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## Cadillac LaSalle Club North Texas Region

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### *1986 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham Sedan D'Elegance*

Text and photos by Matt Varble



In August of 2021 I decided to have an LS Swap conducted on my 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham D'Elegance. The Oldsmobile 307 4bbl carbureted engine had a bad lifter and the head gasket had recently gone out after a day in the Texas heat. These issues were mainly as a result of the vehicle sitting for nearly 18 years before being reconditioned and driven routinely again starting in early 2022. So, after this event my choices were to either try and repair and chase issues in a 36-year old engine or do an increasingly popular LS Swap to a modern fuel injected GM Engine. The decision was between a 5.3L LS, 6.0L LS2 or 6.2L LS3 engine. I chose the 6.0L LS2 iron block engine that originally came out of a 2009 GMC Sierra 2500HD pickup to be completely rebuilt. The build was conducted by a mechanical engineer that owns a custom LS Swap shop in Ft. Worth called Dynamic Industries.

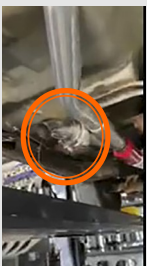


**4-Wheel power stop disc brakes w/ventilated rotors**

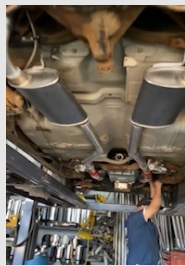
In addition to the engine itself the upgrades made included a Texas speed stage 2 cam and 4l60e level 2 reinforced transmission. We also upgraded to 4-wheel power stop disc brakes with ventilated rotors. Additional work was conducted on the exhaust with dual 3in with magnaflow magnapack mufflers w/ e-cutout pipe kit and a switch installed on the dash to automatically open and close them. There is a Holley in-tank 420ph high pressure fuel pump with efi sending unit with Holley sniper low rise sheet metal intake with 92mm throttle body. I also replaced the radiator with a Be Cool 4 core aluminum radiator w/trans cooler and dual electric fan kit and custom painted and refurbished 429 Cadillac valve covers and also paint on the engine block to match the vehicle paint. The real axle has a rear Detroit tru-track posi limited slip differential with Moser hardened axle shafts. As of the last test run and dyno-tuning the car has nearly 460hp with 410hp transferred to the rear axle. The vehicle was returned to me in late October 2022 and I have driven it primarily to car shows in the DFW area. So far the car has placed or won some sort of official recognition at every show it has been to since the new build and I look forward to future events with the vehicle.



**6.0L LS2 with 4160 level 2 reinforced tranny—460HP; 410hp at the rear wheels**



**E-cutouts on exhaust**



**Dual 3" exhaust w/ Magnaflow Magnapack mufflers**

Sincerely,  
Matt Varble



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# 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham Sedan D'Elegance



1986 was the last year for the Fleetwood Brougham name, shortened to Brougham through 1992.

There were 49,115 units built in 1986. This car is a full-size, body-on-frame, 221" long 121.5" wb, with 41.2" leg-room in the rear and a trunk with 19.6 Cu FT. Curb weight is 4019 lbs from the factory. This sedan is the top of the top of the line in luxury.

The original engine was an Olds 307 cu in (5.0L), 140 hp, 245 lbs torque. The engine was coupled to a Turbo-Hydramatic 200R4 four-speed automatic, with a tall 2.73:1 rear axle final-drive ratio.



## NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast

Our 1st Saturday get-togethers are a relaxed fun social event with a group of classic cars in the parking lot . The gents share thoughts on old cars, collector cars, and just cars, and the spouses enjoy things that are just not automobile related. Part of the car club experience is friendship, with those who have similar interests, and these friendships can grow and last for years. So, if the timing of the 1st Saturday meets your availability, come on in and break bread with us for a while. Bring your collector car, weather permitting. You will have a good time and food is good. Your spouses are invited. Next meeting December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.



Ron Fishell, Steve Overby, Bill Ische, Jim and Judy Hanson, Connie Beloff, Debbie Overby, Matt Varble, Alex Beloff III, Doug Ashby, Dan Harrison



Car Show in the parking lot from left to right: Steve Overby-2017 Cadillac XTS, Doug Ashby- 2018 Cadillac CTS, Ron Fishell- 92 Cadillac Allante, and Matt Varble-87 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham D'Elegance

## Newsletter Articles

*Adapted from Paul Simcock, Newsletter Editor, CLC Florida Suncoast Region:*

A few reminders: If you would like your "story" to be featured in the newsletter, please submit your article along with some photos directly to me. All articles, business cards and ads are due by the 20th of each month. If you have a pre-published article you would like to submit; those are also welcome. Please include copyright information so we can properly give credits to the source or author of the article or piece. Also, we offer free 3-month advertising for cars & parts in our regional newsletter to current paid Regional Members. These ads do not have to be just for Cadillacs or LaSalles. Regional Members may also run their business cards for cars, or non-related ads for \$35.00 for a 3-month ad. For commercial ads, see the schedule on page 10. Non-member ads are \$35.00 for three lines for three months, or \$50.00 with pictures, and must be car related and you must state an asking price.

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**To Nick M., Question: *How many classic cars does a man need?; Answer: Always room for one more...***

**Congrats on your 59 and Eldo.** *Lifer*

## Sunshine Report

We at NTXCLC have not had events happening due to Covid, but hope we can schedule something for next couple of months so as to see one another! watch your emails.

Fun news: Bill and Harriett Levy enjoyed a week on the Malt Shop Memories Cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale, and another weeks trip to the mountains of Evergreen, Colorado.

**December Birthdays: If your birthday is in December let us know.**

Bill Kaufman 12/24

Frank Remes 12/28

Please inform me of members that were missed on the list.

Love, *Ruby*

Late item: Minnie Bedrick fell and hurt her knee. Possible Surgery.



## CLASSIFIED

**FOR SALE 1996 Cadillac Eldorado ETC 4.6L 8Cyl!** One family ownership with 149,000 miles and good tires. Sentimental value so want to sell to Cadillac enthusiast. \$4,000.00 . Call or text (preferrable) Jonathan at (817) 691-2892 or email at [jfinke@crawlaw.net](mailto:jfinke@crawlaw.net).



**Wanted:** Driver's side sun visor for **1986 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham (RWD)**. Color not important: I just need the frame. Richard 817-472-4260

*Classified Ads – for 3 months Members: free, Non-members -\$35 for three lines for three months. \$50 for ad with photo. No credit for early cancellation. For additional rates contact Bill Levy @ (214) 563-1033*

## Activities Calendar

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### **NATIONAL:**

**2023 Winter Board Meeting** is in Concord, NC

**2023 June 20-June 24** CLC Grand National Albuquerque, NM.



# RAREFIED AMELIORATED TEXAS CADILLACS

Story and Photos by Alex Beloff III except where noted as GM archives, GM photographic and Cadillac Motor Car Division

Hello fin seekers! Enjoy these newly discovered Texas cars going back from 1906 to 1978 that were taken at sanctioned NTX CLC meets. It is my pleasure as historian to share these fleeting memories! Those of us who endured harsh brutal northern winter road salt climates lost rides that dissolved into oblivion. Today with solace, reminiscent of Texas virtually “rust free” quintessential Cadillacs featured here are seldom seen museum quality rides.



1959 Eldorado Biarritz convertible, one of 1,320



1958 Eldorado Biarritz convertible, one of 815



1956 Cadillac convertible



1906 Cadillac convertible



1955 Cadillac convertible



1931 Cadillac convertible pictured here front and back. It makes you feel alive with top and windows down.  
 4 Jan. 1930 Cadillacs first V-16 powered car was introduced. **31 Dec. 1955 GM became the first US corporation to make more than \$1 billion in a single year 1955.**



1967 Cadillac convertible Note low styling compared to 1940's Cadillac  
 1964 Cadillac convertible First year Cadillac 429 V-8



Tile Party



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1957 Eldorado Seville Last yr. for functional bumper



1967 Eldorado FWD w/first yr. concealed lamps



1948 Cadillac convertible, Last Flathead, First Tail Fin



1976 Eldorado was last convertible out of Detroit, April 21, 1976



1941 Cadillac - Gorgeous black Cadillac sedans got attention! Hotel valets always parked the Cadillac out in front.



1957 Cadillac factory limo. 1st year hood is lower than fenders. Last year for single head lamps.

1956 custom 75 presidential motorcade Cadillac limousine for Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson admin. Look closely—was this car behind Pres. Kennedy's Lincoln in Dallas 22 Nov. 1963? Two of these cars were made and I saw this car in John Foust restoration shop in Justin TX some years ago. Note secret service side and rear hand stands and no rear fender skirts. This photo is from a 1990'S Texas regional meet.





**IED AMELIORATED TEXAS CADILLACS**



F-86 Korean War Saber Jet. 3 Feb. 1948 GM ushered in the tail fin era with the 1948 Cadillac seen here at Cavanaugh Museum and was fashioned by Harley Earl after the WWII P-38 Lightning fighter bomber.

The Vietnam War F-105 Thunder Chief "THUD" 6 bbl. 20 mm Gatling gun largest fighter bomber ever weight 13 tons and flew at 1400 mph. North Vietnam Air War was 80% US Air Force. Note Russian Mig. Our NTX CLC President, Bill Levy, was a Vietnam pilot.



1941 Cadillac convertible



1978 custom Cadillac with spare, wires, Vogue Tyres



1978 Cadillac Fleetwood cattle car at Denton



1970 custom Cadillac wagon and 1962 Cadillac

At 81 this year, I am wishing all of you a **MERRY NEW YEAR!** May God bless the trails you ride.



## REGIONAL DUES

For all of the members of the North Texas Region, it is dues time again, \$20.00, due December 31st, for another whole year of membership. This is your local club dues.

Let's put this \$20.00 dues in perspective so you can better understand what it buys you. First, you become part of a group of people that all have a mutual interest—classic cars and especially fine Cadillacs and LaSalles. Second, when you need help with repairs, parts, how-tos, and information, the club is a great venue to get this and other assistance. Also, you get this great newsletter monthly.

Now, there is a cost above and beyond. We do expect our members to participate in monthly events, many which are of no cost to members, or some costs paid for. There is the adventure aspect and of course, the social aspect of these events. And in order to pay for all these extras, we expect our members to help with our work at the Pate Swap Meet, the largest swap meet west of the Mississippi river. Whether you are helping with vendor space marking tiles, street signs, or just being a friendly person in our hospitality tent, your work is always appreciated.

And speaking of Pate Swap Meet, we earn a share of the profits based on our membership roster as of December 31st each year.

Note: If you are a new member in 2021 or 2022 your dues are already paid.

So, make your checks out for **\$20.00** payable to the **North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club** and mail to our membership chairman:

**Bill Haesslein**  
**5744 Caracas Drive,**  
**North Richland Hills, TX 76180**

National dues are invoiced by Columbus when due through the year. Remember, the member count, besides meaning

**As of October 1st, 2022 the Cadillac & LaSalle Club has reduced the e-membership dues from \$35 to only \$25 annually.**

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**For about the cost of one night out at the movies, or dinner for one or 1/4 tank of gas in your Cadillac or LaSalle you can join the premier Cadillac Club and enjoy all the benefits.**

## *Membership Report*

### Welcome New Members:



**There are 13 car clubs that manage the Pate Swap Meet each year. If every member of the North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle club recruited just one new member each, we could be the biggest club in the swap meet. Remember, the member count, besides meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.**

***If a member obtains 5 or more new members to the NTXCLC they will receive a free Club Shirt at the annual Christmas dinner.***

For membership information— Contact Bill Haesslein at [billhsln@att.net](mailto:billhsln@att.net)

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# North Texas Region

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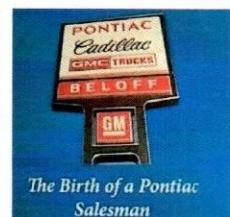
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Silver Eldorado . . . Sedan Deville . . . Fleetwood Brougham . . . Coupe Deville

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- 2024 CLC Grand National Gettysburg, PA.

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