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Al Gitelman June 4, 1923—May 21, 2014

Submitted by Rubye Hubbard Musser, Photos by Lifer



Al Gitelman was born June 4, 1923 in Brooklyn, NY to a Russian-born father and Vienna-born mother.

Al and his buddies left college to volunteer to do their part in World War II and remained in the service until it ended in 1945. While with the 29th Division he was in a PT boat in Normandy on June 4th awaiting word to proceed to the Landing on Omaha Beach June 6th. (Al states, per his wife Mary, that some call it the Invasion but the 29th called it the "LANDING") As they finally received word to proceed to the beach, suddenly they were quickly ordered to get back and get off the beach. Those that returned said it was very hard to look back at all the bodies of the soldiers lying in the water. Some of these memories that Al has were captured in the movie "Saving Private Ryan." Al never wanted Mary to see the movie.

Al received three Purple Hearts during his years of service. Last year on October 1st he was awarded the Medal of Chevalier, Honor of the French Order of Legion by the French Consulate in Dallas.

Upon returning from the service, Al traveled a lot, coming to Dallas in 1949. He worked and represented a Photograph Co of New York. This company also made the camera used by Jimmy Stewart in the film "Rear Window." He later owned his own business - Tapestry Import from France -located at the World Trade Center for 20 years.

Al's brother planned a birthday party for Al on June 4 1954 and introduced Al to Mary. Mary had come to Dallas from Bentonville AR to work at the Mercantile Bank. Three months later, on September 8, 1954, they married and spent 60 years of good times together. Several years after they were married their daughter Caron was born. (Continued on page 2)

Winner Golden Quill Award 2012 2013



Al Gitelman

(Continued)

Besides his wife Mary, and daughter Caron, horses and car were another of Al's loves.

At the age of 90 Al returned with a few of his buddies to attend the Normandy Landing---(Invasion) to celebrate the D-Day on June 6. But before that they were walking on the beach touring when Al fell in a fox hole breaking his shoulder. Much to Al's disappointment he missed the celebration. So he was looking forward to maybe returning this year at the age of 91 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D Day.

However, Al fell broke his hip on Tuesday, May 13. He had surgery but did not respond very well, and after surgery died on May 21, 2014.

He is survived by his wife Mary and daughter, Caron Grant. Also a sister residing in Florida. Al is preceded in death by parents and his two brothers.



Al Gitelman and Caron Grant 2012

Activities Director's Calendar

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from each of you at future activities.

***June 21, 2014 — Saturday Update:** meet at 11:00 a.m. at 2922 West University Drive, Denton, TX (I-35 and 380) at the Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store. CARVAN to Robinson Restoration and Service, 5210 Dakota Lane, Denton for a tour -- General Meeting with lunch at 11:30 --2:30. Main course box lunch provided by RRS. After the tour & lunch we will drive to the Denton Town Square, Park at Hickory and Locust (behind Wells Fargo Bldg) for dessert of home-made ice cream and sightseeing and shopping. See maps Page 4.

RSVP by June 14th to Rubye—(817) 996-8066 rbyemusser@yahoo.com

***July 4, 2014 — TBA**

***September 20th 2014** 13th Annual Cruisin' For The Cure, Ft. Worth. See page 6.

***October 5th, 2014** Regional Meet at the AutoWorks on Davis Street, North Ft. Worth. (Same as 2013.)

Also worth noting:

July 8—12, 2014 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Lake George, New York.

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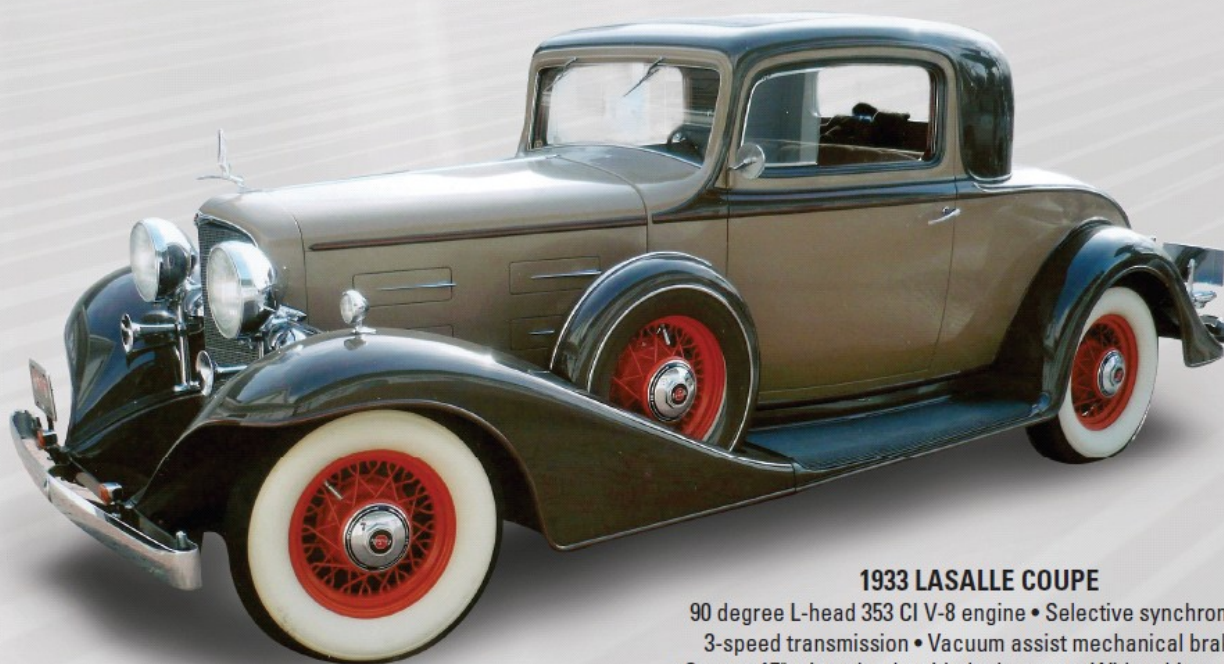
August 2015. The Motor City Region CLC will be hosting a National Driving Tour in conjunction with the Woodward Dream Cruise. Their driving tour will take place during the week leading up to the official 'show' day.

Rubye



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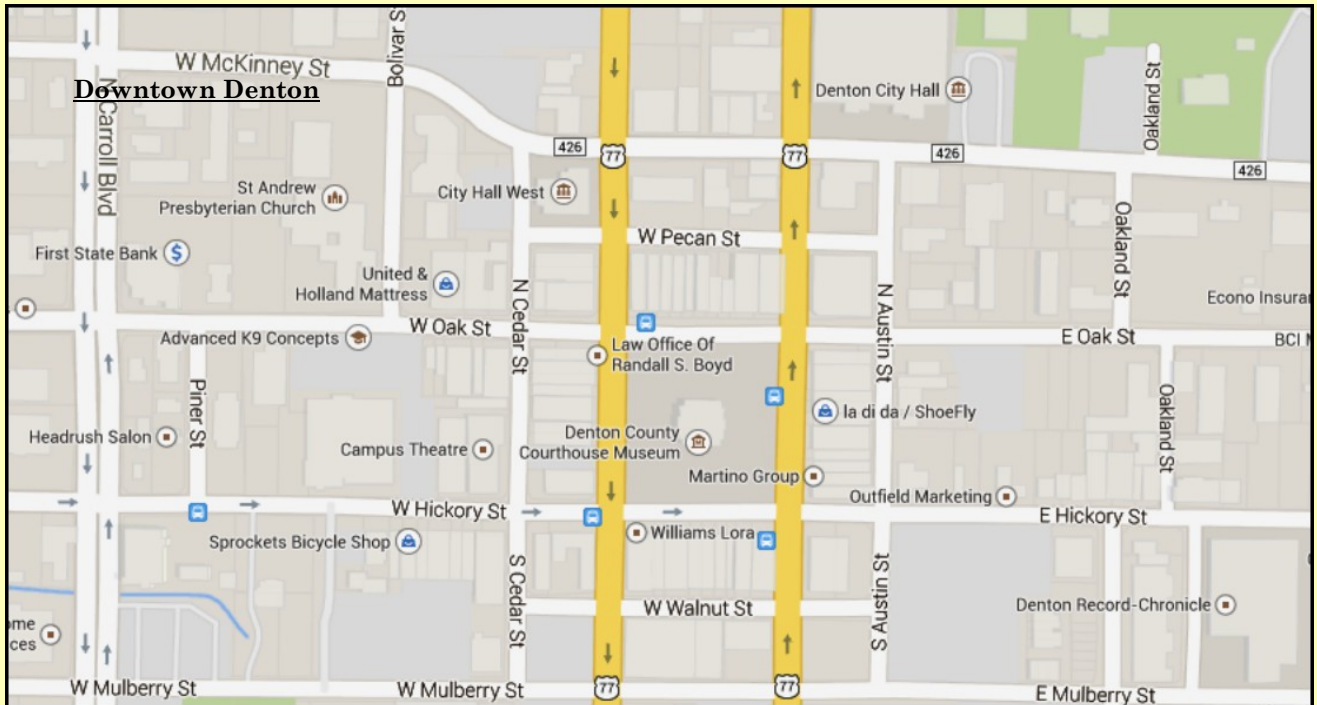
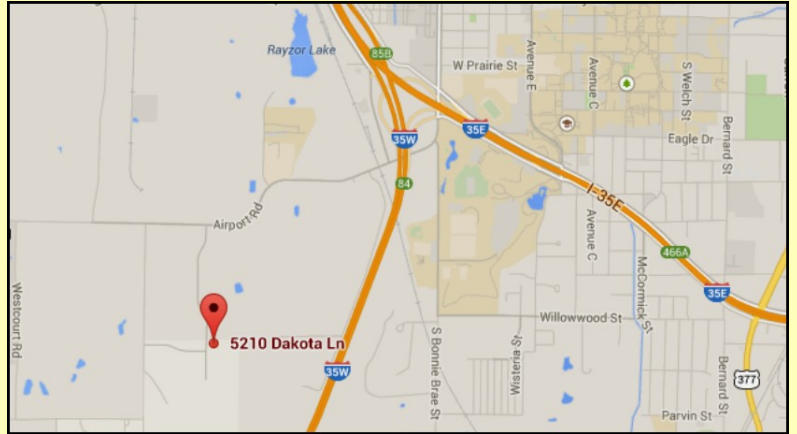
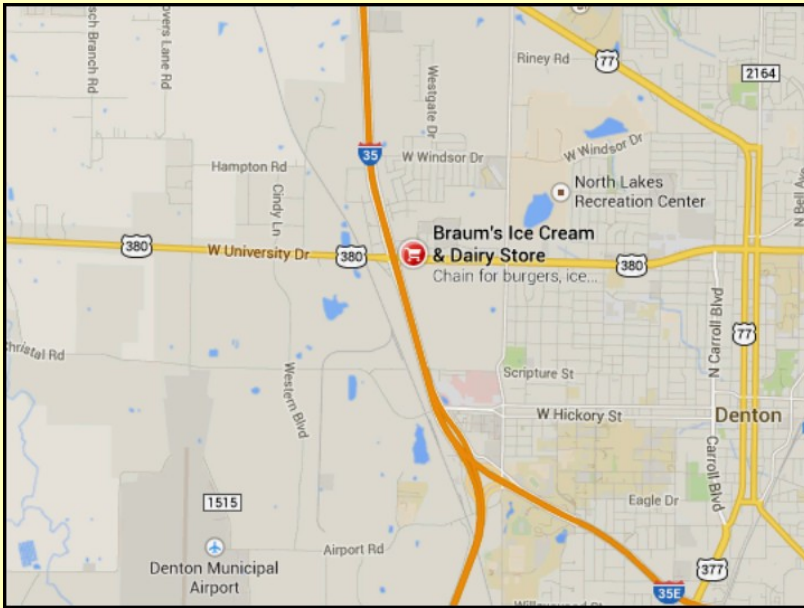
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Maps For June 21 Event





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Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure 20134



This is the 13th Annual presentation of this show. The North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club has a reserved a curb for our display. We need your Cadillacs and your LaSalles for this worthwhile show in downtown Ft. Worth. The NTXCLC considers this an important participation, and you get, in return, a t-shirt, a sponsor's goodie bag, and a chance to show that we care.

Mail your registration check of \$35.00, payable to NTXCLC to: Bill Levy, 206 Turnberry Lane, Coppell, TX 75019; or Neil Jefferson, 816 Creekline Way, McKinney, TX 75070.

(All fees are considered donations and are tax deductible. Tax ID# 330998003)

We need your name, address, phone, T shirt size, are you a prostrate survivor Y/N, and car-year and model. Please respond by July 15 if possible so we can track the car count. Space is tight in Ft. Worth and we don't want to miss out by not claiming our curb in time.

Please do not register on line—we need to track the names and the number of participants for the club.

Note: The show runs officially from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00m p.m. Gates open at 6:00 a.m. Be there by 9:00 a.m. Many of us have been getting to our spot early and making a fine breakfast get-together at 8:00 a.m. as part of the memories of the day.



President's Message

WE certainly hope you all enjoyed the Interregional driving tour to Salado!!!!!!

At the present with these beautiful and pleasant days of weather with no fires and tornadoes on our doorstep we are fortunate and very thankful to God. Let us also be grateful and thankful for our veterans and the difficult times they have spent fighting for our Freedom.

This will be a difficult article to write, for our losing our oldest WWII veteran at this time, and right on the verge of his birthday and June 6 D-Day.

So let us take advantage of this beautiful weather and spring time and enjoy our cars and meet and tour with our friends.

June 21 is coming up soon . Make your plans for our General Meeting and TOUR of Robinson Restoration & Service in Denton planned by our member Dave Eckberg. This location is to be attended by other clubs that we have invited also. Robinson Restoration or RRS is providing the main entree and we as members need to bring sides. Then we can go to Denton Town Square for our home-made ice cream, sightseeing and shopping. This should be very exciting & educational tour for us.

We wish to thank all that participated in our first out of town membership drive. The Kruz'n 4 Kids Car Show provided us an enjoyable event. They had lots of prizes and activities, and good food, too at the United Methodist Church in McKinney. Several of NTX members were winners too. It was a beautiful day for a drive.

So, come on, you members need to set up an event for us to attend in some of the outlying towns to show them we are accessible at NTX. Unless someone comes forward with a suggestion for July the only thing we have scheduled is the Grand National at Lake George, NY.

We are asking for each of you to consider hosting or planning a meeting during the next several months. It would be a lot of fun and really appreciated.

See y'all June 21 in Denton.

Rubye

Cadillac Kids at the Kruz'n 4 Kids
Car Show 2014



Classifieds

CARS FOR SALE

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1965 Cadillac CDV Conv., white on white, orig. owner, never wrecked, always garaged, first place in many regional meets, third place plaque in 1996 Grand Natl., 121K mileage and still going strong, featured in June 2000 CLC Self Starter, best offer over 35K. Mary Gitelman [214-363-6700](tel:214-363-6700) (June)



1953 Cadillac Model 62 sedan. 55000 original miles. Orig Calif. car-garaged but not maintained or driven since 1992. \$1500 OBO. Tim Riead [972 416-3881](tel:972-416-3881) (June)



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For membership information— Contact Bill Haesslein at billhsln@airmail.net

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bill Haesslein

Welcome New Members:

Joe M. Rice, Richland Hills, TX



There are 17 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 would be the biggest club in the swap meet. Remember, the member count, beside meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Rubye Musser

We pray for much needed rain and Thank God for the showers we have had.

We wish all better health and speedy recovery.

Gerry Terranova will be taking another round of chemo
 William Bill Hurley
 Cecil Thompson
 Rudy Bedrick
 Buddie Walton
 Beverly Terranova
 Dave Eckberg

Condolences to Mary Gitelman and Caron Grant on the loss of our Beloved Al Gitelman.

We are extremely sad of our losing our oldest member of NTX. Al Gitelman was a special man. A veteran of WW 11 and very dedicated to the service and the men. He has attended the anniversary of veterans of WWII in Normandy several times. His experiences are many and more detailed than we will ever know.

I was so distraught over learning of his passing. I know that he is seeing the glory. But we will miss him. He was a very decorated and recognized veteran. Al would have been 92 on his birthday on June 4.

Several years ago he celebrated his birthday in Normandy on the very day of the anniversary of the beach landing there. He was active at Pate Swap Meet and helped and rode with Ned Hannah, picking up the concrete blocks. Al participated at a lot of our monthly activities until the last year when he broke his hip. We all will treasure our memories of our times with Al Gitelman.

Rubye

I am very sad as I know you area about Al's passing.

"The Tallest Oak in the forest, and now he's gone. I will miss the cool shade of his branches."

Our hearts go out to the Gitelman Family.

John Foust

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of our fine member Al Gitelman. He was such a good guy and so pleasant to speak with. He was always good for a smile and a handshake every time I saw him. Every time I did see him the thought was in my mind that, like my Dad, he was a WWII veteran who saw action on D-Day. He was a great man and a dedicated American. If you pull up his name on the internet you can still see photos of his trip to Normandy, France last year at the age of 90 for the 69th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. In October of 2013 Al Gitelman was one of seven WWII veterans awarded the medal of Chevalier in the French Order of the Legion of Honor. Al will really be missed by his Cadillac LaSalle Club family.

Johnnie J. Bills, Jr.

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National sends out a dues renewal notice on your anniversary date with National. That date is printed on the address label on back cover of the Self-Starter. Our club dues (NTXCLC) continue to be \$20 and checks should be made payable to **NTXCLC** and mailed to Bill Haesslein.

On occasion, a member will submit their National dues with our club dues to us. If we don't receive separate checks, we must deposit the check and then write and mail one of our club checks to National. Separate checks save time and postage.

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June 7, July 5 Cars and Coffee, 8 a.m. – Noon. Get there **NLT 6:45 a.m.** for a reserved spot on **Cadillac Row** as the big lot fills up fast after 6:55 a.m. It has been so popular the gates are closed to new traffic at 6:50 a.m. So get there early. 6800 Dallas Parkway, Plano TX 75024. Email lifer@writeme.com if you have any questions.



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- Aug 11-15 2015** National Driving Tour Motor City Region.

See October Self Starter Magazine, page 35 for more.

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