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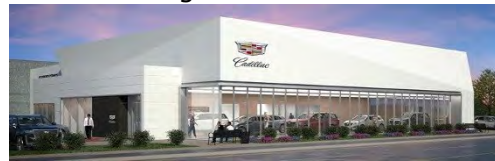
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MAY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 24th

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Bandana's BAR-B-Q (Smell that Smoke!)

Address: 12222 Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Notes: Adjacent to Best Western Plus Hotel.
Meeting area at back of restaurant.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

April Meeting: Our April 15th meeting was held at ELCO Cadillac, our Club Sponsor. This meeting included our Club's Spring Car Show. The weather forecast was iffy, with a chance of rain. A strong thunderstorm arrived mid-meeting (luckily no hail), and ended once we had finished eating lunch in the service department area. ELCO once again provided the Club with pizza and beverage. Doug Birk provided brownies for dessert. Thank you ELCO and Doug for a tasty lunch!

ELCO has been our Club sponsor for many years and several members have purchased cars at ELCO. If looking for a new or used vehicle, please be sure to see sales manager Bill Pastor.

Despite the forecast, we had another good turnout of 27 members and guests, with about a dozen vehicles displayed.

Cadillac Sales Manager Bill Pastor had on hand for us to view the new all-electric Lyric SUV in Silver Argent Metallic and CT5-V Blackwing Sedan in Black Raven. The Lyric on hand was not available for purchase, as it wore manufacture's license

plates, in town for training purposes. The Blackwing was available for sale.



Bill stated that Lyrics should become available for purchase this summer. As you approach the Lyric, it initiates a choreographed lighting display using hundreds of exterior LED lights within the "grill" to welcome you. It is quite entertaining.

Being an electric vehicle, it is silent during operation. For pedestrian safety, such as in parking lots, the Lyric emits a soft sound up to 25 mph to alert those around it of its presence. What is that sound you ask? It is the sound of the sun, as recorded by NASA. And what does the sun sound like? Well, I would describe it as a low transformer-like modulating hum. Or, for those into mantra meditation, the sound is reminiscent of the Tibetan Om Mani Padme Hum Mantra. "OMMMMM...". Hmm, how could the Tibetans know what the sun sounds like?

The Lyric will have an eight year or 100k mile warranty on its battery. Replacement cost for the

battery is not known at this point. Despite the vehicle's heft, about 7,000 pounds, the RWD (1-motor) version with 350 hp should reach 60 mph in 5.7 seconds, the AWD (2-motor) version with 500 hp in 3.4 seconds. With the electric motors, there is no interior transmission tunnel hump, so interior space is very generous.

The Lyric will offer one-pedal driving. Lifting off the accelerator engages regenerative braking, so use of the brake pedal may be limited. Driving range is projected at 312 miles on a full charge. Overnight 220-volt home charging should take 4-5 hours. Cost to recharge the 100 kilowatt battery at home should be about \$15. A commercial DC fast charging station should be able to charge the battery to 75% in about 1 hour.

The 2023 models will have a base price in the \$60k-\$63k range. In 2024 additional trim levels and options can take the price up to \$80k.

The CT5-V Blackwing Sedan is very impressive. Blackwing and V-Series are the Cadillac performance brands. Both a 10-speed automatic and 6-speed manual transmission are available to back up its 6.2 liter hand-built, super-charged V-8 engine with 668 hp. The Blackwing can reach 60 mph in 3.4 seconds and exceed 200 mph on the racetrack.



Regarding new car availability, Bill states most Cadillacs are sold before they arrive at the dealership. The Escalade continues to be the best seller, and all on the lot were already sold. Bill encourages those interested in a new Cadillac to write-up a no-commitment order for the specific vehicle, color and options they desire. There is no deposit required and no commitment to purchase upon its arrival.

Moving on to Club business and events, there is much to report. Treasurer Ted reports the Club continues to have a sufficient bank account

balance that should allow for future Club donations to some of our favorite charities.

The Club has had many events recently. On April 9th we had our first official Club display, at least since 2015 when I joined the Club, at the HCCMo Easter Auto Show. We were blessed with perfect mild and sunny Chamber-of-Commerce weather. I think we had 15 cars displayed at one point, including a surprise appearance of a 1948 or 1949 custom Cadillac woodie wagon owned by Stephen Brauer, Chairman of Hunter Engineering Co., and former US Ambassador to Belgium. We had our new CLC banners flying at each end of our display, which drew many admiring attendees. (see photos on page 3).

Over the weekend of April 22-23, several members participated in the "Magic Motors Collection and More!" tour in central Illinois arranged by Director Todd. See included articles with photos.

On May 7th several members participated in the "Meet, Drive, Dine, and Wine!!! Event in conjunction with the Lambda Car Club. This event started in Collinsville, IL with a scenic drive to the Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant (DMSR). DMSR is the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in the state of Illinois, established in 1892. All present enjoyed the family-style meal with heaping bowls of side dishes to go with their entrée of choice. Don't forget the foot-hi pies!





After the group enjoyed a very tasty meal, many then proceeded on to the Copper Dock Winery. Thank you, Clayton, for arranging a great event!



Calendar Event/Show Updates: Listed below are some local upcoming shows and 2023 planned CLC-StL events.

- ♦ **Cruisin' for a Cure Fundraiser:** Sunday **May 28th.** Machinist Hall, Bridgeton. 11 AM-4 PM. \$35 registration fee. See PDF flyer.
- ♦ **Kirkwood Route 66 Cars & Guitars:** Saturday **June 10th.** 4:30 PM-9 PM for vehicle display. Advance application AND approval required to display a vehicle. \$25 entry fee. Olds Club highly recommends, even to attend event without displaying.
- ♦ **Rally At The Roost Summer Fest:** Saturday **June 10th.** 10 AM-2 PM for vehicle display at Two Chicks Vintage Market Place, (an antique store) located at Manchester and Clarkson Rd, behind CVS pharmacy. Music, pop up vendors and food & drink. Cash and store gift cards awards to "Fan Favorite", 2nd and 3rd place

vehicles. Other car clubs have been invited to participate, so it should be a fun show, and you can also go antiquing! See PDF flyer.

- ♦ **Ava Kern Charity Car Show:** Sunday **June 25th**. Fund raiser in Columbia, IL for 4-year old Ava diagnosed with Leukemia. Registration 8 AM-Noon. \$20 to Show, \$10 to Display. See PDF flyer.
- ♦ **July Mtg-Caffeine & Chrome Car Show:** Saturday **July 29th**. We will return to Gateway Classic Cars as a featured car club for their monthly Caffeine & Chrome Car Show.
- ♦ **CLC-StL Fall Car Show:** Saturday **October 7th**. Our October Club Fall Car Show will be held on the grass lawn (à la Pebble Beach!) at the Creve Coeur Elks Lodge in conjunction with the St. Louis Jaguar Club Show.
- ♦ **Rolls Royce/CLC-StL Joint Club Tour:** Friday-Sunday **October 13-15th**. Director Todd is working with the Rolls Royce Club on another fall driving event, building upon the great event we had last October—driving to Hannibal, MO with an overnight stay. This year's event will entail a drive to Kansas City (KC), with driving tours, visits to public and private automobile collections, and other museums of interest. Initial plans are to drive to KC on Friday, October 13th, spend two nights, and return Sunday, October 15th. There may be an option to stay a third night and return Monday. The plan is to stay at a hotel on the KC Plaza that would have secure underground-garage parking.

2023 Grand National: This is a reminder that the early bird registration fee for the Albuquerque, NM Grand National meeting ends Friday, May 19th. If you are planning to attend and have not yet registered, be sure to register this week to save yourself some money.

Member News: In no particular order:

I would like to welcome new Club member Jim Crain. Jim resides in O'Fallon, MO and owns a 1939 Cadillac 2-Door Convertible Coupe. On the way to his grandchild's birthday party, Jim was able to visit us briefly at our April meeting and met several members. Jim is enthusiastic about participating in future Club events. On behalf of the Club, Welcome, Jim!

There was some uncertainty last month as to whether Bob Schuman's 1951 Cadillac and 1948 Oldsmobile had been sold, and to whom. Bob reports the dust has settled and he can now report that both cars sold on BringATrailer.com. The

Cadillac is going to a new caretaker in California, the Olds sold and is now in North Carolina. So, that's that!

David Baker reports that he has sold his 1985 Eldorado Coupe and is on the hunt for a 1989-1993 Cadillac Fleetwood Coupe to replace it. David appreciates any leads if you come across such a car.

Todd Tobiasz reports that the vacuum advance for his 1936 Cadillac sent off to Texas for rebuilding has returned and installed. Additional tuning is still needed to eliminate an acceleration flat spot Todd is dealing with.

John Meyerhoff reports that he continues to work on and upgrade his pristine, award-winning, 1976 Eldorado Convertible, once owned by racer A.J. Foyt. John, that is one impressive Eldorado! FYI, A.J. Foyt is the only driver to win the Indianapolis 500 (four times—1961, 1964, 1967 and 1977), the Daytona 500, the 24 Hours of Daytona, and the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

John Conley displayed his 1938 Cadillac Sixty-Special Sedan at our April Spring Show. This is the first time the club has viewed this beautiful car. John reports that the engine rebuild was recently completed and he has been taking the car on some shake-down drives. Below is Philip Mueller admiring John's impressive '38.



Your Secretary continues to await his 1959 a/c parts that were sent to a shop in Florida last September for restoration of the under dash a/c evaporator and box, expansion valve, and replication of the freon hoses with new barrier-type hose. Recent communication with the shop suggests the work should be completed by the end of May. The resumption of the power brake booster

and master cylinder replacement on the '71 Eldorado will hopefully start soon. I am hoping that both vehicles can make an appearance at our October Fall Car Show.

The Spring/2023 edition of the National Museum of Transportation's *The Spoken Word* newsletter includes a photo of Elliot Enger and the Museum's 1919 Kansas City Public Service #1533 Interurban Streetcar. Elliot volunteers at the Museum and the article highlights the ongoing restoration of the streetcar that Elliot has worked on. Good job, Elliot!



In this month's edition Doug Birk submits a Hot Wheels article and Todd Tobiasz submits an article on our Magic Motors Tour. Thank You, Doug and Todd! It is much appreciated, and I know that members will enjoy reading them.

Craig Masterson



SMALL CADILLACS

(By: Doug Birk)

Yes, back again, with another 1/64 diecast Cadillac model. Not to be outdone on new releases by Matchbox, Hot Wheels introduced a scale model 1982 Cadillac Seville Elegant.

Almost impossible to duplicate the detail and originality of MATCHBOX, this Hot Wheels model is well presented in a two-tone champagne gold over

chocolate brown, with details to include a full stainless rocker panel molding, stainless French curve trim, body side protective strip, silver script Seville lettering on the front fenders, and deck lid and Cadillac crest on the roof sail panels and trunk.



Granted, the wheels are "custom" not stock, a Hot Wheels trademark, and the heavy tint on the windows makes it difficult to see the interior, red in color with tiny attached seat headrests.



Space a problem? Plenty of room to park this one (and many more) in your garage or on your wall shelf. Happy motoring...anyway you choose to enjoy it. (Model car photos by Doug Birk)

MAGIC MOTORS & MORE!

(By: Craig Masterson)

The Spirit of St. Louis Region of the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) hosted a weekend tour of three private car collections in mid-April located in central Illinois. Several CLC-StL members (many are also CCCA members) joined the tour and were treated to impressive displays of Classic cars. Vehicles viewed were primarily Packards, but the collections also included Pierce Arrow, Auburn, Cord, Cadillac, Studebaker, Rolls Royce and Marmon.

In addition to the Classics, there was a smattering of post-war antique and collector cars including Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche, Corvette, and a large collection of antique 19th-century firearms to view and admire.

As this tour was very extensive, my article will be more of a photo essay with limited commentary on the tour activities. Todd's more in-depth article following this one will provide greater detail of the tour's numerous activities.

Our first stop was the Steve and Susan Zumdahl Collection. Their collection has a variety of vehicles.



The 1866 Winchester carbine shown at left was purchased by Sitting Bull in exchange for 10 Buffalo hides. He later gifted it to his "adopted" brother.



Needless to say, the collection of vehicles and firearms was very impressive and all enjoyed viewing them. Thank you, Steve and Susan!

The next collection we visited was that of Allen and Nancy Strong. They have a great collection of Classic cars as you will soon see. To entertain the ladies that often join these tours, Nancy has a collection of vintage clothing and hats on display. When attending a car show to display one of their vehicles they often will dress in vintage clothing of the appropriate era for the car that is being shown. Nancy has a favorite milliner (a hat maker/seller) whom we later visited.



The Cadillac star of the collection was the 1930 V16 Madame X Coupe below. The name "Madame X" was never used by Cadillac. The name gained popularity in the '30s after a Cadillac was featured in a famous stage play. The Madam X models were particularly characterized by the Fleetwood body style. The majority were V16s.



1930 Cadillac Madame X

Another significant vehicle displayed was a custom built 1915 Packard that was the 1915 Indianapolis 500 pace car. The car was built for and owned by Carl G. Fisher, the builder and original principal owner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The car was restored to running condition in time to be used in the festivities of the 2015 Indianapolis 500.

Pictured below the pace car is a real contrast of vehicles; a Packard and a Nash Metropolitan.



1915 Packard Pace Car



Allen performs his own restorations and has an extensive collection of vehicles, primarily Packards, but also Pierce Arrows and others, awaiting restoration. He is a prolific collector of Classic car parts and sells them world-wide to those in need that rare and elusive part.



To perform the restorations and store vehicles and parts awaiting restoration, Allen has some additional storage buildings. In fact, Allen has acquired a decommissioned elementary school and has filled the gymnasium with vehicles. See the pictures below. Notice the basketball hoops still in place at each end of the gym!



Each classroom in the school has been converted into a dedicated storage room for each particular marque of parts. There is the Packard room, the Pierce-Arrow room, the Duesenberg room, etc.!

Allen and Nancy, thank you for your hospitality and dedicating your weekend to host our group and share your passions with the us. I know your enthusiasm has spurred many of us to double down on our restoration and repair projects.

The final collection visited was that of Royce and Sheila Baier. Their collection contains many Packards, but also other brands also, in particular GM.



In addition to sharing their collection, Royce and Sheila also opened their historic home to us. Their home was built in the late 1890s. In the '50s to early '70s it served as a boarding house.

A MAGICAL WEEKEND IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

(By: Todd Tobiasz)

Members of the Spirit Region, CCCA, Rolls Royce Owners Club, Cadillac & LaSalle Club, and Packard Club visited three Classic collections in central Illinois the weekend of April 22 and 23. Allen Strong was the organizer of the weekend's itinerary. When I spoke to him about the possibility of having a visit, he said, "Let's make it worth the trip". He set about to contact friends.

The first stop was hosted by Steve and Susan Zumdahl in Mansfield. Steve set the tone for what became a weekend immersed in fine cars, accessories, and stories. He encouraged us to get close and feel the cars—"fingerprints do not scare me." Steve provided stories on each of about 18 Classic and newer cars in his collection. He then opened the backroom to six or seven additional motor vehicles and two horse-drawn vehicles. If that wasn't enough, we braved light snow and sleet to see a large collection of 19th century firearms, including a very rare piece with a unique history.

On to Urbana. After a relaxing lunch at Allen and Nancy's Silvercreek restaurant, we visited their collection—starting in the showroom. Plenty of time to wander around the cars and paraphernalia, playing dress-up with the many period coats and hats that Nancy has collected. Stunning examples of a dozen or more Classics.

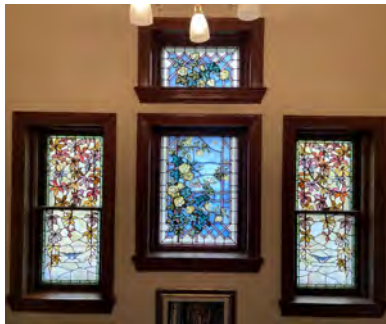
Cadillac V16, Auburn Speedster, Supercharged Cord, and more than a few Packards. Allen and Nancy gave us a narrative of the cars in the collection with background and history. Then it was off to the workshop. Some overflow for showroom as well as plenty of interesting projects. The collection will see lots of rotation as these projects are completed and come out. Dinner was at the greenhouse room at Silvercreek. Nancy Strong was dressed in an outfit appropriate for the cars of the day's touring.

Sunday morning we made the short drive north to Paxton. Royce and Sheila Baier have their collections in a repurposed mall. In addition to housing collections of cars and other interesting stuff, the mall is also the home of Simply Pat's Hats and Things—source of many hats in Nancy Strong's collection. The not-so-subtle theme in this collection is the 1941 Packard. There was probably not a body style from the year that was missing. And there were several examples of some. Both original and restored cars. This Cadillac collector was feeling that I had missed something important by not having a '41 Packard.



The home then sat empty for over a decade starting in the '70s. It has since been restored to its former glory. All of the woodwork and stained glass windows are original to the house.

Thank you, Royce and Sheila, for your warm hospitality and sharing your home and collection with us. Your home is just exquisite!



Royce is a second-generation collector and has great stories of collecting cars with his father. Royce's collection is also one of keeping the cars driving and restoring those requiring it. He showed us a building with several ongoing projects. The Baiers are also proprietors of the local funeral home. He took us to the garage there which contained more cars, mostly his father's collection, and more stories. As an added treat we made the short walk down to Royce and Sheila's home, a large brick century home. We got a tour and history of the house, which the Baiers have renovated over the last 30 years.

The official tour ended after a pizza lunch in Paxton. Here we were able to relax and catch up with the Strongs and the Baiers to think about all we'd seen over the weekend. But for a few hearty souls we went on after lunch to investigate a storage facility for Allen Strong's projects. Once a grade school, the building's gymnasium is filled with untouched projects waiting for their day—cars found in original condition. Some of Allen's Pierce Arrow sleuthing abilities were described by him in an article in the CCCA Spirit magazine a couple of years ago.

One of the things that stood out from all three collections was the information that was gathered about the history of the cars we saw—that of prior ownership and how the car came to be a part of each collection. The time that Steve, Allen, and Royce gave the group providing insight into each car really brought the collections alive. The group was overwhelmed by the quality, history, and quantity of world-class Classics and non-classics we saw in the two days. Many thanks to the Strongs, Zumdahls, and Baiers for their sharing.

TOOL REVIEW

Parrot Nose Locking Pliers

(By: Craig Masterson)

This is not so much a tool review (more of a tool show-and-tell), as I have yet to use the tool. But, as you see in the photo, it certainly looks like I can do some serious damage with this tool! 🤔

These are the Power Torque Saw Tooth Jaw Parrot Nose Locking Pliers that I purchased at O'Reilly's Auto Parts for \$21.99. I learned of this type of tool watching repair videos on the internet. This type of pliers can be found in both locking and non-locking versions with various "parrot-nose" shapes.

The knurled end knob fits both a 13mm wrench and 1/4 drive ratchet to ensure a tight grip.

O'Reilly's was the only local source I found; the price was right, so I decided to add them to my tool arsenal. They should work well on rounded-off nuts.





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May Edition

2023

CLC - St. Louis Region Calendar of Events



Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Notes
1/7	Sat	1:00 PM	Monthly Mtg & Holiday Party	Favazza's Restaurant, 5201 Southwest Ave.	
2/22	Wed	6:30 PM	Monthly Mtg	The Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton	Come Hungry!
3/11	Sat	11:00 AM	Monthly Mtg	Thomas Quick's Garage	Food & Beverage provided/\$5
4/15	Sat	10 AM-2 PM	Monthly Mtg & Spring Car Show	ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd, Ballwin	Food & Beverage provided
4/22-23	Sat/Sun		CCCA/ CLC-StL Magic Motors Tour	Urbana and Paxton, IL	See Event Flyer Provided
5/7	Sun	10 AM~3 PM	Lamda Club/CLC - IL Lunch/Wine Drive	Collinsville, Highland, Pocahontas, IL	See Event Flyer Provided
5/24	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg	Bandanas BAR-B-Q, 12222 Dorsett Road	Maryland Heights, MO 63043
6/??	TBD	TBD	Monthly Mtg	Details Forthcoming	
6/20-24			CLC 2023 Grand National	Albuquerque, New Mexico	
7/29	Sat	8 AM-12 PM	Mo. Mtg - Caffeine & Chrome Show	1237 Central Park Dr. , O'Fallon, IL 62269	Gateway Classic Car-CLC Featured
8/??	TBD	TBD	Monthly Mtg	Details Forthcoming	
9/??	TBD	TBD	Monthly Mtg	Details Forthcoming	
9/22-23	Fri/Sat		CLC 2023 Fall Festival	Hickory Corners, MI - Gilmore Car Museum	
10/7	Sat	10 AM-3 PM	Annual CLC Car Show & Monthly Mtg	12481 Ladue Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141	Elks Lodge #9, w/Jaguar Club
10/13-15	Fri-Sun		Rolls Royce / CLC-StL Joint Club Tour	Kansas City area	Details to follow
11/15	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg	ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd, Ballwin	Final Meeting of 2023
Other Local Car Related Events					
4/9	Sun	8:00 AM	HCCMO-Annual Easter Car Show	Forest Park-Muny Opera Upper Parking Lot	Club Display
6/18	Sun	10 AM-3 PM	HCCMO-Father's Day Car Show	Museum of Transport., 2967 Barrett Station Rd	
9/10	Sun	9 AM- 4 PM	Wheels in Motion Car Show	Westport Plaza, Maryland Heights	Children's Cancer Fund Raiser
9/16	Sat	11 AM-2 PM	Kicks On 66/R.Gori Memorial Car Show	Edwardsville, IL	
9/17	Sun	8:00 AM	HCCMO Show & Swap Meet	Chesterfield Mall - former Sears parking lot	
10/21	Sat	5 PM-11 PM	Archway Oldsmobile Charity Trivia Night	2500 Raymond Dr., St. Charles, MO	Amer.Legion #312, \$20/person