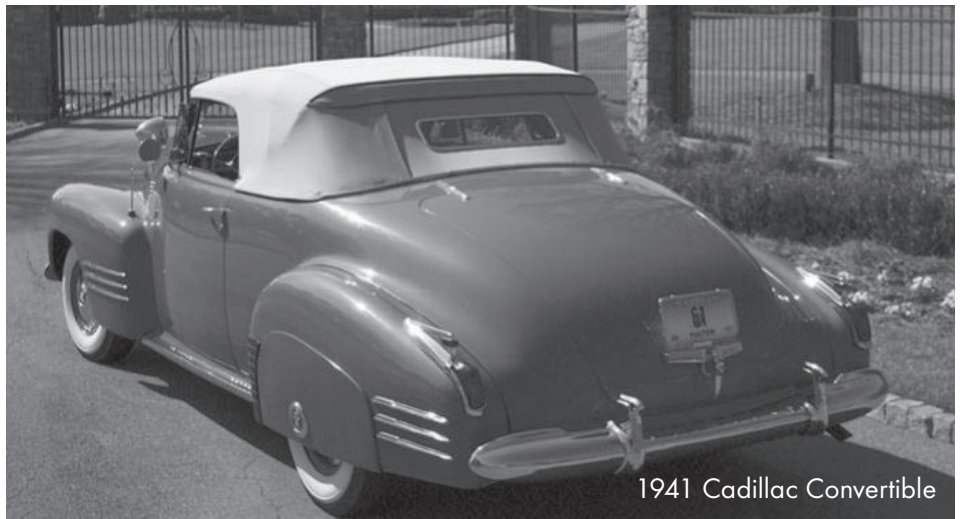
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Thanks for your co-operation. We will be holding meetings on Saturday March 6th and April 3 at Sunny's Restaurant, Batavia, City Center Mall, at 1 p.m. Hope to see you there.

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Dick Walther

'49 Convertible



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'79 Eldorado



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'76 Eldorado



John Bray

'39 LaSalle

# Ice Breaker Brunch



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

**When:** May 2, 2010 • 11 a.m.

## Our Fifth 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 23, 2010 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.

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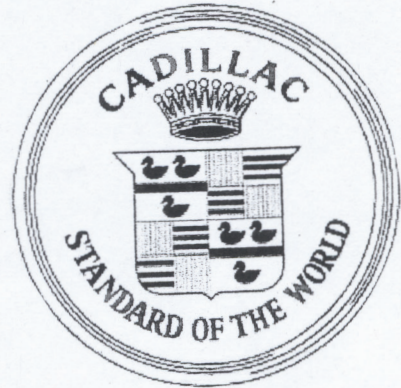
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1. How did you find your car?  
Is there a story that we all can relate to.
2. Interesting experiences with your antique car.
3. Restoration - What to Do and What Not to Do.
4. Trip Suggestions.
5. Experiences at car shows
6. Your views on the hobby, 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.

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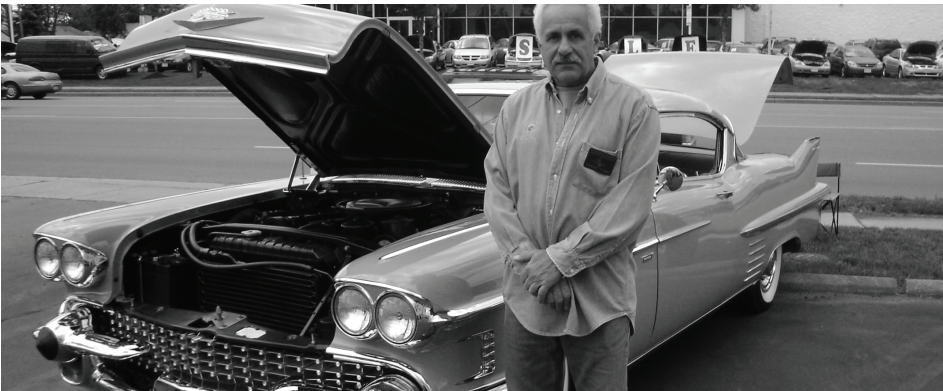
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