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JUNE MEETING & LUNCH

Date: Sunday, June 28th

Time: 11 AM to 2 PM, Lunch served at Noon

Where: Dave & Patti Van Berkel Home

Address: Emailed Separately

RSVP: To Patti Van Berkel by **Friday, June 20th** with your side dish or dessert selection, if applicable, at <pvbdvb@att.net>.

Note: The Club will order fried chicken from Karsch's Market in Barnhart, MO. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, chairs, and their beverages of choice. Side dish suggestions are picnic-type foods like coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs, various salads, pasta salads, veggies/fruit/dip, salty snacks and dip, cheese, crackers, hummus, pickles, olives, appetizers, etc., and, of course, desserts.

When you RSVP please state the type of side dish or dessert you plan to bring, as we do not want too many duplicates. The early RSVP responders get first choices on side dish or dessert selections!

The Van Berkels have a beautifully-finished lower level and large covered patio, so this will be a rain-or-shine event. Rain—bring your daily driver; Shine—bring your pride and joy. Oh, and bring your appetite!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our last meeting and car show at St. Martin's Church on May 3rd was covered in the May newsletter. This month we concentrate on upcoming Club events and tour opportunities.

As shown at left, Dave and Patti Van Berkel have graciously offered to host our Sunday, June 28th meeting at their home with a fried chicken lunch. This is a rain or shine event, so be sure to get your RSVPs in and choose your side dish or dessert selection that you would like to bring.

Todd Tobiasz distributed an email about a CCCA tour being organized that involves a drive northward on the **Great River Road in Illinois**, north of St. Louis. Several stops are planned, including Camp River Dubois, the departure point of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Participants will ultimately make their way to Grafton, IL, for lunch.

Another tour, planned for July, is a tour of **Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum**. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, Bellefontaine Cemetery was "the place to be buried" if you were one of the region's movers and shakers. Founded in 1849 as a rural cemetery, Bellefontaine has several architecturally-significant monuments and mausoleums such as the Louis Sullivan-designed Wainwright Tomb, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A first weekend in August tour is the planned "**Bluff Road Car Cruise**". This entails a drive to **Chester, IL** (birthplace of cartoonist E.C. Segar, the creator of Popeye), then crossing the river to **Perryville, MO**—the home of the American Tractor Museum (really cool) and Missouri's National Veteran Memorial (very moving).

As you can see, there are PLENTY of activities available and planned for vintage car enthusiasts!

Upcoming Events: Listed in date order below are the several upcoming car shows and multi-club tour opportunities available:

- **June 20, 2026: 6th Annual Scout Troop 520 Car Show.** Saturday (Rescheduled from May 16) O'Fallon, IL, Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Dr., 10 AM-2 PM. Early Registration \$15, \$20 at show. Dash Plaques to first 50. Awards: Best of Show, Scout's Choice, Scouter's Choice. This is the last year for **Bobby Patterson's son** in the troop. See flyer.
- **June 21, 2026: HCCM Father's Day Car Show.** Sunday. National Transportation Museum. 9 AM - 3 PM, gates open at 8:30. The registration form is attached to this email, cost is \$20. Day-of-Show registration is \$25. For those coming to the museum to see the show, fathers and granddads are free when accompanied by a paying child. All other admissions are as usual. The Museum is open 9 AM - 4 PM and will have the recently-opened Route 66 exhibit, a food truck, live music, miniature train rides, and historic trolley rides.
- **June 27, 2026: Grafton Great River Road Tour.** Saturday. The Caravan will start at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site in Harford, Illinois, and take in the Confluence Tower or Alton Dam, the newly dedicated National Memorial of Military Ascent in Grafton, and other sites along the way as we make our way to lunch in Grafton. Meeting point and time are in the flyer. There is no rsvp required, but if plan to attend, please give Todd Tobiasz <ttobiasz@sbcglobal.net> or John Gibson of the CCCA a head's up <bxba62@gmail.com>.
- **July 26, 2026: Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum Tour.** Sunday. The plan is to have a guided tour using our own cars to visit the architectural and historic wonders of BCA. For 175 years BCA has provided a final resting place for local and national notables from the area. More details to come.
- **August 1-2, 2026: "Bluff Road Car Cruise"** . Saturday, Sunday. A one or two-day tour south from St. Louis on the Illinois side to Chester, IL and then cross the river to Perryville, MO. and the Jim Gormely homestead. Take in the Seminary Picnic. Choose to stay for the evening car show in the town square and make it an overnight trip. If you plan to stay overnight on August 1, note that there is a block of rooms reserved and that block price expires July 1, so do not procrastinate too long. Jim Gormley would also

appreciate an RSVP at <jg_btsi@yahoo.com> for planning purposes. See the attached flyer.

- **August 9, 2026: CLC-StL Meeting and BBQ.** Sunday. D.J. and Jann Meyer have offered to host our August meeting at their home in Defiance, MO. They can accommodate 50 vehicles! More details to follow, but the general plan is to arrive about 11 AM and grill burgers and hotdogs. The Meyers will supply the meat if everyone else can bring appetizers, sides, and desserts. The Meyers have an inground, heated pool, so the adventurous can bring swimwear if you desire to show-off your diving skills or just sit on the pool's edge and cool your feet. Bring a chair just in case. If rain is imminent, potential reschedule dates are August 15 or 16, the following weekend. More details to follow.
- **January 10, 2027: Post-Holiday Party and Meeting.** Sunday. Our event is scheduled for Bartolino's on the Hill, (Drury Inn, Hampton Ave). We have been offered a cost-free private room which will better facilitate visiting, conversation, and our meeting. A decision will be made later whether to choose from the group meal selections of a plated dinner or a buffet. The cost for either is virtually identical and will be about \$49 per attendee and includes salad, bread/butter, dessert, water, tea/coffee, and gratuity. Full bar service is available. The cost is a bit more than last year, but we will have a private room, and after all, this is a SPECIAL once-a-year-event.

ELCO Cadillac Sponsorship: I want to recognize that our CLC St. Louis Region is sponsored by ELCO Chevrolet & Cadillac. We greatly appreciate ELCO's support helping to defray club costs and providing meeting and car show space at their location. If you need a new Cadillac or Chevrolet, or a used vehicle, please be sure to contact Cadillac General Sales Manager Bill Pastor and mention your CLC membership. Bill's contact data is listed on page one.

Club Car Show Placards: Secretary/Editor Craig Masterson will soon start accepting member orders for the Club's **laminated car show placards**. A separate email will outline your options on design—portrait or landscape, with or without photo. An order form will be provided to complete and submit with your \$5 payment for each placard.



2026 Grand National: Several members attended the CLC Grand National in Charlotte/Concord, NC. I know a good time was had by all in attendance. I highly encourage members who have not attended a Grand National to do so at least once.

In addition to the GN driving tour, there were other tours to enjoy including visits to the North Carolina Transportation Museum; Historic Gibson Mill—now home to a huge antique mall and classic car dealer; the Charlotte NASCAR Motor Speedway; Rick Hendrick Racing’s private automobile collection of vintage cars and foreign exotics; and the Charlotte History Museum.

Additionally, there were educational seminars, chapter meetings, and nightly activities available. Several CLC-StL members attended the 1959/1960 Chapter meeting (group photo below).



Member **Scott Halver** had the opportunity to display wife **Allyson’s** hand-crafted quilt (below) which depicts the Halver’s Sienna Rose Metallic 1960 Eldorado Seville. The display generated a round of applause, with several shouting “Best-of-Show”! Just fantastic, Allyson!



Doug Birk plans to provide (in future newsletters) his always-anticipated, unique series of annual Grand National articles. Doug highlights not just the cars displayed, but also the owners.

Member News: I am pleased to report that we have had two new members join us. First, please welcome **Jon Witek** of Swansea IL. John owns a 1964 six-window Sedan DeVille, becoming the sixth 1964 Cadillac in our Region. The 1964 is a beautiful model and the last year for the “traditional-fin-style” Cadillac cars.

Next, we welcome **John Snook**, our fourth long-distance St. Louis Region member. John resides in Mason, TN, near Memphis. John stated that he has owned ten Cadillacs but currently has “only” three—a 2025 CT5 (his daily driver), a 1976 Eldorado convertible, and a 1988 Cimarron—that won 1st place in the touring division at the most-recent CLC GN in Charlotte.

John brings the first Cimarron into the Region and joins three other 1976 Eldorado convertibles and three other non-1976 E-body Eldorados (1971, 1975, and 1978).

Kevin Williams is helping John get in touch with the provisional Tennessee CLC chapter and he plans to keep busy with both chapters.

Jon and John, on behalf of many, WELCOME to the club! We all look forward to the opportunity to meet you in the near future.

Congratulations to **Jeff Rosansky**! His article about "Blue", his and son Taylor's 1955 Series 62 Sedan's participation in Taylor's friend's wedding was published in the June edition of *The Self-Starter*. Lucky for us, we had a preview of the article when it was published in the October 2025 *Fleetwood Flyer*. The article looks fantastic and includes additional photos. I especially love the photo of the groom and all seven groomsmen "packed" inside the car. Great Job, Jeff!

And, this month we have another "WHA-CHA-MA-CALL-IT" article from **Bill Tabor**. Thank you, Bill!

Craig Masterson 

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(By: Bill Tabor)

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Jerry Tripani submitted two photos below to the Long Island Region newsletter of the F1 team cars being presented by Cadillac! Thanks, Jerry, for the fun photos!



CADILLAC'S F1 TEAM LAUNCH IN 2026

(By: Cadillac Press Room & Craig Masterson)

As you know, Cadillac has joined the Formula 1 grid for 2026 as the 11th team. Details of note follow:

Team Structure, Drivers, and Development Strategy

Cadillac will join Formula 1, fielding two experienced drivers: **Sergio Pérez** and **Valtteri Bottas**. The pairing reflects a conservative, experience-first approach by team management: both drivers bring extensive Grand Prix experience, technical feedback capability, and leadership qualities that the new operation will rely on while it builds its competitive baseline.

Team principal Graeme Lowdon emphasized the value of veteran input for a new constructor: experienced drivers can accelerate development by providing consistent, actionable feedback and by helping to shape team processes. Cadillac's driver lineup is complemented by reserve driver **Zhou Guanyu**, and the organization has also signaled a longer term pathway for American talent by supporting **Colton Herta's** move into Formula 2 as a potential future candidate for the race seat.

The team will operate from three hubs—Fishers, IN; Charlotte, NC; and Silverstone, England—reflecting a transatlantic footprint that combines American manufacturing and motorsport heritage with the technical ecosystem of the U.K. racing industry.

Why Cadillac Chose Experience Over Hometown Stars

Speculation before the official announcements had centered on whether Cadillac would prioritize an American driver to underline the brand's national identity. Instead, the team opted for proven F1 campaigners. That choice is pragmatic: launching a new team in Formula 1 is a massive technical and logistical undertaking and having drivers who already understand the machinery and circuits reduces the number of variables during the crucial first season.

Both Bottas and Pérez have long records in the sport—multiple seasons, race wins, and championship level experience—which the team expects will translate into steadier development progress and fewer rookie learning setbacks. Their public statements stressed the opportunity to help build something new and enduring, and both drivers framed the move as a long-term project rather than a short-term gamble.

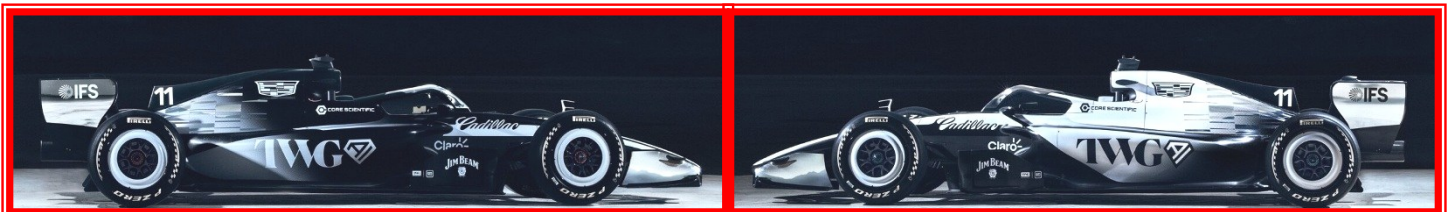
The Road Ahead and the 2026 Calendar

The 2026 calendar includes three U.S. rounds—Miami (May 3), Austin (October 25), and Las Vegas (November 21)—events that Cadillac will likely target for heightened marketing and fan engagement given the brand's American roots. The season concludes in Abu Dhabi on December 6.

Brand Strategy and Motorsport Legacy

Cadillac's entry into Formula 1 is as much a branding and global marketing play as it is a sporting venture. The company positions the team as a way to project Cadillac's design and engineering DNA onto the world stage, leveraging the sport's global reach to refresh and internationalize the marque's image. The temporary test livery, with its nods to Detroit design heritage, is an early expression of that strategy: it ties the team to Cadillac's past while signaling a modern, performance-oriented future.

Cadillac has framed the project as a long term investment in American motorsport legacy—one that aims to build competitive credibility over multiple seasons rather than chase immediate results. That patient approach, combined with experienced personnel and a multi-hub operational model, sets the team up to learn quickly while managing expectations for its inaugural year. Cadillac's first public steps in Formula 1 are deliberately measured and will show whether the team's patient, experience-driven strategy can translate into competitive momentum on the world stage.





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**CLC - St. Louis Region
Calendar of Events**



Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Notes
1/17	Sat	12:00 PM	Monthly Mtg & Holiday Party	Zia's Restaurant, 5256 Wilson Ave, St Louis, MO	
2/25	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg - The Sports Café	579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, 63044	
3/21	Sat	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting-Fast Lane Classic Cars	427 Little Hills Ind. Blvd. St. Charles	Lunch at Sugarfire BBQ nearby
4/5	Sun	8:00 AM	Mo. Mtg: HCCM Annual Easter Car Show	Forest Park-Muny Opera Upper Parking Lot	RSVP by 3/21 for Club Display,\$15
5/3	Sun	12 PM-3 PM	Monthly Mtg & Car Show	St.Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Rd., Ellisville	Circle of Concern Food Pantry Bnft
6/1-6			CLC Grand National	Concord, NC	
6/28	Sun	11 PM-2 PM	Monthly Meeting & Fried Chicken Lunch	Van Berkel home, Arnold, MO	RSVP; bring side dish or dessert
7/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
8/9	Sun	11 PM-2 PM	Monthly Meeting & BBQ	Meyer home, Defiance, MO	RSVP; bring side dish or dessert
9/20	Sun	TBD	Annual CLC Car Show & Monthly Mtg	National Museum of Transportation	
9/25-26	Fri-Sat		CLC Fall Festival & Car Show	Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	
10/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
11/18	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg - To Be Confirmed	ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd., Ballwin	Final 2026 Meeting
1/10/27	Sun	TBD	Monthly Mtg & Holiday Party	Bartolinos on the Hill, 2103 Sulphur Ave, St. Louis	(Drury Inn, Hampton Ave)
Other Local Car Related Events					
6/21	Sun	9 AM-3 PM	HCCM Father's Day Car Show	Museum of Transport, 2967 Barrett Station Rd.	
9/26	Sun	6:30 AM - 4 PM	HCC Show & Swap Meet	849 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold MO 63010	Fox School District Service Center
10/TBD	Sat	7 PM-11 PM	Archway Oldsmobile Charity Trivia Night	2500 Raymond Dr., St. Charles, MO	Amer.Legion #312, \$20/person