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Top O' Hill Terrace

Story by Rubye Mae Mussur, Photos by Lifer



February 23rd was a beautiful day for an outing! Our visit to the Top o' Hill Terrace, Arlington, Texas, provided the Cadillac & LaSalle club with an opportunity for a wonderful historic tour of the house that once, a long time ago, provided the entertainment for the gamblers and gangsters of the 1930s era. Once known as the Vegas Before Vegas, and originally a pleasant tea room on the Bankhead Highway (now Division Street or State Highway 180), it was turned into a big money gambling casino by gambler Fred Browning. In 1956 the Bible Baptist Seminary purchased the property, which is now the Arlington Baptist College.



Vicki Bryant, museum curator, led our small group had a chance to see the escape entrances and catacombs-like tunnels, hidden rooms under the main building, and a roulette wheel and mementos of the era. The escape tunnels were used when the police were going to raid the casino.



Ann Arnold, wife of NTXCLC member, Bill Arnold, wrote some books about the period. One was *Gamblers and Gangsters: Forth Worth's Jacksboro Highway in the 1940s and 1950s*. It is still available from Amazon and you would really enjoy reading it, being a history of the gamblers during that time.

The weather was in our favor for a tour of the grounds. Afterwards the club met Richard Cross and Karen Phillips and enjoyed a fine meal at the Arlington Steak House. Note that this restaurant is oldest ongoing establishment in Arlington, Texas. Originally the building was a part of an older train station that ran through Arlington. In the past, the restaurant was known for its gangster affiliation, during the 1930s and 1940s. A room exists on a second floor, where gambling rackets and a shoot out supposedly took place.

Thanks to all for coming. I'm sorry more of the members did not show. Be sure to read your emails in future, as sometimes events are planned in a short window and they do make the newsletter in advance.



Members Ned Hannah, Jeff Podmers, Kathleen Eckberg, Karen Hannah, Dave Eckberg, Ruby (admiring the fountain in the Tea Garden), and the group listing to Vicki Bryant (includes Bob Musser, and Bill Levy).

Winner Golden Quill Award 2012



BUMPERS BULLETS, CHROME FINNS

Ruby Musser

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

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We have a block of rooms—ask for CADILLAC LaSALLE CLUB NTX. The hotel is centrally located off I-35, just minutes away from the Bell County Expo Center, Killeen -Fort Hood International Airport, Scott and White, and Fort Hood. 20 minutes from the Round Rock Outlet Mall and Harker Height Market Center. Hotel was built in 1860, and now very modern. We have 24 rooms at \$81.36 per night, and 11 rooms near the Jacuzzi for \$101.70 per night.

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Also worth noting:

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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. Our driving tour will take place during the week leading up to the official 'show' day.

Ruby

Under the Editor's Bonnet by Lifer



Overheard on the Hemmings Motor News Western Caribbean Cruise—

”How many cars does a man need to own? Answer—One more.”

And—“If you want a pretty nurse, you have to be patient.” - *Captain of the Navigator of the Seas.*

Have you ever wondered what our members consider their **favorite** Cadillac, what they feel is the best of the best? Here is what we can do. This survey is open to NTXCLC members and all readers of the “Standard Of The World” newsletter. Send or best—email me (lifer@writeme.com) your choice for your favorite Cadillac or LaSalle, year and model, and if you like, a short note why. It may be your current “Pride and Joy,” or one you loved in the past (and maybe still wish you had). Or it could be one you dream about, such as a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, or a 1940 LaSalle 50 series four-door sedan. What ever, send me your candidate for your favorite and I will compile the results, print a few comments, and we will have some fun with this.



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NTXCLC Member Richard Smith



Richard Smith and Karron Hunter



Director Rafael Santiago with Richard Smith and Karron Hunter

Neighborhood NOTINGS

Photographs and article by Polly Hooper

PROMO FOR T.V. SERIES *MOBLAND CITY* LIMITS IS SHOT IN BERKELEY

1939 good as new Cadillac? Check. Historic home built in 1921? Check. Distinguished and handsome gentleman to play chauffeur? Check. All the elements were there to get the interest of director/producer/actor Rafeal Santiago. A mutual acquaintance of the director and the homeowner put the two in touch. Richard Smith who has lived at 2135 Pembroke for 16 years got the chance of a lifetime. He gets to show off his prized antique car and have land a role in what will hopefully be a hit television series. And impressing his friend Karron Hunter with her getting to do a little bit of acting and have a chance to wear her beautiful lace dress and stunning hat? Even better!

The morning started like any Saturday morning in early fall on Pembroke. People were walking their dogs, kids out playing in the sunshine, neighbors visiting on the sidewalks. Then the people started arriving at Richard Smith's home, some in period costume started attracting onlookers Richard's beautiful black shiny 1939 Cadillac was free of its heavy cover, parked in the driveway as if to be used for a Saturday morning pleasure drive.

All the elements came together for Rafeal Santiago's all-volunteer cast and crew. The T.V. series that Rafeal has spent

considerable time writing and casting had come to Berkeley to shoot some photos that will be part of a pilot to be pitched to network executives for what he hopes will be a long running television series.

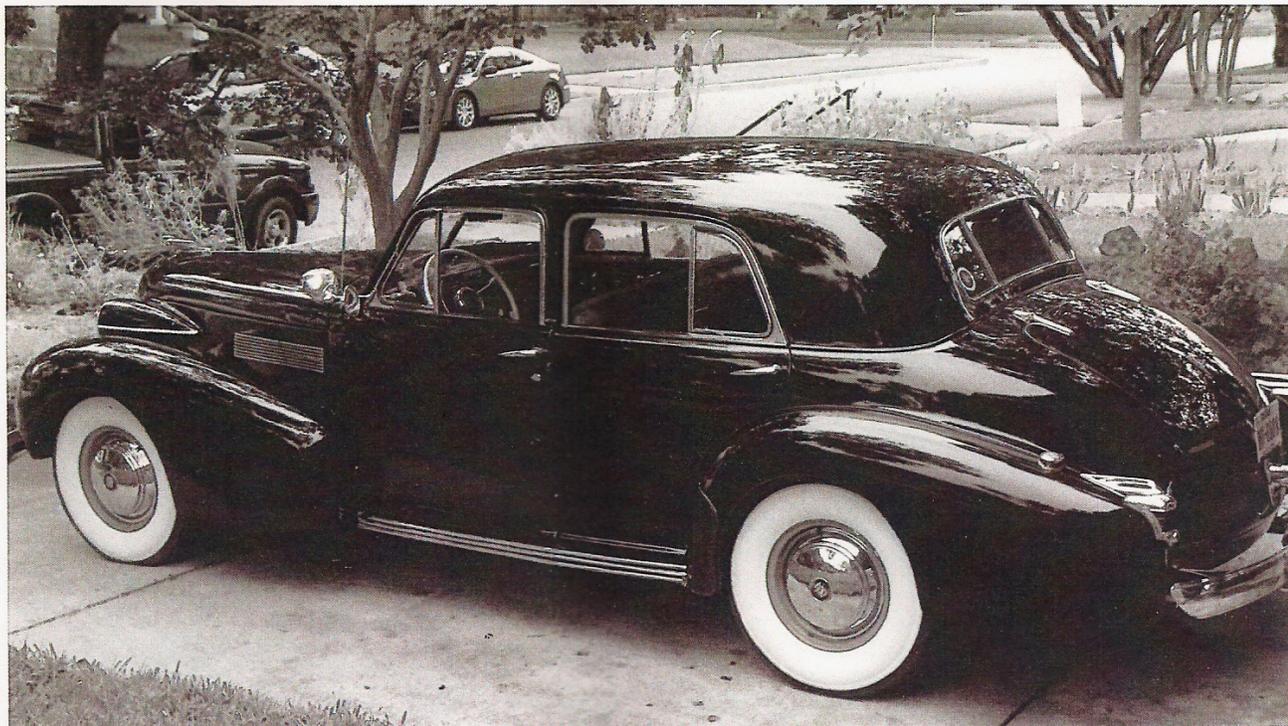
What appears to be very Sopranos type series has a very dark side and is what audiences seem to be clamoring for of late. This mob story is familiar to us with the violence, betrayal, heartbreak, and shady characters we've come to expect. However, this story involves a parallel universe that brings Vampires, Zombies and Shape Shifters into play with what will surely be an exciting if downright frightening story. Richard certainly looks the part of the chauffeur in his black tuxedo and jaunty hat. Karron (Richard's friend) plays the part of the lady of the house being driven in the long black luxury car. Add in the ravishing Natasha with her long dark hair, with a low cut red dress, lips to match, and Rafeal dressed to the nines complete with a gun (standard mobster issue, I am sure) and you start to see the show unfolding. The young girls sitting across the street on the porch were certainly mesmerized by what they saw from their vantage point. To their delight, I turned and took their picture. I can only imagine their excitement at the possibility of being part of it all.

Richard's house was also used as a staging area and part of the story. Part of his basement is a scary place and it is to be featured as a torture chamber. Chills ran up my spine just thinking about it and I got out of there as fast as I could. The finished part of his basement was put to good use as a makeup area for the actresses who spent the morning getting painted and curled in the best 1940s fashion.

NTXCLC Member Richard Smith

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The Caddy



Richard Smith and Karron Hunter

More Fort Worth locales may figure prominently in this T.V. series should Rafeal find a buyer. The Scat Lounge downtown near Sundance Square, which is fronted in an alleyway across from Sundance Plaza, is to be used as a Speakeasy location. Other shots will be filmed in Denton at the Whiskey Tongue Burlesque.

Stay tuned as they say for more...

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**When you enjoy
Cadillacs and
LaSalles you
have many won-
derful friends.**



CLC Midyear Board Meeting

Article and pictures by Rubye Mae Musser

Your Region President attended her first Cadillac & LaSalle club Midyear Board meeting along with the CLC Museum & Research Center twice-yearly meeting. The event was hosted by the Sonora Desert Region along with the CLC Western Region VP Phil Terry and wife Sandi at the Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort. Scottsdale is located on an Indian reservation. I have attended the Grand National and National Tours -and these tours were outstanding with the fact that I was able to be a part of the world-renowned, talked about, Barrett Jackson Auction, and I worked the National booth to help sign up potential new members.

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I got to attend the Barret Jackson Action, but I did not buy anything



CLC National Membership Booth

On our first day of touring we visited the Arizona Vintage Parts This place had nothing but Cadillac parts. What a sight to see even the shelves inside--similar to John Foust- but much larger.

After lunch at Manuels, Phil's favorite Mexican restaurant, we began an outstanding viewing of a private collection of cars and horses residing on a huge ranch. The DeAttleys had about 25 garages housing a variety of Cadillac, Mercedes, Packards, Buicks, various motorcycles, and numerous other makes, some under restoration. They maintain a staff of experts to maintain these cars and the horses. Mrs. A says she has the horses and husband Neil has the horse power." He was attending Barratt Jackson auction while we were tour his Scottsdale property. Outstanding.



DeAttley's Garages



A glimpse of DeAttley's collection



Rubye and Mrs. DeAttley



On Thursday, January 16th, we viewed the huge and extensive sights of tents and cars at the Russo-Steele Auction. There were long rows of cars and more cars. Much to my surprise I was looking at the rear of a Cadillac and looked up toward the front and spied with a surprise, one of our members---Marc Byers. On Friday, January 17th the group climbed aboard the bus for the day's tours beginning with the Heard Museum, which contains American Indian Art and history that was very educational and interesting. I even learned of a cactus that has white little pods or flowers that when pinched open makes your finger red. This liquid is how the Indians obtained their red dye.



Ruby and Marc Byers



Martin Auto Museum Carousel—no brass ring

Then we visited the Martin Auto Museum displaying vintage autos and carousel. Lots of fun here. We also enjoyed a BBQ lunch with the Martins.

Saturday was the well-conducted national CLC board meeting. A new chapter is being formed recognizing Eldorados 53 --62. At the Board meeting Paul Ayers presented photos of the progressing construction of the new CLC Museum. It is scheduled to open and dedication September 28th at Hickory Corners, Michigan. This is where our past donations have been used and will need your donation to further its completion. So if you can make a contribution to the CLC Museum it would be a worthwhile tax deduction.

I was also given for our clubs use --a judging manual in a PDF format to view and study. It is also posted at [cadillaclasalle-club.org/images/CLC judging manual 201301.pdf](http://cadillaclasalle-club.org/images/CLC_judging_manual_201301.pdf). So I hope during these cold days you can go to the site and peruse it for use in judging at our Regional's in the future.

I really enjoyed my venture, learned a lot hopefully to assist and help with our membership, plus the best part was seeing all my National friends from all over and meeting some new ones coming aboard, such as Oregon, North Carolina, and New Mexico. I even sold some merchandise. All were delighted how well looked. I wish to Thank All once again for all your prayers and wishes during my battle with cancer. Thanks a bunch for a most enjoyable mid-year board meeting hosted by Sonora Region members.

Pate Swap Meet Prep Party March 8, 2014

The best way to Alliance Raceway Storage on FM156 is to come in the Texas Motor Speedway off of I-35W and Highway 114, go around to west side near gate 4, head west on Petty Place, turns into Doc Mitchell Place, all the way out to FM 156, make a left and the place is on the right. OR, take Highway 114 west from I-35W, go north on FM156 and 2,000 feet its on the left.



Be there at 9:30 on the 8th of March. Minnie Bedrick is manning the entrance gate and will direct you. Come on down and help out with our part of the Pate Swap Meet, enjoy some socialization, and have some fun.



CLC Museum Progress

Story by John Bauer, Photos as noted

It's been a heck of a cold and snowy winter here in Michigan to be outdoors constructing a building, but that is exactly what Cornerstone Construction has been doing the last several months on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum. Our long-anticipated Cadillac & LaSalle Museum is well underway with the concrete foundations poured and the steel structural frame erected. The construction process is normally more difficult in cold weather, taking more time to clear snow from work areas and to get equipment up and running -- and this has been a particularly nasty winter. Not to mention the workers have to dress like the Michelin Man to stay warm!

The Lincoln Museum across the road has really taken shape since September of last year. The building is now enclosed, and the contractor has the luxury of working in a heated space.



The Cadillac & LaSalle Museum building is expected to be completed by the end of this June, after which furnishing and installing the displays will take place. The Grand Opening Celebration will take place during the annual Cadillac Fall Festival on September 28, 2014.

Enjoy the photos on this page sent by museum board member and WMCLC member Art Riley. You can also track the progress of the museum construction on the Internet at the following locations:



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And of course, donations to the museum are still very much needed, so please send yours in today.



Art Riley



Art Riley

(TOP) NOVEMBER 2013: CONCRETE FORMS SET FOR THE CURVED WALL AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER (ABOVE) NOVEMBER 2013: CONCRETE FOUNDATION WALL AT SOUTHEAST CORNER. LINCOLN BUILDING IS CLAD IN YELLOW INSULATION BOARD. (BELOW) FEBRUARY 2014: MAJOR COMPONENTS OF STEEL FRAME ARE IN PLACE DESPITE THE FRIGID TEMPERATURES.



Norman Jennings

Article reprinted from Let's Talk Cadillac, the newsletter of the West Michigan Cadillac-LaSalle Club Jan-Feb 2014

Activity Director

Many of our members have not obtained their North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club personal magnetic name tag. They be made up with a picture of your favorite car, or with the club logo. The cost of these name tags is \$10.00 each, and we want everyone to have and wear them.



In the future we want all members to wear their name tags at club meets and tours. Otherwise you may owe the kitty \$1.00. So remember to bring and wear them. Order your name tags from Bill Levy, lifer@writeme.com

Regarding the General Meeting on March 15, 2014, this will be a pot luck. The club will furnish the main course, and members are asked to bring: last names A-K bring salads or other sides, and last names L—Z please bring a dessert. The church is located at 1408 N. Davis Dr., Arlington, TX 76012. If traveling on I-30, exit at N. Fielder, south to Cochise Dr, east to Davis and left to the church (on your left). Or exit on Cooper, right on W Road to Six Flags St, left at Davis and the church will be on your right. There is no exit from I-30 to Davis.

Rubye

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bill Haesslein

Welcome New Members:



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

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William Hurley in VA hospital in Lawton OK

Gerry Terranova, Cecil Thompson
Al Gitleman, Bill Kaufman in a cast -broken leg
Buddie Walton, Sandy Gambolus
Dave Eckberg, Rudy Bedrick
Helen Bears, Bill Tucker, Donna Foust

Please give them a call

Rubye



Cars & Coffee 3/1/2014

Another cold one. 28 Caddys on Cadillac Row

CARS FOR SALE

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George Nilan's 1966 Cadillac needs a good home. If you are interested, call Ann Fox at 817 938-8637, or Mike Fox at 817 726-5083, or 817 497-0808 (Feb)

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Club Dues -- National Dues

We want to remind everyone that CLC National Dues starting in 2014 is **\$40.00**. Checks for National Dues should be made payable to **CLC, Inc.** and mailed to **Cadillac & LaSalle Club, INC., PO Box 360835, Columbus, OH 43236-0835**.

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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