

# THE TALENT

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

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## "MY 1978 CADILLAC ELDORADO BIARRITZ CUSTOM CLASSIC"



by Dan Marinola

While I was driving around town minding my own business, I spotted her in the showroom window of what was then "Jack Stevens Buick-Cadillac on Camp Road in Hamburg.

She was gleaming and screaming "I'm yours." The year was 1980 and my 1974 Eldorado Convertible (which I was totally in love with) said she would be a great addition to the family. So I went in to investigate a possible sale. Well, at the time even if I traded my beloved convertible in, we couldn't strike a deal. They wanted a lot of money for this two year old girl.

I called a friend and fellow Cadillac lover and thought if I couldn't have her, he could. He made the deal and brought her home...to his garage. Well, at least she was somewhere safe and I could visit her once in a while.

As it turned out he kept her covered up in his garage for about seven years and only drove her sparingly on nice days.

My second chance came about when I asked him if he would consider selling the car to me seeing as how he never drove it and how I was really in love with it. He agreed and I jumped at the chance. Times and money were a bit better and I didn't have to part with my '74 convertible this time.

My '78 Eldorado was welcomed into my family of cars in 1987 and she has been with me for 20 years. Some of you saw her at the Keyser Show and she has been to Rochester a few times.

It has been said you either love or hate the color combination; I have always loved it. The pillowed interior is very comfortable and especially nice on the road. The 425 cubic inch engine provides ample power to move the car. I took her to the Grand National in Detroit a few years ago and she drove perfectly. The car has original paint and upholstery and I've done only minor mechanical work to keep her going.

I it's a pleasure to drive and own. I think I'll keep her.

## LADY CADILLAC

*(Extracted from an article published in WNY Heritage Magazine Summer 2002 Issue written by John Conlin)*

Marie-Therese Gyon Dubuisson Lamothe Cadillac was called "the first woman of the West" by historian Frank Severance. It was in 1702 that she traversed the Niagara River portage. The 31 year-old wife of Antoine Lamonth Cadillac journeyed by water from her home in Quebec City to her husband's post at Detroit. It was dangerous adventure covering nearly 1000 miles by canoe but she and her party made it. She brought along her 10 year-old son, "le petit Cadillac."





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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting fellow club members,

Once again we are coming to the end of another driving season. It's also time to tuck our classics away for the winter and time to wrap up another season of club social activities.

We started the year with our dinner at Salvatore's followed by our spring brunch, our show at Keyser Cadillac, and our show at Valley Cadillac in Rochester. For those of you who missed any of these events, you missed some good times!

We will be holding club meetings on the first Saturday of each month at Sunny's Restaurant in Batavia. While I understand everyone cannot attend every meeting, this is your club and we would really be happy to see you, hear your views and suggestions for handling your club's business. We will be holding meetings on the 1st Saturday of every month, excluding January, when the meeting will be held at the dinner.

Meeting dates will be Dec.1, Feb.2, Mar 1 and April 5 taking us up to our Spring Brunch and summer car shows, which will serve in lieu of regular meetings. Let's mingle at one or more of these get-togethers!

We have solid dates of January 6 for our dinner at Salvatore's and May 4 for our Spring Brunch. We are working to get a firm date for our Keyser show and we hope to add another event or two to our summer social calendar.

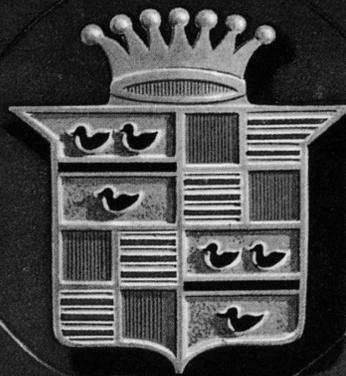
Til then, motor happily and safely and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Peter Arnoldo  
President

# CLASSIC LOGO

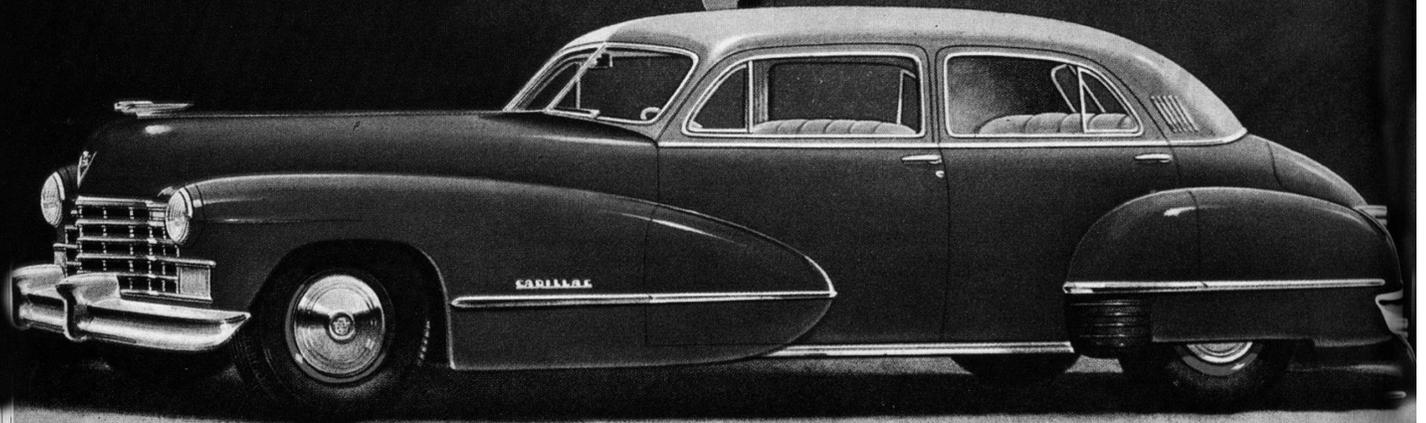


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# Ice Breaker Brunch



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

**When:** May 4, 2008 • 11 a.m.

## Our Third 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 at the door but be sure to RSVP to Bob Morris at 694-9830, no later than April 24, 2008 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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### Reservations by April 24, 2008

MAIL-IN RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:  Check enclosed  Will pay at the door

# GLOVE BOX TIME CAPSULES

By David Leger

A few months ago, while reading the Antique Automobile Car Club online forum ([www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org)) I came across the following posting:

"If you would like the contents of your vintage glove box as correct as your auto, I collect and supply glove box time capsules. All the items on might find in the glove box in the year it was made. It's only \$11.00 in the U.S.

This is just a hobby and each is different and unique. I can usually supply any year from the late 1920s to the 1970s and I can try custom time capsules too."

"All my time capsules contain six to nine items from many appropriate items for the car year, and may include: matchbooks, coinage, stamps, brochures, advertise-

ments, maps, post cards, letters, receipts, business cards, books, miscellaneous literature, film, photos and anything else of the nature that might end up on a glove box, or door pockets in the earlier autos like the Whippet or Model A.

"I try and do careful research to make your glove box as accurate as possible. (This is how a kill time in winter.)"

I thought this was a great idea. Another AACA member had ordered a set and stated he was happy with it. ...I contacted Mr. Franklin who placed the post on the forum and asked if he could do one for my dad's 1963 Thunderbird and while he was at it, one for my 1947 Cadillac. He wrote the next day and said he had them ready to go and a few days later I received a package with both.

The 1947 packet included: one 1947 Missouri state road map, a postcard

dated 1947 from the Forest Motel in Project City, Calif., one Texaco receipt with carbons, one envelope from a letter sent in 1947 to Santa Monica, three 'grain of wheat' pennies from 1947, a pack of matches from the AAA approved El Rancho motel in Dunsmuir Calif., an unopened box of Kodak Verichrome film, and two commemorative stickers from the Utah Centennial, 1847-1947.

If you would like a time capsule of your own at a very reasonable price contact Mr. Franklin at [jfraklin@centurytel.net](mailto:jfraklin@centurytel.net)

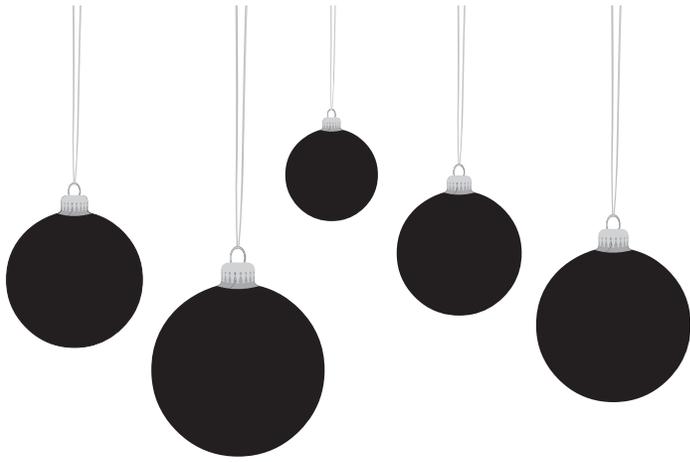
From "The Dagmar" official newsletter of the Colorado Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

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## A GREAT GIFT IDEA



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# Post Christmas Dinner

*The special event will be held*

**January 6, 2008**

cocktails and hors d'oeuvres - 2:00 p.m.

dinner - 3 p.m.

## **Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

*on Transit and Genesee streets in Depew.*

Dinner will be prime rib, filet, chicken francaise or salmon.

**\$25.00** per person.

Send the form below to Peter Arnoldo,  
685 Paradise Road, East Amherst, NY 14051 to confirm your attendance.

**Reservations by December 22, 2007**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose one:  Check enclosed  Will pay at the door  
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## 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 reader-ship. Addresses are:

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Or call me to discuss your ideas.

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# NEXT MEETING

The next Club meeting is Saturday, Feb. 2 at Sunny's Restaurant on Main St. in Batavia at 1 p.m.



# CLASSIC QUOTE

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— E.J. Crossman



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