

THE TALENT

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

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NO DRIVING???

Prior to my recent back surgery, ECMC surgeon, Dr. Joe Kowalski, briefed me on what to expect with the upcoming procedure. Open an area in my back, few screws, braces, spacers, and two-three days in the hospital, sore back, no heavy lifting, no work for six weeks and... **no driving** for six weeks! Excuse me.

No driving! I almost cancelled the surgery. This is someone who grew up with cars in the 1950s when cars were your life, loves driving and who has been driving constantly for more than fifty years. (Except for an interlude while in Korea)

One does not just stop driving for six weeks without good reason. Well, Dr. K convinced me I did not want to repeat the surgery due to something stupid I would do while driving and it would be best if I listened to him. At this point in my life, I find myself listening to doctors more, so following the surgery I held back and did not drive.

Now I have three cars, two of which are antiques, the other a sport car, and two motorcycles. Do I like driving? You bet.

Not being able to drive, for me, was similar to a prison sentence. I was "house-locked," unable to take a short ride to the nearby Consumer Beverage facility, or pull a car out of the garage to look at. I couldn't even wash the cars. Is this what it will be like when I'm 90 and can't lift a leg to get into the car? Old age is not looking good at all.

To add to the dire situation, if I wanted

to go anywhere, I had to have my wife drive me. Now guys know, never ride with your wife as the driver. It will put you back in the hospital with a nervous breakdown. No one drives like you do and to be a passenger, especially with a wife who is overly cautious, is torture.

So there I am, literally off the road, trapped so to speak, in my own house surround by vehicles I am unable to drive. A fate worse than death.

On the 42nd day of my sentence, I was on the road again, cruising down the highway, listening to the radio and grinning; I am convinced it helped in my recovery from the operation which was successful.

Ironically, this situation could be a metaphor for the current situation with gas prices and the future of the auto. The days of the flathead V8, big and small block engines, Hemis, have long since passed and today's cars are headed for a redesign that will make them small and gas efficient. King Auto will be dethroned and defanged.

For those of us who were teenagers in the 1950s, the golden age of the auto, and who loved the days and nights driving the flathead Fords, straight six Chevys, and lusted after the new 1955 Chevy V8 which we could not afford, the price of gas is the last nail in the coffin of "real cars."

Street racing, Pat's Drive-In on Sheridan Drive, drive-in movies and many more favorite car places, it was the best of times for many "motor heads," now with

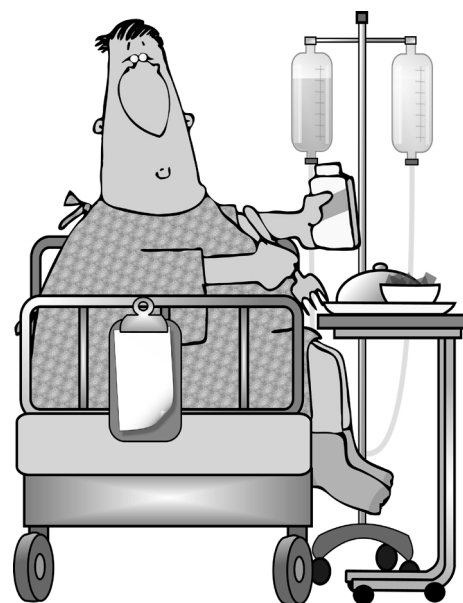
grandchildren and gray hair but still with a hot car in the garage.

The advent of electric cars, alternative fuel, small efficient autos such as you see in Europe, is the future of American automobiles and while necessary there are those of us around who lived the golden days of the auto.

You will see us at cruise nights, car shows, and drag strips and perhaps driving a rare Chevy or Ford from the 50s down the highway and hear the mellow tones of dual exhausts drifting away.

The times they have changed.

— The Editor





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Cadillac and LaSalle enthusiasts,

We are once again well into a new driving and show season. Our brunch at Grand Island Holiday Inn was well attended. The June 1st show at Keyser Cadillac was a great success with something over 50 cars shown, and that in the face of less than stellar weather.

We have a firm date of August 9th for our Rochester show at Valley Cadillac. Please see the enclosed flyer in this issue of the "Talefin" for details. Let's see if we can't pump up this show so we have 50 or so beautiful automobiles for ourselves and passersby to drool over.

We are also planning an Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 10th at 2:00 p.m. at "Udder Delights." This is located on Rt. 31 in Gasport (Rt. 78 north to 31 east in Lockport, continue on 31 E. to Gasport. "Udder Delights" is at the bottom of the hill just before Gasport.) See the flyer in this newsletter. Bring one of your cherished classic cars and let's spend an afternoon together.

I received a call from a George Scardetta. He is looking for someone with an older Cadillac to drive for a wedding on September 20 in the Penn Yan - Skaneateles area. He says the participants will pay expenses. If you can help, call George at 585-671-6594.

Do you have a story to tell concerning your classic car? Send it to me or to John Bray (brayjd@dyc.edu) and share it with everyone.

Let's not forget the Grand National at Cherry Hills, NJ August 12-16. Hope to see a good turnout from WNY.

We will resume our monthly meetings on Sept. 6, the first Saturday of the month. Please make an effort to attend at least some of our meetings. We want input from all of our members.

Till then, put some happy miles on your pampered beauty and drive safely!

Pete
President

CLASSIC LOGO



1933

HAVING FUN AT THE MAY SUNDAY BRUNCH



Don and Marie Ulrich and their 1940 LaSalle

2008 KEYSER SHOW



Sally Banach and her 1959 Fleetwood



Frank Papa and his 1955 Eldo Convertible

Prize winners at June 1st, 2008 Keyser show

Class 1

- 1st place Frank Papa 1955 Cadillac Eldo Conv.
- 2nd place Don Ulrich 1940 LaSalle Conv.
- 3rd place Joe Franco 1938 Cadillac

Class 2

- 1st place Matthew Serwicki 1961 Cadillac Coupe Deville
- 2nd place Jeff Kuemmel 1958 Cadillac Eldo Seville
- 3rd place James Cranston 1962 Cadillac Park Ave.

Class 3

- 1st place Gary Marks 1967 Cadillac Eldo
- 2nd place Joe Mannarino 1964 Cadillac Coupe
- 3rd place Christopher Ciszek 1966 Cadillac Coupe

Class 4

- 1st place Laverne Wickham 1972 Cadillac
- 2nd place Cecilio Diaz 1976 Cadillac Eldo Conv.
- 3rd place Bill O'Day 1973 Cadillac Sedan DeVille

Class 5

- 1st place Pat Cappa 1985 Cadillac Seville
- 2nd place John Nuttle 1984 Cadillac Eldo Biarritz
- 3rd place Neil King 1977 Cadillac Coupe

Class 6

- 1st place Kevin Beamer 1991 Cadillac Brougham
- 2nd place Dan Penwright 1996 Cadillac Sedan DeVille
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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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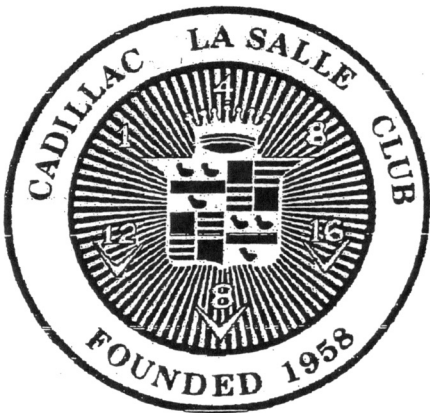
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Or call me to discuss your ideas.

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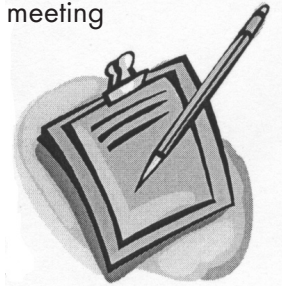
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NEXT MEETING

The next Club meeting is Saturday, September 6 at Sunny's Restaurant on Main St. in Batavia at 1 p.m.



CLASSIC QUOTE

"Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night? ."
Jack Kerouac

Ride to Work

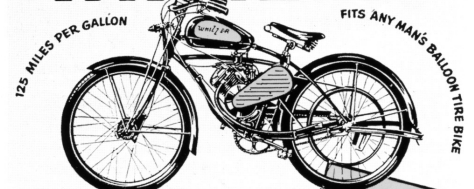


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