



# The Gold Standard

A periodical of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Hampton Roads Region

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 4, 2010**  
7 p.m. at Crab Shack on the James  
7601 River Road, Newport News, VA

**MAY 2010**

Local Elections Today! As they say in Chicago, Vote Early and Vote Often!

## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Yes, we will gather at Crab Shack on the James, which is next to the James River Bridge in Huntington Park at the foot of the fishing pier. [www.crabshackonthejames.com](http://www.crabshackonthejames.com). This is a good choice which everyone seems to enjoy, and the restaurant appreciates our gathering there.

It is always good to join in activities that other CLC regions are having. We enjoyed having members from the Central VA CLC region join us on our tour to Luray, VA. Many of us go up to their show in Richmond.

We also enjoy the two shows per year at Greenbelt MD with the CLCPR.

These are excellent ways to get our region known out there.

The CLCNCER wants to plan a joint event in the future. As soon as we have a good date and place I will put it in the Gold Standard.

The presentation at our last meeting was very interesting. Jeff and Pat Locke gave us all kinds of background info on unusual and rarely seen vehicles that their company had appraised over the years. For the members who couldn't make it, you missed a fun experience.

Speaking of a fun experience...we will have lots to talk about this month about the 2 day Petersburg Tour, which happened just before this meeting. Come and enjoy the conversation.

See you there at 7 p.m. Tuesday May 4th. Your director, James Gregg

## **MINUTES FROM April 6th MEETING**

Grace was given by Jim Womble our club Chaplain.

We had 11 members present. Mary Jane Richter and her son Kenneth Richter were warmly received by everyone.

Minutes from March meeting were in the Newsletter as was the treasurer's report.

Jeff Locke mentioned to us some of the highlights we would encounter on the upcoming 2 day tour to Petersburg on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jeff Locke and Pat put on an interesting power point presentation about unusual vehicles I-Van has appraised. This network of vehicle appraisers is 50 strong nationwide. Jeff started it.

There was a 1899 Locomobile Steam Car, Rousch & Lang Electric Automobile, 1829 Great Falls Hand Pumper (Fire Equip.), 1849 Button Hand Pumper, Antique Dog sled with snow shoes, 1917 Harley-Davidson with side car, 1920 Briggs & Stratton Buckboard, 1912 White Bus, 1919 Super Truck, 1926

Selden Truck, 1930 AC Mack, and Marleena Kit Car. There were many more but these are the ones I wrote down. His descriptions of how they came to be appraised and what collections they belonged to, was very entertaining. A good time was had by all.

The club paid for the presenters' meals in appreciation for the fine program.

Everyone thanked Jeff and Pat and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by James Gregg, (Pam Gregg was on a mission of mercy.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Opening balance \$3,672.62. One membership dues of \$15.00 deposited. Closing balance \$3,687.62.  
submitted by Viator Trudeau, Treasurer

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Note: Region members must be current national CLC members.** (According to the national club rules.)  
Be sure to let all your friends and Cadillac owners you meet know about our region.

**Have you asked a Cadillac or LaSalle owner to join us recently? .....Now is the time to ask!**

### **VPCCC REPORT**

The April meeting for 2010 of the VPCCC was held a 7pm on Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> at Coxton Collision Center-Gold Team in Tabb, VA. There were 22 members in attendance.

The two speakers were:

1. Travis Hall, from Youth Challenge of Hampton Roads, talked briefly about a "84 Porsche 911 Carrera Targa raffle. They will draw a winning ticket for the car on May 22. There will be 600 tickets sold at \$50 each. For more details see [www.youthchallengehope.org/porsche](http://www.youthchallengehope.org/porsche)
2. Jesse, from Jesse's Hot Rod Shop, talked about painting and paint surface preparation. His two main points were, one: if you use soda to strip paint make sure the metal is completely cleaned afterward, and two: don't switch brands of material during the painting process. Keep the same brand primer, color and clear when painting the vehicle.

The president requested all to check the VPCCC website and update where necessary.

Some discussion ensued after the regular meeting about the questionable info given out at the last meeting by J. R. Drake. He had said that a dry chemical fire extinguisher was good for only one year after purchase. Also how can you tell if a "clean agent extinguisher" is fully charged if there is no pressure indicator?

Other various topics were discussed.

The Virginia Association of Car Councils website ([www.vaccc.org](http://www.vaccc.org)) has a comprehensive and up to date listing of legislation related to transportation.

Another cool site to go to is by Fred Fann. (<http://iloveoldcars.com/>)

### **Up Coming Shows:**

May 15 Project Lifesaver, Warhill High School, Williamsburg.

May 15, Relay for Life, Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers, Gloucester Main Street Shopping Center

May 15 Shake, Rattle, and Roll Spring Car Show, N. Main Street Downtown Suffolk

June 11, Dodge Truck Roundup, Holiday Inns & Suites, Newport News.

See [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org) for more details.

The May meeting will be on Thur. the 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Coxton Collision Center-Gold Team.

Submitted by Don Baker

## **CCCHR Report**

This meeting had nine paid up members present. There are now 16 clubs registered at this time including the CLCHR. Member shows coming up are:

June 5, 2010 at Little Creek Amphibious Base Chapel parking lot. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Southeast Virginia Street Rods. Saturday September 25, 1010. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm rain or shine. Lone Star Lodge Suffolk. Open to all pre-'72 vehicles.

Submitted by Viator Trudeau

## **News From A Member**

Jim and Barbara Stansbury send their regards. Their schedule has been crowded and Barbara had foot surgery in February. Jim is doing all he can to help Barbara recuperate.

Jim is trying to make progress on the 40 LaSalle and hardly wait for the weather to turn warm so he can spend more time in the garage.

Jim is also running the judging for the May 8<sup>th</sup> the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual AACA Old Dominion Meet.

He reminds us that you have to be a member of the AACA to enter a car.

Anyone who is coming and would like to help judge would be appreciated. Just call Jim 804-834-2545 or email [jestansbury3@verizon.net](mailto:jestansbury3@verizon.net)

## **Safe Driving Tips:**

These are from veteran race driver Randy Pobst:

1. Know your vehicle and operate it smoothly.
2. Anticipate the road ahead.
3. Make smooth transitions from accelerating to braking.
4. Read the traffic patterns, see what is happening 5 cars ahead on the highway. This way you can brake sooner and more smoothly. This way those behind you aren't surprised with a "hard brake" situation.
5. Drive as if you are a limo driver who is carrying a delicate passenger and you don't want any traffic tickets.

## **Frank Lloyd Wright and His Cars**

In the winter 2010 issue of the Frank Lloyd Wright Quarterly, there were several articles about how Frank was interested in cars and many aspects of transportation issues.

He was ahead of his time with many designs. He had designs for gas stations in the 20's, homes with open carports in the 30's, a drive up laundry, a Packard Dealership showroom, and a drive up bank in the 40's, and a Mercedes – Benz dealership in the 50's.

We also learn of Frank's love of fine automobiles, such as Bentley, Jaguar, Packard, Cord, Lincoln, Mercedes – Benz, and Cadillac.

In the early 20's he owned a custom built black Cadillac limo, in the late 20's – early 30's, he owned a Cord L-29 Phaeton, which was his favorite. In the 40's, he had a customized 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, which he designed.

He also had a design for a futuristic car that was based on the International Harvester Tractor "M", which he had on his farm at Taliesin in Wisconsin. Imagine a tractor frame, two tall side wheels, with motor and pivoting wheel for steering in the back. The 3 riders would sit on a bench seat over the axle between the side wheels and face away from the motor and pivot wheel. There is a counter support wheel in front of the riders to stabilize the vehicle. An aerodynamic body is put on this chassis with side doors just in front of the large side wheels. He called it the "Road Machine". Needless to say, it never was built, but it showed that Frank was interested in many different things besides architecture.

## **HUMOR CORNER....**

Lines we sometimes wish we had said.....or heard....

“I didn’t say it was your fault! I said I was going to blame you!”

“I’d tell you to go to Hell, but I work there and I don’t want to see you every day.”

“What if the “Hokey Pokey” really is what it’s all about?”

“I have kleptomania, when it gets bad, I take something for it.”

“Sometimes too much to drink isn’t enough.”

Heaven is where:	The Police are British, The Chefs are Italian, The Mechanics are German, The Lovers are French, It’s all organized by the Swiss.	Hell is where: The Police are German, The Chefs are British, The Mechanics are French, The Lovers are Swiss, It’s organized by the Italians.
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“Suicidal twin kills sister by mistake!”

“My short term memory is not as sharp as it used to be, also my short term memory is not as sharp as it used to be.”

“Welcome to Utah, set your watch back 20 years.”

“In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday.”

“A bartender is just a pharmacist, with a limited inventory.”

“I may be schizophrenic, but at least I have each other.”

“I am a nobody...Nobody is perfect...Therefore I am perfect!”

“Kentucky...5 million people, 15 last names.”

“Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote “the Hokey Pokey”, died peacefully at age 93. The tramatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in, and then the trouble started.”

“I love cooking with wine, sometimes I even put it into the food.”

“Money isn’t everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.”

“Reality is only an illusion that occurs due to a lack of alcohol.”

“Don’t sweat the petty things, don’t pet the sweaty things.”

“Corduroy pillows are making headlines.”

“I want to die while asleep like my grandfather, not screaming in terror like the passengers in his car.”

## **WHAT CADILLAC DEALER IS NEAR ME?**

Suttle Motors Cadillac in Newport News near the airport. [www.suttlemotors.com](http://www.suttlemotors.com)

Action Cadillac in Portsmouth. [www.actioncadillacgmc.com](http://www.actioncadillacgmc.com)

Duke Cadillac in downtown Suffolk. [www.dukecadillac.com](http://www.dukecadillac.com)

Holiday Cadillac in Williamsburg towards the colonial area. [www.hudginsholiday.com](http://www.hudginsholiday.com)

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**Directions to the Crab Shack on the James, 757-245-0421: Travel 64 from either direction, exit onto Mercury Blvd. going west to James River Bridge, after approx 5 miles, pass Warwick Blvd, turn right at Huntington Park and then left to fishing pier and the restaurant.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME!**

**4 MAY....CLCHRR Meeting, Crab Shack, NN, VA**

**7-8 MAY...AACA Old Dominion Meet, Petersburg,VA, [www.aaca.org/odma](http://www.aaca.org/odma)**

**16 MAY...CLC Potomac Region Spring Show Greenbelt, MD**

**19 JUNE...Richmond,VA, AACA Spring Show and Swap Meet**

**14-17 JULY...CLC Grand National, Overland Park, KS**

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