

Memorial Day, Mon. May 25th

# 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 - May 12<sup>th</sup> 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 April 30, 2026

**Treasurer's Report** Yes --As hard as it is to believe, we're a quarter of the way through the calendar year. Our first 2026 event -- the Spring Picnic -- has come and gone and I find myself in the uncharacteristic position of asking Florida Suncoast Region members to find more ways to spend our money.

The Region is comfortable financially. The money is there to help us enjoy our Cadillacs and each others' company; the basic purpose of having a club like ours. Events -- some car related and some not -- are the lifeblood that keeps us together and attracts others with similar interests to join us. If you have an idea for an event or outing let the officers know; if you're willing to develop a plan for an event and work toward its successful conclusion, that's even better. The more we do; the more valuable membership in the Region becomes.

The CLC Grand National in Charlotte is not far away. With a little thought, we can develop programs to brag about when we meet members of other Regions!



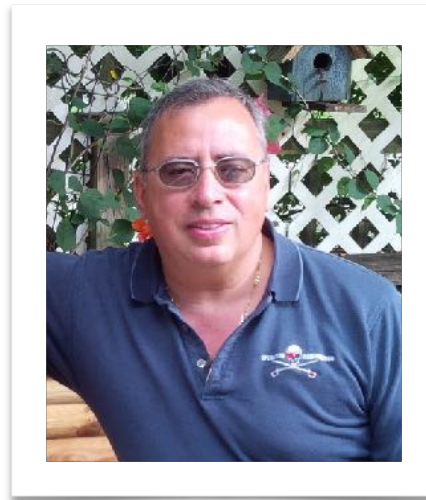
Respectfully Submitted,

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

**Membership Report** We had one new 2026 renewal this month (*late last month*). We are at nineteen 2026 renewals so far. We have a total of twenty-six active members. Nine have not renewed for 2026 yet. There was one new inquiry, we sent him the Regional application last month and are waiting on a response. We'd like to remind members that your National dues must be kept current. The expiration date of your National dues is on the mailing page of your SELF-STARTER Magazine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



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

Hello Everyone:

The Spring Picnic was another enjoyable time with everyone getting together and chatting. These in person get togethers are a main staple of our club. Based on the leftovers of the BBQ selections in the past this year, we went all in on the brisket; what was leftover barely would have covered those who weren't able to make it at the last moment.

In today's changing world clubs like ours are shrinking or even going away. It's just how things are, things change. We are fortunate to have members wanting to participate and enjoy being with others who like the same things.

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



## *Did You Know...*

From its inception in 1908, bodies built by Fisher were considered state-of-the-art and unsurpassed in design, quality of construction and basic amenities. The Napoleonic coach, representing the luxury carriages the company founders started with, was adopted to symbolize advanced, elegant coachwork.

The Fisher Bodies were manufactured at the Cadillac assembly plant located on Clark Street in Detroit. In 1919, GM purchased 60 percent of Fisher Body, and then bought the other 40 percent in 1926 to become the sole owner of the company.

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## *Exquisite Fisher Body Designs*



### Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

The Spring Picnic was a great success and once again Hank's BBQ was a big hit. Our next event will be the Fall Picnic; probably in the month of October. Keep a close watch on emails for 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**



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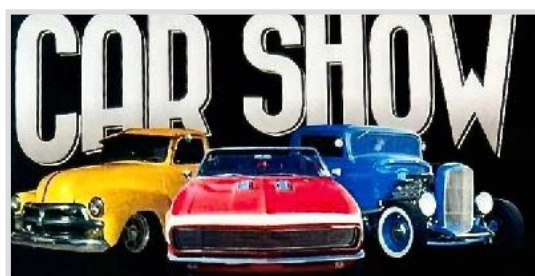
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Let's go to historic downtown Eustis for the popular downtown classic car show on the fourth Saturday of every month. Some 150 Classic Cars will cruise into beautiful Ferran Park in Downtown Eustis. Enjoy our unique downtown shops and restaurants, 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

## Blonde Bombshell Dagmar...

Well, gentlemen, it's interesting that you should ask. She was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in 1921, later becoming a "sweater girl" model and actress before becoming a celebrity on early television. She was so well-known that the prominent, cone-shaped chrome bumper projections on early 1950s Cadillacs were nicknamed "Dagmars". She was one of the first major female stars of 1950s live television. Known for her signature blonde, curvaceous, and stereotypical persona, she starred on NBC's Broadway Open House and later hosted Dagmar's Canteen. Through the years, GM got lots of mileage out of this concept and to this day, the early 1950's Cadillacs enjoy an ageless notable reputation for legendary famous and curvaceous design.



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<https://www.thevillagesentertainment.com/special-events/May-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!*

**DADE CITY**  
CAR & TRUCK SHOW  
*Hosted by Ronnie Setser*

**\$10**

**Registration fee to qualify for trophy presentation**

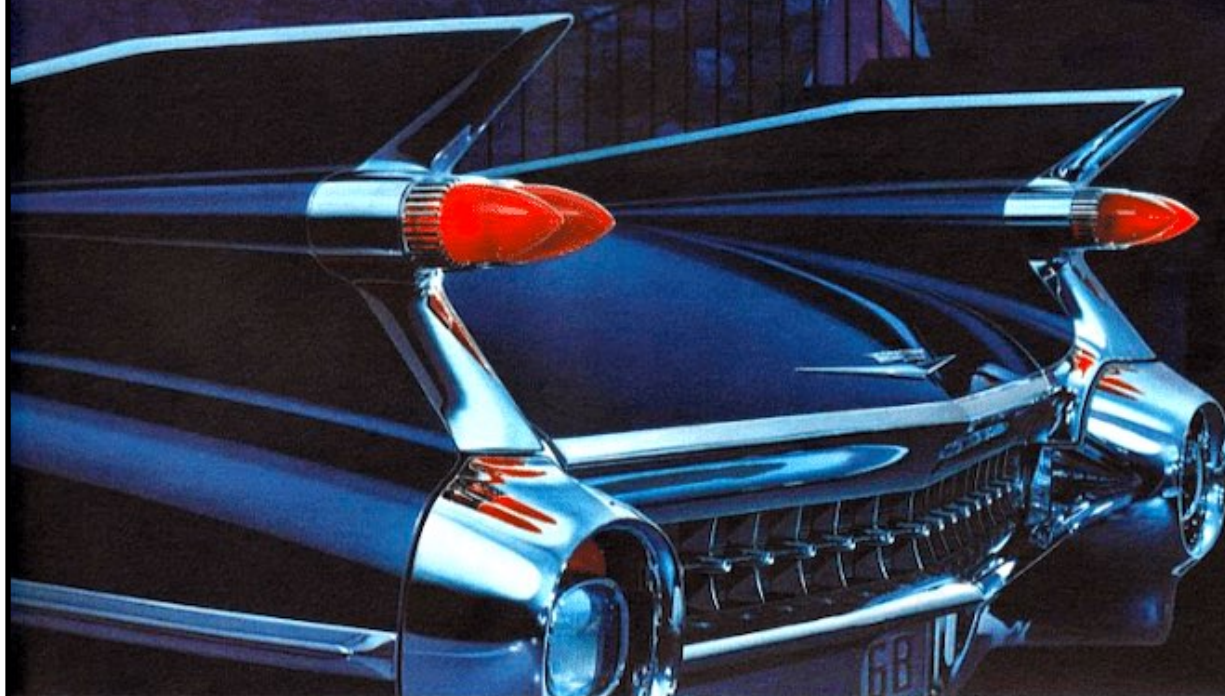
Cruising cars will still be allowed but will not be part of the judging or receive dash plaques or trophies.

**PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF DOWNTOWN DADE CITY**

**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](http://ronniesetsercustoms.com)

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**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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# History of Saf-T-Plate™ LOF Glass in GM Cars

Formed in 1930 through a merger, Libbey-Owens-Ford (LOF) became a dominant American glass manufacturer, pioneering safety glass and serving as the primary supplier to General Motors. Following innovations in float glass and collaborations with Nippon Sheet Glass (NSG), the company was acquired by Pilkington in 1986 and is now operating as Pilkington North America, Inc..



Edward Drummond Libbey and Michael J. Owens established the Libbey Owens Sheet Glass Company headquartered in Toledo, Ohio.

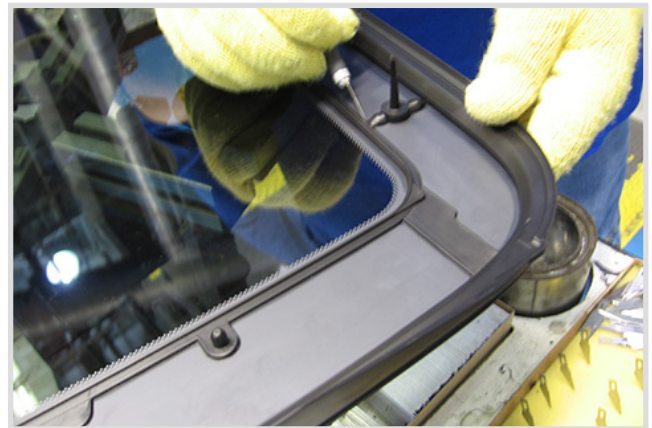
## How It's Done...

During encapsulation manufacturing, tempered sheets of glass are sandwiched together with a clear polyvinyl butyral (PVB) film in between to produce familiar "safety glass."

Interesting Tidbit: In 1948, the Tucker 48, or "Tucker Torpedo," was a new revolutionary 1940s-era vehicle designed by the renowned Preston Tucker that pioneered safety glass by featuring a windshield made of shatterproof glass designed to "pop out" in the event of a collision in order to protect passengers.



Here is a photo of the modern LOF Glass Operations Plant in Sherman, Texas which remained in operation until 2002.



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**Happy Motoring!**



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