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Celebrate Thanksgiving, Thursday Nov. 26th

Caddy Corner

Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Florida Suncoast Region

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

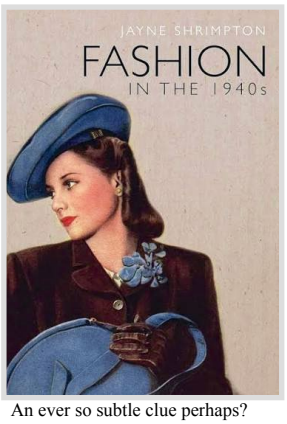
UPCOMING MEETING - November 10th 2026
Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater, address is 2626 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd , Clearwater, FL 33759.

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.





An ever so subtle clue perhaps?

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Florida Suncoast Region CLC
Consolidated Meeting Reports
October 31, 2026

Treasurer's Report Writing from Vienna, Austria, I have several observations to make. First, there really are places where it's cold at the end of October. Be glad you're in Florida!



Second, there are still places in the world where drivers seem too patient and courteous and follow the rules of the road *(including speed limits)*. Too bad you're driving in Florida!

But most important there are no Cadillacs to be seen on the roads of Central Europe. What's wrong with these people? Where is GM marketing? I'm greatly disappointed *(but not enough to cancel the rest of my trip)*.

See you in November!

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Membership Report We had one renewal / new member this month. Cheryl Fazio has rejoined the region. Welcome back Cheryl. At the time of this writing in October, I have started a new annual renewal cycle.



We are at one 2027 renewal so far. We have a total of (28) active members. I will order new badges for our recently joined members.

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 monthly magazine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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

Hello Everyone:

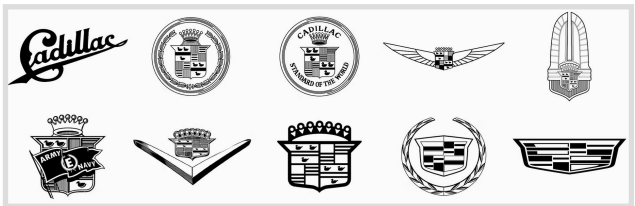
Those members who went North for the summer are returning which means the monthly lunch gatherings will be bustling with many conversations.The Bermans will be back from their long 80th Birthday road trip celebration in Europe, so be sure to be at the next gathering on November 10th to hear all about their travel adventures.

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



Did You Know…

Redesign Repetitions of the Historic Cadillac Emblem



The Cadillac Motor Car Company of Detroit, MI was founded by Henry Leland, along with William Murphy and Lemuel Bowen, on August 22, 1902. Leland, an engineer and entrepreneur, named Cadillac as a nod to French explorer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe, sieur de Cadillac, who founded Detroit in 1701. The crest, adorned with laurel wreaths and vibrant colors, symbolizes the aristocratic heritage and pioneering spirit that Cadillac Motor Car Company aimed to embody. Leland's expertise in precision manufacturing set Cadillac apart from other automobile manufacturers, establishing its reputation for reliability and innovation early on. In total, the actual emblem has undergone over 30 revisions since the brand's inception.



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Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

The Fall picnic was another great time socializing with the members. We had Hank's BBQ again which is always good but this year Frances Wiles made a "Dump Cake", a cherry delight that was out of this world for a dessert. It was the talk of the entire gathering and an all-time favorite going forward.

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!









Be sure to save the date, December 5, 2026. The Annual Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance promises to 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, November 14th, 4-9:00 PM
Celebrating our 30th Year!

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

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…See you there!



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.*
If you have a pre-published article you would like to submit; those are also welcome. Be sure to include copyright information so we can properly give credits to the source or author of the article or piece. Any reproduction of this newsletter content, *in whole or in part*, without prior permission is strictly prohibited by copyright law.

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Rich Fedor 11/10

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

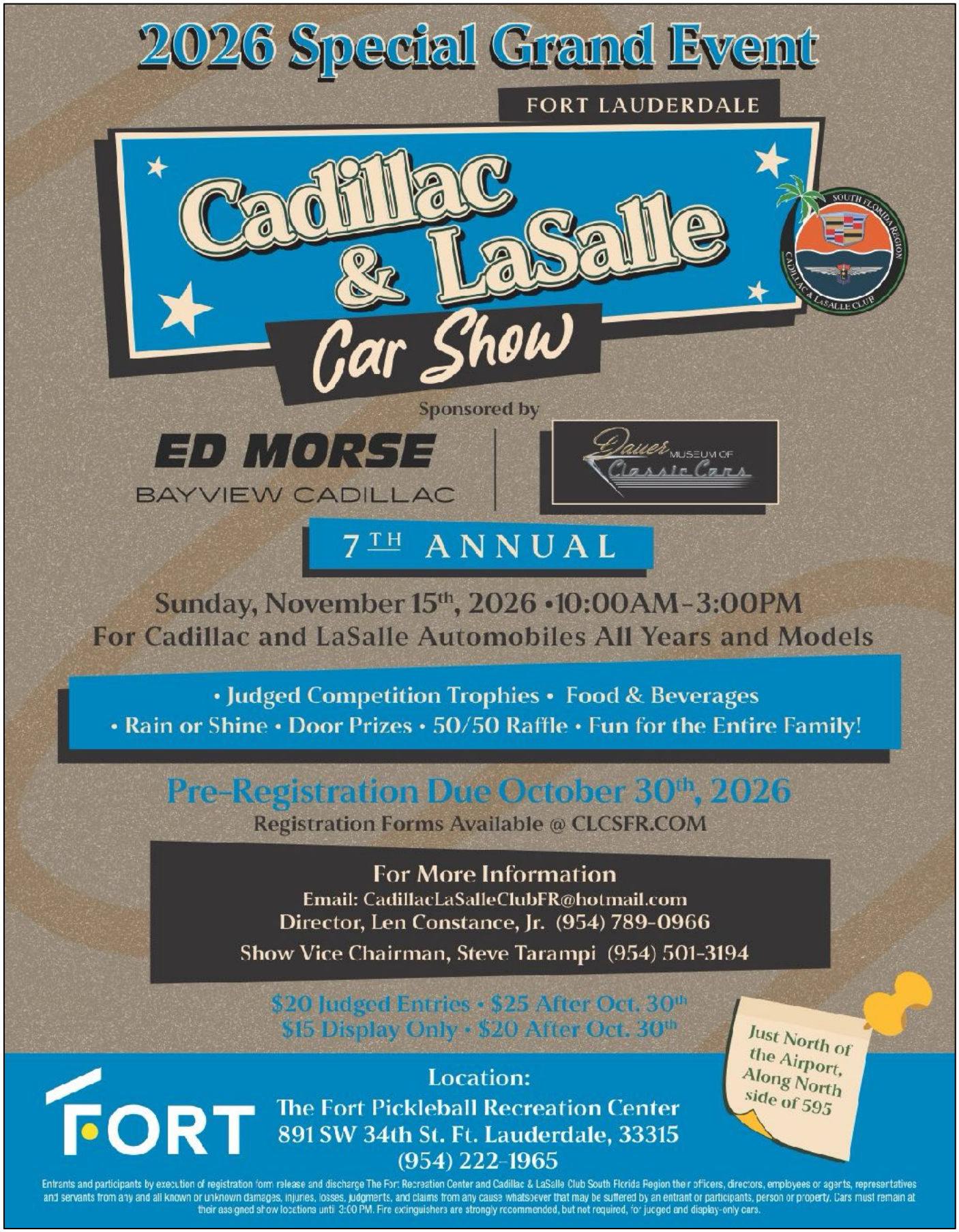
Get the Most From Your National CLC Membership

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!



Successful BOPC Show in Auburndale, FL

Hey Car Enthusiasts…if you ever get the chance to attend a great show, the Annual BOPC Show is a must to see. Hosted by the Oldsmobile Club of Florida, they come from all over the State and if you love old Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs and of course, our Cadillacs; this is the place to be. Plan on attending next year which promises to be even bigger!



Another great show coming up is a special event honoring our veterans to be held at Trinity Medical Center in Pasco County. Sponsored buy the Gulf Side Corvette Club and HCA Florida Trinity Hospital, this event always delivers. So come on out and display your pride and joy at this always well-attended community car show.



Note: Compliments of Warren Michener, Port Richey, FL contributing Editor.



Left to Right; Bob Bowman of Georgia, Barry Murante of Tampa and Warren Michener of New Port Richey. Cars are Warren's XLR and Bob's Allante.



This photo shows Barry's Allante and our friend Frank who had his Cadillac Seville entered and also became a category award winner.



Great Day for Our Annual Fall Picnic Get-Together at Lettuce Park in Tampa

Sunday, October 25th was a spectacular weather day and so appropriate for holding our Club's Annual Fall Picnic at an outdoor shelter at Lettuce Park in Tampa.

As customary, our President, Mark Demyan did a marvelous job at planning and executing another successful outdoor event. A pulled barbecue menu, a delicious chicken dish and all the salad fixings all combined to make it a memorable get together. For dessert, we had homemade brownies and a delicious cherry "dump cake" similar to a baked cobbler, was so well received by all.

It is these types of communal events that always remind us of how precious our time together really is; as time marches on and stops for no-one. As we navigate through life's journey, may we never lose sight of the reasons why we live in the greatest country of the world. The very ability to meet in public like we do, to express our individual independent outlook and views on what's happening in our world should never ever be taken for granted.

May God Bless the United States of America and may our flag always stand for humility, righteousness and equality for all.





Just settling in for a great time together is our officiating President, Mark Demyan (standing), Sal Santoro seated enjoying a refreshment and our club XLR & Corvette enthusiast John Wiles.



(Left to Right) is Mark Demyan, Mike Santos, Sal Santoro, his wife Jan, Paul Simcock and Carl Lovgren.



Next to Carl (left) is our long-time club friend, Dave Thomas. So, can we eat now? The food was wonderfully delicious as always.

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The Year Was 1971…a year of change

The Vietnam War had 3 More Years to Go



Two years after the Tet Offensive, the most horrific war scene, Americans needed affirmation that we were still the whole world's greatest force to be reckoned with. Some of those very strong societal convictions manifested themselves in the production of some of the most iconic Cadillacs ever to be produced in the history of modern auto-making.

Cadillac introduced a new look of leadership in 1971 with the completely restyled model year. Sculptured attributes included new luxurious conveniences, foremost engineering innovation and glamorous interiors. Choices of magnificent tufted brocade broadcloths adorned many new Cadillacs and once again, state-of-the-art features like elimination of the B pillar on all Sedans, DeVille Convertible and the Fleetwood Sixty Special was now replaced by the Brougham Series. Coupe DeVille enjoyed very renowned popularity and stainless steel body adornments appeared on all Cadillac models.

A new Turbo-Hydramatic transmission was introduced with newly refined braking systems along with a new exterior louvered flow-through cabin ventilation system. Cadillac Motor Division sold a record number of units with 69,345 Sedan DeVilles and 66,081 Coupe DeVilles shipped to Cadillac Dealers. Some assembly took place outside of Detroit at GMAD, General Motors Assembly Division in Linden, NJ. The sum total of all sales for the calendar year 1971, including professional cars and commercial chassis models hit a new all-time high of 267,868 units.



Richard M. Nixon was our Nation's President in 1971.









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Cadillac's Famous Glamour Interiors



L-R White Sierra Top Grain Leather and Medium Dunbar Maise Matelasse



Beautifully well-adorned sumptuous interiors were complemented by decorative wood inlays.



Unmistakably by Cadillac with the signature vertical taillights; the hallmark of fine styles.



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: _____
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Member of National Cadillac LaSalle Club? Yes: _____ No: _____
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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED. YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW THE NATIONAL AT THIS SITE:
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I authorize use of my information for club purposes only: Yes _____No _____

Signature: _____