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FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 10 am to Noon

Where: St. Louis Car Museum

Address: 1575 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63114

Note: Optional post-meeting lunch at Bandana's Bar-B-Q, 12222 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63043, for those who are hungry!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

After our Club's December holiday break, and the Secretary/Editor's January newsletter break, we are back in the swing of things! Interesting phrase, "back in the swing of things—a phrase that dances on the tongue, a rhythm of return. Welcome back, my fellow traveler. The stage awaits, and the spotlight beckons. So let us sashay forward, arms outstretched, hearts beating in sync. For life is a ballroom, and we are the dancers—back in the swing of things." (With thanks to Bing Copilot, no, not Bing Crosby, for that phraseology interlude).

On January 6th we had our post-holiday lunch and meeting at Favazza's on The Hill, our recent-traditional (is that an oxymoron?) January event site. As always, the food and company were outstanding. We had an excellent turnout of 38 members and guests.

As I mentioned that day, it was a very joyous event for me. One year earlier to the day I was being transferred into the intensive care unit as I battled Guillain-Barré Syndrome. What a

difference a year makes. Still, I have a way to go. At the current pace, I can imagine at least another year, if not 2, of healing if my symptoms are to be mostly resolved. Hopefully, this is the last time I will ever feel the need to mention Guillain-Barré Syndrome again in this newsletter.

A big thank you goes out to Associate Director David Baker for arranging our January luncheon meeting and to him and Michael Neuf for bringing and serving some mouthwatering desserts. THANK YOU both!

Ted Fivian gave our Treasurer's report. Ted reported the Club's end-of-year treasury balance was just under five Franklins and two Washingtons. During 2023 the Club made three donations: \$500 to the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center, \$250 to McPherson College's Automotive Restoration Program in memory of Phyllis Steckel, and \$200 to the National Children's Cancer Society.



Director Todd mentioned that this year's "Cadillacs in Kansas" National Driving Tour (August 27-31, 2024) will be a five-day Hub-and-Spoke tour of the wonders of central Kansas, with Wichita, KS as the hub.

One of the events will be a tour of McPherson College's Automotive Restoration Department. The tour is sponsored by the Missouri Valley Region and the Central States Region. Per review of the tour schedule at the link below, this will be a great event. And, it is a very

reasonable 6½ hour drive from downtown St. Louis. The link for Cadillacs in Kansas is: [Cadillacs in Kansas: National Driving Tour August 27–31, 2024 | Cadillac Club of Kansas City \(kccadillacclub.org\)](https://www.kccadillacclub.org).

Todd then discussed several additional events listed below that members can participate in. Some of these events are now confirmed or updated Club events. Other events are of an FYI nature that may not be listed on the official Club calendar, but may be of interest to members.

In addition to our January 6th post-holiday lunch and meeting at Favazza's, first-half 2024 meetings and events known at this time are:

- ♦ **March ??; CLC-StL Meeting:** The March meeting plans are still pending at this time. Once determined they will be communicated as quickly as possible by a specific email and/or the March newsletter.
- ♦ **March 31st; HCCMo Easter Auto Show:** Sunday, Forest Park, St. Louis, MO. The renowned Horseless Carriage Club Easter Auto Show at Forest Park is fast approaching. Easter falls very early this year. Last year the Club had a formal presence at the show for the first time in many years with approximately 20 vehicles displayed. Director Todd is planning another Club display this year. The HCCMo requests that club displays include at least 10 vehicles. Todd states we will have a similar Muni Opera Upper Parking Lot location as last year, with 1½ spaces allotted for each registered vehicle. There will be plenty of room between vehicles to facilitate attendee viewing and is better than what most groups obtain. **If you desire to display a vehicle(s), please contact Director Todd by March 8th.**
- ♦ **April 13th; Evergreen Collection:** Saturday, Lebanon, MO. The HCCMo is arranging for a tour of this large and impressive private automobile collection (600+ cars). The collection includes a replica Duesenberg showroom housing about 6 Duesenbergs. There will be a fee to attend (\$40?) that will include a box lunch. Lebanon, MO is about a 2.5 hour drive southwest on Hwy 44 (past Fort Leonard Wood) from downtown St. Louis. More details to follow as they become known. This is a tour not to be missed! [Evergreen Historic Automobiles and Classic Cars Lebanon MO](#).
- ♦ **April 28th; CLC-StL Meeting:** Sunday, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011. The CLC-StL has been invited to participate with

several other car clubs in the church's Third Annual Auto Show & Festival. The Festival is a fund raiser for the church's food pantry, Circle of Concern. Vehicles will be vying for prizes to be awarded based on "votes" received from Festival attendees. Everyone receives one vote, but additional votes can be purchased, which is the fund raising component of the Festival. An event flyer has been distributed with this newsletter.

- ♦ **May 5th; Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant (DMSR):** Sunday, Highland, IL. Clayton Patterson is arranging a dine and wine tour as a joint-club event with the Lambda Car Club. Participants will start in Collinsville, IL for a one-hour leisurely drive to the DMSR for lunch, then proceed a short distance (7.5 miles) to the Copper Dock Winery in Pocahton, IL. Past tours have been VERY popular. More details to follow.
- ♦ **May 17th-19th; HET Route 66/Pontiac, IL Tour:** Friday-Sunday. The Gateway Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club is sponsoring an overnight Route 66 Cruise to Pontiac, IL. More details to follow. Pontiac has several museums including those devoted to Pontiac-Oakland Automobiles, Route 66, Military/War, and Gilding (gold-leaf).
- ♦ **May 18th; Fisher House Car Show:** Saturday, WWT Racetrack., Madison, IL. This is the "CAR-ing for Veterans" charity fundraiser for St. Louis Fisher House. Fisher House provides lodging, food, and transportation to the families of veterans and active military while they are being treated by the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Louis. More details to follow. As this is a fund-raiser, there will be a fee to attend for all attendees, not just those displaying a vehicle. Group club display discounts are planned.
- ♦ **August 31st; CLC-StL Meeting:** Saturday, Gateway Classic Cars (GCC), O'Fallon, IL. 9 am to Noon. The Club will participate in GCC's monthly Caffeine & Chrome Car Show. Our Club will be a "Featured Club". As the Featured Club, GCC will contribute \$10 to CLC-StL for each Club vehicle displayed. This event is GCC's annual Cause for Paws Charity Event. The spotlight charity will be Stray Rescue of St. Louis.
- ♦ **September 8th; CLC Meeting & Picnic:** Sunday, Tilles Park, 2 pm-dusk. The picnic is back! We will join with the Spirit Region of the



CCCA for an old-fashion picnic. There will be lots of automobile eye-candy to drool over! The picnic site is a shelter overlooking a lake; so, bring your fishing poles! Sushi anyone?

- ♦ **October 5th; Fall CLC Car Show:** Our 2023 Fall Car Show was held at the Creve Coeur Elks Lodge in conjunction with the Jaguar Car Club's annual show. Member feedback was very positive. Brandon Gray, also a member of the Jaguar Club, has extended an invitation for our Club to again participate in 2024. I have added this date to our calendar, pending official Club approval/confirmation.

2024 CLC-StL Dues—Still \$15!: For those few members whose 2024 dues remain unpaid, but who intend to renew, please submit your payment by February 29th. This edition will be the last newsletter for non-renewing members. A separate email and invoice has been sent to those members with dues payments outstanding. The 2024 membership roster will be updated and distributed in March.

Member News: I am pleased to report our Club is starting the year with several new members.

Chet Breitwieser and **Rod Starns** have joined our club. Chet and Rod attended our January 6th meeting and lunch at Favazza's. Chet enthralled us with his very engaging story of tracking down (in Florida) and acquiring his aunt and uncle's 1962 Cadillac, since named Hazel Gene. I hope Chet will favor us with an article for the newsletter along with some vintage pictures of Hazel Gene. Welcome, Chet and Rod, to the Club! We cannot wait to see Hazel Gene in person and hopefully read an article about your long, but ultimately-successful, search for Hazel Gene.

In early February new members **Terry** and **Phyllis Johns** joined our Club. Terry owns a 1936 LaSalle Series 50 Sedan. Terry and Phyllis, on behalf of the club, Welcome! We all look forward to the opportunity to meet you both and admire your '36 LaSalle.

With sadness, I report that long time and very-early, former member **Fred Weber** passed away in January at the age of 99. Fred was a Navy Veteran of World War II. He had been active in the Classic Car Club, Horseless Carriage Club, Model T Club, and Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Fred was a restoration expert extraordinaire. In addition to performing restorations, Fred collected and had a love of classic cars, including a 1931 Cadillac V-16, toys, and music machines.



Former CLC member **Doug Kirberg** also passed away in January. Our Club members have fond memories of visiting Doug's collection of fine motorcars, signage and other memorabilia.



Doug's collection began with a 1954 Cadillac Eldorado he purchased at a Barrett-Jackson auction. This was then followed by a 1932 Cadillac and a 1930 LaSalle. He then entered the brass era with a 1910 Buick. Several more impressive cars soon followed. Doug was always willing to share his collection and host events, including a stop on the CLC's Chicago to St. Louis Route 66 National Driving Tour several years ago.



Terry Wenger does it again! In case you have not yet seen the February *The Self-Starter* magazine, Terry Wenger's recently-restored, impressive, 1939 Cadillac Series 75 Coupe is on the cover. Contained within is Terry's article on its multi-year restoration. Terry has had many articles in *The Self-Starter* and co-wrote an authenticity manual.

Terry has won the Maurice Hendry Award (1984) for journalistic contributions in furtherance of the purpose of the CLC, *The Self-Starter* Author of the Year Award (2007) and the Henry M. Leland Award (2006) presented to outstanding CLC members who have performed acts of great merit. Congratulations, Terry, on your inclusion, once again, in *The Self-Starter*, and also on a great restoration. I cannot wait to see that '39.

Richard Eastman reports that he continues the restoration of his 1964 Cadillac CDV. Richard recently sent his dash pad to "Just Dashes" for restoration to the correct factory original specifications using Thermo Vacuum Forming. My past research indicates the vendor strips off the old vinyl and foam as needed. Then, using new foam, hand-builds the dash back to its original contours and dimensions. The pad is then Vacuum Formed

with the correct-grained vinyl. Richard stated the restored dash pad looks great. However, the cost is not inexpensive. We look forward to seeing the dash pad installed in the '64 CDV!

Bill Tabor requests of members who have old car magazines they no longer need to provide them to him. Bill and his wife hand-deliver or mail on a monthly basis this much needed reading material to the 4 Veterans Homes in the state of Missouri. Bill performs this task at his own expense, including paying the postage to ship these heavy bundles. Jim Brown proposed, it was seconded, and members voted and approved to provide Bill a \$200 contribution from the Club to help defray the cost of postage incurred to mail the magazines to the Veterans Homes. Bill was very appreciative of the contribution and thanked the Club.

National CLC Forum: The national CLC Club's on-line website Forum is a wonderful resource for members to ask questions and learn about our vehicles. In the past one did not need to be a CLC member to access and post to the Forum. It was recently announced that one can only post to the forum if one is a National CLC member. If one desires to post to the Forum in the future, one will need to add one's CLC membership number to the Forum profile account settings. Once logged into the Forum, there is a drop-down box at the upper left of the screen that will display the username. Click the username; then, click on Account Settings; once it opens, click on the Forum Profile tab, scroll down to the data entry box, and enter the CLC membership number—easy-peasy.

Fleetwood Flyer Articles Needed: Our newsletter needs content and always has space for your awesome article. Unleash the Hemmingway or Dr. Suess that resides within you! Once you start writing an article, you will be amazed how it almost writes itself. And, you can proudly show it off to your friends and family; even list it on your resume! 📌 Cindy and I can help to edit your article. What do you have to lose?

This month's news-letter continues with Doug Birk's series of excellent articles on the 2023 Albuquerque CLC Grand National. This article highlights the Cadillac Broughams. Doug, as always, THANK YOU!



*Craig
Masterson*

2023 CLC GRAND NATIONAL (Part 4)

(By: Doug Birk)

The word must have gotten around about a "Brougham" gathering in Albuquerque. A super-nice selection of the last of the land yachts of the '70s, '80s, and early '90s were in all their glory, representing the last of a breed of large, luxury, rear wheel drive vehicles from Cadillac. Some may question, why do you want a land yacht? In reply, one may say, would you rather have a dinghy? Yes, size does matter!

Present were almost identical twins, a pair of 1976 Fleetwood Broughams—both in Phoenician Ivory (light yellow). The one with a buckskin vinyl top was owned by collector Mike Steiner of Palm Springs, CA. Mike and his extended family collect only luxury cars of the 1970s. To date, he has about 40 in his stable.



The twin was owned by Nick Manole (Mr. Fleetwood) and had a lighter shade of vinyl top. Luxury abounds with the "pillow" cushioned seats—like riding along on your living room sofa.



Continuing the grand-style, formal design, the popular Brougham finally shed its anemic HT 4100 (249 cubic inches) engine for a larger five-liter (307 cubic inches) cast iron V-8 in 1986.

Like a kid in a candy store or a socialite at Tiffany's, these opulent beauties came in a variety of colors and options. Longtime member Fred Butalla of IL drove his triple-yellow 1986 to the show. A family car since new, it is no stranger to CLC shows and events. (see top of next page).

Mr. Fleetwood, Nick Manole, entered his original Sapphire Blue-metallic 1990 Brougham d'Elegance



sedan (pictured below)—taking home a preservation award and 2nd place in the touring divisions. Those optional, real-wire wheels added extra bling and an extra \$1000.00 to the price tag.



Hiding out from the mainstream was a polar-white '90 Brougham, owned by Jim Jordan of OK. Entered for display only, this beautiful car was still a trophy winner in anyone's eyes.



Taking the long-distance driver award from Long Island, NY was a navy-blue 1990 d'Elegance, owned by William Estes. This gorgeous car showed little wear for the long jaunt to Albuquerque. He certainly knows how to remove those bugs from the grill!



Desire a formal-black version? Look no farther than the 1991 Brougham d'Elegance with optional wire wheels and gold-line Vogue tires. The d'Elegance option added an extra \$2896 to the base price of \$30,225. The Karreman family of AZ proudly accepted the preservation and 1st place primary awards. Congrats on a well-deserved trophy and a gorgeous automobile.



The majestic, reddish/copper-colored 1991 Brougham driven by Joe Kause of KS had some mechanical issue and was unceremoniously towed out, repaired as new, and returned to the show field for judging. With all that aggravation, his pride-and-joy took 2nd place in the touring class—well worth the trip.



1993 through 1996 models were the final years of the RWD Broughams, featuring a new aerodynamic design, large, wide chrome fender spears (skirts) and a new 5.7-liter (350 cubic inch) engine—compliments of Chevrolet.

Two magnificent entries graced the field—first, a 1994 deep-ruby/maroon-metallic with contrasting black padded roof, with optional chrome wheels (\$1195) from Salt Lake City, UT.



And its sibling, a 1995 fully-optioned Champaign Mist model from IN, made the trip just to be displayed, not judged. (see top of next page).



The next installment will cover the specialty and modified/custom vehicles that attended the Grand National. Some verrrry interesting vehicles!

All photos by Doug Birk unless noted
(2023 CLC GRAND NATIONAL-Part 5 in March!)

ANDRETTI GLOBAL AND GENERAL MOTORS TEAM UP IN F1 PURSUIT

(By: Cadillac Pressroom)

Andretti Global and General Motors, two American powerhouses in the automotive and motorsport sectors, have announced their intent to pursue the opportunity to compete in the FIA Formula One World Championship. GM would be represented by the Cadillac brand. The Andretti Cadillac team would be based in the U.S. with a support facility in the U.K.

This reunites two iconic American companies with deep motorsports pedigrees and provides the opportunity to build on previous racing accomplishments while expanding international reach for both brands. F1 has seen consistent growth globally and most recently in the U.S. with 2023 races in Austin, Miami and Las Vegas.



The Andretti Cadillac team is planning to submit an Expression of Interest when the FIA opens the formal process. If selected, the team is seeking to compete as soon as practical with at least one American driver.

Cadillac V-Series has a legacy of success on the track in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Pirelli World Challenge. Since 2017, Cadillac has been competing at the forefront of American sports car racing in IMSA, achieving numerous wins, podiums, and championships with the Cadillac DPi-V.R. Cadillac will continue in sports car racing with the all-new hybrid Cadillac V-LMDh, which will compete globally in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and FIA World Endurance Championship.

Andretti Global is a global racing enterprise and parent company to Andretti Autosport and other Andretti racing ventures. Andretti racing teams currently compete in seven different top-tier series worldwide and have found success in each avenue of competition.

Andretti and GM last paired for the return of Chevrolet to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in 2012, together capturing nine wins across two seasons. The pairing additionally claimed the Driver, Team and Manufacturer titles in 2012.

Michael Andretti, Chairman and CEO, Andretti Global:

"We are continuing to grow Andretti Global and its family of racing teams and always have our eyes on what's next. I feel very strongly that we are suited to be a new team for Formula One and can bring value to the series and our partners, and excitement for the fans. I'm proud to have GM and Cadillac alongside us as we pursue this goal. GM and Andretti share a legacy born out of the love of racing. We now have the opportunity to combine our motorsport passions and dedication to innovation to build a true American F1 bid.

Together, we will continue to follow procedures and steps put forth by the FIA during the evaluation process. In the meantime, we continue to optimistically prepare should we be fortunate enough to have Andretti Cadillac formally approved as a Formula One contender."

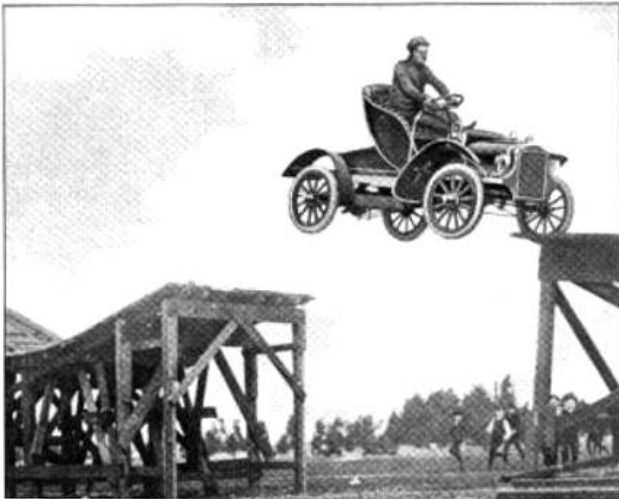
Mark Reuss, President, General Motors:

"General Motors is honored to team with Andretti Global on this historic moment in racing. We have a long, rich history in motorsports and engineering innovation, and we are thrilled with the prospect of pairing with Andretti Global to form an American F1 team that will help spur even more global interest in the series and the sport.

Cadillac and F1 both have growing global appeal. Our brand has a motorsports pedigree that's more than a century in the making, and we would be proud to have the opportunity to bring our distinct American innovation and design to F1."



1906



That the structural strength of the Cadillac is much greater than ordinary service requires is shown in the fact that this machine was the only one found to stand the strain of "Leaping the Gap," as pictured above. Either the axles or frame of all other machines tried bent under the heavy impact. With the

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Runabout shown (a regular stock car) the performer is making repeated trips without the slightest damage to his machine.

While this proves nothing to the person who wants an automobile to meet ordinary conditions of road travel, it does show that the strength of the Cadillac is never found wanting, no matter what the test.

This and the many other sterling qualities of the Cadillac will be cheerfully demonstrated by your nearest dealer, whose address we will send upon request. Let us also send our illustrated Booklet "S."

Model H, 10 h. p. Runabout (shown above), \$750
Model M, Light Touring Car, - - - \$950
Model H, 30 h. p. Touring Car, - - \$2,500
All prices f.o.b. Detroit. Lamps not included.

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PRODUCT REVIEW SILICONE TOOL TRAY

(By: Craig Masterson)

I know many of you are waiting with bated breath for the next enthralling tool review article on my latest pliers acquisition. Calm down; I will have some more pliers reviews in the near future.

This is a product review of the Menards Masterforce® Nonslip Silicone Nesting 3-Piece Tool Tray Set. I know what you are thinking, why would I need that? You already have your fender cover to prevent paint scratches leaning over the fender while working inside the engine bay, right...?

Have you noticed those things can be slicker than snot? You lay your tools or hardware on the fender cover, and they slide off, rolling under the car or into the engine bay, making retrieval difficult.

These silicone trays are flexible and grippy, with compartments to hold your tools and hardware. The trays are very thick and have some weight for their size. They are definitely non-slip, both on the fender as well as holding your tools and parts.

This set's regular price is \$17.99 and is a great value. Your favorite Asian tool store sells these individually for a combined price of \$42. The only difference I can tell is theirs are blue and these are Kelly green. St. Patrick's Day is coming up soon...treat yourself; this is no blarney!





February Edition

2024

CLC - St. Louis Region Calendar of Events



| Date | Day | Time | Event | Location | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1/6 | Sat | 1:00 PM | Monthly Mtg & Holiday Party | Favazza's Restaurant, 5201 Southwest Ave. | |
| 2/24 | Sat | 10 :00 AM | Monthly Mtg - St. Louis Car Museum | 1575 Woodson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63114 | Bandana's for lunch afterwards |
| Mar | TBD | | Monthly Mtg | | Details to Follow |
| 4/13 | Sat | TBD | Evergreen Car Collection Tour | Lebanon, MO | Details to Follow |
| 4/28 | Sun | 11:30 AM-3:30 PM | Monthly Mtg & Car Show | St.Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Rd, Ellisville | Circle of Concern Food Pantry Benefit |
| May | TBD | | Monthly Mtg | | Details to Follow |
| 5/8 | Sun | 11 AM-2PM | CLC/Lambda Dine & Wine Cruise | Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant | Details to Follow |
| June | TBD | | Monthly Mtg | | Details to Follow |
| 6/10-15 | | | CLC 2023 Grand National | Gettysburg, PA | |
| July | TBD | | Monthly Mtg | | Details to Follow |
| 8/31 | Sat | 8 AM-12 PM | Monthly Mtg-Caffeine & Chrome Show | 1237 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269 | Gateway Classic Car-CLC Featured |
| 9/8 | Sun | 2 PM | Monthly Mtg & Picnic | Tilles Park, 9551 Litzsinger Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124 | Joint Event with the CCCA |
| 10/5 | Sat | 10 AM-3 PM | Annual CLC Car Show & Monthly Mtg | 12481 Ladue Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141 | Elks Lodge #9, w/Jaguar Club |
| 11/20 | Wed | 6:00 PM | Monthly Mtg-Tentative | ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd, Ballwin | Final Meeting of 2024 |
| Other Local Car Related Events | | | | | |
| 3/31 | Sun | 8:00 AM | HCCMO-Annual Easter Car Show | Forest Park-Muny Opera Upper Parking Lot | Contact Todd to display |
| 6/16 | Sun | 10 AM-3 PM | HCCMO-Father's Day Car Show | Museum of Transpt., 2967 Barrett Station Rd | |
| Sept | Sat | TBD | Kicks On 66/R.Gori Memorial Car Show | Edwardsville, IL | |
| 9/15 | Sun | 8:00 AM | HCCMO Show & Swap Meet | Chesterfield Mall - former Sears parking lot | Date & location tentative |
| 10/19 | Sat | 5 PM-11 PM | Archway Oldsmobile Charity Trivia Night | 2500 Raymond Dr., St. Charles, MO | Amer.Legion #312, \$20/person |
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