



Valentine's Day, Sat. February 14th

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/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Cadillac-LaSalle-Club-Florida-Suncoast-Region-1573534062920397/>

CLUB OFFICERS

Region Director:

Mark Demyan

Vice Director:

Len Berman

Secretary:

Mike Santos

Treasurer:

Ben Berman

Membership Director:

Mike Santos

Activities Director:

(open)

Newsletter Editor/Publisher:

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 - February 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.





Florida Suncoast Region CLC Consolidated Meeting Reports January 31, 2026

Treasurer's Report The January 18th holiday lunch at Billy's Stone Crab was a great success, despite the ominous weather. Those of us who attended enjoyed great food and each others' company, making for a good start to the new year. The one disappointment, however, was that only two members paid 2026 dues at the lunch, bringing the total number of paid members to less than half of our 2025 contingent. Now is the time -- pay your dues, if you haven't already, and to avoid the prospect of being cut off from receiving our award winning newsletter and access to this year's events. Cash and checks made out to "Florida Suncoast Region CLC" are accepted. Payments can be made in person at an upcoming monthly meeting or mailed to me at:

% Benjamin I. Berman, Treasurer
4223 MacKay Falls Terrace
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Membership Report We had six 2026 renewals this month for a total of sixteen 2026 renewals. We now have a total of 25 active members. Nine have not renewed for 2026 as of yet. There were no new inquires. 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 Magazine. I met several national club members at the reunion in Orlando, however none were interested in joining the region (*or they were already members of the South FL region*).

Respectfully Submitted,

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



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

Hello Everyone:

We held our Annual Regional Business Meeting during the Kickoff luncheon. None of the members that aren't an officer wanted to take on one of the officer positions so all present officers agreed to continue in their present capacities. We are still looking for an Activities Director to help provide opportunities for the club members to get together throughout the year. There wasn't any New Business or any Old Business to discuss. Arlinda was unofficially acknowledged for being the official resident club photographer.

Dues for 2026 are now past due. We will be contacting all active members from 2025 by email, reminding them to pay their 2026 dues. We have a very active core of members who are attending our monthly gatherings and many more who attend our events; you don't want to miss out on this. We have been using the dues to help pay for the costs of the club operation and for the picnics which are always well attended.

Mark

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

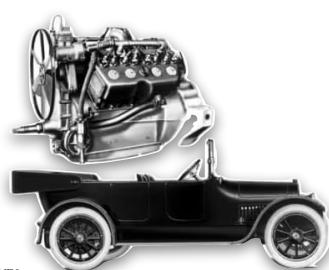


The Iconic Runabout and Tonneau

Cadillac's debut models, the Runabout and Tonneau, were introduced at the 1903 New York Auto Show, garnering attention with their 10-horsepower single-cylinder engine. Over 2,000 orders flooded in, establishing Cadillac as a formidable player in the automotive world.

These models were more than just cars—they were a testament to Cadillac's emphasis on quality and precision engineering, foreshadowing the brand's continuous path of innovation and automotive excellence. In 1909, Cadillac became part of General Motors (GM), solidifying its status as GM's premier luxury brand.

Cadillac introduced the world's first mass-produced V8 engine in 1915, delivering 70 horsepower, a top speed of 65 mph, and setting the standard for performance engines.



Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

The Kickoff Luncheon was a great success!!! Attendance was good and as usual, Billy's Stone Crab didn't disappoint.

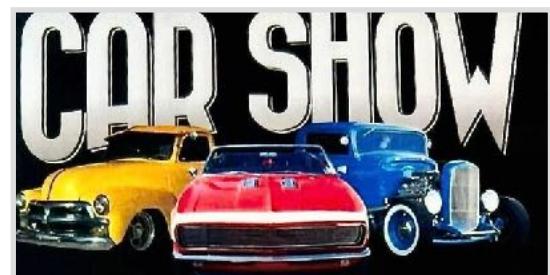
A Spring Picnic will be planned probably for some time in April when we can be sure that it won't be too cold or too hot.

Our 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!



Let's go to historic downtown Eustis for the popular downtown classic car show on the fourth Saturday of every month. Some 150 Classic Cars will cruise into beautiful Ferran Park in Downtown Eustis. Enjoy our unique downtown shops and restaurants, great music and very cool classic and muscle cars. Registration is free the day of the event and all registered attendees are entered into a cash prize giveaway. Cruise-In times are 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Sponsored in mutual cooperation with the Eustis Business Alliance Council and the Eustis City Chamber of Commerce.



Aren't they MAGNIFICENT! If you ever get the chance to visit the Dauer Museum, you will get the chance to savor these beauties first hand in grand style. Perhaps you can identify these in this fine lineup. If so, do contact the Editor.

Larry's **CAR SHOW**

EVERY THURSDAY • 4-8PM



Hosted by Larry Clem

REGISTER YOUR CAR TO WIN PRIZES & TROPHIES!

You will also receive

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Saturday, February 21st, 4-9:00 PM
Celebrating our 30th Year!

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



The GO-TO Place on the web for all your upcoming car show cruise-in venues, dates, and times!

...See you there!

The Villages® ENTERTAINMENT

DADE CITY
CAR & TRUCK SHOW
Hosted by Ronnie Setser

\$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.

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

Past Valentines Celebrations

Remember When...

We cherish the memory of those we have lost and fondly take solace in memorializing all the good times we have had together.

"Memories can bring us back to a time when things seemed simpler and more carefree."



Annual Holiday Luncheon at Billy's Stone Crab

A good Time Had By All...

You can't beat Billy's Stone Crab Seafood Restaurant located in Terrace Verde, FL for the best lobster, clams and a wide array of fisherman's platters in all different combinations to please even the most discerning palate.

Our gathering commenced on Sunday, January 18th at 12:30PM, however ominous weather moved in and put a damper on things slightly for some distant attendees. However, that didn't stop the stalwart club seafood goers and overall attendance was good.

As stated earlier, the Annual Business Meeting was conducted to reaffirm Officer positions and all current incumbents were re-elected for another continuing Regional term of office.





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.*

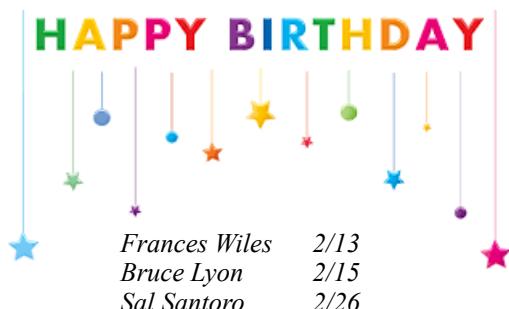
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Also, we offer free advertising for cars & parts in our regional newsletter to current paid Regional Members. These ads do not have to be just for Cadillacs or LaSalles. Regional Members may also run their business cards for cars, or non-related ads 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





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.cadillaclasalleclub.org)**

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

Signature: _____

Club apparel is available for purchase. Inquire at monthly meeting or club website.



THINK BIG.

The Classic Cadillac...Announcing Fleetwood Brougham for 1986.

In 1986, the classic Cadillac you've known for years, the rear-wheel-drive Brougham, is even more desirable.

Traditional size and styling.

The Cadillac Brougham remains the longest, tallest, heaviest luxury car made in America. It even has the longest wheelbase of any regular American production car—which makes cruising down the interstate

in your Brougham pure pleasure.

And Brougham is still big on luxury and styling. Outside, that classic Brougham look and appeal. Inside, spacious room for six and their luggage.

Consider value.

With its inherent quality, Cadillac Brougham has always been a good value. In 1986, we invite you to compare the price of this classic auto-

mobile with all competitors. We believe its value will become even more evident.

New for the Brougham, a powerful 5.0 liter V8.

For more power, your Cadillac Brougham gets a bigger V8 engine in 1986. A powerful four-barrel V8 for responsive acceleration. How responsive? Find out by taking one for a test-drive at your Cadillac dealer today.



1986 BROUHAM
BEST OF ALL...IT'S A CADILLAC.

The Historical Evolution of VIN Numbers



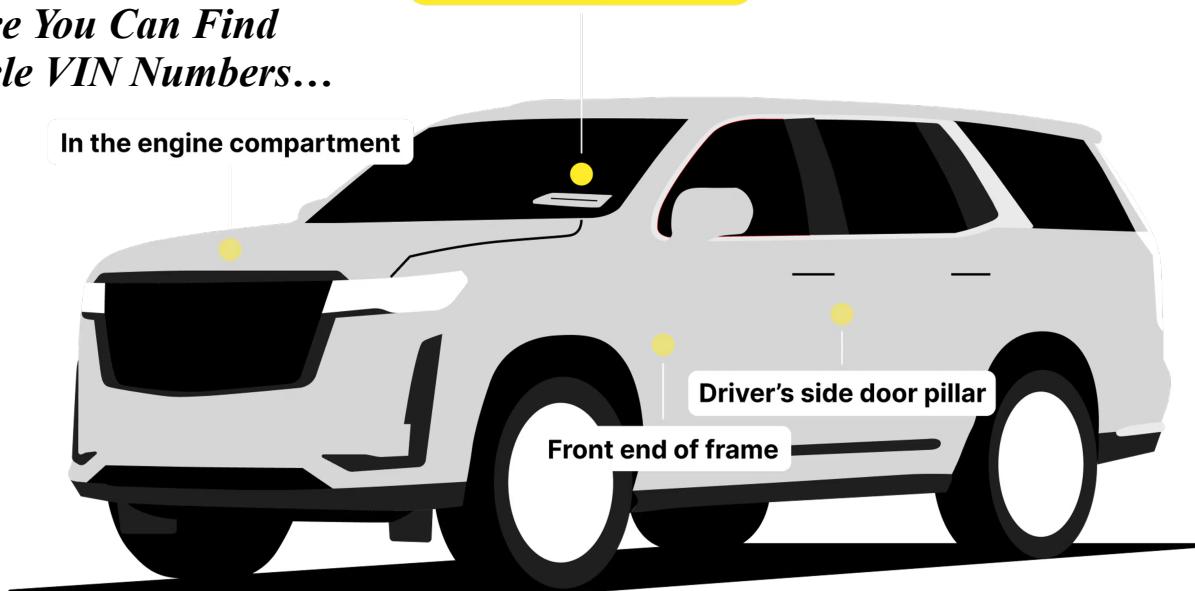
Vehicle Identification Numbers

(VINs) originated as far back as 1954 as manufacturer-specific, non-standardized codes to help track production. In 1981, the official mandate came out where the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration chartered a 17-character standardized format for all

registered vehicles on public roads which facilitated a unique identifier to be assigned to each production vehicle coming off the line. This allowed manufacturers to conduct transportation recall tracking protocols and to promote theft deterrence.



Where You Can Find Vehicle VIN Numbers...



Prior to 1981, in this case Cadillac for 1952. Mounted on the firewall area under the hood.



Visible through the windshield (left side)

Happy Motoring!



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