



# THE HEADLINER

## *Cadillac & LaSalle Club*

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*We all had a great time at the holiday party at Horatio's in San Leandro. Food and ombiance was great! Can't wait till next year. So great to see old friends!*

### **We're Looking for Your Ideas and Hosts**

2026 is already underway, and we are looking to our members for ideas, inspiration, and volunteers to help fill some open spaces on the calendar. If you have ever thought about hosting an event, now is the perfect time to step forward.

Events do not have to be large or complicated. Some of our most popular activities have included driving tours, garage/collection visits, tech or work parties, informal lunches, and social gatherings centered around members' cars. If you have a beautiful garage, a favorite driving route, or a project that could use extra hands, it might make a great club event.

Hosting is a rewarding way to contribute to the club, and you won't be doing it alone. Board members are happy to assist with planning, promotion, and logistics to make sure your event is enjoyable and stress-free. Sharing your interests and experiences adds variety to the calendar and helps keep our region vibrant.

Filling out the 2026 calendar early allows members to plan ahead and increases overall participation. If you have an idea—even a rough one—please reach out to the board. Your involvement helps ensure that Nor-Cal continues to offer diverse, engaging events that appeal to longtime members and newcomers alike.



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# 2026 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.**

## April

26

**TBD**

**Old Sac Auto Museum**

**Board Meeting**

## May 17

Mid-Peninsula Friendship Day

## June 1-6

**Grand National – North Carolina**

## June 28

Hillsborough Concours

## July TBD

**Board Meeting**

## July 26

**50<sup>th</sup> Year Don Frolich Memorial Meet  
Portal Park**

## August

**TBD**

**Phil Toys House Event**

## September

26

Ironstone Concours, Murphys

## October

5

**TBD**

Niello Concours, Serrano, El Dorado Hills

**Board Meeting**

## November

**TBD**

**North-South Meet**

## December

**TBD**

NorCal CLC Holiday Party

## May 2027

**Grand National – Reno**

**Cars & Coffee** in Willow Glen 1st Sunday of every month  
Downtown Willow Glen, San Jose @John's of Willow Glen  
by the BofA. <https://www.johnsofwg.com/>



## CLC NorCal Director's Message

Hello NorCal CLC Members,

We hope you will join us in welcoming spring on April 26. Carolyn has planned a tour to the California Auto Museum & Sacramento Train Museum. This needs your response soon to check your calendar and send in your payment. See page 4.

The Don Frolich Memorial meet at Portal Park, Cupertino will be on July 26. This year is the "BIG" 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Please try to attend. Mark your calendars now!

If anyone has an idea for would like to host a tour please contact a board member. We are always looking for new ideas. Don't forget about our website [www.clcnorcal.com](http://www.clcnorcal.com), check it out.

I encourage you to reach out and stay connected to any older members. Maybe they would like to hitch a ride ore attend a function.

*Happy Touring,*

*Jeff Nielsen*



**Reminder** - if you haven't sent it in your renewal yet, send your Nor-Cal membership Renewals & Board election ballot in as soon as possible! It was originally sent out via email from Carolyn. Contact our membership contact, Carolyn at [cadillacrazy@yahoo.com](mailto:cadillacrazy@yahoo.com) or Charles Thompson [cadillac1949@aol.com](mailto:cadillac1949@aol.com) with questions.

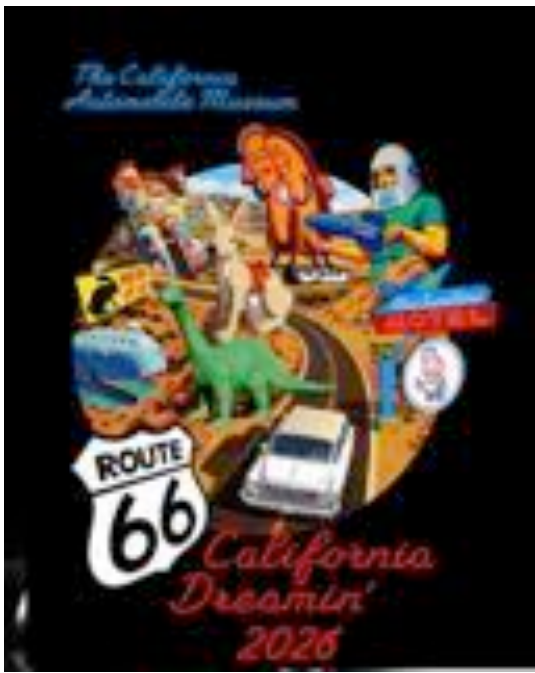
Timely renewals help ensure that our region continues to operate smoothly and remains eligible for participation in national Cadillac & LaSalle Club activities and benefits.

Membership dues directly support part of the events, newsletters, and administrative functions that keep our region active and engaging. Your renewal plays a crucial role in sustaining everything we enjoy as members.

Equally important is your **Board election ballot**. Voting gives you a voice in shaping the leadership and direction of the Nor-Cal region. The Board is responsible for planning events, administrative tasks & communications, and representing the interests of our members. By participating in the election, you help ensure that our leadership reflects the priorities and energy of the membership as a whole.

If you believe you may have already sent in your renewal or ballot but are unsure, please take a moment to double-check your records. If you have questions about your National membership status (a requirement to be a regional member), payment, or voting materials, reach out to Charles Thompson or Carolyn Dippel as soon as possible so any issues can be resolved.

Your participation matters. Renewing on time and voting are simple steps that make a meaningful difference in keeping our club strong, active, and member-driven!



## California Automobile Museum & Sacramento Train Museum

**April 26 10 am**

2200 Front Street  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Nor-Cal region invites you to join us for a memorable day trip to the **California Auto Museum & California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento**. This event is designed to offer an opportunity to enjoy two of California's premier museums while spending quality time with fellow Cadillac & LaSalle Club enthusiasts.

We will meet at 10am at the **California Auto Museum** (meet in the parking lot) for a short tour of the collection and a special feature on Route 66, then head out for lunch. The CAM tour will cost **\$10**.

There are many restaurants in Old Town Sacramento near the Train Museum, as well as a cafe in either museum, that we can go to, (we will **not** collect money ahead for lunch, you will pay on your own).

We will meet up at the **California State Railroad Museum** 12:30p for a **Train Ride**. The Train will be on the first Class car, a 50-minute ride. **\$25/each rider**, (children are \$15 ages 6-17, or \$0 ages 5 and under).

### **Accessibility**

*Due to the historic nature of the coaches, all passengers must be able to climb a narrow set of stairs to board the coaches. Due to limited aisle widths, wheelchairs, mobility devices, and strollers are not permitted on the coaches. Temporary device storage is available at the passenger station. Should you have any questions regarding accessibility, please call the Membership Office, Monday-Friday from 10 am – 5 pm at (916) 445-5995.*

The California State Railroad Museum is internationally recognized for its impressive collection of restored locomotives, railcars, and exhibits that highlight the vital role railroads played in shaping California and the American West. If you have not yet been there, please leave time after your train ride to explore this impressive museum. From massive steam engines to beautifully preserved passenger cars, the museum offers something for everyone. Docents and interpretive displays provide fascinating insights into engineering, design, and historical context.

Please **RSVP for our Sacramento Museum Tour by Tuesday, April 7th**.

Payment of **\$35 per adult**, (or \$25 per child 6-17), for both museums should be sent to Carolyn by this date to guarantee a seat on the same train car. Send a check via snail mail to Carolyn Dippel 3821 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville, CA 95667, or reach out to Carolyn Dippel 650 823 5584 with questions, or to send payment via Paypal, or Venmo.

# Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center in Hickory Corners, Michigan



The Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum is located on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in southwest Michigan. Designed as a replica of a vintage Cadillac dealership, it houses the pre-eminent collection of Cadillac vehicles and memorabilia from 1903 to 2011 and is open year-round. Operated by the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center (CLCMRC), the cars on display show why “Cadillac” became synonymous with excellence in its first 50 years.



The CLCMRC also operates a Research Center in southeast Michigan that houses thousands of documents from Cadillac’s beginning to the present day, providing an invaluable resource to researchers, historians, car enthusiasts and the public. This information can be accessed by phone and the CLCMRC website.

The Museum and Research Center were built and are operated using donations from thousands of generous CLC members over the last 25 years.



You can learn more about the Museum & Research Center by scanning the QR code or visit [www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org](http://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org) on your browser. Your requests for help with questions about Cadillacs and LaSalles are encouraged. All donations are welcomed, please consider helping with a monthly automatic donation.

## 2026 EVENTS:

### September 25-26, 2026

CLCMRC Fall Festival. A weekend filled with cars, museum tours and trophies on the grounds of the historic Gilmore Museum Campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

### Weekends May-October

Each weekend the Gilmore Campus hosts car related events including car shows, music, food and ending with an Oktoberfest celebration to close out the season.



## 2026 Calendar – Still Available!

Purchasing a calendar also supports the CLC Museum and Research Center, which plays a vital role in preserving automotive history, maintaining archives, and providing valuable resources to members. Proceeds help fund preservation efforts and educational initiatives that benefit the entire club. Link: <https://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org/product/2026-cadillac-calendar/>



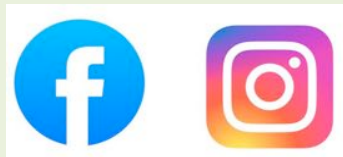
The Fourth of July parade in downtown Novato 2025 was really terrific. I don't think I've ever seen one as well attended as this one. My riders were Eric Lucan, supervisor of Marin County, and his family.

**Charles Thompson**

### Follow Us on Social Media – Stay Connected Between Events

We encourage all members to stay connected with the Nor-Cal region by following us on social media. Our platforms are a great way to keep up with announcements, event reminders, photos from recent activities, and highlights from the broader Cadillac & LaSalle Club community.

You can find us Facebook at “Northern California Cadillac & LaSalle Club” and



on Instagram at “@NorCalCLC”. These pages are regularly updated with content that showcases our members’ cars, behind-the-scenes looks at events, and important reminders you won’t want to miss.

Social media also allows us to reach members who may not always check email and helps newer members feel more connected. Photos and posts from tours, car shows, garage visits, and social gatherings help capture the spirit of our region and encourage participation. Members are welcome—and encouraged—to share photos from events and tag the club, helping us build a lively and engaging online presence. Social media is also an excellent way to introduce friends and family to the club and spark interest among potential new members.

Even if you’re not able to attend every event, following along online helps you stay involved and informed. It’s another way to celebrate our shared passion for Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles while strengthening the sense of community that makes Nor-Cal such a great region.

Tell your friends to follow us on Social Media: Instagram@Norcalclc Facebook: @Northern California Cadillac & LaSalle Club, they won't see everything we are planning to do, as we only share that with current members, but there will be other content and photos after our events.

### Interested in running a business ad?

Please email a pdf to: Jeanened09@gmail.com in conjunction with sending payment to Charles Thompson. 700 Albatross Dr., Novato, CA 94945-1506. Once confirmed the ad will run! Thank you!

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### FOR SALE

1949 Series 62 Coupe  
Same owner 33 years,  
original 331 ohv engine  
w/dual carbs, new Coker  
WW tires, 1953 dual range  
hydramatic radio, clock and  
antenna all work. 36,000 mi  
since resto. complete body  
off resto. in 1997 velour/wool  
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Pacific Grove, CA



### 1983 Eldorado For Sale - \$12,000

Approximately 41,000 miles  
(odometer not verified).  
Recent service: new fuel system  
(fuel tank, fuel pump, fuel filters  
and fuel lines). The fuel  
injection system has been  
serviced. The car has new tires,  
wire wheel covers. Front grill is not original but the  
original is intact and can be re-installed.  
There is a new headliner but it has not been  
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Series 62  
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