

# *The Gold Standard*

*The Hampton Roads Region  
of The Cadillac - Club Inc.*

*A Monthly Newsletter Dedicated To  
The Preservation of Two of  
America's Finest Automobiles*

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**DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR  
REGISTRATION for the 1st ANNUAL  
MEET ON OCT. 4**

## *Message from the Regional Director*

Even though fall is upon us and the car show season is waning, we still look forward to our *First Annual Meet on Oct. 4th at Suttle's* and to a number of events yet to come.

Personally, the pinnacle for me was attending the Grand National Show in Chicago and being fortunate enough to have brought home a first place in Class 27 for late model Eldos and Seviles. James Gregg and Viator Trudeau were also able to attend the meet. As has been my practice in the past, I was able to video tape the show field and surroundings at the Lincolnshire. For those who missed it, the first half of the tape was shown at our Sept. meeting at Colonial Cadillac. We are planning to show the last half of the tape at Suttle's on Oct. 7. I will also plan to show the tape of our First Annual Meeting, time permitting.

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## ***Next Months' Meeting***

Our next meeting of the Hampton Roads Region will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 1997 at 7 pm. Meeting site will be at Suttle's in Newport News. Hope to see you there.

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## Minutes from Aug. Meeting

1. An update on the preparations for the Oct. Show was presented by the director.
2. It was announced that the editor of the Self-Starter had been advised that Hampton Roads would like to postpone its' participation in the spotlight on the Regions Section in the magazine until later in '98.
3. A nice letter from Jim Koontz was passed to all present for everyone's info.
4. It was announced that W&M Alumni Association is requesting members to drive dignitaries in the homecoming parade. Those participating will receive complementary lunch and tickets to the football game.
5. The Sept. calendar of area events was reviewed for all present.
6. Following the brief business meeting, the group viewed the first part of the video tape of the '97 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

## Calendar of Events - 1997

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| Oct. | 4    | 1st Annual Hampton Roads<br>CLC meet at Suttle Motors,<br>Newport News |
|      | 4/5  | Beach Events   |
|      | 7    | Club meeting at Suttle Motors  |
|      | 8-11 | Hershey  |
|      | 12   | VCOT Poker Run   |
|      | 18   | Gloucester Show  |
|      | 18   | Trans-Am Show Hall Auto Mall   |
|      | 25   | Autumn Glory Show  |
|      | 25   | Driver Days, Beach Grove<br>Methodist Church, Driver                   |
|      | 25   | W & M Parade   |
| Nov. | 4    | Club Meeting at Colonial<br>Cadillac                                   |
|      | 8    | Hickory H.S. Car Show<br>Chesapeake                                    |
|      | 15   | Auto Swap Swap - Chesapeake  |
| Dec. | 2    | Club Meeting at Suttle Motors  |
|      | 6    | Toys for Tots Show, Norfolk  |

## Director's Message

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While Bettie and I were out in the mid-west we took the opportunity to tour that part of the country. After the show in Chicago, we headed for Detroit and the home of the Cadillac. While in Detroit, we were privileged to tour the Cadillac Museum. Mr. Greg Wallace is the curator of that museum and was gracious enough to give us a guided tour. Yes! This too I taped, and I will present this at a future meeting. This is a real treasure.

Now that meet time is upon us. I am hopeful that we will have a good turnout. As of this writing however, I have registered only 6 cars. Many of you have not sent in your registration forms and by the time you read this message, you will only have about a week to do so. Most of what has to be done for the meet has been done. Your job, should you choose to accept it, is to register and show up. So as the Chinese say: Chop, Chop, let's get with it.

The last note I have for this month is to express a warm welcome to our newest member, Al Jones, who lives in Va. Beach. Al is a retired naval officer, who drives a spectacular 1981 Eldorado Roadster. This is a 2-place special roadster converted by Global Coach and Armor Mfg. Co. in Orlando, FL. If you didn't see it at the last meeting, you are in for a treat. Al has registered the car for our Oct. Show. Welcome aboard, Al.

Art Matthews

## *Meet-A-Member*

Howard Hodnett

This month we meet Howard Hodnett, who serves as the membership chairman. Howard is the retired owner and operator of Guardian Storage and Van Corporation in Hampton VA. Howard is a native of Danville, VA and has lived in Newport News since 1942.

Howard has always been interested in old cars and his first car was a 1968 Cadillac, Eldo. It won "Best in Show" the first time it was entered in Parksley, VA on the Easter Shore of Virginia in June 1995.

Howard is married to Mable, his wife of 40 years. They have 2 grown sons, Jerry and Otis.

### Editors Note:

This is the last information I have for this Meet - a -Member section. I need a short bio from the rest of the members to be able to continue this section.

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