



The Gold Standard

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Hampton Roads Region
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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday January 12th, 2019
11:30 am at Ventures Kitchen & Bar, Hampton,
VA**

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE John Hook

Winterizing your classic:

Greetings and Happy New Year. I trust everyone had a happy holiday season and got time to enjoy friends and family. I had a rather low-keyed celebration...kids came to town and we had our big dinner on Christmas Eve. Then a little gift exchange and all quiet by noon on Christmas day.

On New Year's Day Mother Nature sure did deal us up a nice day. With warm temperatures, I was able to get some yard work done and took down my outside lights. Did also make time to have a little top down cruise to lunch with my bride.

The 2019 Grand National in Louisville, KY in June has opened its registration sign-up sheets for tours and events. There are on line forms or ones can be downloaded and mailed. Please remember to also complete any membership renewals for the National Club as well as the Region.

I have included in this month's newsletter an article published By STEVE LINDEN in October 2013 about how he accomplishes winterizing his classic car.

Store classic cars for the winter using this 'scientifically proven' method

I'm going to pass along to you my "scientifically proven" method for storage of your collector car. My definition of "scientifically proven" is, "it's worked for me for 40 years."

I embrace the concept that it is better to do everything now, so that when spring rolls around you can simply get in the car, start the engine, and begin enjoying it for another season.

Perform any deferred routine maintenance. It's also me to complete any major repairs such as a transmission rebuild or rear axle rebuild. Then it's me to prepare the car for hibernation.

There are many different opinions on the best way to do this. But there is a method to my madness, which I'll explain as I go along.

Start by changing the oil and filter, unless recently done. The old oil will contain contaminants, especially if you used the car infrequently, and on short trips. Add a fuel stabilizer such as Sta-Bil in the amount recommended on the bottle. Add a little extra. It won't hurt. Then fill the fuel

tank to the tippy-top. By adding the fuel after the stabilizer, it will mix thoroughly in the fuel tank.

Take the car out to get up to operating temperature. You'll circulate fresh oil through the engine, much of which will (hopefully) remain there to prevent rust until spring. Second, you'll burn off many of the contaminants in the oil, including water. Third, you'll get the exhaust system hot enough to burn off any moisture, thus preventing, or minimizing, rust in the exhaust system. Fourth, a trip that is long enough to get the car up to operating temperature is also long enough for the fuel that you've treated with the stabilizer to reach the carburetor and all of its small passages.

Take the car to the car wash or detailer. Also, check the air in the tires and inflate them to 5 PSI over the maximum pressure indicated on the sidewalls. Keep in mind that the tires are warm, and the inflation pressure will drop when they cool off. Do not put the car up on blocks. Suspensions were not designed to hang in mid-air for months at a time. Conversely, the tires were designed to sit on the ground for their entire lives. If they are properly inflated, "flat-spots" should not be an issue.

The final step is to "fog out" the engine. Do this once the car is parked where it is to be stored for the winter, and while it is still warm from its trip. Remove the air cleaner and spray "engine fogger" into the carburetor with the engine running at a high idle. Once you see smoke coming out of the exhaust, shut off the engine and replace the air-cleaner. "Fogging out" the engine coats many of the internal engine surfaces, as well as the inside of the exhaust with a coating designed to prevent rust formation. Disconnect the negative battery terminal and put the battery on a "maintainer."

That's it. You're done.

Perhaps the best advice I can give you is what not to do during the winter storage months. Do not start the engine periodically. It does no good, and in fact it probably does harm. Most engine wear takes place when an engine is started cold. This is made even worse when an engine that has been sitting for an extended period of me is started, because much of the protective coating of oil on vital surfaces is minimized, or even gone.



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So, in conclusion, I hope to see everyone at Venture's on the 12th to discuss our up coming year.

SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER MEETING Anna McPhetridge

Our December meeting was on Sat 12/8/18 at the Smithfield Station in Smithfield VA, 18 people attended. The election of officers was completed, John Hook as President, Mitch McPhetridge as the tour/meeting planner, Anna McPhetridge as secretary, and James Gregg as Treasurer.

We mentioned some ideas for tours in the future as the weather improves, and a reminder was made about membership dues for the local chapter as well as the national chapter.

JANUARY MEETING AND TOURS REPORT Mitch McPhetridge

We will meet at Ventures Kitchen & Bar in Hampton. Our region members and their spouses have a great time, when we eat there. Please let me know that you plan to be there, so I can give them a count of region members attending.

Mark it on your calendar and RSVP to me, Mitch McPhetridge, 757- 424- 1185, or at carclubmeeting@outlook.com.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT James Gregg

Our region's membership year begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

Note: Region members must be current national C&LC members. (According to the C&LC club rules.)

Be sure to let all your friends and Cadillac and LaSalle owners you meet know about our region. We use your valid C&LC # for your C&LCHRR membership. Many thanks to the members who have already renewed their 2019 region membership. If you have not done so yet, please do it as soon as possible. I have included a form with this issue of the Gold Standard.

THE VOTE WAS TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

No recounts necessary, the slate of officers and committee chairs for 2019 are the same as 2018, since these good region members are happy to serve another year. They should be thanked for all the time they put in for our region and our CLC Club.

C&LCHRR has a great website....go to www.hamptonroadsvacalc.org.....we want your input.....

This is thanks to the generous efforts of Art Midgette, our webmaster. Please let Art know how you like it, he is asking for feedback and articles etc at answers@hamptonroadsvacalc.org. He also wants pictures of your Cadillacs and LaSalles. Please send them in JPEG format to the same e-mail, if possible. Also check out the "Fun Links" on our website. You will enjoy them.

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Duke Cadillac in downtown Suffolk

www.dukecadillac.com

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DIRECTIONS TO VENTURE KITCHEN & BAR: From South side Hampton Roads, take US 64 north over the HRBT and exit 267 Settlers Landing Rd. to old town Hampton. Free parking is at 555 Settler's Landing Rd. which is a few blocks from the restaurant. There is a free parking lot behind the restaurant also.

From the North side of Hampton Roads, take US 64 and follow above directions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME!

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