



Celebrate Halloween Saturday October 31st

Caddy Corner

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Promoting fellowship with people of similar interests in Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles.

Website: <https://www.cadillaclasalleclubflorida.com/>

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(open)

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Paul Simcock

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

All meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETING - October 13th 2026

Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater, address is 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd , Clearwater, FL 33759.

EVENTS: See details in the Activities Director's Report in this newsletter.

Can you Guess the Car Photo?

Test your overall skill and knowledge base of various Cadillac motorcar imagery. Find out the answer by emailing the Editor.





Florida Suncoast Region CLC Consolidated Meeting Reports September 30, 2026

Treasurer's Report As autumn leaves begin to fall (*somewhere, not in Florida*) thoughts turn to the end of the year and preparations for entering 2027. As the Treasurer of the Florida Suncoast Region CLC, my thoughts turn to financial planning for the coming year, which basically means deciding what next year's dues will look like.

I'm sure that most members of the Region will be happy to learn that my current intention is to recommend to the Board that dues for next year remain at the current level of \$25 per membership unit. Although inflation has taken a bite out of the Region's budget, as it has for every person and organization, that level of support will enable us to maintain operations and provide a comfortable cushion for at least another year.

If there's anyone who's disappointed in the fact that dues are not likely to increase in 2027, please let me know. I'll try to provide a referral for some appropriate counseling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin L. Berman,
Treasurer, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Membership Report We had no renewals this month. We are at (20) 2026 renewals so far. We have a total of 27 active members. Seven have not renewed for 2026 yet. Recent members (*past 2-3 years*) should have their badges by now. If you are a recently new member and you did not receive a name badge, please contact me by email at cadillacmike68@yahoo.com and I will look into it. We'd like to remind members that your National dues must be current. The expiration date of your National dues is on the mailing page of your SELF-STARTER.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Santos,
Membership Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Florida Suncoast Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club Director's Report September 2026

Hello Everyone:

For those of us in our region, the weather has now turned to our cars favorite time to be out running. Don't let them just sit there, bring one to the monthly lunch gatherings. After all, what is a club, if we don't get together and commune in person.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Demyan,
Director, Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Did You Know...

Cadillac Power Brake Systems made by Bendix Corp

The Cadillac Bendix Hydrovac power brake system is a classic isolated vacuum-assist power brake design used by Cadillac on various models during the mid-1950s era, (*notably from 1953 to 1957*).

Unlike modern power brakes where the master cylinder is bolted directly to a firewall-mounted booster, the Hydrovac unit is entirely free-standing and separate. It mounts remotely (*usually on the frame rail*) in the engine compartment and uses a purely hydraulic connection from the master cylinder to trigger the vacuum assistance operation.



Typical Power Brake Independent Booster used in the 1950s

Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

Our next event will be the Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 25th. The club will be providing the same delicious BBQ we always get for this event. Keep a watch for emails for all of the specific details.

The monthly gathering is always on the second Tuesday of the month at 11AM at the Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd Clearwater, FL 33759.

If you have an idea for an event and you are willing to do the legwork to make it happen, please contact me and I will provide all needed correspondences to the members.

Mark

It's Showtime!

Sumter Swap Meets and Car Show



FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY
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DJ & Live Music
Door Prizes
Lighted Parking



Be sure to save the date, December 5, 2026. The Annual Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance promises to be even bigger and better this year as popularity continues to grow amongst classic car enthusiasts. Held in Carrollwood Village Park located at 4680 West Village Dr. Tampa, FL 33624. Be sure to register for the Car Corral today as well if you are selling. Being close to a sell-out crowd last year, please pre-register as soon as possible to avoid delays and choice of space. For further information, go to gasparillaconcours.com.

Old-Fashioned Filling Station Air Pump For Sale



Up for Sale is a 1940's-50's ECO Tireflator Gas Station Tire Air Meter in good shape. These inflation devices were very popular at traditional gas stations like Gulf, Shell and Esso stations during the early 1940's and well into the early 1960's. They featured a crank handle that allowed you to "dial-in" your desired poundage and had a rubber air hose with chuck on the side. The hose was coiled on the front or rear with an air platen that turned the pressure off when depressed by the weight of the coiled hose after use.

A wonderful piece of "petroliana," these old pumps are highly sought-after and fetch high auction selling prices like MECUM when they are refurbished and in like new condition featuring the seller's station colors. This one looks like it may have come from an old Gulf Station. It can be yours for a modest \$3,000.00. It wouldn't take much expertise to make it like new again. Contact the Editor for more details and referral to the featured seller.



(Actual meter for sale above with pedestal)

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Saturday, October 10th, 4-9:00 PM
Celebrating our 30th Year!

The Villages monthly Cruise-In
Spanish Springs Town Square
<https://www.thevillagesentertainment.com/special-events/October-2026-cruise-in/>

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DADE CITY
CAR & TRUCK
SHOW
Hosted by Ronnie Setser

THE FIRST SATURDAY FROM SEPT-MAY
12pm-4pm

\$10

Registration fee to qualify for trophy presentation

Cruising cars will still be allowed but will not be part of the judging or receive dash plaques or trophies.

NEW LOCATION: Enter from Hwy. 301 / 7th St. onto Pasco Ave. We will no longer be closing SR 52 / Meridian Ave. Show will take place on the east and south sides of the Historic County Courthouse and roads to the east.

PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF DOWNTOWN DADE CITY

For questions and further information, please contact Ronnie Setser (813) 879-1616 or (813) 601-7227 // ronniesetsercustoms.com

From the Editor: Paul Simcock

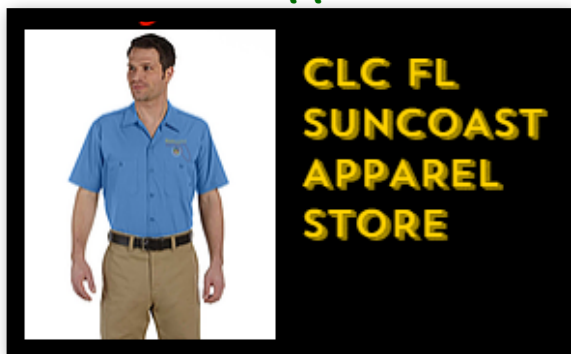


A few reminders: If you would like your “story” to be featured in the newsletter, please submit your article along with some photos directly to me. *All articles, business cards and ads are due by the 15th of each month.*

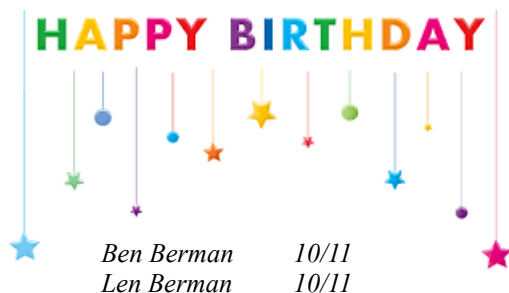
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Also, we offer free advertising for cars & parts in our regional newsletter to current paid Regional Members. These ads do not have to be just for Cadillacs or LaSalles. Regional Members may also run their business cards for cars, or non-related ads for \$25.00 for a 4-month ad. A Non-member can take out a 4-month ad (*up to one page including photos*) for \$25.00. Non-member ads must be car related and you must state an asking price.

Part\$ and Apparel for \$ale



<https://gmclubapparel.com/collections/clc-florida-suncoast-region.com>



Note: If you would like your birthday posted, please contact the Editor.

Get the Most From Your National CLC Membership

Go to the homepage for National CLC and click on “Forums” for all the latest blog discussions, and major category information on:

- Authenticity Manuals and VIN Data
- Technical Manuals & Bulletins



This is an Event NOT TO BE MISSED!

2026 Special Grand Event

FORT LAUDERDALE



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7TH ANNUAL

Sunday, November 15th, 2026 • 10:00AM-3:00PM
For Cadillac and LaSalle Automobiles All Years and Models

• Judged Competition Trophies • Food & Beverages
• Rain or Shine • Door Prizes • 50/50 Raffle • Fun for the Entire Family!

Pre-Registration Due October 30th, 2026

Registration Forms Available @ CLCSFR.COM

For More Information

Email: CadillacLaSalleClubFR@hotmail.com

Director, Len Constance, Jr. (954) 789-0966

Show Vice Chairman, Steve Tarampi (954) 501-3194

\$20 Judged Entries • \$25 After Oct. 30th
\$15 Display Only • \$20 After Oct. 30th



Location:

The Fort Pickleball Recreation Center
891 SW 34th St. Ft. Lauderdale, 33315
(954) 222-1965

Just North of
the Airport,
Along North
side of 595

Entrants and participants by execution of registration form release and discharge The Fort Recreation Center and Cadillac & LaSalle Club South Florida Region their officers, directors, employees or agents, representatives and servants from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participants, person or property. Cars must remain at their assigned show locations until 3:00 PM. Fire extinguishers are strongly recommended, but not required, for judged and display-only cars.

Cadillac Phaeton Coupe for 1978-1979

A specialty limited production unique automobile

The 1978–1979 Cadillac Custom Phaeton was a rare, limited-edition factory option package available on the downsized Coupe de Ville and Sedan de Ville.

Designed to emulate the sophisticated look of a classic convertible, this high-end styling package cost an additional \$1,929 in 1978 (rising to over \$2,029 in 1979) and elevated Cadillac's mainstream luxury models into exclusive collector's items.

The package was primarily an appearance and comfort upgrade that gave the boxy, downsized DeVille chassis a distinctively formal profile:

- Simulated Convertible Top: The standout feature was a prominent, formal fabric roof treatment designed exclusively to look exactly like a true convertible top.
- Exterior Styling: These models featured brushed chrome moldings, opera windows, clean accent pinstriping, elegant wire wheel discs, and custom "Phaeton" script nameplates on the rear fenders in place of the standard DeVille badging.
- Premium Interior: Standard equipment included very plush, button-tufted leather upholstered seating and a leather-trimmed steering wheel, both color-matched precisely to the exterior theme.

Cadillac restricted the color selection to just three most preferred color combinations for both exterior and interior corresponding decors:

- Cotillion White paired with a Dark Blue fabric roof and Dark Blue leather interior.
- Platinum Silver / Slate Firemist paired with a Black fabric roof and Black or Antique Slate Gray leather interior.
- Arizona Beige paired with a Dark Brown fabric roof and Light Beige leather interior.

While exact numbers for 1978 are highly debated among enthusiasts, production was limited. For the 1979 model year, Cadillac produced only 1,832 Custom Phaeton Coupes, making them a very rare sight today.



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Happy Motoring!



...and Best of All, it's a Cadillac!



BECOME A MEMBER

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

Membership is open to anyone owning or having an interest in Cadillac or LaSalle Automobiles.
You Do Not have to own a Cadillac or LaSalle to join.

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region membership dues are \$25.00 per year. Being a member is a way to participate in the Club's monthly meetings, activities and fellowship with other car enthusiasts. Also, it is a great way to learn more about your car and cars of other club members. A monthly Newsletter will keep you informed of all Region Activities. Many of our members are located in the Central Gulf Coast area, but we routinely welcome and have current members in Central and North Florida.

Mail your completed application form and check payable to "CLC, Florida Suncoast Region" to:

CLC, Florida Suncoast Region
c/o Benjamin L. Berman, Treasurer
4223 MacKay Falls Terrace
Sarasota, Florida 34243

2026 Membership Application/Renewal Form

(Membership Consists of Two Members per Household.)

Those joining October - December will include membership for the following year.

New Member _____ or Renewal _____ Date _____

Name(s): _____

NEW MEMBERS: Below, please print the exact name(s) for two complimentary club name badges.

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Cadillac or LaSalle vehicle(s) owned *(use separate sheet for additional cars).*

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Member of National Cadillac LaSalle Club? Yes: _____ No: _____

National Member # _____ National Membership Renewal Month: _____

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED. YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW THE NATIONAL AT THIS SITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CADILLACLASALLECLUB.ORG](https://www.cadillacclasalleclub.org)

I authorize use of my information for club purposes only: Yes _____ No _____

Signature: _____