



Christmas, Thurs. December 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/>

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Len Berman

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Mike Santos

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Ben Berman

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Mike Santos

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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 - December 9th 2025

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 November 30, 2025

Treasurer's Report It's that time of year again! No, I don't mean the approaching holiday season -- although I hope everyone enjoys the festivities coming up. I was referring to the fact that it's now time to pay dues for calendar 2026. Technically they're due by NLT January 1; there's always been *some* leeway, but the sooner you pay the less likely it is you'll miss out on any Florida Suncoast Region events.

Dues are still \$25 -- a bargain these days -- and can be paid by mailing a check for that amount made out to "Florida Suncoast Region CLC" (*not* me personally) or by handing a check to me at our regularly scheduled meeting in December. If you choose to rely on the US Post Office, the address is: Florida Suncoast Region CLC

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

Please call me at (941) 355-2469 if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Membership Report We had three 2026 renewals so far this fall, with no new this month. Any new members from this point on this year will be considered 2026 members as well. The folks at the GN that we invited to the picnic have still not joined. We now have a total of 26 active members. There were no new inquires. I still have some badges to get made and sent. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



**Florida Suncoast Region,
Cadillac & LaSalle Club
Director's Report
December 2025**

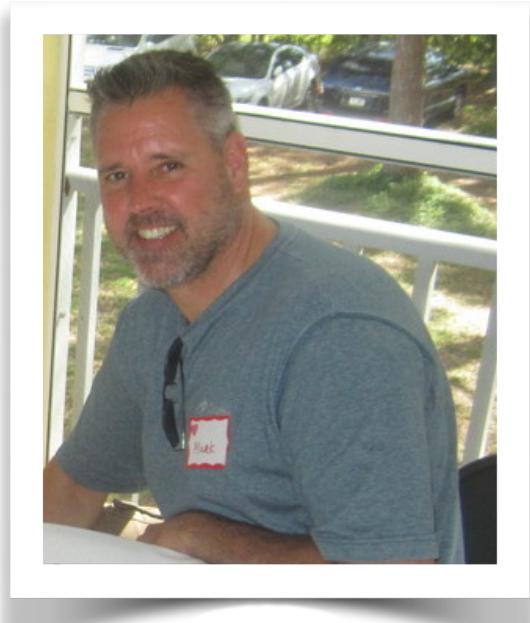
Hello Everyone:

It's that time of the year when holiday gatherings are happening, enjoy being with your family and friends. Be sure to remember that your friends in the CLC Suncoast Region are also your family.

Car show season is in full swing, please send us notices of any special shows you feel the other members would enjoy and we will add it to the monthly Newsletter.

Mark

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



Did You Know...

Market Appeal for Cadillac Consumers

Cadillac's history reflects a shifting relationship with affordability, marked by periods where it offered "affordable luxury" relative to ultra-premium brands, as well as specific strategic moves to introduce lower-priced entry-level models to appeal to emerging nouveau riche, post-war masses. The first Cadillac was introduced at the NY Auto Show in 1903 and it was priced at \$850.00. Later on, after the Depression, Cadillac introduced the "affordable luxury" Model 60; hoping to land new market share. Cadillac has long balanced its position as an iconic statement and recognizable mantra among luxury cars worldwide.



Cadillac's Model A was a one cylinder with a wheelbase of 76 inches. Featured as a stylish "runabout", it included specially patented leather fenders, solid brass running lamps using kerosene, a bulb horn and an optional picnic basket "at extra cost." Also featured was a rear entrance tonneau which converted it to a "touring car" as shown.

Club Activities Report

Dear Fellow Club Members:

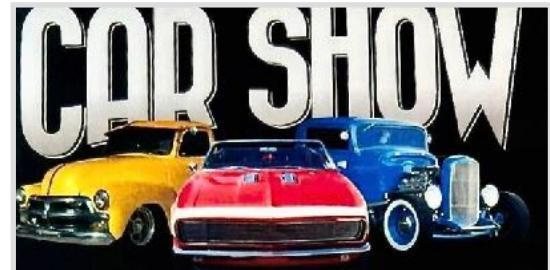
We have been experiencing some relationship issues with Perkins seating us. Please respond to the reminders about the monthly gatherings so we can know how many to expect when we ask to be seated. Our next event will be the Holiday Party in January.

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.

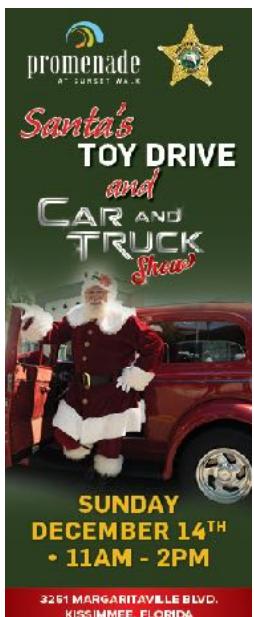
If you have an idea for an event and you are willing to do the legwork to make it happen, please contact me and I will provide all needed correspondences to the members.

Mark

It's Showtime!



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.



Cadillac's "Northstar System" was first introduced in 1993 with the final year of Allante production, as well as Eldorado and STS Models. The 4.6L, dual-overhead cam engine was a significant technological advance for GM and with its precedent-setting Limp Home Mode, allowing it to run for a limited time without coolant.

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...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

Fall Picnic at John Chestnut Sr. Park

Well, the weather was absolutely beautiful on October 26th and we occupied Shelter No. 5; a perfect spot for our Annual Florida Suncoast Region CLC Club Picnic gathering.

The club provided a very delicious menu from a new barbecue place with delicious brisket and pork ribs along with all the traditional “fixins”...and of course, a wide array of great familiar favorite desserts for everyone to savor and enjoy.



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Len and Ben Berman, Stu and Lisa Aarons and our Mike Santos enjoy some friendly discussion while enjoying stunning weather perfect for our Fall Picnic gathering. Sometimes we don't see each other except at our annual picnic events with everyone's busy schedule and geographic location.



Chris and Denise Overcash came all the way from Naples to meet and share with fellow Suncoast CLC Club members at our Annual Fall Picnic.



And our favorite party-goers Jerry Olds and Frances and John Wiles enjoy some great picnic communing.



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

2025 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.cadillaclasalleclub.org)

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

Signature: _____

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South Florida Region CLC Bayview Cadillac Show

Held Nov 15, 2025 at Ed Morse Bayview Cadillac South

by Mike Santos

I recently attended the CLC's South Florida Region's 6th annual car show, held at Ed Morse Bayview Cadillac in Fort Lauderdale FL. I had scheduled a 4-day trip to the beach and when someone reminded me that the South FL Region's show was on the weekend, I extended my beach trip.

I had been to one show two or three years ago and was very impressed with the number, variety and overall quality of the cars at that show; and that was on a partly rainy weekend. This time the weather was great, and there were many more cars. I brought our 1996 Fleetwood Brougham, fresh from its recent 1st place win at the 2025 Grand National in TN. It was largely the same, and I had it washed the day before the show to get the 300 miles of grime and bugs off of it.

Representatives from the Dauer Museum were present and they actually brought out a few of their cars, including a 1941 4-door convertible and a very sharp 1968 El Dorado. A region of the National Cadillac Kings Club was also present with several of their late 1950- thru early 1970s cars.

A very nice 1954 El Dorado in beautiful turquoise was the center of attention...it having recently won an AACA Zenith Award. Also present was a one-off 1983 El Dorado Evolution convertible custom conversion.

The staff at Ed Morse Bayview were exceptionally friendly and served plenty of food and drinks. Also present was local DJ Bam, providing the music. All-in-all, an excellent show.

They awarded 1st places (*and some 2nd places to groups with many cars*) to each decade, and surprisingly, my 1996 Fleetwood won 1st place for the 1990s. I guess there weren't too many other 1990s cars there. Actually all the featured cars were fantastic. They even had my next car there, a 1991 (Fleetwood) Brougham in dark blue. Conveniently enough; this car is currently for sale at Ed Morse Bayview!



Mike receives his 1st Place Award for the '96 Fleetwood



A perfect example of an American Luxury cruiser



Legendary luxury production GM Sedan of its time.



A stunning Cadillac Allante is a prime example of an affluent opulent era when you could buy almost two houses for the price of this car.



A Cadillac 4-door convertible for 1941- Harley Earl would be so proud!



Speechless finery is the way to describe this superb 1970 Fleetwood Sedan shown in Briarwood Firemist with wonderful orange-striped Vogue signature radials - nothing can compare!



Fine Cadillacs to grace the stage. A show-stopping 1965 convertible (*foreground*) steals this lineup!

The Star of the Show, an absolutely stunning 1954 El Dorado Convertible.



Lets hear it for this beautiful super 1968 Sable Black Cadillac EL Dorado Coupe from the Dauer Museum.



How about a nice '57 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible shown in Buckskin Beige.



Superb look in Aspen White for this '55 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible.

Happy Motoring!



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