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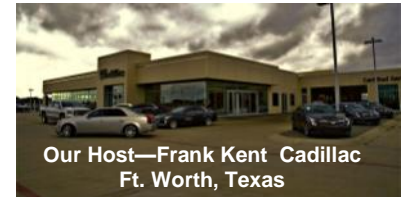
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This year the NTXCL Club provided an impressive load of toys for Santa's sleigh, one of our charity events. We packed an Escalade full of toys for the US Marine Corps Reserve's Toys For Tots drive. Thank you all for participating.



Our Host—Frank Kent Cadillac
Ft. Worth, Texas

Photos by Lifer, and Rubye Musser



This year's NTXCLC Santas were (L-R) Ron Fishell, Bill Levy, Bruce Sapp, Minnie Bedrick, Jim & Dara Warren, Rubye Musser, Kathy & David Eckberg, Joyce Reagan, Bob Musser. Not pictured, but present—Jim Hanson, Randoll Reagan, Terry Graham, and Carla Sapp (she is taking the picture).



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Joyce, Terry, and Ron bringing in a load of special toys.



Kathy, David, Jim, and Bob with bags full of toys for children this Christmas.



Ruby, loaded down with her contribution for the Toys For Toys charity



North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club



Rubye and Jessica. Jessica is Frank Kent's marketing manager.



A delicious buffet lunch at the show room was provided by GM Will Churchill, and Frank Kent Cadillac for all of the NTXCLC Santas.



12/12/2015



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The Toys For Tots collected by the NTXCLC more than filled a brand new Cadillac Escalade, graciously provided by Frank Kent Cadillac.



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Activities Director's Calendar

Here are the up and coming activities that members can plan for and participate in.

January 3 NTXCLC Christmas Holiday Dinner.

February 13th, 2016 Sharp Auto Shield—Paint Protection Demonstration. In HVAC Building. Lunch catered after meeting and demonstration. Map will be in February newsletter.

March 6th, 2016 Driving Tour to John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, Tx. The directions will be coming, and we may possibly have another club join us. We will meet at the Mc Donalds —Walmart parking lot on 180 around 9 a.m.

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May 1st 2016—Pate Swap Meet Tear Down Party –9am until we are done. Lunch provided.

September 17th 2016 Cruisin' For The Cure, Downtown Ft. Worth, TX.

So come on and get in the groove for the exciting times ahead. Don't hesitate to volunteer—you are among friends. **See the Club Activities Survey on page 13.**

Planning:

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July 6-9 2016 CLC National Driving Tour Connecticut and southern New York-Lower Hudson Valley Region

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Remember we can use all help and suggestions for the monthly meetings. All will be considered and appreciated

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That's My Story And I'm Stickin' To It

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As I write this third chapter of the Cadillac history of our family for the January 2016 edition of the "Standard of the World" I'm mindful of a pretty rough time for me and my sister Sue. We were raised in suburban Saint Louis and loved it. Our lives were full of friends in school and our church group and we felt a real fondness for Overland, our Saint Louis suburb. I had a good job at the Saint Louis airport, was now a supervisor on the midnight shift making \$1.25 an hour, had graduated from high school and was still caddying at Lakeside Golf Club and some at a few nearby PGA events. Rubbed shoulders with a few touring pros. Do the names Doug Sanders and Ken Venturi ring a bell? I still had my '41 Cadillac and daddy had traded the 1947 slate Cadillac Club Coupe for a black 1952 Cadillac sixty two four door sedan. I have to say, it was one of my favorites, but it has to be black. I had asked if I could use it to take my date to my senior prom but daddy wasn't too keen on the idea because I had had a couple of minor mishaps with my '41. One of my golfers, Dr. Gene Egle, said I could use his 1953 Ford Convertible for the prom. When I told my dad, he let me use the '52 Cadillac sixty two. Truth was, I was a little ashamed of the appearance of my '41 and I think I really did impress my date, Barbara Boulware, with the black Cadillac sedan. Sure wish I had pictures of us with that motorcar to share with you now.

There had been some talk of the family moving away from Saint Louis and the extreme winters, which really concerned me and my sister. Daddy took an exploratory trip to Houston, Texas and returned saying it was very clean for a big city, but job prospects were slim. Then he went to San Jose, California, where the climate was to his liking and job prospects were good. A "For Sale" sign went up in our front yard but my friend, Nelson Whitecotton, and I stole it and hid it in his basement. Most conversations about moving ended with raised voices, pleading and my sister in tears. So, there was no more talk with the kids about moving, but it was evident that it was going to happen. The '52 Cadillac sedan was traded for a beautiful Alpine White over Iris, 1954 Cadillac Sixty Two Series, four door sedan, in preparation for the trip to California. I was eighteen and tried everything to get my parents to let me stay in Saint Louis, but my father insisted the age of majority was twenty-one and I was not mature enough to be on my own. I arranged to share an apartment with a work mate from the airport, our minister vouched for me and my girlfriend's dad put in a word for me, to no avail.

I was still working the midnight shift at the airport and came home from work one Friday morning in early September 1956, doffed my white coveralls and went to bed, as usual. Dead asleep a few hours later, I was awakened by a very large uniformed man who said "Get up son. This bed has to go". I think the shield on his cap said "ALLIED VAN LINES." I jumped into my coveralls and went down stairs to find the house devoid of furniture. There was no one to argue with. This was serious. There was an unsigned note tacked to the front door saying we were leaving at eight o'clock Saturday morning and I had better be there. In the next twenty hours, I closed my bank account, said goodbye to my girlfriend, met with my pastor, sold the '41 Cadillac to Al for \$25.00 and quit my job at the airport. On short notice, they didn't have anyone to work for me so I pulled the shift. I remember the last flight I catered. TWA Flight One, a Lockheed Super G Constellation bound for New York. In those days, a cordial of wine and a four pack of cigarettes were served on the tray with every adult meal. Younger folk reading this may have trouble with that one, but if you were flying commercial in the fifties, you may remember.



1954 Cadillac Sixty Two Series

That's My Story And I'm Stickin' To It

We were on the road to a new life in California and Sue and I were sad, very sad, and the 1954 Cadillac was taking us there. The next morning in front of my grandparent's home, on Grandview Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas sat the 1954 Cadillac Sedan with my family in the same configuration as the day before. I was to drive again. Things remained pretty quiet. There is no longer ride, with nothing, than across Kansas. Some say Texas, in places, but it is Kansas! Approaching the Denver suburb of Littleton, I missed a "45 MPH" sign and when I saw the trooper's red gum ball revolving behind me the Cadillac was going fifty six miles an hour. The trooper took my Missouri Driver's License and asked me where we were going and I told him California. He asked if I knew how fast I was going and I told him fifty-six. He said "Your speedometer is right." We made a U Turn and stopped behind a hamburger stand about a mile back and went in a back door. A large man in his forties, appeared from an inner door, doffed his stained apron, tapped a small desk and said "Court is now in session. Officer state your case." The trooper said he clocked me at fifty-six in a forty-five zone and the "JP" said "How do you plead son? Guilty or Not Guilty? If you plead guilty we can take care of this right now, or if you plead not guilty, we will set a court date for you sometime in the future." I said, "Guilty," and the man said, "That will be twenty-two dollars in fines and ten dollars court costs. Thirty-two dollars. Payable in cash now." Upon leaving, my dad and I had our first conversation since Saint Louis. He put his arm around me and said, "I wonder how they split that up?" That series of events may have been common in 1956, but not so much today, I think.

My dad "hung up his slip" at the San Jose Mercury News and went to work on the swing shift the day we arrived in San Jose, California. I went to work at the Insurance Company of North America at the Northern California Service Office as a mail clerk for ninety-five cents an hour. The majority of the several hundred employees were women with less than a dozen single males. I was eighteen, as was my workmate, Bob Longeven, whose parents allowed him to drive their Belden Blue 1947 Cadillac Series 62 four door sedan sometimes. I remember it being quite oxidized. All the personnel were older than I but I managed to attract the attention of a nice single girl about three years older than I, asked her out to dinner and she accepted. My dad let me use the 1954 Cadillac sedan and it got the best detail job I could provide. That Alpine White and Iris and chrome never shone so brightly. In my dark blue pin striped suit, with a small bouquet of flowers, and the Cadillac parked at the curb in front of the house, I rang the door bell promptly at six. My date's father came to the door and stepped out. He said, "You must be Dick." I said I was and he said, "As long as our daughter is living under our roof, she will abide by our rules. We understand you are not Catholic. I'll see that she gets these." He took my flowers and said "That's a nice car." Devastated would be a pretty mild description, I guess. I just knew I wanted to get off of their porch before I got sick.

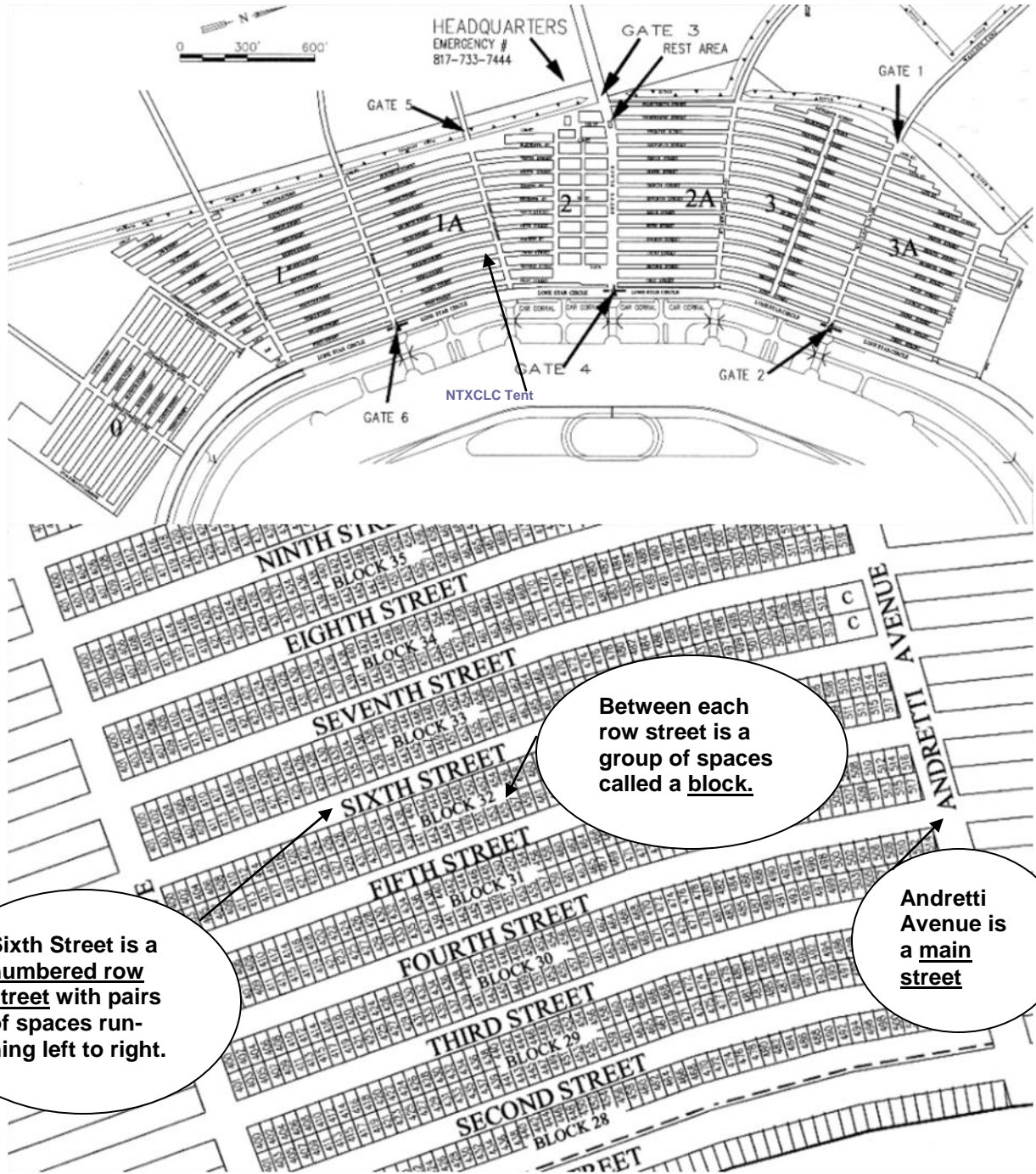
I pulled the Cadillac down the street and stopped to think. I had never been in such a situation in my life and I just felt lousy. "All dressed up and no place to go." But, I did go some place. I went to the drive-in down on the Alameda. I think it was "Mel's" and my car hop, Jeanie Causey, from Clovis, New Mexico was very impressed with the Cadillac and my blue suit and agreed to go to a movie with me when she got off work. Getting to know each other, I confessed to being a real serious Elvis nut, which brought tears. She said she had dated Elvis, they had broken up and she had come to San Jose to live with her sister. The date did not go well.

.About fourteen months later, I was alone at Charleston Air Force Base, on Thanksgiving Day, awaiting orders to go to Saudi Arabia. A quartet of Field Maintenance Squadron airmen invited me to come eat with them in the nearly deserted chow hall. They introduced themselves to me and one of the airmen said he was from Clovis, New Mexico. I shared my story with them and he lit up and confirmed it was true adding some detail. I had had a date with an ELVIS PRESLEY playmate in daddy's 1954 Alpine White over Iris Cadillac four door sedan. "THAT'S MY STORY AND I'M STICKIN' TO IT"Be safe.



Understanding Pate Swap Meet Part 1

The Pate Swap Meet area is located on the west-northwest side of the Texas Motor Speedway stadium and is made up of seven zones. Understanding the layout of the swap meet grounds is not difficult. The furthest south zone is Zone 0 and the furthest north is Zone 3a. The swap meet spaces are located between Lone Star Circle and the drainage ditch in a series of main streets and numbered row streets from First Street to 15th Street. In between each row street is a block and within each block is a set of two spaces sequentially numbered from the west side (even numbers) and then the east side (odd numbers). The numbering system runs from 100 in Zone 1a to 1342 in Zone 3a. Zone 0 uses the same system, but starts with 2000 and goes to 2245.



Here is an example of how a zone is constructed. This is section of Zone 1a.

Understanding Pate Swap Meet Part 1

Our club's two main objects for the setup and control of the swap meet are street signs and space markers that we call tabs.



STREET SIGN

This is a street sign, consisting of three parts. The metal sign is bent at a right angle and marks the main street and the row. The second part is the pole, a poly pipe with a slit cut in one end for the metal sign attachment. The other end has a threaded attachment. The third part is a concrete base with a threaded socket.

During setup one team retrieves the bases using a trailer from the storage building. They then place one base on the ground marking along each main street for each numbered row. A second team loads a trailer behind a golf cart or pickup truck, loads the poles and metal signs, and secures one pole and proper metal sign in each concrete base. The pole is screwed into the base and the metal sign is slipped into the slot at the top end of the pole.



On tear down, one crew removes the metal signs from each pole and removes the pole from the base. These go into a trailer headed to the storage building. A second crew picks up the bases in a trailer and then secures them in the storage building.

Note: The bases are about 45 lbs and the crew should wear work gloves.



There is one tab for each space at the swap meet.

TABS

Tabs are stored in plastic bins, which are grouped by zones and blocks and the tabs are kept in numerical order, secured with rubber bands while in storage. Each tab, which is a rubber tile, is marked with the block identifier on one end and the space number drawn large enough to be seen from the cab of a pick up truck on the center area.

Annually, in March, all tabs are reviewed for missing numbers and worn-out tabs.

Understanding Pate Swap Meet Part 1

The Pate Swap Meet will officially run from April 28th to May 1st 2016.

Here are some links to some videos about Pate Swap Meet. There are more, but these will get you the main ones.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tNb4yJUF0Q> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anfp4zSKmN0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRpbXrijK90>

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LAST -Dues Notice

December 31st was the deadline for NTXCLC members to renew your membership and pay your dues. Its not much, just **\$20.00**. Think of it as less than \$.06 a day to be part of the greatest group you know. National dues will be billed to you directly from Columbus, Ohio, so don't pay them here. Only the Regional dues.

If you were a new member in 2015, or paid a few years ahead (you know who you are) then do not pay this time. However for the rest of us, send a check, payable to **NTXCLC to Bill Haesslein, 5744 Caracas Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180**. If your address, cars you own, e-mail address, phone number, spouse name has changed, add that information below so we can update the records and files along with your check.

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Rubye Musser

We hope you had wonderful Holidays and prayed for those less fortunate and in less good health.

Karen Hannah— in chemo therapy

Cecil Thompson - prayers helped very much this time. He is free , no treatments for some months or longer we hope. Now we can celebrate his birthday.

Tony Yates - Nursing home 1700 N Washington St, Pilot Point Tx Rm 204

Visitors welcome. Ph (940) 686 -5556. He is holding his own at present.

Rudy Bedrick— has ear infection at present.

Steve Overby—treatments

Robert Trost —fractured leg

Mark Schmitz—recovering from lung transplant

Be Thankful for your Health

Please call me at (817) 996-8066 if you know of anyone that is needing our prayers or assistance.

Love to All. GOD BLESS EACH ONE

Rubye

Tony Yates wants to thank everyone for the cards and letters that he has received from the NTXCLC members. He really appreciates every one of them. He is feeling better, so keep 'em coming.

Club Activities Survey: Rubye Musser

Where would you like to suggest we hold the Regional meet 2016?

Where would you like to have the next Christmas party?? Or shall we have it the same place as 2015??

Do you want more driving tours and if so, where would you like to go??

Do you want to have another Chili Cook-Off at Honest John's Caddy Corner next fall or maybe a different venue, like a Mayflower Frolic at Foust's??

Do you want to bring a dish and the club buys meat and drink some of the months?? If so, we need place or suggestions.

Who can and will volunteer to host the club meeting at their place or garage??

Please let your NTXCLC Board know your feelings. Se page 18 for the list of Board Members.

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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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 Nick Manole , Albuquerque, NM

Charles Clark, Brady, TX



There are 16 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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