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Italy Tour 2018

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Harriett and I have spent two glorious weeks touring Italy with the Allante / XLR chapter of the CLC. We traveled to Rome, San Gimignano, Florence, Bologna, Modena, Verona, Venice, Brescia, Turin, Milan, and more. The first week was all cultural visits and the second week was for car lovers, and it was fantastic. We visited the Ferrari museum, the Lamborghini Museum, and the manufacturing facilities of Pagani Automobiles. The true highlight of the trip was to visit Pininfarina's studios and museum and meet Paolo Pininfarina, the quality manager of the Allante project. We were also treated to watch Senior Designer Maurizio Corbi draw before our eyes a design for a future Allante.



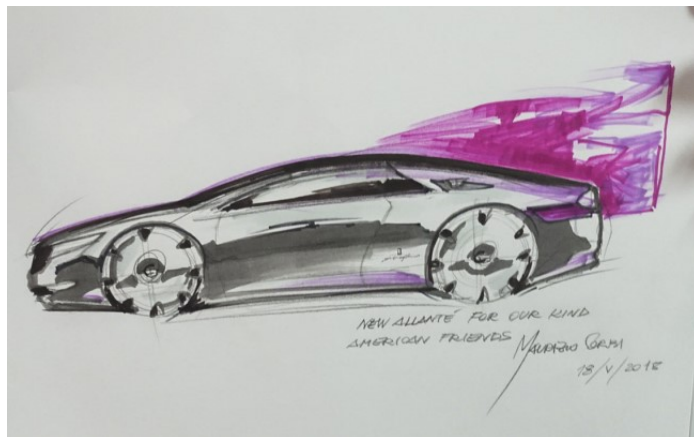
Tom Rohner, President of Allante Club of America with signed Newsletter, Paolo Pininfarina, Manager of the Pininfarina Design Company holding the presentation plaque from the Allante / XLR club, and Walter Bochenek, 2018 Italy trip director.



Maurizio Corbi demonstrated the art of car design for members of the 2018 Italy trip. He drew what we all loved—a new Allante.



Maurizio Corbi's 1994 Allante Concept



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Winner Old Cars Weekly Golden Quill Award 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017



President's Message

On a most gorgeous and beautiful day Saturday, May12, the NTXCLC club four very dedicated members show their cars at the lovely Getzendaner Park in Waxahachie at the Midlothian Classic Wheels Car Club event.

There were 110 cars entered. Bill Kaufman showing and sporting his beautiful red 56 Cadillac won a top 25 award.



Doug Ashby's beautiful XLR convertible had lots of lookers.

Jim Hanson, driving his 1992 Allante, had a bit of problem. It died at the entrance gate and had to be pushed in. But you know Jim, he is a great sport, so off he went to remedy his problem before he got stuck on the side of the road. So after all, he won the hard luck award from his team members.

There were lots of 57 Chevys, an original Model A - nothing but the motor was touched. A DeLorean sported its doors in the air as it passed through the entry gate

We enjoyed a chicken dinner provided by NTXCLC and some hamburgers provided by the event coordinators. The weather and shade of the trees with all the different cars was such a delight at the park to view and wonder among the cars.

Hope we see you next time, as it was a great show day.

Remember —June 5-9 SEE you in SAN MARCOS at the GRAND NATIONAL.

DONT MISS your once in lifetime opportunity to attend one Grand National in your backyard.

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Activities

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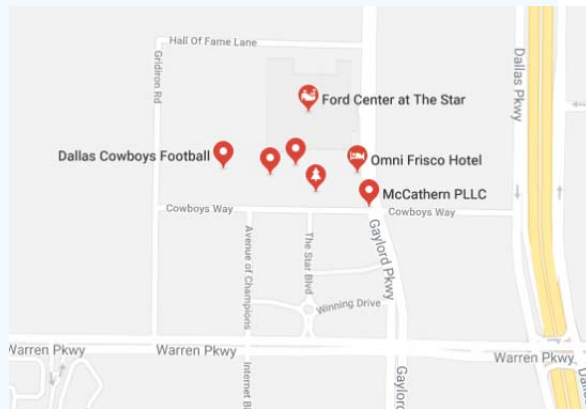
June 5—June 9, 2018 CLC Grand National—San Marcos, Texas. Embassy Suites by Hilton
The CLC Grand National in San Marcos, 2018 is going to be exciting!

- Tours of local scenery
- Car collections
- The Alamo
- Shopping
- Dining and cruising on the Riverwalk along with a real Texas Bar-B-Que
- Texas style party on Friday evening with a band
- and more!

There are still rooms at the back-up hotel.

Don't procrastinate, send in your **REGISTRATION TODAY!!**
<https://cadillaclasalleclub.site-ym.com/page/2018grandnational>

July 14 Saturday, 2018 The Star Tour of the Cowboy Complex at Frisco@2:00 p.m. PLEASE MEMBERS, join us for the great opportunity and a desire to see this Frisco where the cowboys practice. WE have a tour set up and paid for up to 20 members and spouses, SO PLEASE JOIN NTXCLC on this Tour. Dallas Cowboy World Headquarters, One Cowboys Way, Frisco TX (972) 497-4711 Note: We will meet earlier for a burger, details next month.



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TO RESTORE OR NOT TO RESTORE, THAT IS THE QUESTION

by Lorne Scott President - Cadillac LaSalle Club of Canada

Envision yourself "Crusin' Woodward Drive", enjoying some "Hot August Nights", "Getting your kicks on Route 66" or just enjoying the trip to a local event in your favorite wheels. We have all had those dreams and many of us have actually had them fulfilled. Along with those dreams were the many sleepless nights over decisions that must be made even before you start on the quest for your new ride. There are many factors that must be taken into consideration at this dream stage. Some of them may not be too pleasant should reality set in but they must be made non-the less. They will be both pro and con and each person will have a different opinion, as to which is which for their application. I will endeavor to provide some general food for thought before embarking on this adventure.

It usually depends on your dream. I have found in my years that you can justify almost anything if you try hard enough and it is good to have someone with a realistic outlook keeping you in check on these ventures.

When the decision has been made on the vehicle, your next one should be the initial price range. I say initial because this is only the beginning. What you don't put in now, you may well have to pay later.

Some of the main considerations in this venture are as follows:

- Initial price plus taxes and insurance.
- Storage availability
- Knowledge and mechanical abilities.
- Availability of parts and information.
- Eventual resale of your project.
- Time available.
- Other commitments and obligations.
- Available assistance.
- Eventual purpose of the finished unit.
- Are you thinking with your head or your heart?

Initial price and choice of vehicle

This factor is usually determined by your vehicle choice, the availability of it and what you can afford. For the more unique and exotic vehicles, more time will be required in the hunt and the higher the price will usually be. The condition of the car is another price determining factor when it comes to the initial financial outlay. Suffice it to say, that the better the condition, the less must be put into it later. At this point it is usually beneficial to have some other mechanically inclined person give a second opinion as to its real value. If you are spending more than "pocket change" for the vehicle it may be worth calling in an appraiser, remembering that this charge must also be added to the balance sheet. As the old adage goes, "you only get what you pay for".

Storage Availability

Sufficient storage space is always a problem for a car buff and this becomes very vivid if major restoration is required. A recommendation of 2-3 times the size of the car is recommended as a minimum especially if a ground up resto is going to occur. Too small an area will lead to mistakes and usually an incomplete project. Your space requirements will depend on your choice and condition of vehicle and the quality of outcome you wish to attain for future presentation. *(continued page 6.)*

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Knowledge and abilities

This is one of the major factors in the question of restoration and or maintenance of a special interest vehicle. If you are not mechanically inclined but wish to drive and enjoy the car to it's fullest; a finished vehicle may be the way to go. Should you opt for an unfinished project or one requiring restoration, you will require deep pockets to keep the tradesmen on the job. Most of us range somewhere in between this and the fully qualified restoration shop. In any case, the average car buff will have some knowledge, a little money, do some of the work themselves and have the rest farmed out.

Those wishing to purchase the finished vehicle may have a time finding their vehicle of choice. If and when you do, you will usually find that someone has put more time and money into it than they are asking. If you can locate your dream machine like this, your money will be well spent.

Should you opt for the long term restoration and doing as much as possible on your own, the same holds true –you must be careful to not invest more in it than the eventual value will be. This happens frequently, the restorer becomes discouraged and either the job is poorly done or not completed at all.

Be sure that the end result is worth it to you either financially or in happiness points.

Parts Availability

Parts are usually available for most of the common cars providing you have the time, patience and finances. It becomes proportionally more difficult with the rarity of the unit. There are some vehicles that parts are no longer available for whether at swap meets, magazines or any of the other sources usually used. This is the time when a pattern and an appropriate tradesman must be employed. This can be very expensive so hopefully your project is complete enough to have the old part for use as a template. If this is not the case, a lengthy search may turn up a drawing or information will likely turn up so your replacement piece can be built. Patience is the key word.

Eventual value of your project

Before embarking on such a project, the finished value must be considered especially if this is being done for profit. If it is being done for your own use and will likely be kept for years, you will be able to amortize some of the costs over the years and be deducted in the joy that will be derived from it. If you are trying to recapture a point in time of your youth for example, the cost over-run may be easier to take.

It is much easier to live with yourself (and your spouse) if you have overspent on your dream car than if you have written off your profit margin at resale time. (More justification).

Time Availability

Time required for this venture will vary depending on how much is to be sub-contracted and how much you can do yourself. It also depends on what type of restoration is to be done, either partial, complete or somewhere in between.

If too much time must be allotted to the project, other aspects of life may be neglected and can cause endless friction in your world. An endeavor such as a restoration can also add endless hours of enjoyment to life especially if you are able to share it with someone. *(continued page 7.)*

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Commitment

Just how much commitment do you have to this project? If your lifestyle contains many other priorities, you may be well advised to obtain a vehicle that will require low maintenance and wait for restoration. In life, our wishes usually take second place to our needs and responsibilities so be sure that when you start on this wish that it has a reasonable chance of success.

Availability of Assistance

As most of us who are in the hobby know folks with like interests, help is usually available, one way or another. You may find that if you question five people, you will likely get at least five different answers. It would seem best to take the useful parts from all five, add it to your original idea and come up with a sixth. Everyone has their own way of doing things but the best one is the one that works for you. Some of the best advice and assistance will come from members of a club who are dedicated to that marque such as the Tech Reps from the CLC. They will either supply the information required or guide you to somewhere that it is available. As far as actual physical assistance goes, you will likely recruit it from your circle of friends or club members nearby.

Commercial assistance may be available at your location or you may have to search through magazines for shops with the technology you require. Most of those that advertise in the reputable magazines will be able to assist you to your satisfaction because negative advertising for them travels faster and is more effective than a monthly issue advertisement.

Eventual Use of the Finished Product.

Whether restored or original, a driver or show car, the end result must be to your liking. If your vehicle is to be left in original condition and repaired as necessary, you will have the pleasure and feel of the machine as it was so many years ago. You will also have the difficulties and inadequacies of the past such as mechanical brakes, non synchro transmission, drafty interiors and being left on the side of the road when the un-restored mechanics fail.

If a restored beauty is what you wish, you may miss out on some of the previously outlined joys but safety, endurance and comfort have their attributes as well.

Are You Thinking With Your Mind Or Your Heart?

Nostalgia plays a large part in the question of restoration. Your mind reverts back to those teenage years when your first car was a dream, and then reality, then wasn't it great? If only you could relive those days again.

There are times when this type of thinking gets you into trouble. That car from years ago is now a very expensive "classic" automobile, a rusted out pile of metal or something somewhere in between. At this point if your heart overrules your head, you could be in for a very expensive and discouraging project. Again, it may be time for that second opinion and a reality check. It may be better to spend a little more and buy the pre restored one.

Your dreams may become a reality once again if all goes well. If your heart is disappointed due to your mind's decision, it was likely for the best and another alternative is just down the road. If that dilapidated barn doesn't contain it, maybe the next one does.

In summary, the decision whether to restore or not is one that only you can make because everyone's circumstances are different. We have all drooled over a 100 point restored show car although there are those of us as well, that can imagine who rode in the back seat or how those marks got onto the upholstery and why did they change this or that on an original.

*What ever road you take, enjoy your project and remember:
"A vehicle can be restored many times but it is only original once".*

Additional Pictures From Italy 2018 Trip

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Under The Editor's Bonnet By Lifer



The Allante / XLR chapter of the CLC is planning another trip to Italy next year. I have heard talk of a start in Rome, with a train to Milan, then going in reverse of this year's cities and adding more car-related adventures. If you are interested, let them know as soon as you can. Your contact is Anthony H. Isabelli at anthony@sportivogroup.com, or preferably, Ray Signorini at AllanteXLRclub@msn.com. I can guarantee you will have fun, good food, and lots of "Volare" singing on the trip. Harriett and I have made some new and very special friends on this tour, and I am sure you will also. And—you don't have to own an Allante to go along. There is something for every car lover, and Italy too.

Sunshine Report

Veradeen Harrison, new member, just had Hernia surgery-----
Bob Morrow —birthday May 21 and is very ill
Dave Eckberg
Reagan Hammett
Tony Yates
Mary Ruhling
Cecil Thompson

We include a sympathy for Jim Hanson-- hard luck with his car during the Midlothian Classic Wheels Car Club event at the entrance gate.

And CONGRATULATIONS to Duane Medley for winning First place at KEELS and WHEELS in Houston recently.

May God Bless Each of you

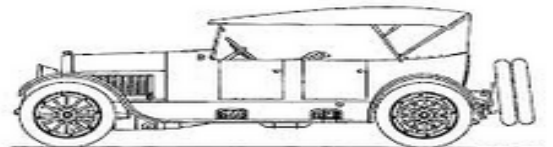
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Welcome New and Renewed Members:

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Veelewerance Harrison, Grand Prairie, TX Mac Weaver, Biloxi, MS
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Rich Puryear, Lubbock, TX



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Next meeting June 23rd, 2018 1:00 p.m.



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