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An excellent 10minute video of Capitol Cadillac's 85th Anniversary Car Show has been made by Matt Laur of Horizon Imageworks. View the video at



https://vimeo.com/340847882.

Thanks to the Region members who attended the 2019 Grand National in Louisville, KY. Several returned home with awards for their work and vehicles including Bob Crimmins, Distinguished Service Award; Randy Edison, Past Presidents Award and First Place Touring Class for his 1988 Fleetwood Brougham and Lynn Gardner, Second Place Touring Class for his 1976 Sedan Deville.



Since June is a busy month for car shows in our area, I attended several with my 1958 Eldorado Biarritz, I received many awards, one of which was very special - Best in Show at The Faces of Valor car show held in Annapolis, MD. The show raised funds for service, fire, police and

EMS members killed or wounded in the line of duty. Thanks to all of them for their service.

The next Region event will be our Annual Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 17th at my home in Owings, MD. The picnic will take the place of the August monthly meeting, and it will be a catered event at the cost of \$10 per attendee. See flyer in this issue for RSVP information. My wife, JoJo, and I look forward to seeing everyone.

Wishing all a safe and happy summer!

Dan Ruby





JUNE 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES BY SANDY KEMPER AND CHUCK PIEL

PLACE: IHOP restaurant, 775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
TIME: 7:30 pm
PRESIDING: Chuck Piel
ATTENDANCE: Franklin Gage, Dianna Moy, Bill & Anne Hilliard and Debbie Piel

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Chuck thanked everyone for attending. He also extended many thanks from the Region to the members who participated in the 2019 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. The Region sent condolences to Lisa Diehl and Debbie Taylor for the passing of their mothers and to Mike & Vicky Barruzza for the death of Mike's brother.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the May 2019 meeting were not read since they were published and distributed to all members in the May 2019 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from the May 2019 meeting to date. The Region's income was \$1,870 and the expenses for the same time period were \$1,289. Most income and expense items were related to the CLC PR Spring Car Show.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our 2019 membership stands at 178.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The following activities were discussed:

1. Recent Events:

- **27th Annual Capitol Cadillac Car Show & Automobilia Auction, Sun, May 19.** The weather was hot, but dry and sunny. Seventy (70) cars participated and there were a lot of spectators. We grossed a little over \$1,000 at the auction and made \$218 on the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the show and auction, and donated items to the automobilia auction.
- **CLC Grand National, Louisville, KY, Tue-Sat, Jun 11-15.** Potomac Region was well represented with four member-cars being driven to Louisville including Lynn Gardner with his '76 Jennifer Blue Sedan deVille; Scot Minesinger and Regina Hehir in Scot's '70 Deville Convertible; Randy Edison (with co-pilots Jack McClow and Bob Norrid) with his '88 Fleetwood Brougham and Chuck & Debbie Piel in their '67 Deville Convertible. In addition, Mark Brodsky, Richard Sills, Bob Crimmins, Jeff Montgomery, Martina Butler, Doug Bailey, Christopher Winter, Harry Scott and Marc Tuwiner also attended, among others. Lynn, Christopher, Chuck and Richard served as judges for the car show and Marc and Harry had vendor spaces. Lynn and Randy brought home awards for their cars, and Bob Crimmins won the Club's Distinguish Service Award. Pictures and info will come in the *Caddie Chronicle*. Longtime CLC PR member Richard Sisson drove from Tennessee to the Louisville on Saturday to visit with his many CLC friends.
- **46th Annual Sully Plantation Father's Day Car Show, Chantilly, VA, Sun, Jun 16.** There were only four Cadillacs, including two Potomac Region member cars, in the show very probably because of the date conflict with the CLC GN. More info will be in the *Chronicle*.





2. Upcoming PR Events:

- Annual Potomac Region Picnic, Dan & JoJo Ruby's home, Sat, Aug 17, 1:00–6:00 pm. A flyer with details will be published in the July newsletter. The picnic will replace the August Region Meeting, previously scheduled for that day.
- 3rd Annual Cars & Coffee at Capitol Cadillac, Greenbelt, MD, Sat, Sep 28, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. More details will be published in an upcoming newsletter.
- 3. Other Upcoming Events:
 - CLC Central Penn Region Car Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA, Sat, July 13, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Last year's show had over 60 cars participating. Following the show, there is usually a get-together of CLC friends at the nearby home of Art & Jan Archambeault.
 - 16th Annual All Car & Truck Show Hosted by the VCCA Free State Region, Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown MD, Sun, Jul 28, 10:00 am-3:00pm.
 - Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA, Fri-Sun, Aug 2-4. Just west of Allentown, PA, this is a three-day festival including a car show each day, flea market, car corral, entertainment and fireworks.
 - 45th Annual Metro Chapter Buick Club All-GM Show, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, Sat, Aug 10, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
 - 44th Edgar Rohr Antique Auto Show, Manassas, VA, Sat, Sep 21, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
 - Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show, Rockville Civic Center Park, Sat, Oct 19, 11:00 am-3:30 pm. Registration for the public will open on July 1. Important note: there is no rain date.
- CLC National Driving Tour, Gettysburg, PA, Oct 22-26, hosted by the Valley Forge Region. The official announcement article and registration form were in the June issue of *The Self-Starter*. The VFR has compiled a list of many tasks and activities that they will need help with before, during, and after the driving tour. If you want to help with this event, contact Mike Stinson at 267-251-8588 or Jack Hotz at 856-429-0641.

To view more events, visit http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/eventslisting.htm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:30 pm at Silver Diner, 8150 Porter Road, Falls Church [Merrifield], VA 22042, 703-204-0812

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jul 4 Thu	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	38th Annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration	Morningside MD	Morningside Town Hall at 301-736-2300
Jul 13	9:00 am -	13th Annual CLC	AACA Museum	Richard Sills at 301-467-1212 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Central Penn Region Meet	Hershey PA	richard.sills@hklaw.com
Jul 15	7:30 pm –	Potomac Region	Silver Diner	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or
Mon	9:30 pm	Monthly Meeting	Merrifield VA	danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Jul 27 Sat	6:30 am – 9:30 am	Adam Eaton's 3rd Annual Rev Up The Park benefiting the Dragonfly Foundation	Nationals Park Washington DC	http://www.revupthepark.com/registration
Jul 28 Sun	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	16th Annual All Car & Truck Show Hosted by the VCCA Free State Region	Reisterstown Regional Park Reisterstown MD	Bill Scott at 410-527-0953 or grand1917@comcast.net
Aug 2-4 Fri-Sun		57th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht Hosted by the AACA Ontelaunee Region	Memorial Park MacCungie PA	https://awkscht.com/
Aug 10	10:00 am -	45th Annual Metro Chapter Buick	Montgomery College	Cory Correll at 240-686-0229 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Club All-GM Show	Rockville MD	corydraw@gmail.com
Aug 17	1:00 pm -	Potomac Region	Dan & JoJo Ruby's	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or
Sat	6:00 pm	Summer Picnic	Owings MD	danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Aug 17 Sat	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	34th Annual Car Show Hosted by the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region	Rose Hill Manor Frederick MD	Ed at 301-514-2207 or Skip at 240-422-0368
Sep 14	9:00 am -	23rd Annual CLC Hampton Roads	Suttle Motors	James Gregg at 757-489-8968 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Region Car Show	Newport News VA	http://hamptonroadsvaclc.org/
Sep 16	7:30 pm –	Potomac Region	Capitol Cadillac	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or
Mon	9:00 pm	Monthly Meeting	Greenbelt MD	danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Sep 21	10:00 am -	44th Edgar Rohr Memorial	Manassas Museum	Bill Sessler at 703-368-2367 or
Sat	3:00 pm	Antique Car Meet	Manassas VA	sesslerize@comcast.net
Sep 22	9:00 am -	CLC Valley Forge Region	Peddler's Village	John Wood at <u>renopa@verizon.net</u> or
Sun	3:00 pm	Car Show	Lahaska PA	267-939-5925
Sep 28	8:00 am -	3rd Annual	Capitol Cadillac	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or
Sat	11:00 am	Cars & Coffee	Greenbelt MD	<u>danruby@clcpotomacregion.org</u>
Oct 2-6 Wed-Sun	Gates open daily at 7 am	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle PA	717-243-7855 or www.carsatcarlisle.com
Oct 9-12	Gates open	AACA National	Giant Center	www.hersheyaaca.org
Wed-Sat	daily at 7 am	Eastern Fall Meet	Hershey PA	
Oct 12	9:00 am -	13th Annual Potomac Day	Falls Rd and River Rd	Jennifer at <u>Jennifer@potomacpizza.com</u> or
Sat	3:00 pm	Classic Car Show	Potomac MD	301-299-2170
Oct 19	8:30 am -	City of Rockville	Rockville Civic Center	240-314-5022 or <u>Visit Website</u>
Sat	3:30 pm	Antique and Classic Car Show	Rockville MD	
Oct 21	7:30 pm –	Potomac Region	Silver Diner	Dan Ruby at 301-343-1463 or
Mon	9:00 pm	Monthly Meeting	Merrifield VA	danruby@clcpotomacregion.org
Oct 22-26 Tue-Sat		CLC National Driving Tour Hosted by the Valley Forge Region	Wyndham Gettysburg PA	<u>Visit Website</u>



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Potomac Region Summer Picnic in Scenic Southern Maryland Dan & JoJo Ruby's Home

7018 Wilderness Ct Owings, MD 20736

Saturday, August 17, 2019 1:00–6:00 pm 301-343-1463 danruby@clcpotomacregion.org

Please drive your Cadillac or LaSalle to the Summer Picnic at the Ruby home. The event will be catered with the Region providing soft drinks, water, ice, serving tables, plates, cutlery, etc. If you have a favorite dessert or beverage you want to share with others, please feel free to bring.

Also please bring your folding chair(s). There is plenty of room to park your classic Cadillac or LaSalle in the yard.

DIRECTIONS: from Capitol Beltway, I-495/I-95, take exit 11A onto MD-4 E toward Upper Marlboro. Continue 19 miles and turn right onto Briscoes Turn Rd. Make first right onto Timberneck Dr. then left on Wilderness Ct.





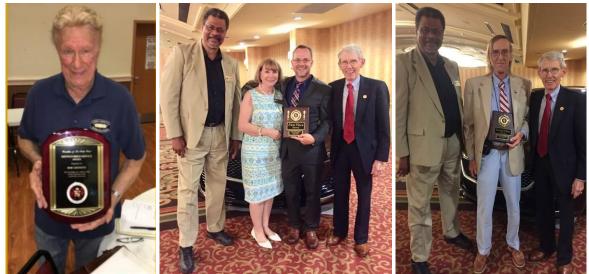


To see pictures from last year's picnic, visit <u>http://www.clcpotomacregion.org/2018summerpicnic.htm</u>.





2019 CLC GRAND NATIONAL IN PICTURES PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS BY LYNN GARDNER, JEFF HANSEN, JACK MCCLOW, BOB NORRID, RARITAN RIVER REGION AND RICHARD SILLS



Above left: Bob Crimmins, recipient of the CLC Distinguished Service Award Above center: Randy Edison, center right, receiving a First Place Touring Award for his 1988 Fleetwood Brougham from Glenn Brown, Martina Butler and Bill Anderson (left to right) Above right: Lynn Gardner, center, receiving a Second Place Touring Award for his 1976 Sedan Deville from Glenn Brown and Bill Anderson (left to right)



Above left: Scot Minesinger and Regina Hehir Above center: Debbie & Chuck Piel Above right: Jack McClow and Christopher Winter



This beautiful 1972 Eldorado coupe was donated by Jackie Nelson of Ohio, in memory of her late husband Gary Nelson, who owned the car since 1990. It was auctioned during the Welcome Reception for \$11,500 to benefit the CLC Museum & Research Center. The car is St. Moritz Blue Firemist with white cabriolet roof and white leather interior, and has only 12,009 original miles.

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Pictured above is a 1941 Cadillac Series 6319D owned by Donn Wray of Carmel, IN. It had paperwork on a display board showing the selling dealer was Capitol Cadillac. The invoice also showed that the original owner, who lived at 1900 Que Street N.W. in Washington, paid an additional \$50 for "Special Paint" and \$45 for monogramming. The data plate on this car showed "SO" as the paint code, which is consistent with the fact that the car was painted a special-order color.



Left to right: Randy Edison, Martina Butler, Debbie Piel, Regina Hehir, Scot Minesinger, Jack McClow, Frank Butler and Bob Norrid at an establishment featured on the TV show *Diners, Drive-In's and Dives*













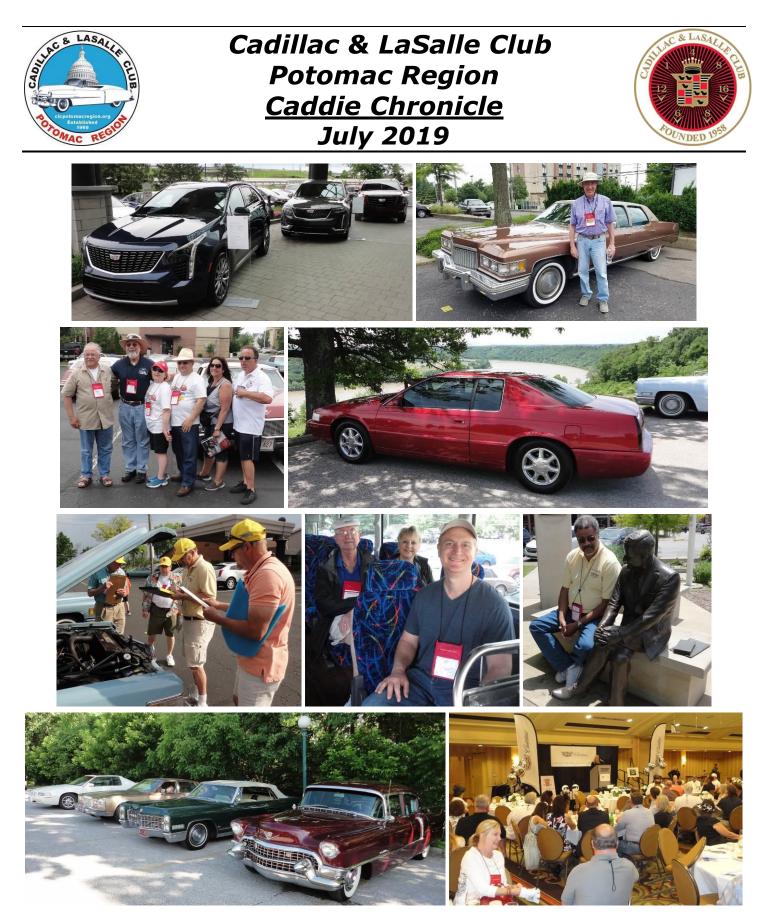












The 2020 Grand National will be held from June 9-13 at the Marriott in Overland Park, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City. Visit the <u>2020 Grand National website</u> for more information.

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STONEWALL CADILLAC TURNS 50 CONTRIBUTORS: TARA CROSSON, WILLIAMSON HENDERSON, MURILEE MARTIN, LEIGH MCMANUS AND THE STONEWALL VETERANS ASSOCIATION



The Stonewall Cadillac leading the New York City Gay Pride Parade June 2003 Photo courtesy of the STONEWALL Veterans' Association (SVA)

On Friday, June 27, 1969 at about 1:00 am, a routine-harassment-of-Gays police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a club in New York City known for its Gay clientele, touched off the not-so-routine Stonewall Rebellion, a series of demonstrations that are frequently cited as the start of the Gay Rights Movement in the United States and around the world. A 1969 Cadillac de Ville convertible had been parked with its top down, as usual, on the same block of the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street -- only a stone's throw from the club's entrance -- by its owner Williamson Henderson. It was spared any damage in the chaos that followed. Once the rebellion was over, Henderson, who was at the forefront of the rebellion, was arrested and had his car impounded. The Cadillac was driven (not towed, as many think) by two plainclothes NYPD police officers to the old Sixth Precinct on Charles Street near the Hudson River in Greenwich Village. Despite the civil unrest, the car did not suffer any damage. In reality, there were no insurance claims filed by anyone for anything -- not even a car scratch.





Two days later, the car was released back to Williamson Henderson, who regularly drove it down the full length of Christopher Street from Greenwich Avenue to West Street (West Side Highway) at the Hudson River in Greenwich Village, New York. Many Gay and other people would yell out – as they still do today – "The Stonewall Car"! Over the years, the Cadillac has become pretty much a parade car, getting plenty of duty in the annual NYC Gay Pride parade and other events.

In the mid-1980s, this Cadillac led a parade in NYC sponsored by GM of over 50 Cadillacs when the new-sized Coupe and Sedan de Villes were introduced. In 1994, the "Stonewall Car" led the "Spirit of Stonewall March" from the legendary Stonewall Club in Greenwich Village through some narrow streets passing the historic Washington Square Arch, with the huge Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in the distant background, all the way up Fifth Avenue with cheering spectators, into Central Park. This famous car led hundreds of thousands of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual & Transgender (GLBT) people and their friends and supporters into the park, where hundreds of thousands had already congregated in anticipation of the biggest GLBT rally in history. Have you ever brought your car to be part of an event with a real million people? The "Stonewall Car" was the only car in the entire Central Park that glorious day, along with about 1.1 million people.

Here are some very interesting facts regarding the 1969 de Ville convertible. GM described this Cadillac as its "crown jewel". Right they were! Its weight is over 4,600 pounds (nearly 2 1/2 tons!); its length is 225 inches (nearly 19 feet long!); its width is 80 inches (over 6 1/2 feet wide); its height is 55 inches (with convertible top up); its wheelbase (the distance between axles) is 130 inches; and its massive, powerful, fuel-efficient, 375 horsepower, V-8 engine is 472 cubic inches at 4,400 rpm (revolutions per minute). It is one of the largest V-8 engines ever produced to power a passenger car! The Cadillac has the great standard-equipped power steering, power brakes, six-way power bench seat, power windows, AM/FM stereo radio, power radio antenna and, most importantly, power convertible top. The convertible top is made of white, triple-woven padded canvas with a real glass rear window. One option the car has which is rarely used is the automatic climate control system. When is the top up? Never! Not even in winter! The car is kept with the top down year-round and a custom canvas cover over it. The seating areas are white sierra ostrich-grain leather. The flooring is midnight black pile carpeting. The dashboard, door panels and rear seating area side panels have inlaid, designer grain wood. The entire "Stonewall Car" interior is original! The custom Vogue tires are extra-wide whitewalls. The wheel covers are solid chrome spokes. The fuel tank capacity is a whopping 26 gallons (plus one gallon reserve). The locked gas cap is hidden behind the rear license plate ("STONEWAL").

Over 16,000 of these classic Cadillac convertible cars -- a very large number for a luxury convertible -- were produced by General Motors Corporation with Body by Fisher. The huge chrome bumpers and massive front with cast aluminum "egg-crate" grille was used as a design model for Cadillac grilles for the following two-plus decades into the 1990s. The car introduced the innovative and safety-conscious wrap around cornering lights (now found, though less grandly, on almost every car). 1969 was the year that front seat headrests (restraints) became mandatory by law. Seatbelts were now required to have a push-button open/close mechanism. The 1969 Cadillac marked the public-wanted return of the dual horizontal headlights (after four years of the vertical, un-Cadillac, 'stacked' headlamps).





In 1959, back-tracking a decade, Cadillac had the incredibly unique, "bullet" tail-lights. Ten years later, it seems that they made a point to have the 1969 tail lamps be unique. 1969 was the only year that the Cadillac had the distinctive "lantern" tail-lights. They complemented and were built-in to the slowly sweeping, modified tail fin. In fact, virtually the only major difference between the 1969 and the 1970 Cadillacs (same body, same size, same stats, etc.) were the tail-lights. The 1970 returned to the well-known, long, vertical tail-lights.



Williamson Henderson with the "Stonewall Car" Summer 2001 Photo by NYPD Sergeant / GOAL Officer Tommy T. Jeans

The 1969 and 1970 Cadillacs (98% identical twins) were widely described as "muscle cars with tuxedos". It is most appropriate that the 1969 is both distinctive and 'different'. The ad slogan for the 1969 Cadillac was: "The pleasure of driving the only luxury convertible built in America!" Four decades later, that horn slogan still blows true -- and with even greater significance in America's auto industry.

The most frequently asked question about the "Stonewall Car" is: "What is the mileage?" At the turn of the millennium (2000), the "SW-Car" had an original mileage of 94,169 on New Year's Day. The mileage was only 94,894 original miles three years later as of January 1, 2003, actually

regarded as a very low figure considering the vehicular age. At 35 years, as of April 1, 2004, the mileage was only 94,954. In June 2005, the odometer read a low 95,169. Three years later, at the end of June 2008, the mileage read a mere 95,233 miles. Since then, very few miles have been added to this restricted-mileage "historical" vehicle. The engine is original and has had absolutely nothing overhauled. It even has the original glass window cleaner bottle and mount adjacent to the engine!

The "Stonewall Car", now owned by the STONEWALL Veterans' Association (SVA), has appeared in several movies, television commercials, print ads and photo shoots. It was used in the popular promotional poster for both the premiere of "Stonewall: The Play" in 1994 and "Stonewall" (the movie) in 1996. Since the "Stonewall Car" had a professional exterior restoration in mid-1999, SVA members voted unanimously to again make the car available (after a 20-year hiatus) to be 'leased' -- with SVA supervision -- for films, commercials, print ads, editorials and videos. It also gets plenty of duty in the annual NYC Gay Pride parades and other events, especially this year, as the car turns 50, the Stonewall Rebellion marks its 50th anniversary and the 50th annual parade.





2019 SULLY ANTIQUE CAR SHOW BY SANDY KEMPER PHOTOS BY SANDY KEMPER AND JOSH PINHO

During the course of a year, the Greater Washington, D.C. Area is host to numerous car shows. But one the largest, by number of participating automobiles, is the Sully Antique Car Show. Held at the Sully Historic Site in Chantilly, Virginia, this show is hosted jointly by the George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America and the Fairfax County Park Authority. Traditionally the show takes place on Father's Day and this year was the 46th Annual.



As one might expect with a Model A club as a co-sponsor of the show, there is always a fine selection of Ford Model A's, Model T's and other early 20th century cars at Sully. Contributing to this early car bounty, the show organizers admit all vehicles manufactured in 1925 and earlier without any registration fee. Further, cars manufactured in 1919 and earlier are parked in a special "Century Class" area and may participate in a Century Class Parade during the show.

It's possible that the "A's" surpass any other make and model on the show field. But Sully gets a substantial variety of other cars that are eligible for judging for first, second and third place awards in forty judging classes. One notable exception in the variety of other cars this year was Cadillac. With the CLC Grand National occurring in Louisville on the same weekend, it's likely that many local Cadillac owners were in Kentucky instead of spending Father's Day in Chantilly.



However, there were four Cadillacs on the show field at Sully, but only two of them were Potomac Region cars: Scott Patton's 1974 Sedan deVille and Josh Pinho's 1993 Allanté (pictured left). The other two Cadillacs were an eye-catching 1949 Fleetwood and a very nice 1973 Coupe deVille.

Next year, the CLC Grand National will also be held in June, but a week earlier than this year. So, without the date conflict, look for more Cadillacs at the 47th Annual Sully Antique Car Show.





NEXT-LEVEL CADILLAC V-SERIES VEHICLES TO USE `BLACKWING' NAME BY JONATHAN LOPEZ JULY 1, 2019 <u>http://gmauthority.com/</u>

Cadillac's hotly-anticipated "next-level" V-Series vehicles will adopt the name "Blackwing," according to an exclusive report from our sister publication, Cadillac Society. Citing sources familiar with future Cadillac product plans, Cadillac Society reports that the Blackwing name will be applied to the luxury automaker's "next-level" V-Series cars, the ones that will slot above the "standard" Cadillac CT4-V and CT5-V models that debuted on May 30th. The official names will be "CT4-V Blackwing" and "CT5-V Blackwing." We've actually seen these "next-level" Blackwing vehicles before, not only while they were



testing at GM's Milford Proving Grounds, but also in an official teaser at the Detroit Grand Prix early last month. Now, we're getting confirmation that these vehicles will carry the Blackwing nomenclature when they officially hit the market in the mid-term future.

The Blackwing name comes from the merlette, the black bird portrayed on the first several iterations of the Cadillac badge. Cadillac first used the Blackwing name fo its twin-turbocharged 4.2L V8 LTA engine, which can be found at the top of the Cadillac CT6 lineup, including the 4.2L TT Platinum and CT6-V. Now, Cadillac will spin the Blackwing name into an entire sub-brand of vehicles that represents the top-of-the-line in terms of performance, with applications for the CT4-V, and CT5-V. A CT6-V Blackwing is also possible, but we have yet to hear anything on that front. This will essentially divide the V-Series lineup into "regular" V-Series models (for example, the Cadillac CT4-V, CT5-V and CT6-V), and the "next-level" V- Series models (for example, the CT4-V Blackwing).

According to the Cadillac Society, this multi-tier strategy is intended to expand the accessibility of the V-Series brand and hopefully draw in new customers. A similar strategy has already been implemented by Cadillac's primary German rivals, such as Mercedes-Benz, Audi, and BMW. As we reported recently, GM President Mark Reuss – who also has executive-level oversight of Cadillac – has stated that previous V-Series models were "hammers" that intimidated customers away from a sale.

Further evidence that Cadillac will spin the Blackwing into its own sub-brand can be traced back to two instances. The first is a trademark application for the "Blackwing" name that GM filed in 2018. The second are additional comments Reuss made at the debut of the standard CT4-V and CT5-V in May. The GM President hinted that more-powerful versions of the vehicles were indeed on the way. "How do you like the Blackwing name?" Reuss asked journalists on the sidelines of the reveal event.

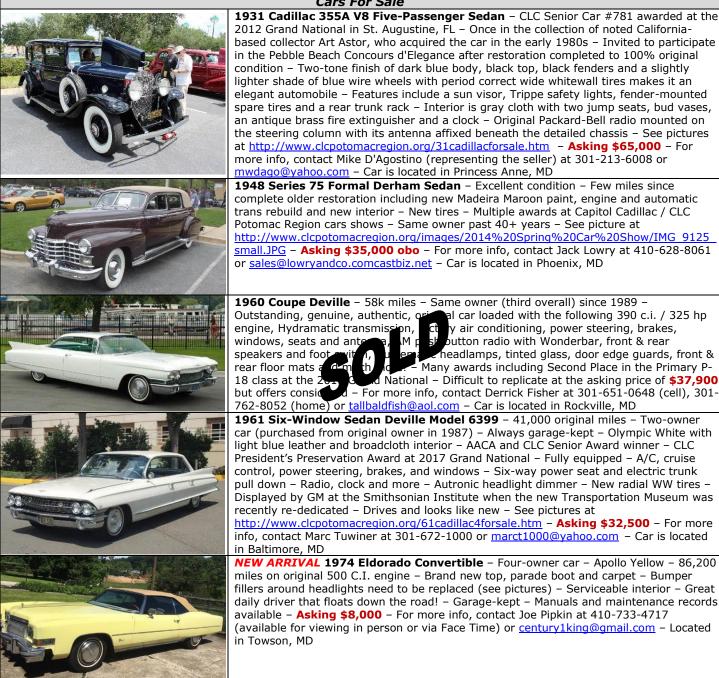
One final note: it's entirely possible that the Blackwing name will be applied to vehicles without the Blackwing V8, given the name's wider role as a sub-brand.





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1991 Eldorado Touring Coupe – Excellent condition with only 13,981 original miles – 4.9L V8 engine with automatic transmission – Sold new by Tutwiler Cadillac, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL – Suggested retail price of \$34,451 – Crimson Red with Beechwood leather Interior – Delco-Bose sound system with cassette player – See pictures at http://clcpotomacregion.org/91cadillacforsale.htm – **Asking \$16,000** – For more info, contact Hank Emilsson at <u>hankconti@aol.com</u> or 443-745-0872 – Car is located in Stevensville, MD

NEW ARRIVAL 1996 Sedan Deville – Fine driver with 75,800 original miles – Good tires, brakes and recent transmission service – Not garaged in past several years – Usual very minor body dings and a scratch or two – ABS brake and traction/ride control systems need service but neither affects normal driving – As usual, there's a very minor gasket drip from a Northstar engine on this period of Cadillacs – Asking \$2,000 – For more info, contact Adam Garfinkle at adam.g1951@gmail.com or 240-994-4759 (call or text) – Car is located in Wheaton, MD

2002 Eldorado ETC – Eldorado Collector's Edition (#1,260 of 1,596 made) – Last Eldorado made – 86K miles – Loaded with all Cadillac options – 4.5L North Star engine – Body and paint near perfect – New Tires, brakes and battery – Garage kept – 2nd owner – Both shop manuals – California and Texas car in Maryland for one year – Great driver – See pictures at <u>http://clcpotomacregion.org/02cadillacforsale.htm</u> – **Asking \$9,500** – For more info, contact Kit Bonham at <u>kit99kit@aol.com</u> or 917-578-1731 (call or text) – Car is located in Columbia, MD





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