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## Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2019

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How do you spell fun? It's the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National Meet, held this year in Louisville, KY, in the perfect weather of June. And what a fun time it was. Driving tours through beautiful Southern Indiana, visits to car and Derby museums, visits to car factories, a visit to a small brewery, a trip to the horse races, and delicious dinner aboard a paddle wheel river boat. To top it off, the hotel accommodations were 4-star, and there were over 140 Cadillac and LaSalle cars to view and enjoy. The Cadillac company also displayed four new vehicles soon to be sold, but not yet available, at dealerships across the country. It was a place to meet friends from all over the country and foreign lands, and to make new friends, all interested in Cadillacs. There were 705 members, spouses, and younger family members were in attendance. What a great and fun meet.

I hope all of you are planning to come with us next year to the 2020 CLCGN in Kansas City. Register early, as many hotel rooms, events and trips fill up fast. Some of tours include The Truman Presidential Library and Museum, the Money Museum, National WW1 Museum and Liberty Memorial, possibly a tour of the GM factory, and lots of Cadillac cars. WAIT—there is more. In 2021 at the CLCGN in Albuquerque there will be more museums, shopping tours, and more Cadillac cars.

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On Tuesday many of the early arrivals took a driving tour designed by the Indiana Region hosts. A gaggle of fine Cadillacs from 1941 to present, along with a few non-Caddies, took a drive in the magnificent country side of southern Indian. First stop was the fabulous West Baden Springs Hotel for a special tour of this national treasure. Chris Jessen was able to capture the center dome and atrium.



After the hotel we passed by the French Lick Resort in West Baden, Indiana, and had our lunch at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth Indiana. The food was excellent and the view of the Ohio River behind the restaurant was gorgeous. Among the many tour adventurers were NTXCLC members: Bill and Harriett Levy, Minnie Bedrick, Chris and Tammy Jessen, Virginia Andrews, and Rubye Hubbard Musser.



After lunch we navigated and drove to Corydon, IN (population 3,590), for a look at Indiana's first capital, dating back to 1813. The building is in a town square with really cool shops surrounding it on all four side. We parked the Cadillacs along the street and very one had a pleasant time shopping and relaxing.

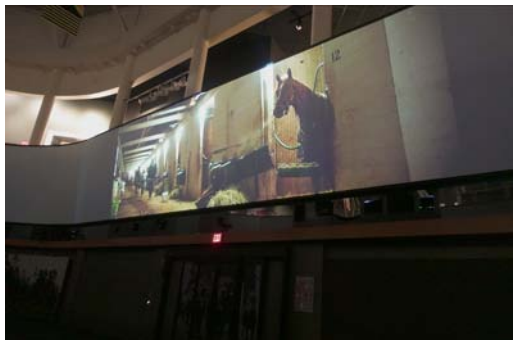


We had a big surprise while visiting Corydon. A red Cadillac approached our group that was admiring a 1955 Caddie, and we thought the car and driver was part of our contingent. It turned out that this was the mayor of Corydon, Eva North, and she gave us a big welcome and spent some time with us telling all about her city. We, in turn, told her about our club and it's activities. I hope she joins up.

Pictured is Donald K. Braden, Tammy and Chris Jessen, Eva North, Harriett Levy, and Minnie Bedrick. The Cadillac behind Minnie is Eva's.

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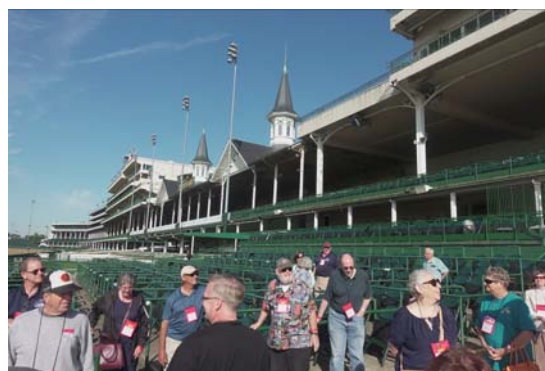
On Wednesday we woke up early and bused over to some of the star attractions of Louisville, and even the state of Kentucky; Churchill Downs Racetrack, home of the Kentucky Derby. We toured the museum, which was fabulous, and got to watch some race hours work out for their morning exercise.



In the museum we watched a 360 degree wrap around video presentation of the life of a race horse.



Harriett and Bill Levy enjoyed the museum. A true winner.



After lunch we then toured the Hillerich & Bradsby Company, home of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat. The company has a long history, stretch back to 1884. In 1905 Honus Wagner was the first baseball player to officially endorse a bat.



The world's largest baseball bat, 120 feet high, based on Babe Ruth's specs.



At the factory's museum everyone could take a swing holding the bat of their favorite player. Harriett chose a former Texas Ranger favorite and Hall of Famer, Iván "Pudge" Rodríguez Torres. "Batter up."

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Wednesday evening is always reserved for the Welcome Reception, followed by the CLC Museum & Research Center Auction.



Rubye Hubbard Musser, Minnie Bedrick, and Harriett Levy enjoy dinner at the Reception



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By Thursday a good number of guests to the Grand National had arrived. NTX members joined in for a few more tours the host had planned. Our first tour took us to Lexington, KY for a car collection owned by Tom and Connie Jones who chair the Keenland Concours d'Elegance. This helps support the Kentucky Children's Hospital. It was a small, but powerful collection of very fine automobiles, and Tom and Connie were congenial hosts.



1937 Cord



1932 Shovel Nose Packard



Harriett and Minnie each wanted to take this 1934 Rolls home, but Tom did not have a pair, so they passed it up.

From there we went to a famous Lexington restaurant, the Hop Cat, an old establishment, but good food.



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Since we were in the heart of Kentucky, home of fast horses and fine Bourbon, we now stopped at a small brewery that was both a welcome host and produced a delicious product. It was the Lexington Brewing and Distilling Company, established in the year 1999. Our tour consisted of a historical presentation, a walk through the brewery itself, and a tasting party afterwards. For those interested, product was available for purchase.



One of the fun things of the CLCGN is meeting old friends and making new ones. Here Harriett is meeting Matern and Tilly Harmsel from Almelo, Netherlands. Matern has been at many Grand Nationals and is a certified judge at CLC.



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Thursday evening was a real special treat for the Cadillac people. Multiple buses loaded us up and whisked us away to Churchill Downs for some horse racing fun. As we departed the

buses and walked into the racetrack, we saw signs that declared the Cadillac & LaSalle club as special guests and we were directed to the sixth floor dining area with a fantastic view of the race track. From that vantage point we could eat a delicious included dinner from a never-ending buffet, place our bets, watch the race activity on the track, and socialize with other GN members there.



Don't forget the Mint Julep, the signature bourbon cocktail of the Kentucky Derby since 1938. Minnie, Harriett, Virginia, and Rubye enjoy a special Mint Julep sip while determining their next wager.



Harriett won two dollars but lost for later. Some Cadillac Club people won a good amount, but others, like me, lost it all.

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Friday at the CLC Grand National brought more things to enjoy. Some members were prepping their cars for Saturday's viewing and judging, and getting photographed at the *Self Starter* photo station. Others took advantage of additional tours, include one to the Corvette Plant and Museum and in Bowling Green, KY. There were also tech sessions for those who stayed back. Since I was part of the judging contingent, and mainly in tabulation this year, I worked with Jeff Hansen and Ed Ayers in setting up the tabulation room. Later I attending the judging seminar led by Bill Anderson.



For the evening it was the Mary Miller Stern Wheeler for a cruise down the Ohio River and back. Perfect weather, good food, and lots of friends to meet with.





# Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National 2019

Saturday—ITS SHOW TIME. This is the heart and soul of this and most other brand national events. A place to show off your pride and joy ( automotive, that is ) and have it judged in detail by knowledgeable, trained judges. In the judging, you learn how close your car is to the standard—which is how it looked the day is on the showroom floor at the Cadillac dealer. There are awards, and there is enjoyment of being part of the activities.

After a Judges Breakfast and briefing about the day’s duties, judges with clipboards march out to the show field and do their duty.



In the evening there is always the awards dinner where all of the work and effort comes to a display of achievements. Trophies and recognitions are presented and it is very receptive evening.



### NTXCLC Members and Guests At CLC GN Louisville

- Virginia Andrews
- Minnie Bedrick 2015 CTS
- Lance Hirsch
- Dianne Hirsch
- Benjamin Hirsch
- Chris Jessen 1970 DeVille Convertible
- Tammy Jessen
- William Levy
- Harriett Levy
- Ruby H. Musser 2015 SRX
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## Obituary—Dr. B. Cecil Thompson



B. Cecil Thompson ARLINGTON -- Dr. B. Cecil Thompson entered Heaven's gates on May 29, 2019, in Arlington, Texas. FUNERAL: 11 a.m. Monday, June 3, at First Baptist Church, 301 S. Center St., Arlington. Interment: Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington. Visitation: 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Wade Family Funeral Home, 4140 W. Pioneer Parkway, Arlington. MEMORIALS: Donations may be made to the Herrmann/Thompson Planetarium Fund at UTA, [https://giving.uta.edu/Cecil\\_Thompson\\_Memorial](https://giving.uta.edu/Cecil_Thompson_Memorial) or to Restore Hope c/o First Baptist Church Arlington or Mission Arlington. Cecil was born at home on December 18, 1935, in Baird, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees at North Texas State University where he met the love of his life, Jo. They married on May 30, 1959, at Field Street Baptist Church in Cleburne. Cecil earned a Ph.D. in Physics at the [University of Texas](#) at Austin. Jo and Cecil moved to Arlington in 1965, for him to teach at Arlington State College, now known as UTA. He taught many classes during his 35-year tenure with the Physics department and earned the distinction of Professor Emeritus. Cecil was a Godly man who enjoyed his family, kayaking, glider planes, having his pilot's license, race cars, the Cadillac Club, crossword puzzles, Suduko, and especially treating people to dinner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bonnie and Ina Pearl Thompson; brothers, Fred (Ting), Oliver Dee (Tommy); and sister, Dee King. SURVIVORS: Cecil is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Jo Moreland Thompson; daughters, Sarah and Denis Cole, Alyce and Courtney Monroe; grandchildren, April Perry and fiancée, Erik McWhirter, Amber and Brandon West, Bethanne Monroe, Evan Cole, and Max Cole; as well as a host of friends who are family, The NORTH TEXAS CADILLAC CLUB



## Activities

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

### 2019

**July 6th** NTXCLC Breakfast Social, Bic's Restaurant, 2245 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75252, 9:00 a.m.

**July** Open for suggestion on 3rd or 4th.

**August 10th** Regional Prep meeting, voting for directors.

**Sep 26-29** The Cadillac Fall Festival & Concours d'Elegance - Hickory Corners, Michigan -

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No, its not for sale. Jason Oliver is beside his 1955 Deville, and won a first place trophy at the Mustang Sally Productions car show June 8.

## Club Historian

The North Texas Region is sorry to see Randoll and Joyce Reagan leave the club, but after many years as productive members, they are retiring. That leaves us with the need of a historian for the club, to take over current records, and add new ones. Interested members or associates please contact Bill Levy.

## Under The Editor's Bonnet By Lifer



Mark Waterman brought his magnificent 1973 Cadillac Coupe DeVille to our breakfast social.



Lenny Zimmerman showed off his 1984 Cadillac Coupe DeVille Hardtop at our breakfast social.

# Sunshine Report

Cecil Thompson— surgery this week in Arlington Memorial on Randol Mill  
 Bill Haesslein—ablation to correct AFIB  
 Reagan Hammett—recovering from chemo  
 Mary Lou Ruhling  
 Tony Yates  
 Pauline Ofsted—nursing home  
 Pauline Johnston hip surgery  
 Gordan Fenner—Longview  
 Duane Medley  
 Franks Koller

May God Bless each of you and have a speedy recovery

Let me know of someone that needs our prayers or assistance

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# Membership Report

Welcome New Members:

Paul Vineyard, Frisco, TX 1959 C Coupe DeVille



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, besides meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.

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**June 1—Present:** Ron Fishell, Jim Hanson, Steve Overby, Bill Levy, Harriett Levy, Connie Sharp, Marvin Block, Lenny Zimmerman, Mark Waterman, Alex Belof III, and Debbie Overby all enjoying a awesome delicious breakfast social. We look forward to more club members and couples in the coming months.

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