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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone.

Spring is upon us...things are starting to bloom and another new year for a "Great Ride" As we go forward this year I am sure that we will have more and more participation to grow our club into a learning, socializing and fun time. I personally have been adding our website to other websites to help get us some visibility. In fact I received a call from a town outside of Charlotte (Harrisburg) that would like us to bring approximately 12 cars for their July 4th parade and haul their parish council members. I had told them that we have that many but are still working on getting some participation. I also mentioned I wasn't sure what folks plans were, but would get back with them after our March meeting. As time goes on we will grow and add more car enthusiasts.

We have a few plans nailed down now for spring events outside of the Lowes Spring Auto Fair. We have setup a run to Daniel Stowes Botanical Gardens on April 19th and for our May 10th meeting we will go to Sheltons Vineyards (Near Mt. Airy) for lunch and wine tasting. Afterwards we will go through Mayberry for a short visit. If you think of some other idea's they would be more then welcome.

As for me...well Ms. GasHog is getting some new Tranny lines, Steering pump and worm gear, along with some wiring and a carburetor rebuild. I've had my hands full. Taxes were a little high this year...I still need to get the rear quarter window frames. \$\$\$

Anyway all is well.....and we shall keep heading out for a "Great Ride"
See you soon,
Todd Claver

LAVA BISTRO DINNER

On Saturday April 5th, we will be having our traditional spring Auto Fair dinner at Lava Bistro at 630PM. Come a bit early and enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail in the bar and mingle with other early arrivals as the restaurant often fills with Auto Fair attendees after a day at the show. Saturday's dinner will feature a special guest, Lee Herbermann, who is CLC Southeast Regions Vice-President. For those who do not know Lee, come out to the dinner and meet one of our distinguished national club officers. Lee is coming to attend the Auto Fair and would love to regale you with stories of long board meetings and over extended GN planning meetings (no pun intended...) For those that would like to read up a bit on Lee before dinner please consult his [biography](#) on the CLC website. Please join us. If you have not already done so please contact our trusty region director Todd Claver and let him know.

NEW LOGOS



In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the national Cadillac-LaSalle Club – the club has commissioned a new logo to mark the occasion. The author apologizes in advance if the new logos do not appear nicely for some at the top of this newsletter. We are working on that and should have it corrected by the summer newsletter.



Not to be outdone by the national organization, snazzy new logos have been appearing all over the place including a new one for our region and one for the upcoming GN in Cherry Hill, NJ. The new Carolinas Region logo debuted with the introduction of our [region website](#). The log on the left is the official logo of the upcoming GN in Cherry Hill, NJ we encourage you to peruse their [website](#) for trip planning information and if you have not already done so to make plans to attend. Since the national club is celebrating their 50th anniversary, there will be many extra special features at this GN. While it is not quite as close as Savannah, it is a reasonable drive from our area and we encourage you to go.

RISING GAS PRICES

Our director and web master Todd has been so kind as to take pictures of car attendance at our monthly meetings. In order to deflect attention away from the fact that there was only one car represented in March, a close observation of the photos on the [site](#) will reveal the steady and linear upward progression of gas prices from October 2007 to March 2008. One can only speculate if rising gas prices were the cause in the change of mix of cars from then to now. Back in October, the photo was full of older fuel-hungry Cadillacs by February we were down to 3 out of 5 more modern fuel injected post-OPEC rides. October's fleet would average about 15 MPG overall while February's fleet would average 19MPG overall. By March we were down to 1 lone gas-sipping HT4100-powered car. While the HT4100 was controversial early on it took this author to Savannah without any hiccups averaging nearly 26MPG at a steady 70 on I95. Who can complain with that? Perhaps we can all write our congressmen and ask for a reduction in gas prices (not that they can really do anything about it but what the heck for trying) and we shall see a rise in attendance again...

BTW, it has been noted by many that the gas prices are unusually cheap in Statesville. So regardless of whether you bring your classic car or a modern car it would behoove you to consider filling up when attending your next meeting...

UPCOMING EVENTS

In order to make region membership fun and exciting as well as being more than just standing around looking at cars in the parking lot, we will be offering a selection of enticing programming for the year. Those that wish to truly fulfill their membership potential can become involved in one of these [upcoming events](#). Of course as always everything is subject to revision and accommodation and suggestions. Feel free to offer a suggestion! Please consult the website through the link above to look at 2008 agenda. In order to save space and to build awareness and usage of our website we are trying to direct everyone to the website as much as possible. The newsletter will begin to focus more as a recap with links directing readers where to find the details and additional information.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

Of course the biggest news of 2008, aside from it being the Golden Jubilee of the national organization, is the GN in Cherry Hill, NJ. It is expected to be one of the most well-attended GN ever featuring programming commemorating the Golden Jubilee as well as the usual array of exciting and interesting events. In addition to the GN, there will be a National Driving Tour in Nevada. Also, our international affiliates have been busy conducting their own mini-GNs and events please have a look and see what they are doing. Click [HERE](#) to go to the national CLC 2008 activities page.

Announcing [Bill Anderson](#) as the new Technical Services Director replacing Pete Peters who gave many years of fine service to the club. Click [HERE](#) to view the clubs list of technicians who have agree to lend their expertise on various areas of their own volition.



Remember these cars? Those little plastic promotional models that you could get during the 50s to 70s. Well most of the official GM promotional cars were made by [Jo-Han Models](#).

Here are a list of interesting websites to reminisce about old times. Car models can be fun when you do not have the \$\$\$ and space for the real thing. Plus most of us can recollect childhood memories of playing with cars toys and other automotive interests.

[CARL's CADILLAC TOYS](#)

[TOOTSIE TOYS](#)

[SOME HISTORY OF SMALL CARS](#)

[AMT/ERTL](#)

[OLDER MEMBERS MAY REMEMBER DINKY TOYS](#)

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One of Jo-Han's last factory authorized creations 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK AND WE WILL SEE YOU SATURDAY!