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CLC Grand National

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Members of the North Texas Region who came to Albuquerque to enjoy a fantastic Grand National event: L-R—Judith and Harry Michelwitz, Judith and Jim Hanson, Rubye Hubbard, Bill and Harriett Levy, Lance Hirsch, Neil Polan, and Linda Mikyska



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CLC Grand National

A Grand National is one part of car club membership and the event itself is in three parts that make it so exciting.



First, of course, are the cars. No where else will you see and enjoy a collection of exquisite cars in on place, all shined up, all ready for inspection, all of a single marque. Some are even offered for sale, but all are very nice. The collection on the show field represents automobiles that are being maintained for future generations to study and enjoy. And these cars come from all parts of the country, so it makes it interesting, especially the ones driven in, not just trailered in.



The second aspect of a Grand National is more important than the cars. It is the social assembly of friends, both new and former, people you meet for the first time, and friends you have met before. And the best part of this is that everyone has a similar interest that you do—cars, and our case, Cadillacs. I know I look forward to seeing people that I met in past years and at Grand Nationals and through my newsletters, and it makes for a fun week. Another cool social part is when our own club members participate and we do extra things together,

like dinners together and cheering on when the cars are judged and awards are presented.

Finally, there are the special tours and interesting visits that are exciting, and many are places new to you that maybe you would have never have visited on your own. Sometimes it is a place that only a group can get admission to, like a personal car collection that only a car group can come see. Or, as in this Grand National, we were the first group to visit even before that grand opening – the Route 66 Visitor’s center. It has been just finished in construction just enough to allow us to come in and see the work in progress.



Luis Hernandez greets CLC

At the Albuquerque CLC Grand National we met a designer at Cadillac, got to ride a tram car to the top of a mountain, saw an old steam locomotive repair shop, learned about atomic weapons past and present, tour the panoramic back roads to Santa Fe, eat in some great restaurants, visited some New Mexico Region’s club members special collections at their homes and ate some great new food. There was more, and I will share some of my photos on the next pages.

I hope many NTX club members plan on attending the 2024 CLC Grand National to be held in Gettysburg, PA. July 11-15. It will a big meet and there should be lots of fine Cadillacs and LaSalles competing for the popular awards. Hopefully some of those awards will go to the North Texas Region.

Host Hotel Information: Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg Pennsylvania 717-339-0020. Reserve now and get the Cadillac club rate.



Our NTXCLC Treasurer, Jim Hanson, wrote of his trip with wife Judy in his 1992 Allante to/from Albuquerque: This 31 year old 163,000 mile car that I have driven over 23 years made it back to Texas from Albuquerque, New Mexico. It blew cold air, drove smooth as glass for the whole trip without burning more than a drop of oil. I checked the dipstick, and a drop of oil dropped off while measuring. Not the next big thing, but tried and tested. A new serpentine belt and hoses might not have hurt either.

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On the Turquoise Trail with 20 plus fine Cadillacs



Matthew Varble and son, Jim & Judy Hanson, and Harriett and Bill Levy



Special CLC Menu just for us



Neil Polan and Linda Mikyska,



Little Boy, dropped on Hiroshima August 6, 1945



Model of B-29 Enola Gay and Little Boy .



They had many exciting aircraft, missiles, bombs, from many years of nuclear warfare including this rare B-47.

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The Wheels Museum is located on the site of the historic Santa Fe Railroad Steam Engine Service Shops. If it has wheels, it is part of this museum



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Magnificent view of Albuquerque and towards Santa Fe from the top of Sandia Mountain



Albuquerque is all about balloons and balloon festivals



One neat feature of the Grand National, being sponsored by Cadillac, is the preview up close of new models. This is the EV LYRIQ SUV.

Activities Calendar

2023

July 1st NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast Social.
August 5th NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast Social.

October—Terrell, Texas—Terrell Heritage Society Car Show

PATE DATES—2024

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March 23rd Tile Party
April 20th Setup
April 25-27 Pate Swap Meet
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NATIONAL:

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2024 January, Irving, Texas National Board Meeting.
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North Texas Region

Jacket	\$75 + \$10.95 S&H U.S.
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Sunshine Report

NTXCLC is scheduling somethings for next couple of months so as to see one another! watch your emails. If you have a suggestion for a road trip or visit, send it to lifer@writeme.com

July Birthdays: If your birthday is in July let us know.
 Mark Waterman 7/16



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

Love, *Rubye*

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 July1 at 9:00 a.m.



Boys will be boys: discussing Cadillacs, Rolls Royces, Porsches, and their components: Jim Hanson, Harry Michalewicz, Neil Polan, Jeff Pendleton, Doug Ashby, Steve Overby, Bill Levy, Dan Harrison, and Ron Fishell.



At the ladies' table, deep in conversations of "the boys and their toys..."Linda Mikyska, Kathleen Ashby, Judy Hanson, Marcia Pendleton, Karen Fishell, and Harriett Levy

UNPRECEDENTED ERA OF AMERICAN GREATNESS

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Featured here are once in a lifetime, same color, show quality Cadillacs generated unsurpassed sales era success.

Top: 1957 Cadillac “one year only” exquisite forward facing blade like fins, “last year” impressive functional chrome dual exhaust, and “first year” no fender skirts.

Bottom: 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special “one year only”.

The e Event was 1999 CLC Grand National in Santa Clara, California. The photos were taken by author. There was record attendance by open mouthed admiring spectators.



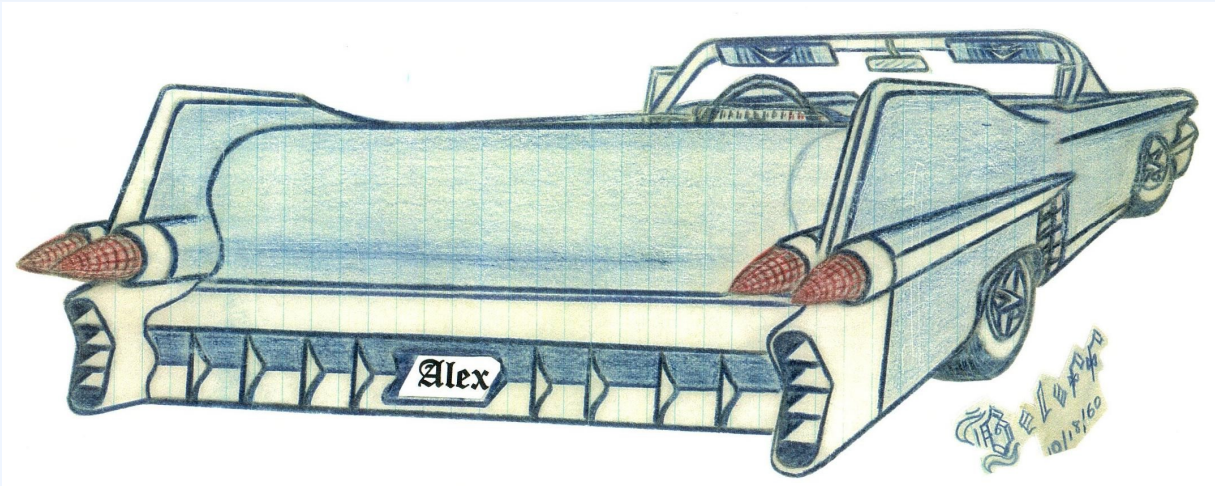
On the 18th of October, 1960, serving with the U.S. Air Force at the top of my class at electronics AGE warfare school Chanute AFB, Illinois, I sat down at my desk and “free hand” illustrated one of my all time favorite Cadillacs - 1957 convertible. Note the 1959 Cadillac tail lights, 1958 Cadillac rear bumper (see my first page) nosed, and decked no door handles, pronounced dual exhaust and 1957 Dodge royal lancer spinners. Embarrassment forced cutting out the lined paper. Hemmings Richard Lentinello, April



2011 said, *stunningly beautiful, no question, the 1957 Cadillac, a unique style all its own, I can never tire of admiring such a fantastic looking automobile. I agree!*

Tile Party

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Thanks to *Motor Trend* authorization:

Above from August 1975 - A 1975 Cadillac flawless pickup with correct white walls.

Right from February 1977 - A 1976 Cadillac. Note the 1968 Eldorado side marker lamps.



With 4th of July approaching, appropriately and emotionally I found this 1962 photograph of me, A2C Alex S. Beloff III, and A2C Mike Allred U.S.A.F. at our 1st



MOB (1st Mobile Communication) group home base, Clark AFB Philippines (APO 74). We were room mates and had just returned from multiple combat deployments from Vietnam along with Ed Graham. Mike was crypto maintenance and I was power maintenance at Pleiku. Note the 1958 Cadillac and my right arm cast for fracture so I could play football the next week. My Irving, Texas, buddy, my friend Mike is at the Dallas

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veterans cemetery. My Irving, Tx., buddy, my friend Mike heard the Lord call his name during covid and rests at the Dallas Veterans cemetery. RIP

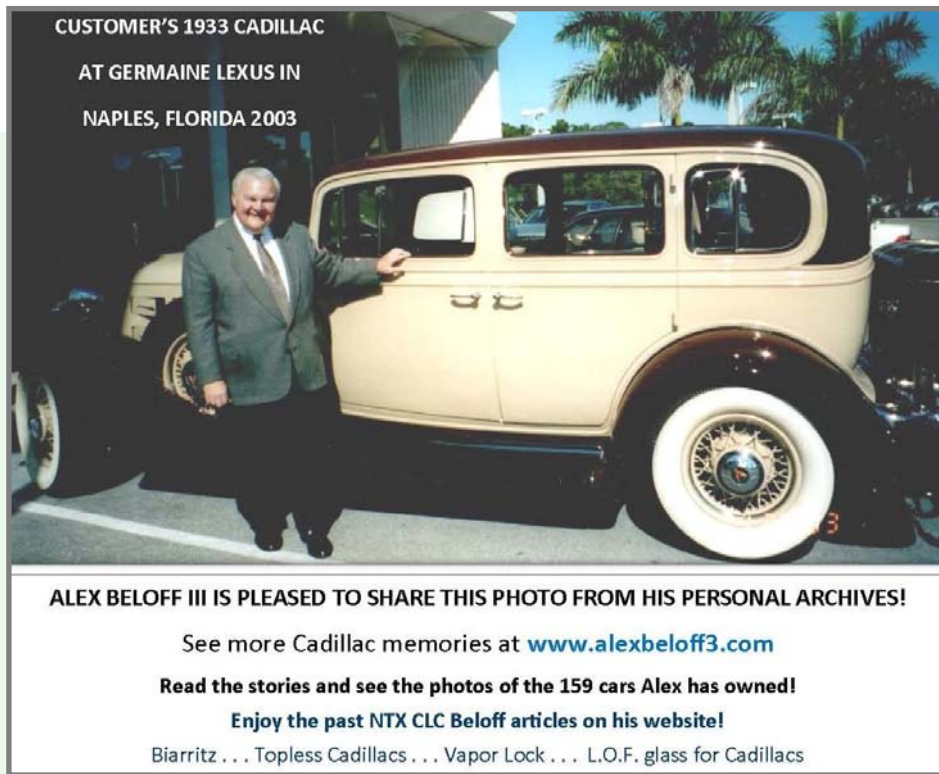
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In order to disguise the ho-hum appearance of 1996 Cadillacs, all style and fashion centers across America were restyling and selling aged inventory at a profit. This 1996 Cadillac Coupe DeVille (last year) sports Prestige Products custom top, grill, gold package, spare, gold (real) wire wheels and Vogue Tyres at Wayne Stead Cadillac, Walnut Creek, California. It sold before the tires were cold!



May God bless the trails you ride. *Alex*





Membership Report

Welcome to our New Members:

There are 14 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.

Classified

For Sale: 1986 Fleetwood Brougham, owned by my mother. Red interior, lots of options. AC converted to R134, 4 new tires, new headliner, intake manifold and vacuum lines..etc. Cruise Control repaired. Books, brochures, records, manuals, keys, even has metal license plate frame from the dealer. Nice car to drive. Decent MPG.... \$9,240.00 firm. Richard Cross 817-472-4260 July



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2026 January 7-10, Orlando, FL, National Board Meeting.
2026 June 1-6 CLC Grand National, Concord, North Carolina

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