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MARCH MEETING

Date: Saturday, March 21st**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:50 AM**Where:** Fast Lane Classic Cars**Address:** 427 Little Hills Ind. Blvd. St. Charles, MO
(browse inventory, then meeting across street)**Time:** 12:00 PM**Where:** Sugarfire BBQ (lunch at 12:00 PM)**Address:** 3150 Elm Point Industrial Dr., St Charles, MO
(proceed to lunch just 2.7 miles away)**Note:** Member suggestions appreciated.

APRIL EASTER AUTO SHOW

Date: Sunday, April 5th**Time:** 8:00 AM**Where:** Forest Park Upper Muny Parking Lot**Address:** Summit Dr., St. Louis, MO**Registration:** Sign up for the Club Display! Submit your Name, Make, Model, and Year of car with \$15 Display or \$30 Judged fee to Todd by March 21st. Mail your check payable to "HCCM" to: Todd Tobiasz

417 Fairlawn Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

Easter Show Note: Judged cars can park with their associated club. MOST IMPORTANTLY, for car club displays, there is NO requirement that vehicles be at least 25 years old. So, any club member's Cadillac or LaSalle is welcome to be included in the Club's display regardless of age!

MAY CAR SHOW & MEETING

Date: Sunday, May 3rd**Time:** 11:30 AM to 3 PM**Where:** St. Martin's Episcopal Church**Event Link:** <https://www.stmartinchurch.org/auto-show>**Address:** 15764 Clayton Rd, Ellisville, MO**RSVP:** For food planning purposes an RSVP should be sent to David Baker at <dkb9323@gmail.com> by April 23rd, with any dinner orders, if applicable. Dinner pricing to follow in next newsletter.**Note:** The show starts about 12:30 PM. For those displaying a car, please arrive by 11:30 AM if possible. We will hold a meeting in the Church's 2nd floor meeting room at about 1:30 PM.Delicious pork steak dinners will be available for purchase. These will include potato salad, coleslaw, and beverage. More details to follow on dinner cost (~\$13-\$15?). Cash or credit card accepted at the show. A portion of dinner proceeds will go to the Circle of Concern, a local organization dedicated to feeding the hungry and assisting low-income families.

This event sells fundraising "voting" tickets that attendees can purchase and place in the "ballot buckets" of their favorite vehicles. The top vote-getters win various items!

There is also a silent auction for various items like car care products, gift baskets, and who knows what else! Multiple car clubs will be participating. This is a FUN event that ALL can enjoy!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our February 25th meeting was held at the Sports Café. For a simple indoor winter meeting we had good turnout of 20 members in attendance. Steve Colesworthy gave his Treasurer's report, and we continue to have a sufficient account balance for future activities. Steve reported the Club's treasury balance was about six Grover Clevelands, pending distribution of the shared revenue to the other October Tour car club participants. Steve reported he has switched the account from paper to online bank statements, with a savings of \$6.50 per month.

2026 CLC-StL Dues: Still only \$15! Our November meeting kicked off the annual CLC-StL Region membership renewal. As of mid-February, we have a 75% renewal rate. **Reminder!** National CLC membership is required to join and maintain membership in the St. Louis Region. Your CLC-StL Region membership cannot be accepted unless your National CLC dues are current.

This is the final call for 2026 dues before the 2026 Roster is distributed. Don't let this be your last newsletter. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact the Secretary. Dues were due by the end of February!

I will send out the official 2026 St. Louis Region roster in April.

2026 Event Dates: Our 2026 Calendar of Events will be a work in progress over the course of this year. Meeting and event ideas will be solicited at future meetings, so please put on your thinking caps. If you have ideas on meeting locations, events, drives, etc. please let Director Todd or Assistant Director David know. Better yet, if you are willing to assist by helping to plan and organize the suggested event, all members will appreciate your efforts and doing so helps immensely.

As noted on page 1, upcoming 2026 Club events planned or in the planning stages for save-the-date purposes are:

- March Meeting: Fast Lane Cars and Sugarfire BBQ. See page 1.
- April 25, 2026: Sunday, Easter Auto Show-Forest Park. (Details, page 1). 8:00 AM.
- May 3, 2026: Sunday, Meeting & Car Show, St. Martin's Church, Ellisville, MO. (Additional details forthcoming).

Additional fun events of potential interest to Club members are:

- April 25-26: 2026 Cuba, MO Cruise. The Horseless Carriage Club of Mo. (John

Hartmann) is hosting a timely Route 66 slow speed cruise to Cuba with an optional overnight stay in St. Robert to see the neon sign park. No interstate driving required. See the flyer distributed with the newsletter.

- May 16, 2026: O'Fallon, IL. 6th Annual Scout Troop 520 Car Show. Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, IL. Early Registration \$15, \$20 at the door. 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. Info at [Troop 520 Signal Hill - Troop 520 Car Show](#)



- May 23-24: Visit the Nancy and Allen Strong collection in Urbana, Illinois. When we last visited the Strongs and friends we found a fun-packed weekend. The word on the street is that the collection has grown more, and we plan a visit to an improved former school, now full of old cars! More information to come.
- May 29, 2026: O'Fallon, MO. Food Truck Frenzy & Car Show, recognizing the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 100th anniversary of Route 66. To be held at O'Fallon Sports Park (off Highway K) on Friday, May 29 from 5:30-8:30 PM. More details to follow.
- June 1-6, 2026: CLC Grand National, Concord, NC. (CLC registration has started). Please book your hotel room now while rooms are available at the host hotel: [2026 Grand National | Cadillac & LaSalle Club](#)

2026 CLC Board of Directors Meeting:

Kevin Williams provided an update from the January CLC Board of Directors meeting and Winter Reunion event. Effective April 1st national club dues will be increasing. The online e-membership will increase from \$25 to \$35. Membership for the periodical mailed *The Self-Starter* will increase from \$50 to \$65. The first-class mailed level of membership will also see an increase. Membership discounts will continue to be provided for renewals of two and three-years.

These dues increases are necessitated by CLC finances showing a loss of \$19,000 for 2025. Club revenues were down \$77,000, and the Club was able to reduce expenses by \$12,000. Several issues have contributed to this situation:

- A reduction in membership and dues. Overall membership is down to about 5,500.
- The Club loses approximately \$4 per member for the periodical mailed membership, and \$8 per member for the first-class mailed membership. The Club loses \$1.24 on international memberships and earns a scant \$0.29 on e-memberships.
- The last three Grand Nationals have not broken even; they lost money. This loss is due to reduced Grand National attendance and a decrease in the expected number of attendees signing up for the extra-cost bus tours.
- GM and Cadillac have discontinued all of their support for the Club which represented a \$50,000 reduction in receipts.

The Club has taken proactive steps to reduce costs. The annual budget for *The Self-Starter* is \$195,000. The vendor that was maintaining all of the club's digital data was going to raise the price 10-fold. The Club has moved this service to a new vendor that will reduce costs.

The Club is keeping Grand National attendance costs in check by scheduling the event three years in advance to lock in a room rate that does not exceed \$149 per night before taxes. Kevin noted that membership decreases in car clubs are occurring across all clubs, not just the CLC.

Kevin then listed the upcoming national club events and locations. See these on the attached PDF file sent with this newsletter:

- **2026 Fall Driving Tour:** To be hosted by the Peach State Region. The tour is called the Rocket City Rendezvous. The start is in Huntsville AL, at the US Space and Rocket Center, then to the Jack Daniels distillery in Lynchburg, TN, then Muscle Shoals in AL for a legendary music studios tour, next Florence, AL, for a Frank Lloyd Wright architecture tour, Tusculumbia, AL, for the Helen Keller Museum, and Scottsboro, AL, for the "interesting" unclaimed baggage warehouse! The tour will count toward 540 miles of touring points for the grill badge program.
- **2027 Fall Driving Tour:** This will be an international tour, starting in Detroit and ending in Buffalo, NY, via Ontario, Canada. The tour will include visits to the GM Heritage Center car collection and the Steve Plunkett collection.
- **2028 Fall Driving Tour:** It is expected that this fall tour will be in the northeast region.



- **2026 GN - Charlotte, NC**
- **2027 GN - Reno, NV:** It will be earlier in the year because of heat, May 17th through the 22nd.
- **2028 GN - Dayton, OH:** Just a 5-hour drive away!
- **2027 Winter Reunion:** Birmingham, AL
- **2028 Winter Reunion:** San Antonio, TX
- **2029:** Kevin has been pushing hard to try and have either a Board meeting or a Grand National in St. Louis. 2029 would be the earliest this could happen.

Todd then discussed the two new events listed on page 2, the cruise to Cuba, MO and the Alan Strong tour to Urbana, IL.

Member News: I would like to welcome new members **Jeff and Debbi Goldstein, and son Max** to our St. Louis Region. The Goldstein's own a beautiful 1941 Cadillac 4-Door Convertible Sedan in one of my favorite color combinations, black with a red interior. Jeff says that he can't wait for some warm weather top-down cruising! On behalf



of the Club, welcome, Jeff, Debbi and Max! We look forward to meeting you and admiring your beautiful '41.

Lou Dauton is having the convertible top on his 1960 series 62 convertible replaced. Lou is anxious to see the results and will apprise the Club on the service experience and results.

Please consider submitting an article in 2026 for the *Fleetwood Flyer*; I know you have the ability to write a great article that members, both local and, dare I say, worldwide, will enjoy. I promise you that it will be a very rewarding experience.

Craig Masterson



SHOW AND TELL ACCESSORIZE YOUR CADILLAC

(By: Craig Masterson)

You never know what Cadillac accessories exist until you find one. We found this Cadillac-authorized handbag by "Ashley M." at an antique store in MS. It even came with a matching wallet. Both the bag and wallet have a Cadillac script silk lining. Besides looking great displayed in your Cadillac at a car show, a practical purpose would be to keep your car show detailing supplies inside!



✦ BLAST FROM THE PAST ✦

Saint Louis Globe-Democrat, October 16, 1942:



The First Filling Station In The World

This sign tells the story of the humble building on Theresa Avenue. The structure is now used as a warehouse. (1942, St. Louis)

Saint Louis Globe-Democrat, June 18, 1942:



White Mill Drive-In

Located on the southwest corner of Goodfellow and Natural Bridge. It was previously a filling station and was then converted to an eating place. (1942, St. Louis)

(Photos from the digital library of the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri-St. Louis)

A Unique Custom Cadillac

(By: Craig Masterson)

How would you like a car that is a self-contained "partymobile"? Unique in appearance, this custom is based on a 1977 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Coupe that has been stretched—front and rear—incorporating four wheels at each end and four-wheel steering at the front end.



Dubbed the "Spa-Car" for good reason, this one-off creation features a built-in spa aft of the cabin area, as well as a BBQ that sits under the hood and cantilevers outward for use, as well as a whiskey bar, strobe lighting and musical horns.

This car was purchased in Texas in the late 1980's by its owner. At that time it was a standard Eldorado Biarritz Coupe. The owner had the car shipped to his home in Australia, and soon thereafter sent the car off for modification.

The most eye-catching customization was to convert the Caddy to an eight-wheeler, using a tandem-axle and components extensively from an Australian Holden 1-ton utility vehicle (called a "Ute" Down Under), the four front wheels retaining the car's FWD to power this monster machine.

However, it was the Caddy's next Australian owner who modified the car even more outrageously after purchasing it in 1999.



The large, two-person open jacuzzi set into the rear deck just behind the passenger compartment is arguably the car's greatest jaw-dropper, guaranteeing its occupants celebrity status at a drive-in, custom show, or any promotional venue where the Caddy appears. However, travelling with the spa full or occupied is definitely not recommended—or allowed!

A real 'BBQ stopper' is the car's four-burner gas cooker that 'parks' on the chassis rails and emerges from the Caddy's massive engine bay via a clever cantilever mechanism. Two small LPG bottles are tucked away behind the car's left-hand front light assembly.

An in-dash TV, original eight-track tape deck, CCTV camera in the right-hand front mudguard (so the driver can view oncoming traffic before sticking the Caddy's huge nose out too far), strobe lighting and an attention-grabbing six-pipe exhaust system are some of the other highlights of this unique show car.

After its most recent modifications were completed in the early 2000s, the car was repainted in its current white, with off-white leather upholstery contrasting with blood red carpets.



According to the owner, the Cadillac Spa-Car drives well despite its enormous size, but as it cannot be registered in Australia, it needs to be trailered to shows.

With an overall length of 23' 11.5" and a weight of 5,512 pounds, the car is powered by a 500ci (8.2-litre) V8 engine, the powerplant that Cadillac used in Eldorados from 1970 to 1976.

A regular feature at rod, custom and American car shows, the Cadillac Spa-Car drops jaws wherever and whenever it appears, with Shannons describing the car as "the ultimate promotional magnet."





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2026 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	12:00 PM-3:00 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/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
7/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
8/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
9/26	Sun	10:00 AM	Monthly Mtg - HCC Car Show/Swap Meet	849 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO	Mtg to be Confirmed
9/25-26	Fri-Sat		CLC Fall Festival & Car Show	Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	
10/TBD			Annual CLC Car Show & Monthly Mtg		at NMOT?
11/18	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg - To Be Confirmed	ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd., Ballwin	Final 2026 Meeting
Other Local Car Related Events					
6/21	Sun	10 AM-3 PM	HCCM Father's Day Car Show	Museum of Transport, 2967 Barrett Station Rd.	
9/12	Sat		Kicks On 66/R.Gori Memorial Car Show	Ray M. Schon Park, Glen Carbon, IL	
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