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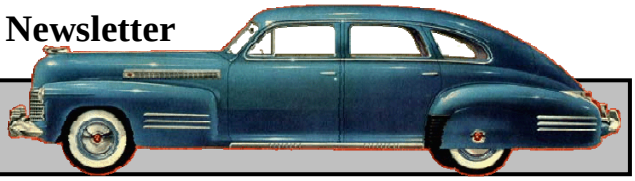

September 2011

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Coming Events & Headlines

Ironstone Concours
Murphys, CA
Friday, September 24th

North-South Meet
Morro Bay, CA
October 7-9

Message From The Editor

Dear Fellow CLC Members,

Have you noticed that elusive scent in the air that says winter is on the way? It's not too late to enjoy our fabulous Indian summer here in Northern California. If I weren't tapping away at this keyboard to bring you all the news, I'd be out in my convertible right now. Maybe tomorrow!

The Ironstone Concours in Murphys CA promises to be another smashing event on our "car calendars." The head judge for this event is a long-time member, Ted Raines, and Ted's "better half", Jo, is also always in attendance helping out as well. Also lending a helping hand to Ted are long-time members, Jim and Ruth Sinclair. Our club usually has a few members who attend and/or participate in the Concours. This year, Charles Thompson and Don Barnes will be hosting a "before dinner" open house on Saturday afternoon at 5:15 PM at the house they have rented in Murphys. You'll find the invitation on page 7. It would be nice to let them know you're coming by calling Charles at 415/519-7468. There will be wine and soft drinks to enjoy before heading off to whatever dinner plans you've made.

If you haven't already done so, it's time to make your plans and reservations for the All State Meet (a.k.a. The North-South Meet) in Morro Bay. The dates are October 7 – 9, and the SoCal CLC is arranging the event. If you want to tour down from the Bay Area, let me know so we can make arrangements to meet and drive down together. The registration form is inside this newsletter, so get crackin' and sign up!

The tour to Bucks Restaurant in Woodside and the visit to the Tesla Store in Menlo Park were amazingly well attended and enjoyable. Photos below show the Tesla Roadster and a group waiting to see who would win a test drive. Among those waiting are Marilyn Benz, Donna and Harry Hadley, Ed Gunther and Joe McDonald. See more photos on pages 5 & 6. Our gratitude goes to Amy Benz for arranging the event.

Sandy Carrion sends word from Grass Valley that she is finalizing plans for our November Planning Meeting at the Buttercup Grill. Once again, we will brainstorm on ideas to fill our 2012 calendar with wonderful things to do. Look for details in the next newsletter.

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CLC 2011 Calendar of Events

If you have an event or article you would like to submit, please contact the newsletter editor. The **deadline** for all submissions is the 25th of the month prior to the publication date. (*) Indicates an event of interest, but not an official club event.

September 24	*Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys, CA
September 24	*****Mike Hennessy, MercuryNews.com Free Lunch and Car Show at Mercury News facilities, 750 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Details inside.
October 7-9	**North-South Meet, Morro Bay (details inside)**
October 22 or 23	**Marin Lunch Tour (Details next month)**
November 13	**Planning Meeting - Buttercup Grill Restaurant**
December	

Board of Directors Meetings and Coordinators

^ September 24 Murphys Don Barnes
^ November 13 TBD (Planning Meeting) Sandy Carrion

^ Indicates that the Board Meeting coincides with another event.
If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2011, send it to Charles Thompson.

Also whatever you're doing with your vintage car, we are interested.
Please send description and photos and get "your mug" in The Headliner!

Jim Serwer sent a number of great photos from the Hillsborough Concours, but this newsletter is just too full to put in more than two. If there's more room next month, I'll include more photos. It appears to have been a terrific event!

1952 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan

For Sale

Mint 1952 Cadillac. Series 62 Golden Anniversary 4 door Sedan. 54,000 miles. Everything as in 1952. Painted once - gray.

Contact John Smith at 415-271-2213 or email margi.john@att.net.

This was Cadillac's fiftieth anniversary year. Only minor styling and trim changes were seen, but some were specially planned to commemorate the occasion. For example, the V-shaped hood and deck emblems were done as gold castings. The Series 62 sedan was also characterized by a distinct, higher rear deck lid contour. This provided additional luggage space. Backup lights were standard equipment and were now incorporated in the taillights.

The grill wraparound panels were redesigned once again. They now had broad chrome trim below each headlight with side scoop styling and a gold-colored winged emblem mounted in the center. At the rear, all models adopted a new Cadillac trademark, a through-the-bumper dual exhaust system. Deck ornamentation varied by series and, on 62s, took the form of a Cadillac crest over a broad golden 'V'. New standards included self-winding clocks, dual-range Hydra-Matic drive, improved direction signal indicators, glare-proof mirrors, stannate treated pistons, four-barrel carburetion and all other features seen the year before. Cadillac reached it's fiftieth anniversary with an astounding record, in 1952, Cadillac announced that it had produced a total of 13 million Cadillacs. Not only was Cadillac considered the most powerful American car, it was also a household name, making it one of the most sought after cars in the world.

1941 Cadillac Series 61 Sedan **For Sale**

1941 Model 61 4-door in dark blue. $15,000 or best offer. If you're interested in seeing it in person or taking it for test drive, call Sam Schembari in Santa Rosa at 707-292-9089, or email Kathleen Schembari schembaris@sbcglobal.net. Photos on request.

Brunch at Bucks and Tesla Motors Tour

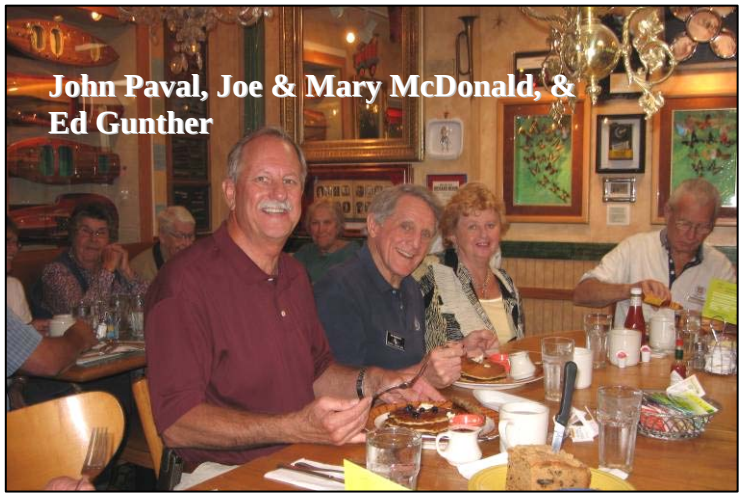
Friday, September 9th – a good time was had by all. We met at Bucks in Woodside for a rousing brunch with a zillion things to look at in the restaurant. We caravanned the five miles to Tesla and took a tour of the Tesla Car Store in Menlo Park. This is the facility where the wee electric cars are assembled and made ready for customers. Our tour guide was Kyle, and he answered questions from a curious crowd. Then we put our names in a jar and drew to see who would be awarded a test drive. For those of you who aren't aware, it is a feat of gymnastics getting in and out of these little guys. I was very proud of all who took on the challenge. We have sent huge thanks to Amy Benz and her associates at Tesla for arranging this tour! Photos provided by Jim Serwer and Charles Thomnpson.

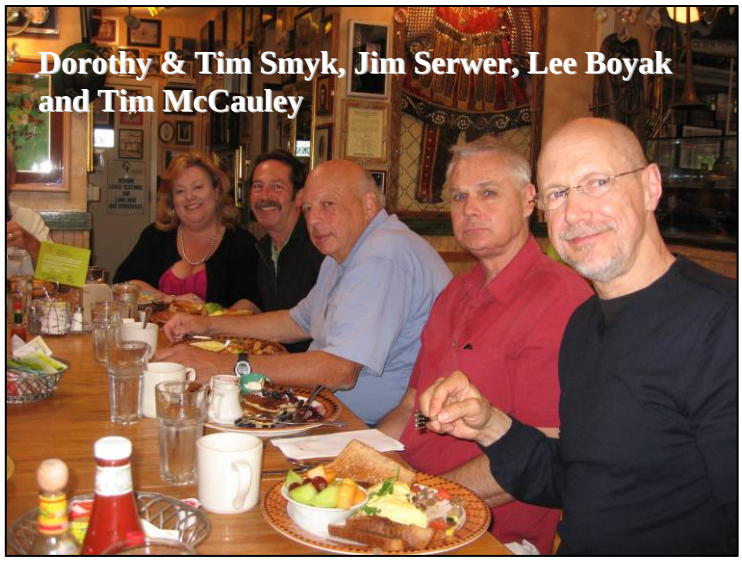
Tim Smyk

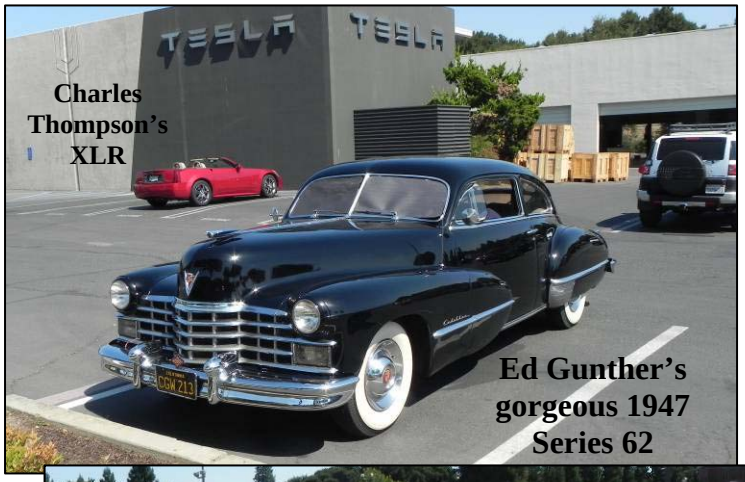
Nick Rassushin

John Paval and friend Amy

Jim Serwer, Lee Boyak, Ken McCauley, Don Barnes, Charles Thompson, Darlene, Nick Rassushin, & John Paval


John Paval, Joe & Mary McDonald, & Ed Gunther


Dorothy & Tim Smyk, Jim Serwer, Lee Boyak and Tim McCauley



Charles Thompson's XLR

Ed Gunther's gorgeous 1947 Series 62

The "vast" luggage room in the itsy bitsy Tesla.

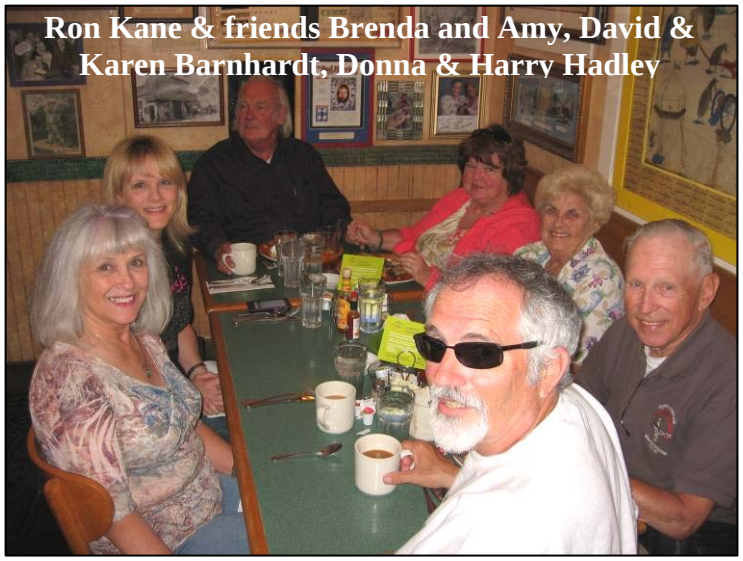
Don Barnes' 1958 Biarritz and John Paval's Allante

Charles Thompson and Joe McDonald prove their gymnastic ability to get in and out!

Interior of the devilishly small Tesla Roadster

Bette Task taking her test drive with Kyle

Scotty and Trish Shaw, Mr & Mrs Task, Marilyn & Joe Benz



Ron Kane & friends Brenda and Amy, David & Karen Barnhardt, Donna & Harry Hadley

Event Information

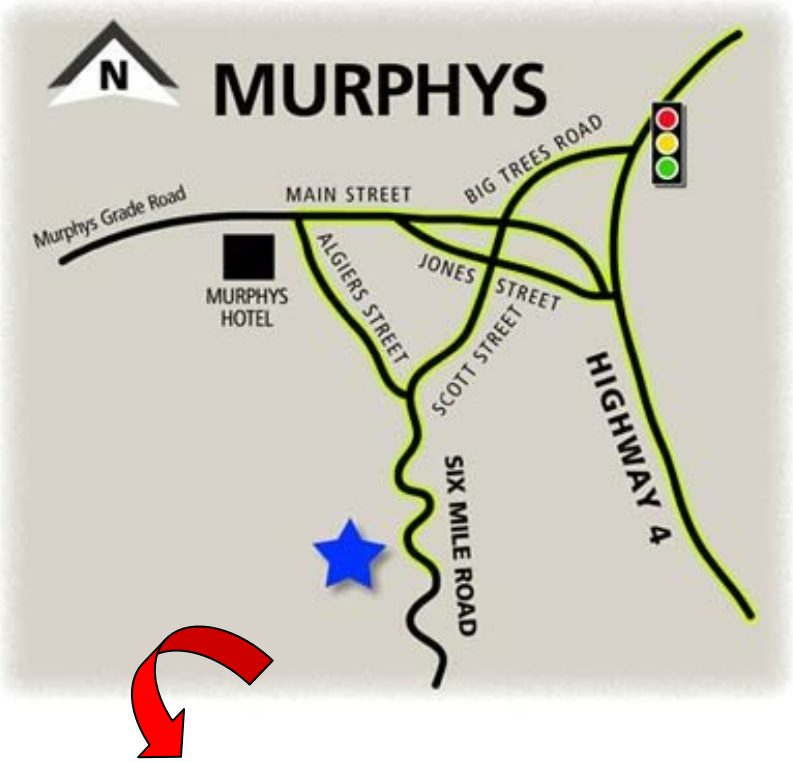
Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys CA 95247

Ticket Information: see next page

MURPHYS, CAL. IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE



Getting to the Concours

The Ironstone Vineyard facility is located just outside the historic gold-rush town of Murphys, California. Murphys lies off Highway 4, in Calaveras County, 75 minutes east of Sacramento and Stockton and approximately 2.5 hours from San Francisco.

In Murphys, to get to the Ironstone winery and concours, follow any of the yellow-highlighted routes on our map, and go to Six Mile Road. Continue about a mile down Six Mile Road to the winery. The computer-mapping address is 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys CA 95247.

Lunch, snacks, soft drinks and wine tasting are available on the Ironstone premises. You might want to buy lunch tickets in advance or at the concours entry gate.

Note: Avoid Six Mile Road south of the winery. Unpaved sections are rough and will coat your vehicle with dust.

9/24/11 Saturday Evening after the Concours

Members of NorCal CLC and their guests are invited for an open house party hosted by Charles Thompson and Don Barnes at The Little Yellow House located at 549 Algiers Street.

Algiers Street can be accessed by turning directly beside the Historic Murphys Hotel. Go down Algiers past the park, over the bridge to the 2nd house on the left. Plan to arrive by about 5:15 PM.

Groups should make their dinner plans on their own, but hopefully you'll stop by to say hello and have a glass of wine or a soft drink before heading to your restaurant destination at around 7:00 PM.

- Tickets Available Day of Event at the Gate
- Tickets cost $20 per adult or $35 per couple or a family (a family is considered two adults and 2 children). Children under 14 admitted free. Be sure to take advantage of our printable discount coupon below. Tickets are available at the gate, day of event, cash or check.
- For more information please call: 209.785.4234

IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

$2 OFF GENERAL ADMISSION

This coupon entitles the bearer to a $2 discount on one admission to the

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys California.

One coupon per admission. Not valid with any other offer nor any other purchases. **Value: 1/20 cent.**

Welcome New Members

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North-South Meet

(a.k.a. The All-State Meet)

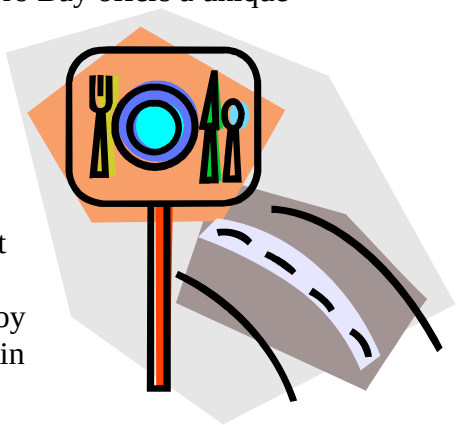
October 7-9, 2011

The Southern California CLC is arranging this event and has selected the Inn At Morro Bay as our headquarters. The application is on the next page. Please print, fill out and send along with your check as soon as you can.

This spectacular part of the California coast has an amazing array of things to do and see. Attractions include.

- Wineries & Wine Tasting
- Hearst Castle
- Pismo Monarch Butterfly Grove
- Golf Courses

Nestled in the dramatic Pacific coastline, thriving under the watchful eye of ancient Morro Rock, you'll find the quaint town of Morro Bay, California. Close to San Luis Obispo, the Inn at Morro Bay offers a unique setting unrivaled by other San Luis Obispo hotels. You will enjoy a beautiful drive, whether you take Highway 101 or experience the breathtaking views of the Central Coast of California that scenic Highway 1 offers. San Luis Obispo Airport is within thirty minutes drive of the Inn at Morro Bay.



If you would like to tour down as a group on Friday, October 7th, please contact Charles Thompson at 415/519-7468. We would most likely meet somewhere near San Jose and drive down together. We'll find a place along the way to enjoy lunch together and then travel on to the hotel in time to relax and meet once again for cocktails and dinner.

The Southern California Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club presents the

48th Annual All-State Meet

October 7-9, 2011

The Inn at Morro Bay

60 State Park Rd., Morro Bay, CA 93442

Rooms are available for a special rate of $119 per night – Please reserve early as the club must meet a minimum room guarantee or face financial penalties! Both rooms with a king bed or two double beds are available and the rate is available for two days before and two days after the event. Call 805-772-2238 and mention the Cadillac & LaSalle Club to make your reservations and receive the promotional rate.

Please return the bottom of this flyer no later than

Thursday, September 29, 2011, to

Craig Chally, 1644 Meadowglen Ct., Newbury Park, CA 91320

Make your check out to CLC SoCal. You may also register via PayPal on the SoCal Region website at

www.clcsocal.com

For further details, please call 805-498-1544.

Yes, I will attend the 48th Annual All-State Meet!

Name_____

e-mail_____ Phone_____

Will you bring a car? Y N Year/Make/Model_____

Dinners @ $49/person _____ + registration fee of $10/person _____ = total enclosed $_____

REPORT ON THE 2011 CLC NATIONAL MEET AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, AUGUST 2011

Submitted by Regional VP, Fred Bausch

As I always begin, another CLC GN is behind us - - - this year we were in Columbus Ohio, June 9th to the 13th. When Ted Raines and I got to the airport @ 10 pm, it was right in the middle of a huge thunder and lightning storm, with a heavy deluge of rain. The cab had to crawl the 12 miles to the Dublin Ohio Marriott, resulting in a hefty cab fare! During the entire cab ride, we were surrounded by a full 360˚ thunder and lightning show. For us "west coasters" it was a spectacular display of nature.

The next morning, the sky was clear and blue until Sat, the day of the car show when it threatened heavy rain, but as of early Sun morning, when we left for the airport, it hadn't arrived. This was a very lucky break for the car show, judges, and the car owners.

With an average temp of 80 degrees, and humidity to match, plus the lack of rain, I have to say that Columbus Ohio and its surrounds, treated the CLC and it's GN quite well.

The Columbus Marriott, North West, in Dublin, has to be, by far, one of the finest Marriott's that we have ever experienced for a GN, with the most friendly and helpful staff as well. It was a wonderful choice on the part of the Ohio CLC Region.

All of the tours were fully booked, and some had to be run additional times. There were over 400 CLC members registered, and a total of over 800 folks in attendance. Of the 277 cars registered, 188 chose to be judged.

CLC MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER (CLCMRC)

The CLCMRC Board met Wed afternoon with an almost a full slate of Board members in attendance, plus one of the largest groups of visitors I can remember. It was announced that over $435,000 has been collected or pledged toward our 2 million dollar goal for the Museum building fund. We were also shown a revamped building design that was similar to what is currently under consideration by the Gilmore Board of Trustees, but on a grander scale, boosting the proposed building costs from the originally estimated $750K, to around 1.8 million- - - - this notion was soundly rejected and a similar design, based on an existing building that was a 1948 Pontiac dealership is being looked into for cost estimates, and then will have to be resubmitted to the Gilmore Trustees for approval. In other words, our building design is currently still an ongoing project.

The CLCMRC Election results were announced and all Board members who ran for re-election were re-elected, except Dennis Dascenzo who has agreed to stay on as our secretary.

4 new members were elected to the MRC Board, and they are:

Chuck Patton, Arthur Riley, John Strawway and Paul Uliason.

The newly elected Offices of the MRC Board are:

Paul Ayres, *President*, **Fred Bausch** and **Tim Pawl**, *Vice presidents*,
Dennis Dascenzo, *Secretary* and **John Strawway**, *Treasurer*

CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB INC. (CLC)

The CLC Board met on Friday morning @ 8 am. All present introduced themselves, and the previous minutes were read and approved, as was the financial report. Our Club is on sound financial footing, and a substantial amount was given to the CLCMRC under the ongoing matching funds program regarding donations from CLC Regions and Chapters.

The Regional VP's reported that all the CLC Regions under their jurisdictions are doing well, as are our International Affiliates. Two new Regions have been formed in the West and Southwest; Idaho, and New Mexico, and there may be a third on the horizon in the Palm Desert of California.

Our relationships with International Affiliates continues to grow ever stronger, especially our ties to the Australian and New Zealand Clubs, which are showing phenomenal growth. This will only serve to make our CLC the largest and best marque Club in the world, in keeping with the "STANDARD OF THE WORLD" slogan.

Our international membership now stands at over 7200, and shows a continuing slow but steady growth. Compliance with the rule of every Regional member having to be a CLC National Club member continues to be a problem, just as it has for years. There are signs of improvement, but we are still far from our goal of 100% compliance. ***(every local CLC Region member, must, according to our guidelines, be a paid up member of the CLC National Club)***

Our esteemed and prize winning Self Starter continues to surpass itself with almost every issue, under the editorship of Steve Stewart, and our art director, Tim Coy! What a pleasure it is to receive, read, and keep every issue. An online Club directory is being considered, with restricting access to only CLC members being one of the key issues.

Since she took over as advertising director, Melissa Adams has worked tirelessly to bring more advertisers in for the Self Starter, and the Membership Directory. Her fine work is evident in both publications, and the huge amount of advertising $$ she has brought in, is greatly appreciated - - Many thanks, Melissa.

Our CLC website continues to undergo subtle changes under the direction of David Rubin, our new VP of CLC Information Technology & Peter Gariepy, our new webmaster. Our web site will continue to expand and improve in the future, and many new features are in the planning stages to take advantage of the latest technologies available to us. Watch for them!

All Club business was conducted on a timely basis, and the meeting was adjourned @ 2:30 -- possibly a new record.

Here's a bit of news that you might find of interest - - - long time CLC member and 47 year GM and Cadillac employee and executive (former GM Vice Pres), Bob Lutz, has been hired out of retirement after 16 months of being an informal advisor to GM on its new products. He will now be an advisor to GM's senior leadership.

This is a fitting tribute to Bob's expertise in the automobile industry, both as a designer and in management. Referred to in the industry as "The Ultimate Car Guy," many of us had the privilege of getting to know Bob in Detroit at the 2002 CLC GN, celebrating 100 years of Cadillac. Bob had his 1934 LaSalle convertible coupe on display there, and more recently in the Carriage House Cadillac display at the Gilmore Auto Museum.

Bob, thru his executive positions with Cadillac and GM, has been very helpful to the CLC in countless ways, and on behalf of our Club I want to thank him once again for all his kindnesses over the years, and to let him know how much we have appreciated it!

ONE FINAL NOTE- - - - THE NATIONAL CLUB IS LOOKING FOR A ***WEST COAST REGION***

TO HOST A FUTURE GRAND NATIONAL IN ORDER TO REINSTATE THE "WINDSHIELD WIPER PLAN" TO HAVE GN'S ON OPPOSITE COASTS, AND IN THE MIDDLE, ON A ROTATING BASIS.

THE NEXT AVAILABLE YEAR IS 2015 - - - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR REGION HAS ANY INTEREST IN THIS. MANY THANKS.

Cheers for now, Fred

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"Gee, the old LaSalle ran (and still runs) great!"