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Top Left: Karen & David Barnhardt with Kelly & Phil Toy
Top Right: Carol & Bob Schultz with Kelly & Phil Toy
Center: Ted Farber & Phil
Bottom Left: Ted & Lois Farber
Bottom Right: Jeff & Jeanene

Ted Farber and Phil Toy at the Holiday Luncheon at ZioFraedo's in Vallejo. Phil's jacket made a total hit. Ted is modeling it! Let's see if anyone can top that jacket next year!









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2024 CLC Calendar

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. **Bold = CLC Events**.

March 13	**The Academy of Art University's Auto Museum (*see page 4)***
April 21	**Board Meeting – Sam's Place - Novato**
May 19	Friendship Day – Redwood City
May 26	**Phil Toy Backyard Event (*see page 6*)**
June 10-15	**Grand National Gettysburg, PA**
July TBD	**Micheal Stead – Second Annual Meet**
28	**Annual Don Frolich Portal Park Picnic – Cupertino**
August TBD	**Sheldon Donig Tour – San Rafael**
26-31	**National Driving Tour – Kansas**
16-18	Pebble Beach Concours
Sept. TBD	**National Event – Fall Fest in MI**
28	Ironstone – Featuring Cadillac
Oct TBD	**North South (Southern Region Hosting)**
Nov TBD	**Planning Meeting**
Dec TBD	**Christmas Lunch – Grand Isle Mansion**

OTHER HAPPENINGS

May 11	May Madness – San Rafael
May 18	American Graffiti, Petaluma
June	Hillsborough Concours
Sept 7	Lion's Car Show, Corte Madera
Sept 14	Cars in the Park - (Kelly Park) Antique History Park, San Jose
Oct 6	Niello Concours at Serrano



CLC NorCal Director's Message

Hello CLC Members,

We welcome-in 2024 with numerous events for you to enjoy. See our calendar and we working on firming up a few more events. Watch for email blasts. Thanks to Charles Thompson and David Barnhardt for arranging a well-attended and very enjoyable Holiday Party.

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Ted Raines. Ted and Jo joined our Club in 1972 and I was mentored by both of them for many years, with trips to Castro Valley for CLC board meetings. Ted was a true Cadillac/LaSalle man who enjoyed driving them all around the country. He was truly a nice guy who was always willing to help out. We will miss him.

We also lost our dear friend and member Gail Warren Edgar. Warren was Charles Thompson's dear friend and '49 Cadillac co-pilot.

Jeff Nielsen



Phil and Kelly Toy...
always show such creativity in celebrating the holidays!

Charlie had fun too!!!
The holidays were very festive at the Thompson house as well!



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The Northern California Region

Cadillac & LaSalle Club

Invites you to attend a tour of the Vintage Car Collections at the…

Academy of Art University

Wednesday, March 13th-- 10:30 AM

Here is your opportunity to view one of the most interesting automobile collections in San Francisco and have lunch with your fellow vintage car enthusiasts. We have planned a "double whammy" tour to see not only the Main Museum but also the restoration facility where cars are prepared and restored.

- We'll start the tour at the museum's restoration facility located at 950 Van Ness Avenue.
- Park in the "1000 Van Ness Garage." The auto entrance is at 980 O'Farrell Street.
- Attendance fee is $10.00 per person. Send your check in advance or be prepared to pay at the door. Charles will be collecting the fees and paying for our attendance. For RSVP, send your advance $10.00 entrance fee to Charles Thompson at 700 Albatross Dr, Novato, CA 94945. Please include your name(s) and a phone number.



- Send questions to Cadillac1949@aol.com, or phone/text to mobile 415/519-7468.
- Anticipate 90 minutes to view the restoration facility's 75 cars.
- At about noon we will walk to Tommy's Joynt at 1101 Geary Blvd to have lunch.
- After lunch we will drive over to the main museum at 1849 Washington Street where the doorway entrance is on Van Ness Ave. There is a parking garage named Old First Garage at 1725 Sacramento Street.
- There are about 40 cars in the beautifully decorated main facility.

The museum is on the ground floor of the School of Industrial Design – a building that was once a Dodge-Plymouth dealership.

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The collection of rare and vintage vehicles was established by the late Richard A. Stephens, former Academy of Art University President. His legacy has continued with his daughter, current Academy President, Elisa Stephens. The museum includes an impressive collection of pre-war and postwar cars and provides industrial design students with the opportunity to study classic automobile design and craftsmanship.

Source: https://academyautomuseum.org



Theodore (Ted) Raines

September 9, 1932 – December 28, 2023

Ted was born in San Diego, CA. He attended High School in Texas. After graduating he joined the Navy, and proceeded to score the highest in mechanical aptitude. Ted and Jo were insurance brokers in Oakland, CA, working shoulder to shoulder for over 40 years. They were one month away from celebrating their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Ted met Larry Seidell and Steve Schinkel in 1972 at a wrecking yard and they asked him to join the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. That led to Ted wearing many hats in the Cadillac world. He traveled to Hershey, PA many times seeking the elusive part for his restorations. Ted was the 1933 Club technician for many years. Ted's accomplishments in the Cadillac LaSalle world were many. He was a Judge at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for 42 years and was head Judge for the Cadillac & LaSalle class at the Silverado Concours d'Elegance. He was the first head judge at the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, a post he held for 17 years.

Ted first restored a 1933 LaSalle Coupe. As the story goes...he and his family were touring through Napa Valley many years ago when a policeman pulled him over and wanted to know why his two young daughters were riding in an unsafe passenger compartment. Ted replied, "It's a rumble seat" and showed the officer that he had installed seat belts. "Okay, you can go!"

Ted and Jo always named their cars. Ted had a special place in his heart for all his cars. Ted restored a 1929 LaSalle 1185B Dual Cowl Phaeton (Edna) that won third place at Pebble Beach, 1930 Cadillac 4375S SDN (Countess), 1931 Cadillac 4757 TUR (Veronica Pit) until she was painted and "Pit" was dropped, 1933 LaSalle coupe (Eagle), 1933 Cadillac 252 TSD (Gregory) and 1941 Cadillac 6019S (Harold).

Ted loved Cadillacs and LaSalles and loved driving them all over the western United States. A true "old-school" man that knew Cadillacs were made to be driven. Jo was always by his side, riding shotgun. Her wit and humor kept us all entertained. Surprisingly Ted had time to become a very accomplished wood worker as well as an expert car enthusiast and restorer. Ted was an inspiration and mentor to all of us. His restoration quality was tops. It was known that Ted always had the right tools in the trunk, he was a great guy always willing to help out. He was also a member of the Classic Car Club of America.

Ted is survived by his wife Jo, daughter Peri and grandson Shawn of San Antonio, TX. Daughter and son-in-law Cori and Mike of Chewelah, WA, granddaughter Julie and husband James, great grandsons Calder, Quintin and Merrick of Tacoma, WA, grandson Ted of Folsom, CA. *By Jeff Nielsen*



Gail Warren Edgar March 2, 1934 to November 26, 2023. He grew up in Bakersfield, CA in a loving and adventurous family. They traveled in the US and abroad. In 1946 his father purchased a 2,000 acre wheat ranch in the Carizzo Plains of San Luis Obispo County. Graduating from Atascadero High School in 1953, he went on to receive his Associate's Degree from Bakersfield College before entering the US Navy in 1955. Warren had a distinguished Navy career, flying 10 different aircraft including helicopters and fixed wing planes. He served in the Vietnam War and between deployments enjoyed duty stations in Hawaii, Alaska, Kansas, California, Florida and New Jersey.

He served as a Navy flight instructor in Pensacola, FL where his T34 now hangs on display in the Naval Air Museum. He was honored to be a part of the historic Nautilus journey where he flew the Nautilus' navigator over the arctic as he charted the course for the world's first undersea crossing of the North Pole. Warren retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in 1975 and settled in Marin County, CA. Once there he began a successful second career as a realtor. He enjoyed selling homes for many years, but what he loved most were the countless lifelong friends (both clients and fellow realtors) that his work brought into his life. In 2005, after a battle with liver cancer, Warren received the lifesaving gift of a liver transplant. He lived with immense gratitude to his donor family for granting him nearly 20 additional years of great health. Warren never married, but he was loved by his family and his close-knit circle of friends who felt like family. *By Charles Thompson*

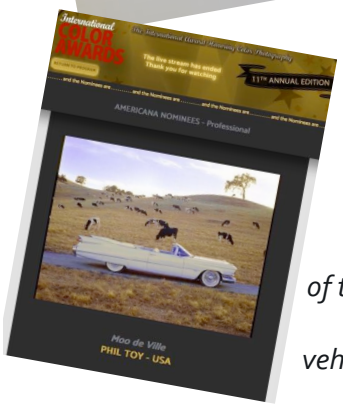


Phil Toy a Cadillac La Salle Club member is hosting a slide show talk with 250 classic car photographs that he created for magazines, books, private collections, included will be a hundred of Phil's images of classic Cadillacs.

May 26, Sunday 12:00 pm

216 Santa Fe Drive, Walnut Creek
(at their Eichler mid-century home)

Come see an exhibition of 30"x40" custom automotive gallery prints. Hang out in Phil & Kelly's backyard car haven where he houses his five Cadillac's, two Metropolitan's and Kelly's '67 Airstream space shuttle which is pulled by his '59 Cadillac convertible rocket ship.



"One of the things Collectible Automobile readers like best about the magazine is its photography, and Phil Toy is a vital contributor to the body of that work. He doesn't stop at taking technically proficient portraits of cars. He also has a keen sense of place, setting, and light to create a mood around the vehicle. Phil's shots are artistic still-lives or pastorals that make cars come alive."

John Biel editor of Collectable Automobile Magazine



"HARLEY would have loved these 'Fin Fetish' Cadillac photographs.

Harley Earl Jr.

RSVP by April 26, email Phil (include what car you will be driving) as space is limited to 30 people, **bring food or drink for a pot luck lunch** followed by a slide show talk of automotive delight. There is plenty of safe parking. Bring a Cadillac or your horse-less carriage.

Happy Cadillac-ing

Phil Toy

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More on Phil…he has integrated his car passion and 40+ years professional photography to create automotive art. Combining his extensive background and experience in design and advertising, Phil conceptualizes and designs photographs as an architect designs space and buildings. These cross disciplines enables him to create images that communicate using beautiful dynamic light to capture a car's persona. His professional photography has won 28 National/International awards.

North South Meet – San Simeon - October

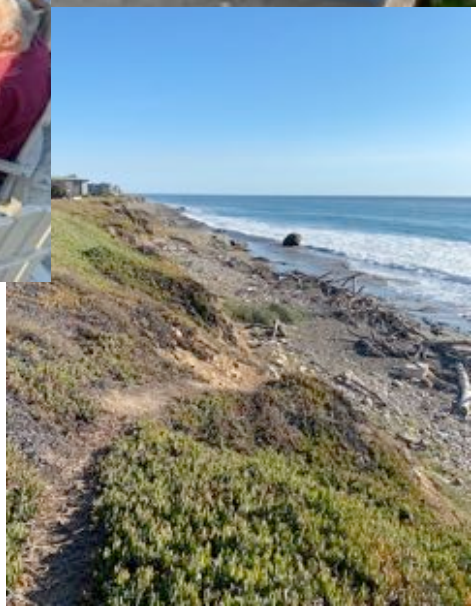






Gathering by the pool…We could have taken a dip since the weather was perfect!









Photos by
Jeff Nielsen



There was a great turn out with two days of beautiful weather and then the fog returned day of check out. Charlie's car parked in front of my favorite eatery Lynn's. Terry & Flavio drove over from Tempelton in her 1938 convertible coupe, which belonged to her father John Salvadore who was a long-time member. Jeff was reunited with them after her father passed to help liquidate his car memorabilia.

So sad to report that Kevin Bielinski (pictured left with Jeanene Nielsen) our Western Regional VP passed away at 61 years of age. Some of our club members got to know him at this meet. He had the most enthusiasm for Cadillac's and such a zest for life. What a great storyteller. He will be missed.

By Jeanene Nielsen

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Bon Air Invitational
Oct. 14 in Greenbrae, CA
Another terrific car show put on by Bob Capurro.









Photos by Charles Thompson