



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# FLEETWOOD FLYER



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CLUB  
St. Louis Region



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### MAY CAR SHOW & MEETING

**Date:** Sunday, May 3rd

**Time:** 12:00 PM to 3:00 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, if you plan to eat a dinner, please RSVP to David Baker at <dcb9323@gmail.com> or 636-575-9554 by April 25th with your order. No advance payment needed. See dinner prices and payment methods below.

**Note:** If displaying a car, please arrive by 12:00 PM to park your car. David Baker and Michael Neuf will handle the registration table. A couple of volunteers are needed to assist with car parking.

We will hold a meeting in the Church's 2nd floor meeting room at about 1:30 PM.

Delicious pork steak or chicken dinners are available for \$13—RSVP needed (see above). Dinners will include potato salad, coleslaw, and beverage. Jumbo hotdogs are \$6. Cash or credit card accepted. A portion of show proceeds go to the Circle of Concern, an organization dedicated to feeding and assisting hungry and low-income families.

This event sells fundraising "voting" tickets that attendees can purchase and place in the "ballot buckets" in front of their favorite vehicle(s). 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

How time flies! Since our last newsletter we have had two great Club events. First, we had our March 21st visit to Fast Lane Classic Cars in St. Charles, with a brief meeting across the street.

We had 22 members attend and the weather cooperated with a nice sunny day. But really...a high of 90° on March 21st! Let us hope that does not foreshadow this summer's temperatures. Many of us then continued on to lunch at Sugarfire BBQ for some great you-know-what.

At the meeting, several upcoming opportunities for car club tours were discussed and are included in the "Events" section in this newsletter.

Next up, the Club participated in the 63rd Annual St. Louis Easter Concours d'Elegance Car Show at Forest Park. Our members displayed 22 cars; about 30 members attended throughout the day. Despite early concerns about wet weather, the day turned out fine, albeit cloudy.

The Easter show, hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, is always a must-visit car show in the St. Louis area. With its diverse display of cars—from classic, luxury, muscle, and sports cars to name just a few—there is always something of interest to behold.

Pictures from both of these Club events are included later in this newsletter.

**2026 Roster:** Distributed with this newsletter is the current CLC-StL Club roster. As you peruse it, please let me know of any updates needed.

As we start 2026, our current household membership count is 63, not counting the many associate family members. That represents a 92% renewal rate from last year. Unfortunately, five members did not renew (and will be missed), but we have gained two new wonderful members. Thus, the Club maintains membership in the 60 - 67 count range as it has for several years.

**2026 Events: Hot off the Presses!** This year, our CLC Fall Car Show date will move to September 20th as opposed to the usual early-October date. The location will also move from the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road back to the National Museum of Transportation (NMOT).

- Sept. 20, 2026: CLC-StL Annual Car Show, 10 AM-3 PM, 2933 Barrett Station Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122.

The Club has very much enjoyed its past shows in conjunction with the Jaguar Club at the Elks Lodge and sends many "Thanks" to Brandon Gray for his help and involvement to facilitate those shows at such a wonderful location.

The date and location changes are a result of members' desires to support the NMOT, find a date that does not overlap with other NMOT events, while also avoiding date conflicts with the huge Hershey, PA, car show and swap meet that many attend in early October. For 2026, that available date was September 20.

As reported on page one, upcoming car shows and multi-car club tours discussed at our prior meetings were:

- April 25-26: 2026 Cuba, MO Cruise. The Horseless Carriage Club of MO. (John Hartmann) is hosting a timely (100th Anniversary) 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Troop 520 Car Show. 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. Info at [Troop 520 Signal Hill - Troop 520 Car Show.](#) [See flyer.](#)
- May 23-24: "Tragic to Magic". 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 larger, and we plan a visit to an improved former school, now full of old cars! [See flyer.](#)

- 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 is underway). Please book your hotel room now while rooms are available at the host hotel: [2026 Grand National | Cadillac & LaSalle Club](#)

**Fleetwood Flyer:** As your Club Secretary and Newsletter Editor, I am pleased to announce that the *Fleetwood Flyer* has again been awarded an *Old Cars* magazine Golden Quill Award, recognizing excellence in car club publications. This is the *Flyer's* third year in a row to be recognized. However, as I always mention, the newsletter is a team effort. In particular, many thanks go to Cindy Masterson and Doug Birk for their continued efforts and assistance to provide you with a fun newsletter. And thank you to this past year's article authors for your contributions to educate and entertain our members.

In addition, *Old Cars* magazine highlighted the *Fleetwood Flyer* in its "Club Clips" column in the March 15, 2026, edition. The author used the *Fleetwood Flyer* as an example of how club publications should include articles that reflect the memories and events associated with our cars, and their warm and grand connections to one's milestones in life. That particular article, "Engagement Cadillac", told of my nephew's use of our 1959 Cadillac for his engagement photos, along with some nice photos of the two lovebirds in our drop-top '59 Caddy!

**Member News:** **Mark Ellison** has provided the attached Club recommended vendor list. Please submit your vendor contributions to Mark at [maellisonod80@gmail.com](mailto:maellisonod80@gmail.com).

This month we have two entertaining articles, one each from Jim Lumma and Bill Tabor. Thank you, Jim and Bill! Members, [please](#) consider submitting an article in 2026 for the *Fleetwood Flyer*. I promise you that it will be a very rewarding experience, even if you are unable to say, "Hey, my car was in *The Muny*."

*Craig Masterson*





### 1971 Coupe deVille

Casablanca Yellow, Black vinyl top & Dunbar cloth interior. CLC Grand National and St. Louis HCCM award winner. 31,000 miles, \$18,000 or negotiable. For more info: Mark Ellison 618-830-3636, [maellisonod80@gmail.com](mailto:maellisonod80@gmail.com)



### 1979 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

90,xxx Miles, Call for details and questions \$7,900 obo Call Dave Hunter St. Charles, MO 636-441-5516 (home) 314-565-4220 (cell)



### 1992 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special

This car is in excellent condition. Paint, Vinyl top and leather are in excellent shape. Torquey 4.9L V8 runs, stops and drives very well. Cold AC/Good Heat. Recent tires, belts, services up to date. Comes with many receipts. This car shows beautifully at car shows and could be a dependable daily driver as well. Always stored indoors. 119K Miles. \$9,500 OBO Contact David Baker, CLC-StL, 636-575-9554 or [dkb9323@gmail.com](mailto:dkb9323@gmail.com)



March  
21st

2026



# March Meeting



# HCC EASTER SHOW

APRIL  
5th



*"I-----I got Me a Cadillac, I got Me a Cadillac Car..."*

(By: Jim Lumma)

*"...got me a Cadillac (Cadillac, Cadillac)...Look at me, mister, I'm a star..."*

This is the start of the song *Cadillac Car* in the musical *Dream Girls*. My 1961 Series 62 Convertible was in a production of *Dream Girls* at the St. Louis Municipal Opera ("The Muni") that played from June 27 through July 3, 2024.

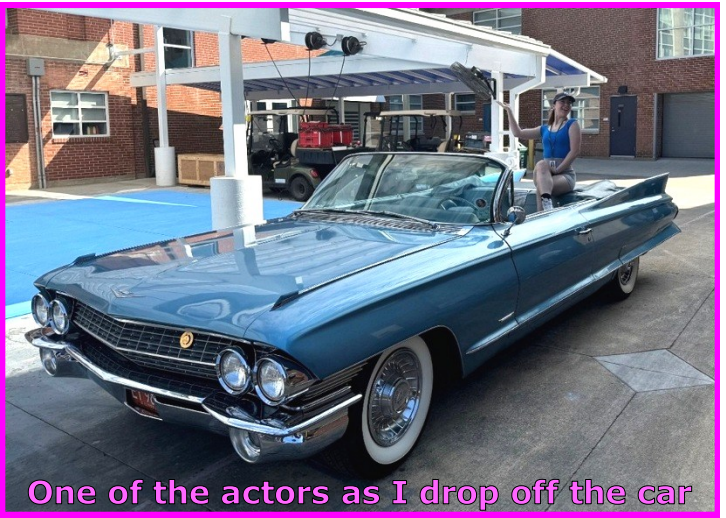
The Muni contacted the CLC-StL looking for a 50's Cadillac convertible for the Production of the musical *Dream Girls*. I knew the movie *Dream Girls* was not in the 50's but early 60's, and in the movie there is a 1962 coupe. So, I sent a picture of my car. They liked it, and we negotiated the details. I told them that my insurance would not cover something like this, and they said they knew and that the car would be covered by their insurance. They needed a value, so I provided a Hagerty Insurance estimate and that was the value of the coverage they provided. They assured me that there would only be one stagehand driving it; it would not leave the Muni; and it would be stored inside. The contract was for 2 weeks. They paid me their standard fee, which I thought was hefty. I also received 6 tickets to the show.



Car arriving at the Muni Parking lot



Me backstage dropping off the car



One of the actors as I drop off the car

When delivering the car, I hit a pothole on Forest Park Parkway. The jolt caused the fender of my trailer to bend a piece of trim on the sag line. Not a big deal; I was able to straighten it in the parking lot—problem averted.

I unloaded the car and drove it to the backstage area of The Muni. Everybody in the whole production was drawn to it. They all had questions about the car. The director explained to me how the car was going to be used in the scene. The curtain would rise, and



Back stage getting ready to go on

the actors would be seated in the car. They would get out of the car and do the song.

However, it did not happen that way on stage during the show. When the curtain went up on stage for the scene, the actors were already out of the car (or never were in it). They told me later that in rehearsal it took too much time for them to get out of the car, so they changed the sequence.

On the night that we went to the show, my wife Sharon, my parents, and my son and his girlfriend were in attendance. When my



Backstage with the stage hand driver



On stage during play

Cadillac made its appearance, the stage lights were dim, and the car's headlights and taillights were on. The car rotated in the center of the stage and the glowing red taillights looked spectacular as they sang the song *Cadillac Car*. I stood up and

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yelled, "THAT'S MY CAR!" It was on the stage for maybe four minutes.

Both I and the Club even received a "Special thanks" acknowledgement in the STAFF AND CREDITS section of the show's program.

They do not allow cameras and photos during the shows at The Muny, so the only pictures I have during the show were provided by the official Muny photographer; I did take some while dropping off and picking up my car.

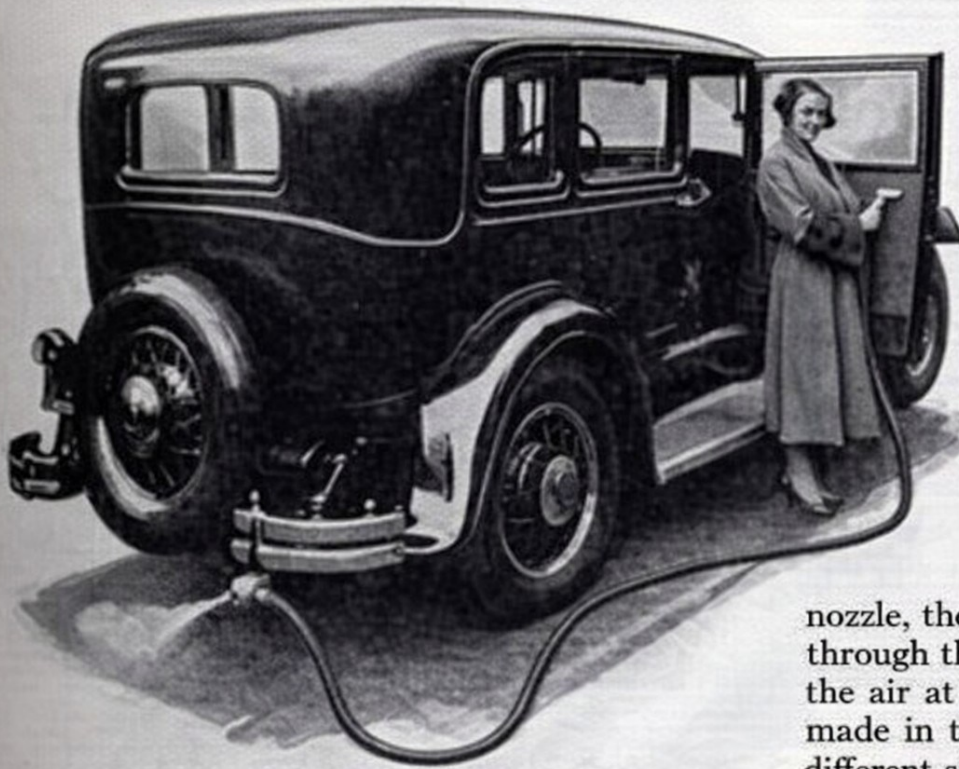
All and all, it was a good experience. My friends got tired of me telling them, "Hey, my car was in *The Muny*." Or, if they would tell me something about their cars, I would say "Yeah, but it wasn't in *The Muny*"—ha ha!



Tishaura Jones, Mayor of St Louis at the time. She was an extra in the show

## ✦ BLAST FROM THE PAST ✦

### USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS



Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a

nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

### REMEMBER THE WHA-CHA-MA-CALL-IT

(By: Bill Tabor)

KAY-SEE  
MIDWEST MOTOR COMPANY  
KANSAS CITY, MO  
PEOPLE WAS: B.P. BAGBY  
CAPITAL STOCK: \$1,000,000  
YEARS: FOUNDED 1917  
THE FIRST WORLD WAR  
PREVENTED PRODUCTION  
BAGBY RAN OUT OF MONEY  
LEFT THE COMPANY  
DID PRODUCE A "HIGH WHEELER"  
THAT BUYERS BOUGHT

## CADILLAC FUNNIES



When pigeons reminisce

(<https://www.creators.com/read/rubes/03/07/40582>)

# Low - Rider - Drives - A - Little - Slower

(By: Craig Masterson)

Staying on a musical song lyrics theme for this month's article titles, the USPS on March 13, 2026 issued Lowrider car stamps to celebrate five iconic lowrider cars and the Mexican American/Chicano car culture of the American Southwest.

**Overview and Cultural Significance:** The Lowrider stamps honor a culture that originated in the 1940s among working-class Mexican American and Chicano communities in the American Southwest, where cars were artistically and mechanically customized to ride low and showcase unique paint jobs, interiors, and pinstriping. Lowrider culture has been recognized by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and is celebrated worldwide through car clubs and exhibitions.

**Stamp Designs:** The stamps feature five distinct lowrider models:

- Blue 1958 Chevrolet Impala named *Eight Figures*
- Orange 1964 Chevrolet Impala named *The Golden Rose*
- Green 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme named *Pocket Change*
- Blue 1946 Chevrolet Fleetline named *Let the Good Times Roll/Soy Como Soy*
- Red 1963 Chevrolet Impala named *El Rey*

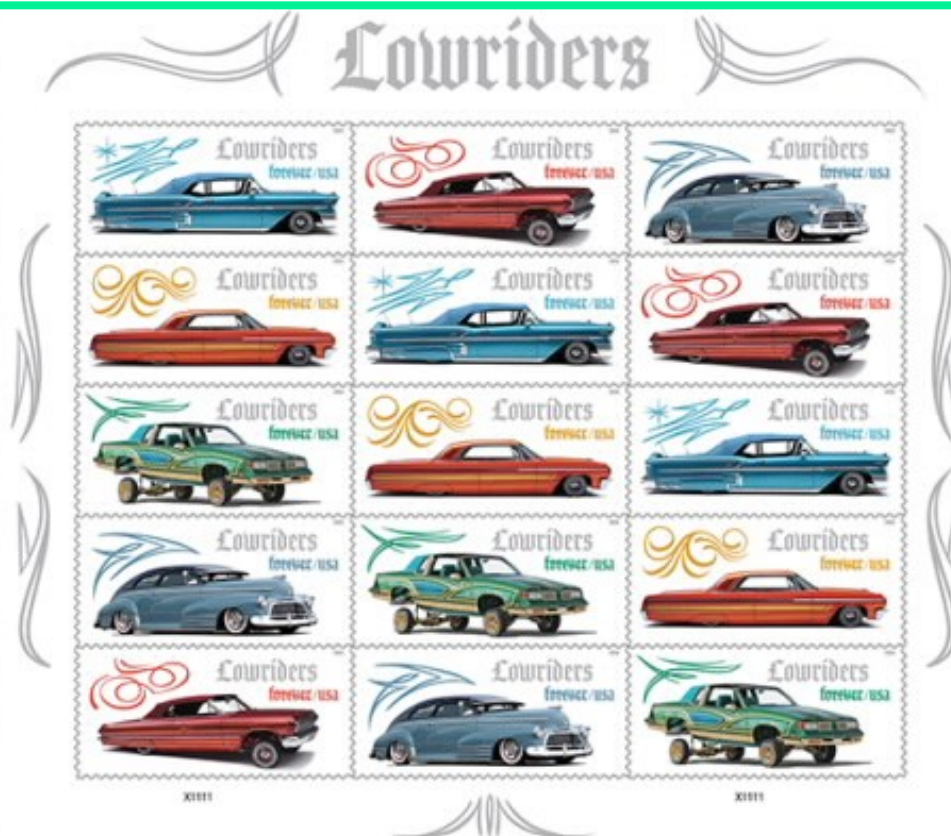


Each stamp showcases detailed photography to capture the cars' vibrant paint, luxurious interiors, and custom modifications. The stamps are **one-third wider than typical commemorative stamps** to highlight these details. Gothic-style typography and custom pinstriping by artist Danny Alvarado further evoke the aesthetic of celebrated lowriders.

**Issuance and Purchase: (Get'em while you can!)**

- **Release Date:** March 13, 2026, in San Diego, California
- **Format:** Forever stamps in a **pane of 15**, featuring the five designs
- **Price:** Equal to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce rate
- **Availability:** Through USPS, with first-day-of-issue postmarks available by mail until July 13, 2026

**Special Features:** Pressure-sensitive adhesive, cannot be sold individually, as the pane must remain intact.



(Photos: USPS)



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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                         |   |                                    |
| 9/20                                  | Sun     |                  | 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                 |
|                                       |         |                  |   |   |                                    |
|                                       |         |                  |   |   |                                    |
| <b>Other Local Car Related Events</b> |         |                  |   |   |                                    |
| 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      |
|                                       |         |                  |   |   |                                    |