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JULY MEETING & LUNCH

Date: Saturday, July 25th

Time: 10:30 AM, Lunch about Noon

Where: "Todd's Garage"

Address: Emailed; near Page Avenue and Woodson Road, Overland, MO.

Note: Don't miss this first-time visit to "Todd's Garage". After our visit to the Tobiasz Collection and Club meeting, those wishing to eat lunch and continue the comradery can proceed to Fallon's Irish Pub & Grill at about 12:00 PM.

Fallon's Address: 9200 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO.—located in the center of the strip-center

AUGUST MEETING & LUNCH

Date: Sunday, August 9th

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

Where: D.J. & Jann Meyer Home

Address: Defiance, MO, address to be emailed

RSVP: To D.J. Meyer by **Sunday, August 2nd** with your appetizer, side dish or dessert choice at <Panteradj@aol.com> or 217-418-6063 (cell)

Note: BBQ tasty "meat treats" will be catered for the lunch. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, 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, 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 Meyers can accommodate 50 vehicles! Arrive about 11 AM, with lunch served about noon.

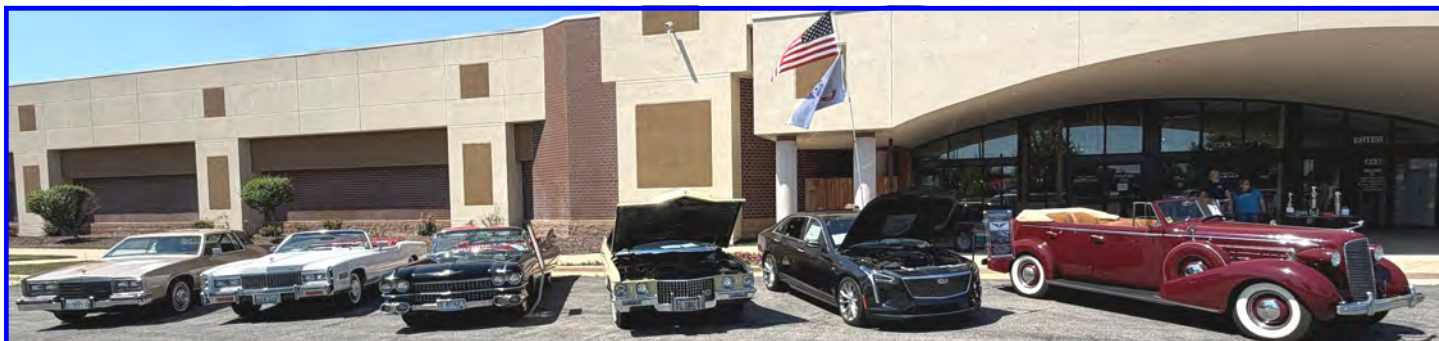
The Meyers have an inground, heated pool, so the adventurous can bring swimwear if you desire to show-off your diving skills, or just sit on the pool's edge and cool your feet. Bring a chair and your favorite beverages. If rain is imminent, potential reschedule dates are the following weekend, August 15 or 16. Bring your pride and joy. Oh, and bring your appetite!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our June 28th Club meeting was held at the beautiful home of Dave and Patti Van Berkel. We had a good turnout of 25 attendees. The weather was sunny and hot. No matter, the Van Berkels' have a beautifully-finished lower level, and we all luxuriated in glorious air conditioning!

Everyone got their fill of Chester's fried chicken from Karsch's Village Market in Barnhart. There were more than enough member-brought snacks, sides, and desserts; so, no one left hungry!

The Goldstein's brought their 1941 beauty, and the Bobbsey Twins, Lou Dauten and D.J. Meyer each arrived in their 1960 convertibles. A big THANK YOU goes out to Dave and Patti for their



generous hospitality and opening their home to our Club members. (Pictures below.)



On Saturday, June 20, (pictures above), several members attended Bobby Patterson's son Lucas's Scout Troop Car Show at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, IL. Thanks go out to Steve Colesworthy, Mark Ellison, Bobby Patterson, Mike Shoulders, Todd Tobias, Ed Watts and yours-truly for helping to make Lucas's last Scout Troop show a great success. Ed brought his recently-acquired light-blue 1975 Pontiac Grandville convertible, a real beauty for sure!

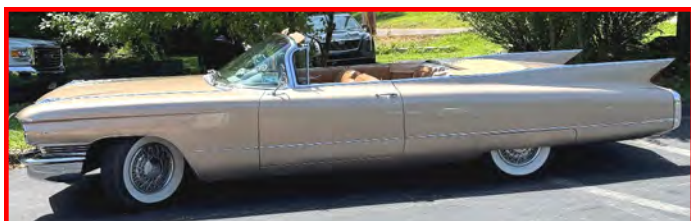
On Saturday, June 27, a few CLC-StL members, in conjunction with the Classic Car Club of America, participated in a cruise up the Great River Road from Hartford, IL, to Grafton, IL.

We started the cruise by meeting at the Lewis and Clark Expedition's departure point at the Camp River Dubois historic site, with a visit to the impressive Interpretive Center. A reconstruction of the winter camp is located on the grounds near the visitor center.

Please note that William Clark is buried in St. Louis's Bellefontaine Cemetery, and I am sure we will visit his gravesite on our upcoming driving tour through the cemetery on July 26.

Next, we proceeded north to the Confluence Tower which rises 180 feet, providing a bird's-eye view of the nation's two mightiest rivers, the Missouri and Mississippi, coming together as one.

Continuing north, we arrived at Piasa Park. The park is set at the base of the giant Piasa Bird mural that is painted on the side of a huge bluff. A large



granite arrowhead tells the story of the Piasa Bird, which, according to legend, Chief Ouatoga and his 20 warriors killed with poison darts.



Further northward on the Great River Road, we arrived at the Grafton, IL, Visitor Center and Museum, presenting the history of this river town founded in 1832.



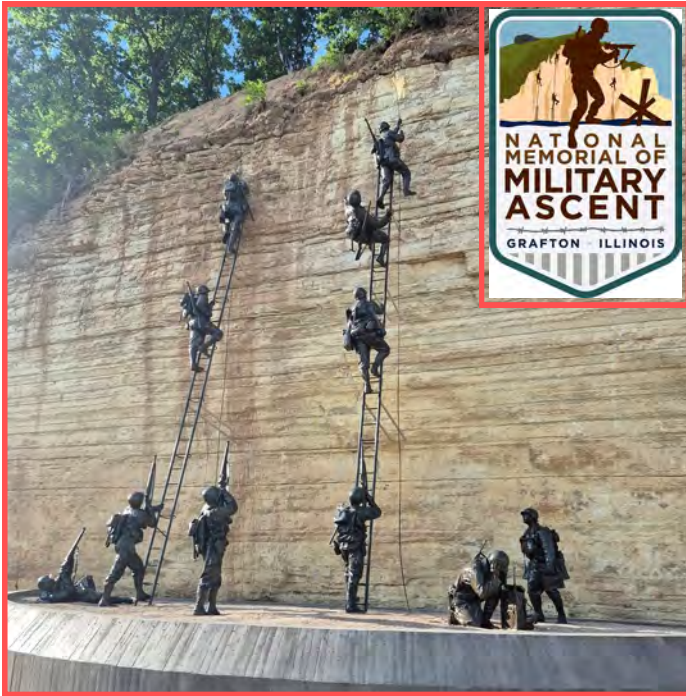
The museum was very informative and included a display of a punt boat and gun. A punt gun is a type of extremely-large shotgun used in the 19th and early 20th centuries for shooting large numbers of waterfowl for commercial harvesting operations. These guns (left) were too large for an individual to fire from

the shoulder and were instead mounted like artillery pieces on small boats.

Also displayed was a small racing powerboat that was discovered lodged in driftwood when the Great Flood of 1993 receded. The boat was intact, including the motor and hardware, but was very deteriorated. It was restored by a local antique and classic boat club. These boats raced on the Illinois river in the late 1950s to early 1960s.



Located adjacent to the Visitor Center is the Grafton Veterans Memorial and The National Memorial of Military Ascent. The Memorial is positioned at the base of the limestone bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. The centerpiece of this Memorial is a life-sized WWII bronze reproduction of U.S. Army Rangers climbing the Pointe Du Hoc cliffs on Omaha Beach as part of the initial D-Day landings. The bronze castings I am told weigh 600 to 900 pounds each.



Also displayed is one of twenty-two of the few remaining STAB (strategic assault boat) Boats that were commissioned for use during Vietnam. These boats were designed and built in Grafton, IL, at the Historic Boat Works in 1968.



We completed the cruise with a stop at The Loading Dock restaurant in Grafton which features stunning river views, outdoor dining, live music, and a monthly flea market.

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

- **July 26, 2026: Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum (BCA) Tour.** Sunday. The tour will be a docent-led guided tour using your 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. **July 22 RSVP date.** See attached flyer.
- **August 1-2, 2026: "Bluff Road Car Cruise".** Saturday, Sunday. A one or two-day tour south along the river on the Illinois side to Chester, IL, then cross the river into Perryville, MO. Visit the Courtois (Gormley) homestead and take in the 125th Annual Seminary Picnic. You can choose to stay for the evening car show in the Perryville town square and make it an overnight trip. If you plan to stay overnight on August 1, note that the block of rooms reserved has expired, so contact the hotel directly. Jim Gormley would also appreciate an RSVP at [<jg_btsi@yahoo.com>](mailto:jg_btsi@yahoo.com) for Seminary Picnic ticket planning purposes. See 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! The plan is to arrive at 11 AM. The BBQ meat will be catered, so members should 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 and your favorite beverages. If rain is imminent, potential reschedule dates are August 15 or 16, the following weekend.



Current "Projects": Your secretary and editor will soon distribute information for those who wish to order laminated club car show placards.

Many have asked about the status of the Club's recommended-vendor list. A list was distributed several months ago, and members have submitted insufficient additional recommendations to warrant publishing an update. Let us keep the ball rolling, please submit your vendor recommendations with the pertinent vendor information to Mark Ellison at maellisonod80@gmail.com.

Member News: At our June meeting two members reported on their recent Cadillac acquisitions. **Mike Shoulders and Robin Sorrentino** reported that they have acquired a car from the "renowned" David Baker Collection. They

purchased David's 1992 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special (below) that David had advertised for sale.



Kevin Brown reported that he has joined the ranks of the Cadillac CT6 ownership group in the club with his recent purchase of the beautiful 2020 CT6 below.



Congratulations, Mike, Robin, and Kevin! I wish you many happy motoring miles in your new Cadillacs.

Mark and Cathy Ellison participated in the Great River Road Cruise. We have not seen Cathy for over a year as she was dealing with a major health diagnosis. Cathy reports she is now doing much better and is hopeful that she can resume Club activities sometime later this year. Welcome back, Cathy, we are so happy you are doing well. We have missed you!

Newer member **Jon Witek** (right) from Swansea, IL, and associate member (and brother), **Roger Witek**, have forwarded these pictures of Jon displaying his 1964 Cadillac Six-Window Sedan de Ville at a week-night O'Fallon, IL, District Car Show.



The car looks to be a real beauty, and I love the vanity license plates, "64 FINS". I am sure someone is disappointed that they did not get that license plate first!



Jon's pride of ownership just radiates from his smile and these pictures. Guys, thank you for sending these pictures. I look forward to meeting you both in the future and admiring Jon's 1964 "work of art". Great car, Jon!

Long-distance Phoenix, AZ, members **Scott and Allyson Halver** made a stop in St. Louis while returning from the 2026 Grand National on their way to the "Back to the 50s" Car Show in St. Paul, MN.

They, along with the **Tobiaszes, Mastersons**, and **Steve Colesworthy** made a stop at member **Chris Doria's Frisco Hill Auto** restoration shop. Scott was anxious to see the progress being made on the Mastersons' 1971 Eldorado Convertible that is being restored at the shop. The bumpers and exterior trim sent off for rechroming have returned and are now being reinstalled on the car.

It was way back in February of 2025, while Todd and Amber were visiting the Halvers in Phoenix, that Scott and Todd made a trip to Desert Valley Auto Parts salvage yard. While keeping an eye out for rattlesnakes, they located and assessed two rust-free rear quarter panels that were purchased for the project. They also located a rust and dent-free front-driver fender for good measure. Below, Scott and Todd point to two of the three fenders they selected for the project that have now been installed and painted perfectly. (Todd, you shrank!)



Remaining work to be done includes repairing the convertible top frame and installing a new top. The original carpet was falling apart due to sun exposure, so a new carpet set will be sewn up. For some reason, all of the aftermarket carpet sets sold for this model and year are incorrect both in color and carpet type. In addition to the aftermarket carpet sets not matching the original Aqua carpet color well, they are all of a loop-style carpet, not the original cut-pile style carpet.

Over 10 years ago, while looking for an appropriate replacement carpet, a marine-grade outdoor carpet with the correct color and a slightly denser cut-pile was amazingly found at the local Menards hardware store. An 8' by 20' roll was ordered. Lucky me, as now 10+ years later, I cannot find that carpet in the store or online. That roll of carpet has been patiently waiting in the Mastersons' basement to make its glorious debut inside their restored Adriatic Turquoise Cadillac.

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

Craig Masterson



REMEMBER THE WHA-CHA-MA-CALL-IT

(By: Bill Tabor)

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ROCK HILL, S.C.

1916 - 1925

JOHN GARY ANDERSON

ANDERSON MOTOR CAR CO.

ORGANIZED IN 1916

IN 1920 MADE 1180 UNITS BUILT

1916 SELL \$1,250 * 1925 \$1,945

**IN 1924 FACTORY FIRE WAS
DETRIMENTAL**

**AFTER MAKING 6,300 CARS
ANDERSON CLOSED
THE DOORS IN 1925**

GM MOTORAMA MARVELS FROM THE JOE BORTZ COLLECTION

(By: [Exhibits | Gilmore Car Museum](#))

The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, has unveiled its latest exhibition, "*Defined by Design*" that will include GM Motorama Marvels from the Joe Bortz Collection. The exhibition runs April 2026 - March 2027.

Defined by Design explores 120 years of automobile design, innovation, and American history, highlighted by a centerpiece exhibition of the GM Motorama Marvels from the Joe Bortz Collection. This capstone experience recreates the legendary 1950s GM Motorama, bringing together eight iconic Motorama "Dream Cars" under one roof for the first time.

Designed under the visionary leadership of Harley Earl, these experimental concept cars (1953-1964) showcase groundbreaking ideas in automotive styling, aerodynamics, materials, and technology that shaped the future of production vehicles. The exhibition captures a powerful era of optimism, creativity, and innovation in American automotive design.

Additional vehicles throughout the exhibition illustrate the evolution of automobile design, from the Brass Era through the 1960s, featuring classics such as a Duesenberg SJ, 1963 Corvette, Edsel Roadster, and more.

The exhibition features vehicles that highlight significant stylistic and mechanical advancements across generations of automotive development.

Cars to be displayed from the Bortz Collection include the:

- 1953 Buick Wildcat I •1953 Pontiac Parisienne
- 1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special
- 1955 Chevrolet Biscayne •1955 LaSalle Roadster
- 1955 LaSalle Sedan •1960 Pontiac X-400
- 1964 Pontiac XP833 (aka Banshee Roadster)



BLACKWING HITS THE TRACK: INTRODUCING THE CADILLAC CT5-V BLACKWING F1 COLLECTOR SERIES

(By: www.cadillacf1team.com/news)

Most powerful Blackwing model produced by Cadillac: 685 horsepower, 673 lb-ft of torque

MIAMI, FL – On the eve of the Formula 1® Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix 2026 and the Cadillac Formula 1® Team's inaugural home race, Cadillac unveils the CT5-V Blackwing F1 Collector Series¹, an ultra-exclusive expression of Cadillac's historic entry into Formula 1®.

Limited to just 26 units to mark the year Cadillac joined the F1® grid in 2026, the CT5-V Blackwing F1® Collector Series is the most powerful Blackwing ever produced by Cadillac, and the pinnacle of the V-Series lineup. It channels the excitement of Cadillac's Formula 1® entry into an ultra-exclusive performance sedan. The CT5-V Blackwing F1® Collector Series was developed in close collaboration with Formula 1® and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA®), the governing body for world motor sport.

"The CT5-V Blackwing embodies the very best of Cadillac track-capable performance. With the F1® Collector Series, we're channeling the energy and innovation of Formula 1® into a road-ready sedan that feels every bit as special as our entry into the sport," said Mark Reuss, President, General Motors. "Each of the 26 vehicles is curated to be a centerpiece in any collection and a true celebration of Cadillac's new era in Formula 1®."



Racing-inspired design with Formula 1® accents

Finished in Midnight Stone Frost with a monochromatic interior and exterior execution, the CT5-V Blackwing F1® Collector Series echoes the Cadillac Formula 1® livery with:

- Carbon Flash Metallic wheels
- Harbor Gray Metallic brake calipers
- Carbon fiber lower bodywork highlighted by a Switchblade Silver pinstripe
- Gloss black exterior badging and monochrome Cadillac crests complete the dominant, racing-inspired look

Endorsed F1® and FIA® logos appear throughout the car, including:

- Stamped F1® logo on driver door using a new automated craftsmanship 'autocraft' stamping technique
- F1® and FIA® logos on the spoiler
- FIA® logo on the carbon fiber rocker panels
- 'Cadillac Formula 1®' Team logo on the sill plate
- CNC-machined F1® logo on the supercharger cover
- Laser-etched FIA® logo on the supercharger cover

- Embossed F1® logo on seat headrests
- 3D-printed F1® logo shifter medallion and FIA logo under the carbon fiber center console trim clear coat
- F1® and FIA® logos featured on Builder's Badge with unique serialization for the Collector Series

Uncompromised V-Series Performance

The CT5-V Blackwing F1® Collector Series builds on the acclaimed capabilities of the CT5-V Blackwing, with even more performance. The 6.2L supercharged V-8 that defines the CT5-V Blackwing, now produces 685 horsepower with 673 lb-ft torque, making this the most powerful Blackwing model ever. This comes courtesy of an upgraded supercharger, developed in collaboration with GM Motorsports. Each vehicle also features a CNC machined supercharger cover, created in-house by GM Motorsports.

The F1® Collector Series comes exclusively with 6-speed manual transmission, ensuring the Blackwing's commitment to the art of driving. Each car also includes the Precision Package, making it the ultimate track-focused realization of the Blackwing model.

As with every CT5-V Blackwing, the F1® Collector Series is engineered to deliver the exhilarating, track-capable performance that has made Cadillac V-Series a benchmark in the luxury performance segment.

For more than 20 years, the V-Series badge has represented an elevation of design, performance and technology tied to the purest expression of passion that exists at the core of the Cadillac brand. Now with the fifth generation of the V-Series, the lineup has expanded to electric vehicles, including the first-ever OPTIQ-V and LYRIQ-V.

Availability

The CT5-V Blackwing F1® Collector Series will be sold in the U.S. and Canada, with production scheduled to begin in mid-2026. With only 26 units available, each vehicle is designed to connect its owner directly to Cadillac's exciting F1® era.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION HAPPENINGS!

(By: Craig Masterson)



The National Museum of Transportation (NMOT) recently received great news by being awarded the 2025 Global Tourism Excellence Award based on online reviews. Our NMOT is a real GEM, Congratulations!

The "Roads, River, Rooms, Reels" Exhibit opened March 14th in the Visitor Center. The NMOT celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 featuring its St. Louis roots!

The exhibit explores the stories, memories, and modes of travel that shaped America's most iconic highway and the communities connected to it.

Two iconic features anchor the exhibit. Visitors will experience a stunning 26-foot model of the S.S. Admiral, honoring the legendary riverboat that once defined river travel and entertainment in the Midwest from 1940-1988.

The exhibit also spotlights the beloved '66' Park-In Theatre on Watson Road, owned by the Wehrenberg Family of St. Louis, Missouri, a treasured symbol of drive-in movie culture and shared community memories along Route 66.

This exhibit is on display through October 31. The model of the S.S. Admiral is a joy to behold, bringing back so many good memories!



2026 NATIONAL DRIVING TOUR ROCKET CITY RENDEZVOUS!

(By: Doug Bailey-Peach State Region)

The Peach State region invites you to join the 2026 CLC National Driving Tour. We want to register as many CLC members as early as possible – including YOU!

Huntsville, AL, is within a five-hour drive of Asheville and Louisville, and it's less than four hours from Knoxville, Atlanta, Memphis and Nashville. The major carriers can get you to Huntsville non-stop from most major cities. Pass the word, Peach State folks would be delighted to pick you up at Huntsville International Airport so you can ride in style with us for the week.

This hub-and-spoke tour will earn CLC members 500 miles towards their touring grille badge. Peach State CLC will host a hospitality room in the evenings and will have a service truck on the road each day. Driving an old or new Cadillac or LaSalle is not required – it's just more fun.

Here's the link to Peach State's registration page: [Peach State Cadillac & LaSalle Club upcoming events](https://www.peachstateclc.org/uploads/6/8/9/5/68956957/national_driving_tour_registration_form_2026_v5.pdf). There are links on that page that take folks to the dedicated room registration page set up by the Huntsville Marriott. You will find language, graphics and text on our page that you can run in your newsletters, and on your websites and social media pages. Members can customize their tour by pre-registering on the registration form: https://www.peachstateclc.org/uploads/6/8/9/5/68956957/national_driving_tour_registration_form_2026_v5.pdf.



THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25, 2026!

We would very much appreciate hearing from you. We already have about a dozen registrations (20+ people), and we're hoping to attract over 60 people. We're looking forward to seeing you in Space City!



As I look at these vintage playground slides, I am amazed that those of us from this era lived into adulthood. I would visit St. Cyr Park in Bellefontaine Neighbors by my grandparents home that had a rocket-theme slide



(right). That stainless steel slide would get scorching hot in the sun. We would bring wax paper to slide down on, which waxed the slide, providing more speed. The next unsuspecting kid would then be launched a foot into the air over those two humps! "I don't care who you are, that's funny right there!" (Larry the Cable Guy)



❖ BLAST FROM THE PAST ❖





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July Edition

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 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
7/25	Sat	10:30 AM	Monthly Meeting & Lunch (at noon)	Todd Tobiasz Bldg, Overland, MO. Lunch at Fallon's	Fallon's, 9200 Olive Blvd, Olivette
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	1:00 PM	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.	
7/26	Sun	9:45 AM	CCCA Bellefontaine Cemetery Tour	4947 W Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115	RSVP, Box lunch at Noon
8/1-2	Sat/Sun	8:00 AM	Bluff Road Car Cruise	S.W. IL & Perryville, MO	See flyer previously sent
10/25	Sun	6:30 AM - 4 PM	HCC Show & Swap Meet	849 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold MO 63010	Fox School District Service Center
11/07	Sat	7 PM-11 PM	Archway Oldsmobile Charity Trivia Night	2500 Raymond Dr., St. Charles, MO	Amer.Legion #312, \$20/person