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## **Cadillac LaSalle Club North Texas Region**



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**2024 Grand National Gettysburg, PA**



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**A sampling of the fine automobiles on display at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA– a magnificent 1912 Se-ries 30 Torpedo; 1927 series 3260S Sedan; 1927 Series 1165 Roadster; and a 1932 series 280 Phaeton.**

This year's Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National event, Gettysburg, PA, was exciting. Besides the very large collection of fine Cadillac and LaSalle cars from 1912 to today's newest offerings to view and enjoy, there were trips to a variety of places around the location of the meet. This included historical places such as the Gettysburg battle field, covered bridges in the area, a chocolate factory (with free samples), a clock museum, some car collections, and more.

Besides the cars and the trips, there were friends, both new and former that made it comforting and enjoyable. Attendees came to the GN from all over the United States, and also from numerous foreign countries. Our region had thirteen members and spouses in attendance. Three of them were active in the judging portion of the meet, which was the highest priority. Weather was very good with a smidgen of rain on the Friday judging day, and sunshine and mild temperatures throughout the week. We had a really good time, and missed those from our club that didn't join us.

There were two sold-out hotels in the complex with 255 registered cars surrounding the Wyndham Hotel. There were additional Cadillac daily drivers and three new GM offerings to view. Approximately 840 people registered for the show, from 34 states and many countries. Around 150 people were first timers to a Grand National.

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**Winner Old Cars Weekly  
Golden Quill Award  
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015,  
2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,  
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023**

# NTXCLC First Saturday Breakfast

Text by Lifer

Our 1st Saturday meeting and social get-togethers are a relaxed fun event with a breakfast meal and a group of classic cars in the parking lot. The gents share thoughts on old cars, collector cars, and more cars, and the spouses enjoy things that are just not very 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 and conversation is good. Your spouses are invited. Next meeting is July 6th. It will be at Darran's, 7602 N. Jupiter Road, Garland, TX (972 414-4009).



At the Gents table, discussing outlandish automobile subjects in depth, and with outstanding transportation knowledge-Left to right: Bill Levy, Mark Waterman, Doug Ashby, Bill Sheldon, Neal Polan, Steve Overby, Alex Beloff III, Dan Harrison, Ron Fishell, and Mark Kenning.

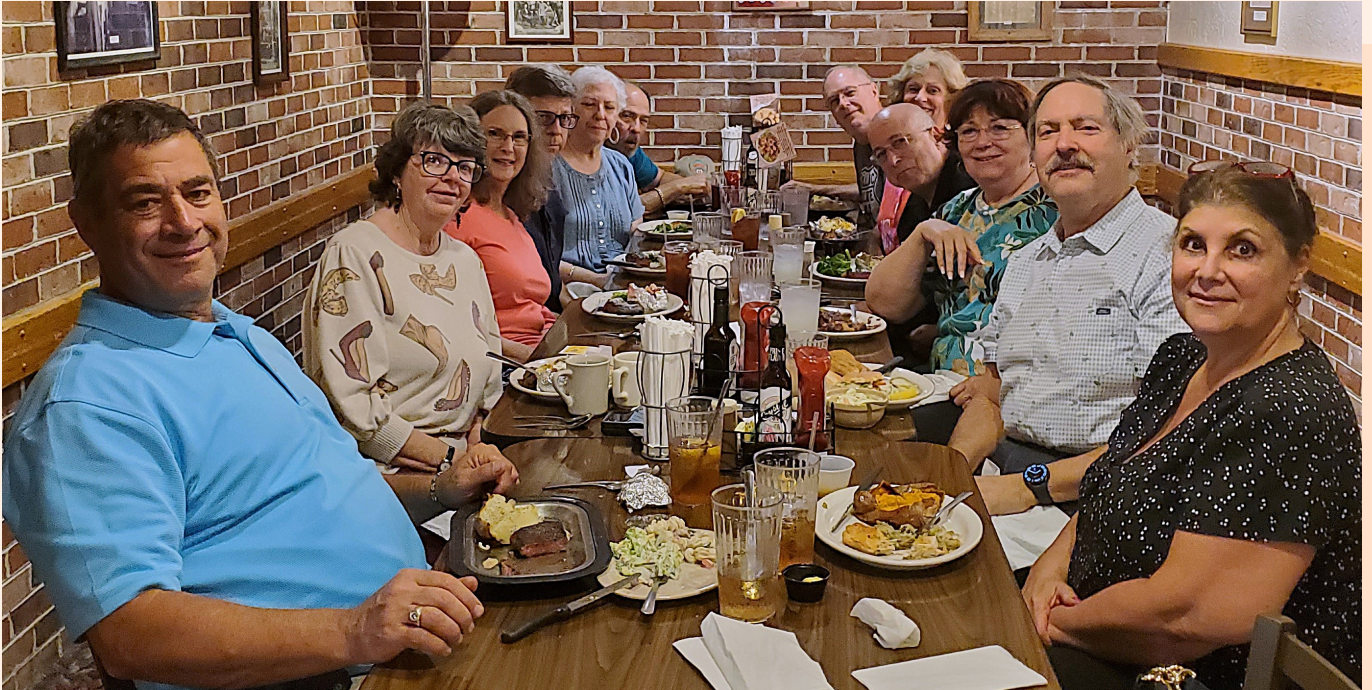


At the Ladies Table, discussing anything including fashions and other great stuff-Left to right: Karen Fishell, Connie Beloff, Judy Hanson, Debbie Overby, Diane Gardner, Janis Sheldon, Harriett Levy, and Kathleen Ashby.



# NTX At CLC GN

Photos by Lifer



**One of our get-togethers—Joe Cieslak, Judy Hanson, Judith and Harry Michalewicz, Harriett and Bill Levy, Steve and Debbie Overby, Neal Polan, Linda Mikyska, Jim Hanson, and Lisa Cieslak. Additional members not shown- Larry and Zena Lawrence, and Travis Dowell Jr.**



**Steve and Debbie Overby**



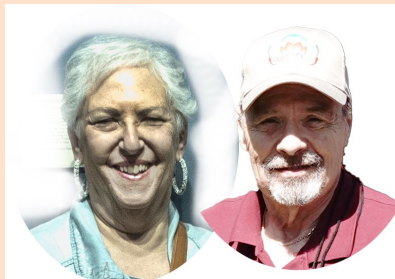
**Travis Dowell, Jr.**



**Neal Polan and Linda Mikyska**



**Judy and Jim Hanson**



**Harriett and Bill Levy**

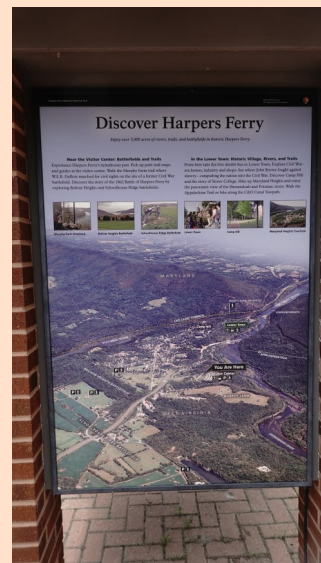


**Judith and Harry Michalewicz**



# Activities At CLC GN

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*Read Trip—Driving Tour. Covered Bridges, Battle Field,  
Harper's Ferry*



*H.A.G.A. Museum,*

*Hershey Chocolate Tour*



*Classic Auto Mall*

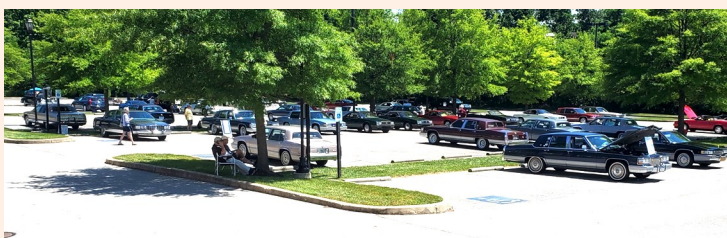
*National Watch and Clock Museum*



# Car Show and Judging CLC



**Judges Breakfast. There were 80 judges, including two from NTX, and 12 Tabulators, one from NTX**



**Show field of 288 registered Cadillacs and LaSalle cars in every parking lot around the hotel**



***Tops Up, Tops Down***



**Before and \$\$\$ After**





# Classified

OEM GM glove box lock assembly. \$15 Fits many GM cars, 1970s thru 1990 Cadillacs for sure !

Richard 817-472-4260

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# Activities Calendar

2024

July 6th NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social.  
August 3rd NTXCLC Meeting and First Saturday Breakfast Social.

**TBA**-Breakfast at Mel's Dinner, road trip to Nocona, TX, a visit to the National Vietnam War Museum,

## NATIONAL:

2024 Aug 27-Sept 1 National Driving Tour Kansas  
2025 January 29-February 3, Chattanooga, TN, National Reunion Board Meeting.  
2025 June 2-7 CLC Grand National, Murfreesboro, TN  
2026 January 7-10, Orlando, FL, National Board Meeting.  
2026 June 1-6 CLC Grand National, Concord, North Carolina  
2027 Winter Reunion Board Meeting Birmingham, AL  
2027 CLC Grand National, Reno, NV

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## PATE SWAP MEET 2025

Please plan accordingly

March 22nd Tile Party

April 19th Setup

April 24-26 Pate Swap Meet

April 27th Tear Down

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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](mailto:lifer@writeme.com)

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

**Mark Waterman 16th**



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

Love, **Ruby**



## DETROIT'S TIMELESS GLOBAL "ENDURING" CADILLAC

Photos by Alex Beloff III and Cadillac Motor Car Division



In my view, the two iconic universal undeniable appearing almost patriotic images of America are the revered gift from France 1865 "The Statue of Liberty" and enduring "1959 Cadillac."



Cadillac is a reflection of your appreciation for fine engineering, quality manufacture and great style . . . A logical step in any success story. At that time, the industrial heartland of the world was in Michigan. Detroit's vehicle ads produced more film than Hollywood. Study the smooth rounded body lines of impressionistic art. The hood opening lines disguised in fender moldings. 1959 tail lamps popular with customizers illuminated look like spider webs. 1959 Cadillac sarcastic satire is the lack of logic by analysts. Chrome triple plated is very costly!

A two tour close contact Vietnam Laos Veteran, our home base was Clark AFB Philippines. Most respected Detroit on base rides is this 1959 Cadillac. Note Manila plates. Cadillacs 1949 model featured Detroit's popular fins styling to 1992.





## DETROIT'S TIMELESS GLOBAL "ENDURING" CADILLAC



The 1956 Cadillac is successful, gorgeous and very dated. All Cadillacs since 1952 std. with dual exhausts, p.s., p.b. and hydramatic trans.



1957 marked more styling and engineering advancement "firsts" than any Cadillac in history. Note hood lower than fenders.



1957 Chevrolet by Earl and Mitchell fins. Ed Cole's Cadillac V-8 produced Gordon's '55 Chevy V-8.



1957 Ford "fins" outsold Chevy. Stunning two tones - first retractable convertible - start of many today.



1957 Dodge "fins" Royal Lancer 2-door HT. forward look. Industry first "great looking thin roof line." A panicked GM spy over Chrysler test track fence spotted and reported to top brass Harley Earl and Bill Mitchell. The Dodge new thin roof looks low and fast stationary. It was immediate sensation that dated all future HT coupes.

The 1958 Pontiac Bonneville and all 1958 GM coupes had approval in 1956. Chrysler thin roof design dated GM cars. All 1959 GM styling was scraped for the "new thin roof look". GM's talented design staff assembly faced the shortest model change time in GM history producing icons.





## DETROIT'S TIMELESS GLOBAL "ENDURING" CADILLAC

Each GM car division H.Q. is at the "Tech Center" 12 Mile and Mound Road, Detroit, and closed to the public. All five car lines operate autonomously, had their own engineering and design studios. GM employees are denied entry. Each car line is jealously guarded. Vendors violating rules are restricted and lose account. Curtice (GM CEO), Ed Cole, Harley J Earl and Bill Mitchell have access. Yearly model change is challenging. Emergency model change is brutal. GM advanced and current production required perfect safety car glass exclusively by Libby Owens Ford, Rossford, Ohio, 60 miles South produced and shipped under absolute secrecy. Why? A hint of windshield and backlite shapes could reveal future car design to competitors.

1958 Coupe DeVille  
aftermarket wire wheels  
and tires.

1959 Eldorado SeVille  
Coupe. Nothing in 1958  
will fit a 1959. In the  
1959 production year,  
Chevrolet out sold Ford.  
The 1959 Bonneville sold  
82,564 units. It was  
*Motor Trend's* car of the  
year. Cadillac again was  
in the top ten best selling  
vehicles at 142,273 units.  
1959 GM models was  
very successful. Fast low  
rider cruisers!



Lower bottom right is the 1959 Cadillac Coupe DeVille with the new thin roof. January 31, 2012 the Henry Ford Museum (driving American) new permanent exhibit features the iconic 1959 Eldorado Biarritz similar to black convertible. Sam and Tony Pack of Five Star Ford Dallas also has a 1957 and 1959 Biarritz displayed. I owned a 1959 Coupe DeVille. The padded dash sagged badly. A 1960 padded dash fits perfectly with no evidence of sagging. You may find one in a salvage yard. Happy hunting!

May God bless the trails you ride. Alex





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## Membership Report

### Welcome to our New Members:



For membership information— Contact Bill Haesslein at  
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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

The following Cadillac & LaSalle Club items are now available:

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