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Message from the Regional Director

As 1997 draws to a close, it is now time to reflect on our past year while looking forward to bigger and better time in '98.

In looking back at this years highlights, I think we did very well and we will need to work hard if '98 is to be successful. In '97 after only one year as a provisional region, we met the requirements to become a fully affiliated region in CLC. We conducted a tool party and a detailing seminar. We produced Polo shirts complete with National and Regional Logo. We had three members in attendance at the Grand National in Chicago. A 2,500 mile round trip. We produced a video of the Grand National and a narrated tape of the Cadillac Museum in Detroit MI. And to wind up our year, we conducted a very successful 1st Annual Cadillac-LaSalle Show at Suttle Motors in Newport News. Club members also attended numerous area car shows and parades throughout the year.

1998 also promises to be full of activities. We look forward to an even busier car show schedule. The Grand National for '98 will be in Long Island, NY which should cut travel distance almost in half and should encourage more participation. We are closing this year with 25 paid members. One our primary goals should be to find an effective way to attract new members for as we all know, there is strength and diversity in numbers. In addition to our second annual Cadillac-LaSalle Show, I am hopeful that we can also hear a positive response from our local Oldsmobile Club about the idea of a joint meet since many Caddy dealers also sell Olds. I also intent to explore meet possibilities at Colonial Downs in New Kent County, Virginias' newest horse racing facility.

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Next Months' Meeting

Our next meeting of the Hampton Roads Region will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at 7 PM. Meeting site will be at Suttle Motors in Newport News. Hope to see you there.

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Minutes from Nov. Meeting

1. The Director requested that everyone express their choices for the winter projects
2. It was announced because of the weather, the planned trip to the Potomac Show was canceled. It was noted, however, that George Drummond indicated he would attend and we await his report.
3. Nominations were taken for the club officers for 1998. Dave Anderson made the motion that the current slate of officers be nominated to serve another year. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Everyone was reminded that nominations would be opened again in December followed by the elections.
4. It was announced that dues for 1998 will be collected at both the December meeting at Suttle Motors and the January meeting at Colonial Cadillac.
5. The director gave a summary of last Car Club Council which included a review of the toys for tots show in Portsmouth on Dec. 6. It was further announced that each club in the council has agreed to make a donation to Dee Nrenstadt for all the good work she has done on behalf of the club. The members voted to donate a check from the treasury for \$25.
6. The director presented a list of local events for the month of November.
7. The group viewed the last half of the video tape of this years Grand National.

Kaddy Korner

- 1966 Sedan DeVille excellent original, 99K miles, \$6,500, Bill Jones (757) 868-8811 (This is an excellent car and I think that it could be had for a reasonable offer)
- 1972 Eldo Convertible, excellent restoration, black & white, \$8,700, (This too is a nice car & I think that a reasonable offer will take it)
1972 - Coupe Deville, Blue w/ blue velour interior, 51K, \$6000 (Gordon said this is a better then condition #2 original, have not seen it yet)
Gordon Garnett (757) 838-1716
- 1976 Eldorado, 82K miles, \$7,500, (757) 874-5907, (I have seen this car and it is nice. Much restoration. It has been for sale some time so a good offer might work.)
- 1983 Factory Limo, all black, good driver, Northern VA, \$6,900, Tim Eads, (703) 922-5482
- 1966 Eldo Conv., Light Green, White Top, White Leather, Excellent (almost no. 1 show), Jack Falkos (804) 276-1213 price \$12,000 range, nego.
- 1967 Deville Conv., Red w/white top & leather. Needs work, price nego. David Gated (757) 495-7552

Calendar of Events - 1997

Dec. 2 Club Meeting at Suttle Motors
6 Toys for Tots Show, Norfolk

Director's Message

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racing facility. The track is located in a geographic spot right in the middle of our region and would be within convenient driving range for Tidewater folks, Richmond members, as well as North Carolina and D.C. area Caddy buffs. Who likes the idea of a day with Caddies & Colts? I have issued a challenge to all members to step forward with their own ideas about activities for this winter, but also with other projects for the coming year. Don't be bashful, step forward to be heard.

Our next meeting will occur on December 2, 1997 at Suttle Motors, 7:00 PM This meeting is very important because it will be the meeting for the election of officers for the coming year. For those of you who missed the November meeting, the members present nominated the current slate of officers to serve another year in office. I reminded everyone that we will open the floor for nominations at the December meeting before voting on the nominations already received. So if you wish to submit other nominations, check with your nominee to be sure he or she will serve and make your presence known at the next meeting

Since thanksgiving celebrations preceded our Dec. meeting, I would like to wish all good wishes for T.G. and have a turkey leg on me. Since I'm a Hokie, this is a special time of the year.

Art Matthews

Meet-A-Member

Larry Hatch

This month we meet Larry Hatch, as written in his own words:

I was born in Bellingham, WA in 1956 where I spent most of my younger years on a farm feeding livestock and tinkering around with cars and motorcycles. Since the age of about 8 I was known to get on most anything with a motor and take to the fields and roadways around home. Once I discovered motorcycles it was nearly impossible for my mother to keep me in the house. My first motorcycle was a Benelli that was made in Italy and sold through Montgomery Ward catalog stores. I will never forget the day I went to pick up that first bike and the thrill of assembling it from a kit which came to the house in a giant wooden box

My first car was a 1959 Simca that I bought from an old farmer down the road. I was 13 years old, had no license, but in spite of that fact, I managed to put a lot of mileage on that car running up and down the dead end road we lived on. Through the years I have had the pleasure of owning a string of interesting cars including a 1957 Ford retractable hardtop, a 1957 Chevy 2 door, a 1953 Buick, a 1929 Ford 5 window coupe, and a 1967 Pontiac that was so fast it scared me to death just to drive it.

My father was instrumental in my interest in cars. He also collected cars and trucks and babied every one of them. I had always failed to see the collectability of Cadillacs - until now. The pleasure in owning a powerful, luxurious and beautiful car that causes people to stop and notice is beyond description. Since owning the current car, a 1988 Sedan DeVille, my wife has become spoiled and desires to drive nothing else. I guess I'm stuck with Cadillac and I'm glad.

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I've in Tidewater about 9 years now and my interest starting my own Cadillac club led me to Art Matthews and after much discussion I decided to join the existing club. I am currently self-employed as a technical recruiter. My wife Beverly was born in Norfolk and works for the Virginia Beach Public Schools where she is a Teachers Assistant and works with children who are mentally retarded.

I plan in the future to acquire an older Cadillac, maybe a '69 or a '70 Eldo or Coupe, and my wife would love to have a newer Sedan DeVille with the Northstar engine if we ever find one that drives as nice as the current car. I think it would be fun to have a limo just to park in my driveway and impress the neighbors!

My wife says that when the business has made enough money for her to retire she doesn't care where we live as long as we have a Cadillac in the driveway. That's what I love about her - she has her priorities straight.

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