

# *The Gold Standard*

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of The Cadillac - Club Inc.*

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## *Message from the Regional Director*

By the time you read this issue of the "The Gold Standard", the 1997 Grand National in Chicago will be history. It appears that we will have four representatives in attendance; Art Matthews, James Gregg, Viator Trudeau, and Kevin Jenn. I am expecting everyone to come back with their own impressions and stories about the "Happenings". Personally, I plan to video tape the entire meet as I have done before which I will present for viewing at the September Meeting at Colonial Cadillac in Norfolk. I will strive to keep the business part to a minimum so that there is plenty of time to review the meet. I hope we will have a good turnout for what should be a very fun-filled meeting.

The next matter of importance is our preparation for our first-ever meet in October. I am currently in the process of mailing out the meet registration forms which you should have in hand by the time you read this message. Since this is our first meet, turnout projections are difficult at best. ***Please register early!*** This will enable us to set up the classes more evenly and will give all participants a better chance of winning a trophy. So, do yourself three favors; you save money, you help to present a better show, and you give your self a better chance to win a trophy.

Art Matthews

### **Next Months' Meeting**

Our next meeting of the Hampton Roads Region will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at 7 pm. Meeting site will be at Colonial Cadillac in Norfolk. Hope to see you there.

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## Minutes from Aug. Meeting

1. All members are reminded to submit to the editor your personal bio for the Meet-A-Member section of the newsletter.
2. There was a brief summation of the going-away party for Jim & Kathy Koontz.
3. The director presented what progress has been made on preparations for the meet.
4. There was an enumeration of the meets in the area for the month of August (See calendar of events).
5. The director informed the group of a request from the National Club to feature our region in the "Spotlight on the Regions" section of the "The Self Starter" for January 1998. Since the material needed for the article is not available at this time, the group voted to ask National for a later issue date to give us ample time to prepare a quality article.
6. It was announced that the National Club is seeking volunteers to work at the CLC booth at Hershey. Any member planning to be at Hershey this year should consider helping out.
7. It was announced that the annual publication is due out in August.
8. Our membership secretary, Jay Ann Edmunds has requested that members not use application forms when renewing their memberships.
9. It was announced that Mike Suttle is contributing \$250 to the treasury to offset trophy expense for the meet.
10. Because of Tony's expanded "Day Gig" duties which has required his missing some meetings the membership is asked to take meeting notes in his absence.

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## 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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| Sept | 2    | Club Meeting at Colonial Cadillac                                       |
|      | 6    | Leather & Lace Colisseum Mall Hampton                                   |
|      | 6    | Peninsula AACA Meet Ft. Monroe  |
|      | 7    | Suffolk Advance Auto Show   |
|      | 13   | Northern Neck AACA  |
|      | 13   | Neptune Festival  |
|      | 14   | TCA Car Show  |
|      | 20   | Denbigh Day Parade  |
|      | 27   | SEVA Street rod Picnic  |
|      | 27   | Southgate Mall Show - Elizabeth City, NC                                |
|      | 28   | Navy Relief Car Show NAS Norfolk  |
| Oct. | 4    | <b>1st Annual Hampton Roads CLC meet at Suttle Motors, Newport News</b> |
|      | 7    | Club meeting at Suttle Motors   |
|      | 11   | Beach Events  |
|      | 8-11 | Hershey   |
|      | 12   | Beach Events  |
|      | 12   | VCOT Poker Run  |
|      | 18   | Gloucester Show   |
|      | 18   | Trans-Am Show Hall Auto Mall  |
|      | 25   | Autumn Glory Show   |
| Nov. | 4    | Club Meeting at Colonial Cadillac                                       |
|      | 15   | Auto Swap Swap - Chesapeake   |
| Dec. | 2    | Club Meeting at Suttle Motors   |
|      | 6    | Toys for Tots Show, Norfolk   |

## My Interest in Old Cars

When I was a kid, my Uncle Al drove nice cars: Buicks, Oldsmobiles - some were even convertibles with power windows and seats. Dad's boss had a nice car too, a '57 Eldorado Seville. Yes, it was metallic pink

with the first vinyl roof I ever recall seeing. I knew these were special cars. I also knew that someday I would have a nice car, too.

I almost got my chance in 1966 (I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade). A friend of my Dad had a '56 Sedan de Ville. It was black, with white leather interior, and factory A/C. It was love at first sight.

The car wound up being parked in front of our house for a couple of months. My Dad's friend offered the car for sale for \$50. I had \$25. I asked my Dad to kick in the other half. Nothing doing. I shined and polished the car hoping to make it more appealing to my Dad. The owner came back, saw the car, decided it looked too good to sell, thanked me for polishing it, and drove away. That should have taught me a lesson, but it didn't.

My Cadillac bubble now burst, I proceeded to finish growing up. Later, when I could own and drive a car of my own, I chose Oldsmobile 98's. I still aspired to a Cadillac. Finally, in 1986 I got my first one - a '77 Sedan De Ville. It was a one owner car with a like-new interior. I still have that car. It sports a new (this spring) paint job which makes it look spry, indeed.

In 1995, a friend told me he was going to take a final look at a car that had almost talked himself out of buying. Would I like to go look at it with him? Sure! I went along thinking that if Tim didn't buy the car, I would. After I finished ooohing and aaahing over the car, guess what? Tim changed his mind and bought it.

Two years later, Tim relented and sold the car to me. The car's name is Bertram and he a 1956 Fleetwood 60 Special, Arlington Green and Dutchess Green. Now, just between us Cadillac folks, I sometimes go out at night and pat Bertram affectionately on the fender and tell him what a great pal he is. Just hope the '77 doesn't mind too much.

by Jerry Couch

# Minutes of the Aug. Meeting

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11. The question was raised as to whether we should have a non-Cadillac class at the meet. The group voted to exclude all cars that were not Cadillac or LaSalle.

## Meet-A-Member

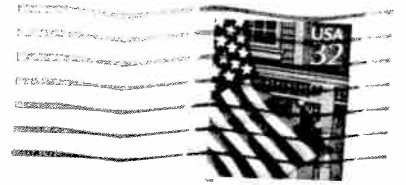
Viator Trudeau

This month we meet Viator Trudeau, who lives in Chesapeake, VA, near Greenbrier Mall. Viator and his wife, Janet, moved here from Kankakee, IL in June of 1995. Viator got started in the old car hobby with a 1955 Olds 98 Holiday Sedan. The Olds was sold in 1993 with the idea of getting a 1968 Eldorado. The move from IL has deterred Viator's old car hobby, but he is still looking for a Caddy. Viator thinks the Hampton Roads Region of the CLC has many interesting members.

Viator has a 1991 Brougham as the family car.

David Anderson & wife  
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