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# Hoosier



# Tailfin

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## **1950 CADILLAC**

**SOLD FOR OVER  
\$ 50, 000**

Mecum Auction Report 2015 by John Johnson



I attended the Mecum Auction at the Indiana State Fairground on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The spectator admission was \$20. The main building, where the actual auction is held, was the coliseum and worked out really well. The spectator seating was in the balcony. The show is inside buildings with concrete floors and well lighted...cars are clean and there is ample room between them to view and photograph. This show is mainly "Muscle Cars" most of which are pretty stock. In my opinion, it is / has been a better show to attend than Auburn, it's just 60 miles away and almost all indoors.



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# 26th

## ANNUAL Buick Oldsmobile Pontiac Cadillac/LaSalle Show Saturday June 06, 2015



### In Highland Park behind the Haynes Museum – Kokomo, IN

We invite all Buick, Olds, Pontiac/Oakland, and Cadillac/LaSalle owners to this show.  
Admission to the Elwood Haynes Museum is free.

Have an enjoyable day with family and friends, in the Beautiful Highland Park.  
**“Sandwiches and Soft Drinks will be available BY BOY SCOUT TROOP #570”**

The registration will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Judging starts at 12:00 noon.  
AWARDS at: 3:00 PM - Dash Plaques - Door Prizes - Plenty of Shade.

*CLASSES*		
A. 1901-1940	E. 1988- Present	Best Buick
B. 1941-1956	F. GTO, GS, 442	Best Pontiac/Oakland
C. 1957-1970	G. Best Modified	Best Oldsmobile
D. 1971-1987		Best Cadillac/LaSalle
		Chairman's Choice

(First, Second and Third Place Awards for Classes A thru G)

**Pre Registration: \$12.00 1<sup>st</sup>. Car, \$ 8.00 2<sup>nd</sup>. Car By June 1, 2015**  
**Day of Show \$15.00 per Car ----- “SWAP SPACES \$5.00”**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE of CAR: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

## Thoughts from the Director

By: Warner Young

Well the busy summer season is here. There are lots of car activities to keep us busy and not just Cadillac LaSalle. It seems like more communities are adding a hot rod/classic car night every year. I'm hoping to participate a few times myself this summer. (just need to forget about the vapor lock possibility) Our lower gas prices makes 12 miles per gallon a little less painful.

Here is a summary of the planned events coming up soon:

6/6/15 BOPC annual meet in Kokomo, Highland Park. Registration starting at 10:00. Contact Ralph Colter to register a car. [rcolt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcolt@sbcglobal.net)

6/24 – 6/27/15 Grand National meet near Milwaukee. Host hotel is the Sheraton Brookfield.

7/11/15 Invitation from Joe Columbe of the Lincoln Club to join his annual summer picnic at his farm southeast of Shelbyville. No registration required. You should bring a good sized salad or side dish to share. Directions – south of Shelbyville on I74 to SR 244. Then travel east about 5 miles to CR 750 west. Then south on 750 to 900 south. Then turn left ( east ) go about ¼ mile to Columbe's farm. [jscolumbe@tds.net](mailto:jscolumbe@tds.net) phone 765-561-4900 The address is 6722 W. 900 south, Manilla, In.

7/18/15 CLC event to tour the "Dream Cars" exhibit at the Indy Museum of Art. Gather to start private tour by 10:00 AM that Saturday. The IMA is at the junction of 38<sup>th</sup> St. and Michigan Road on the northwest side of Indy. We will then drive to see the architecture at Butler Univ. and the Forest Hills neighborhood (since 1922). We then travel to the home of Tom and Melaine Taylor for a cook out. Tom's address is 5865 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis. Phone 317-257-3808. Please call Tom to confirm that you will attend. **He needs to finalize the number for the tour at the IMA.**

8/11 – 8/15/15 National Driving Tour, Southeast Michigan. The host hotel is Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan. You can register on line at [cadillaclasalleclub.org](http://cadillaclasalleclub.org). Contact Chip Iceman, phone 248-703-2119, evenings. [Drivingtour2015@gmail.com](mailto:Drivingtour2015@gmail.com)

9/25 – 9/27/15 CLC Fall Festival, Hickory Corners, Mi. They will have events all three days. The host hotel is Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo.

10/17/15 An invitation from the Classic Car Club to join in their Oktoberfest at the home of Ed Dalton, 111 South 1200 East, Zionsville, In. This is about 6 miles west of US 31 (Westfield) on SR 32, then just south on 1200 east. This is a family friendly event and kids are welcomed. Games will be provided.

11/7 and 11/8/15 Overnight trip to Urbana, Il., to view the car collection of Allen Strong and a War Birds collection. This is a joint event with the Lincoln Club. The Classic Car Club has also been invited. Members are to meet in Brownsburg at the IHOP near I74 and leave at 9:00 AM. It is fine to catch the group in Illinois as well. Not all details are finalized. We are working with Allen Strong to arrive at the final schedule. Allen Strong owns a motel and those that want to stay for Sunday can book a room in his motel.

Please let a board member know of any thoughts you have for a club event. The more input we receive the better.

I have found an interesting web site for old car videos. It's at TVRAACA.org. You can click on "old car movies" at the top. A couple of youtube videos that are useful on a rainy day are "The Cadillac years 1902-1959 (17 min.) and How differentials work, around the corner(9.5 min.).

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Tailfin Summer Automotive quiz. June, 2015

1. What English Trophy did Cadillac win in 1908 because of it's interchangeable parts?  
1. Dewar Trophy 2. Huffington Cup 3. Henry Royce Trophy 4. Coventry Trophy
2. How many times did Cadillac win this prestigious award?  
1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4
3. What year did Cadillac first use the term Brougham?  
1. 1913 2. 1914 3. 1916 4. 1920
4. What year was the "pillar less" coupe introduced?  
1. 1948 2. 1949 3. 1950 4. 1951
5. The Fleetwood Eldorado Brougham introduced in 1958 cost how much in 2015 dollars?  
1. \$73,505 2. \$83,950 3. \$92,840 4. \$107,030
6. What was the first year for the downsized Coupe deville?  
1. 1983 2. 1984 3. 1985 4. 1986
7. What was the last year for the rear wheel drive Fleetwood Bougham?  
1. 1993 2. 1994 3. 1996 4. 1998
8. What year did the Cadillac first use an air bag?  
1. 1972 2.1974 3. 1976 4. 1978
9. True or False. The Allante drive train was built in Italy and shipped to Detroit.  
1. True 2. False
10. True or False. 1939 was the last year Cadillac had head lights attached to the engine bay side panels. 1. True 2. False
10. What percentage of the luxury car market did Cadillac have in 1941?  
1. 39% 2. 45% 3. 58% 4. 67%



## CLC JUDGING BY WILLAM HEDGE

On a bright and early Saturday morning, April 11, 2015, Lars Kneller, his nephew Joshua Sprecher and I headed down the road in Lars' CTS/V. Since the workshop commenced at 9:00 and we had a two hour drive, it was a very early Saturday morning. Also from the Indiana region was our president, Warren Young. Although the workshop was limited to 45 participants, there were 46 CLC members present. By a show of hands approximately one half had never judged at a CLC event before. As you can see from the attached photos, it was a packed room. The workshop was conducted by Bill Anderson who replaced Carl Stag as the chief CLC judge. We knew in advance that it would be a very serious workshop and a lot would be learned. Before the workshop, we were instructed to download and study the current judging manual and the judging committee 2015 report, which can be found on the CLC website under the heading "Judging Tab" on the right hand side of the home page. After the introductions, we were told to pay close attention because at the end of the workshop we would be given a written quiz. From 9:15 to approximately 9:30 was a quick over view of the judging process. Some of the changes to note were that instead of discarding the highest and lowest judging sheet of a four person team, the four team member's scores would be averaged. Although the previous rule prohibited discussions by team members concerning issues with the car, it was my experience that this rule was not very well followed or enforced. Therefore, the actual affect of the change will be minor. It was also stated that a concerted effort is being made to recruit new judges. To improve judging and to recognize the efforts of those who judge, a system has been proposed to offer standardized, color-coded lapel pins based on accumulation of points for actual judging and obtaining training in judging. The system will start at the bronze level, then silver level, then gold level, then platinum, then senior, and finally master senior.

The second morning session involved discussion of how to use the judging form. Lars Kneller is in the process of preparing a small sheet which has the appropriate deductions for each category. At approximately 15 minutes before lunch, we were handed a quiz to be completed and handed into the chief judge. From noon to 1:00 p.m. we all enjoyed lunch together. After lunch we divided into 11 teams. We spent the rest of the afternoon judging a 1955 Fleetwood 60 special and a 1957 limousine.



# JUDGING



Attached is the Tailfin quiz for the June issue.

- Answers:
1. 1 Dewar trophy
  2. 2, two times
  3. 3. 1916
  4. 2. 1949
  5. 4. \$107,030
  6. 3. 1985
  7. 3. 1996
  8. 2. 1974
  9. False
  10. False
  11. 4. 67%

# Regional judge's training workshop, April 11, 2015

The West of the Lake Region (Chicago area) hosted a regional training workshop in Glen Ellyn, Il., on April 11th. This was the first time the CLC has presented a judge's training workshop in this format. Their goal was to have 25 to 50 members in attendance. 49 members participated including both beginning judges and very experienced judges. Our new Chief Judge, Bill Anderson, is aggressively pursuing training new judges and tweaking the judging format to make it a more distinctly Cadillac design. Several changes are being proposed with implementation in 2017.

Bill Anderson led the seminar and was assisted by Deputy Chief Judge Paul Ayres. Bill had a well prepared Power Point presentation. He covered in detail the current judging system and discussed the direction he wants the judging to take over the next couple of years. At the end of his three hour presentation participants took a written test. Bill is not afraid to challenge our members knowledge.

After a fine lunch at the host Crowne Plaza Hotel, we went up the street to the Heritage Cadillac dealership for hands-on judges training. Heritage Cadillac has been very cooperative with the West of the Lake Region with many of the club meetings held at the dealership.

Three cars were present for our judging teams in their large service department. We divided into twelve teams and went to work judging the cars. One new car, an XTS, was on display so that we could see what condition a new car from the factory looks like. We also had a 1955 Fleetwood which I would estimate as a **78** point car. The other judged car was a 1957 Series 75 limousine. I would estimate that car to be about a **62** point car. We had a wide spectrum of car condition for our training. The 1957 Limousine was a unique vehicle in that it was the Fire Chiefs car during the Mayor Richard Daly administration. It was modified with upgraded electrics for heavy duty use and had a flashing light and siren behind the grill. The owner was present to talk about the special history of the car. It was also used by the city to drive dignitaries around Chicago. Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy had ridden in the car.

The National CLC intends to continue with these seminars on a regular basis. I believe that to be a good thing. The extra training will help build a stronger group of judges for our club.

Warner Young



# CLC NATIONAL DRIVING TOUR

As summer begins we look forward to the time to get in some serious driving of our vintage Cadillac's and LaSalles.

This is Chip the chairman of this years National Driving Tour here in Troy Michigan.

I was hoping to get the word out to the members in your region. Maybe you can bring it up in your next meeting or forward it via e-mail.

If you have seen the latest issue of the Self Starter you can read all about the events we have planned.

I have been getting several questions asked. I am hoping with your help we can get the word out and get more people involved.

The most common question I have is do they need to drive their vintage Cadillac or LaSalle to attend.

The answer is a resounding, NO!

Although the tour is designed to cater to the vintage cars they are not required.

We welcome all current members and their significant others and guests. Modern cars, or for those that want to fly in and drive a rental car are just as welcomed.

Although the cars are an important part of the event, it is the people that make it all worth having.

I will be surveying participants in the future that would be willing to host anyone that would like to ride along in a vintage Cadillac or LaSalle.

The next question I get is do they need to attend every day? We have broken the days down on the form. Participants are welcome to attend only the days as they see fit. They can come later or leave earlier. They can even skip a day if they would like.

The last question is at what speeds we will be traveling. Based on the National Driving Tour guidelines we will not be using freeways during the tour. I would say the maximum speed limits are in the 45 - 55 mph range. At no point will we be more than 60 +/- miles from the host hotel. We have tried to get as much bang for our buck as we can but have deliberately set a casual and relaxing pace.

I hope this helps answer some of the linger questions people may have.

If you or your members have any question please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [drivingtour2015@gmail.com](mailto:drivingtour2015@gmail.com)

Or call [248-703-2119](tel:248-703-2119) evenings best.

Thanks

Chip

## June Tailfin, I would like this added to June

From: Warner Young <[warneryoung@](mailto:warneryoung@)> [View Contact](#) | [Invite Sender](#) | [Block Sender](#)

Sent: Fri, May 29, 2015 05:42 PM

We have a guest columnist for June. Chuck Patton of the Motor City region has submitted this input for me.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Brookfield. I concur we must cultivate automotive history to keep it alive.

I hope your Indiana Tailfin readers appreciate the 20th century in the United States of America. This was the growth of the manufacturing era of the Industrial Revolution with a huge European migration. These individuals possessed many skills and talents. The magnet was the opportunity and hope of political freedom and financial upward mobility.

Detroit was the nucleus of this dream with hundreds of automotive factories. A non english speaking immigrant could arrive penniless then ascend to middle class status as an automobile factory worker. With an education or a trade his options expanded along with economic and professional opportunities for his offspring. The American automobile industry provided a place for everyone strive.

C.R. Patton II

## 1985 Coupe deVille for sale



John Hogan

1985 Cadillac Coupe deVille for sale in Dayton, Ohio. One owner since new in Bellefontaine, Ohio. 185K miles with new replacement engine at 52,000 miles provided by Cadillac special warranty. Very good condition with a couple minor cosmetic issues.

Contact: John Hogan at cell 937-974-0810 or [johnhogan@roadrunner.com](mailto:johnhogan@roadrunner.com)

For Sale: 78 Cadillac Eldorado Coupe.Â New Black paint and vynal top. White leather interior. 63K correct miles.Â No rust no smoke.Â Very solid car that drives and rides like a Cadillac. AC has been converted to 134A freon.Â Door, windowÂ and trunk seals have been replaced. Asking \$12500 obo.Â Dennis Piety, Pimento, IN CLC#24700.Â PH: 812-249-1474. [e-mail:dspiety@joink.com](mailto:dspiety@joink.com)

### 1975 Caddy - hood

From: Warner Young <[warneryoung@](mailto:warneryoung@)> [View Contact](#) | [Invite Sender](#) | [Block Sender](#)

Sent: Sat, May 09, 2015 11:50 AM

A man called me and ask if I knew of where he could find a hood for his '75 Cadillac. His flew up and got mangled. Would you know of someone to try for this?

Warner Y.

## “Classified” Car Language

### What it says

Rough but restorable  
Parts Car  
Needs Restoration  
95% complete  
95% restored  
Older restoration  
Authentic  
Original  
Engine free  
Ran when stored  
Engine just overhauled  
Mechanically reworked  
Needs battery to run  
Good condition  
Excellent condition  
Mint condition

### What it Means

Not quite good enough to be a parts car  
Pile of junk which may have once been a car  
Also need mechanical genius with large bankroll  
rear end cut off to make a truck  
still needs paint, upholstery and tires  
owner gave up on it years ago  
what's left is original  
what's left is authentic  
about all it's worth  
engine frozen now  
leaky head gasket replaced  
new spark plugs installed  
owner afraid to let you hear engine run  
all four tires hold air  
same as good but higher prices  
same as excellent but exorbitantly priced

Sounds unreal, but so true

**STEVE WYSOCKI ILUVQTZ@HOTMAIL.COM**

He mentioned the "28th. St. Metro Cruise in Grand Rapids as a great car event. It is Aug. 21st and 22nd this year. There is a web site at 28thstreetmetrocrui.se.com I thought we could mention this in a Tailfin. Some of our Northern members might want to attend. He lived in Grand Rapids many years and was a member of the West Michigan Region.

**WARNER Y.**

# HOW IS YOUR PROJECT GOING?



LINCOLN & CONTINENTAL OWNERS CLUB - HOOSIER REGION (LCOC-HR)  
Joe S. Columbe, LCOC-HR Activities Chair

To All LINCOLN & CONTINENTAL OWNERS CLUB - HOOSIER REGION MEMBERS, LCOC SOUTHERN OHIO REGION MEMBERS, & This Year For The First Time, the HOOSIER REGION LCOC Has Invited The INDIANA REGION OF THE CADILLAC & LaSALLE CLUB MEMBERS (Indiana Region CLC) (The LCOC-Hoosier Region and the Indiana Region-CLC have common members) To Our

FIFTH ANNUAL LCOC SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015, 12:00 NOON RAIN or SHINE

The Fifth Annual Lincoln & Continental Owners Club - Hoosier Region Picnic at LIME ROCK FARM will be Saturday, July 11, 2015, starting at 12:00 Noon. Drinks, Meat, & Tableware will be provided by the Columbe's. All we ask is for you to bring a side dish, salad, or desert to share. (or all three LOL) (share with a crowd of around 75 we hope) We had 54 in attendance last year so we need to beat 2014!

PLEASE RSVP BY SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015, by either Phone or E-Mail. Attached is a hand drawn, not to scale map, that should be helpful.

Hosts are Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe, with their Son Mitch Columbe from Knox, In. E-Mail: jscolumbe@tds.net, Home #s 765-629-2406 or 765-525-6899, or Joe's Cell # 765-561-4900. Feel free to call anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LIME ROCK FARM & FOR GPS USE: (no mail)  
6722 WEST, 900 SOUTH, MANILLA, INDIANA 46150 (South West Corner of Rush County, Indiana)

United States Postal Service Mailing Address Only: 5556 West, State Road 244,  
Milroy, Indiana 46156-9569

Lime Rock Farm is located about 40 miles south east of Indianapolis, and about 75 miles north west of Cincinnati. We are EXACTLY 6 miles East of I74 (exit # 119) on State Road 244, THEN 1 mile south on Rush County Road 750 West, THEN 1 mile East on Rush County Road 900 South. Our Driveway is on the north side of 900 South, just as Prill Road intersects with 900 South. We are back a long lane. Pass the first home and go to the second home.

Activities to do at Lime Rock Farm:

Talking about Lincoln's, Looking at Lincoln's, and this year talk about Cadillac's and looking at Cadillac's, Nature Walks, Visit the Longest Covered Bridge still in use in Indiana that is within a big walking distance, Fishing (bring your own gear), Row Boats (bring your own life jackets and row power), Swimming in the pool that features a slide, 1 meter and 3 meter diving boards (no Lifeguards), golf cart rides, and the most important thing, EATING AND VISITING WITH LINCOLN & CONTINENTAL & CADILLAC PEOPLE!

The last 4 picnics have been great. Let's make this years picnic the best one yet!!! EVERYONE BRING YOUR LINCOLN & CONTINENTAL & CADILLAC'S FOR DISPLAY. We might even have an informal car show with small awards! IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE, BRING THEM ALL!!!!

Eleanor, Mitch & I, Look Forward to your Company and will work hard so that those in attendance will Have A GREAT CAR DAY!!!!

The Columbe Family

Attached is a map to Lime Rock Farm

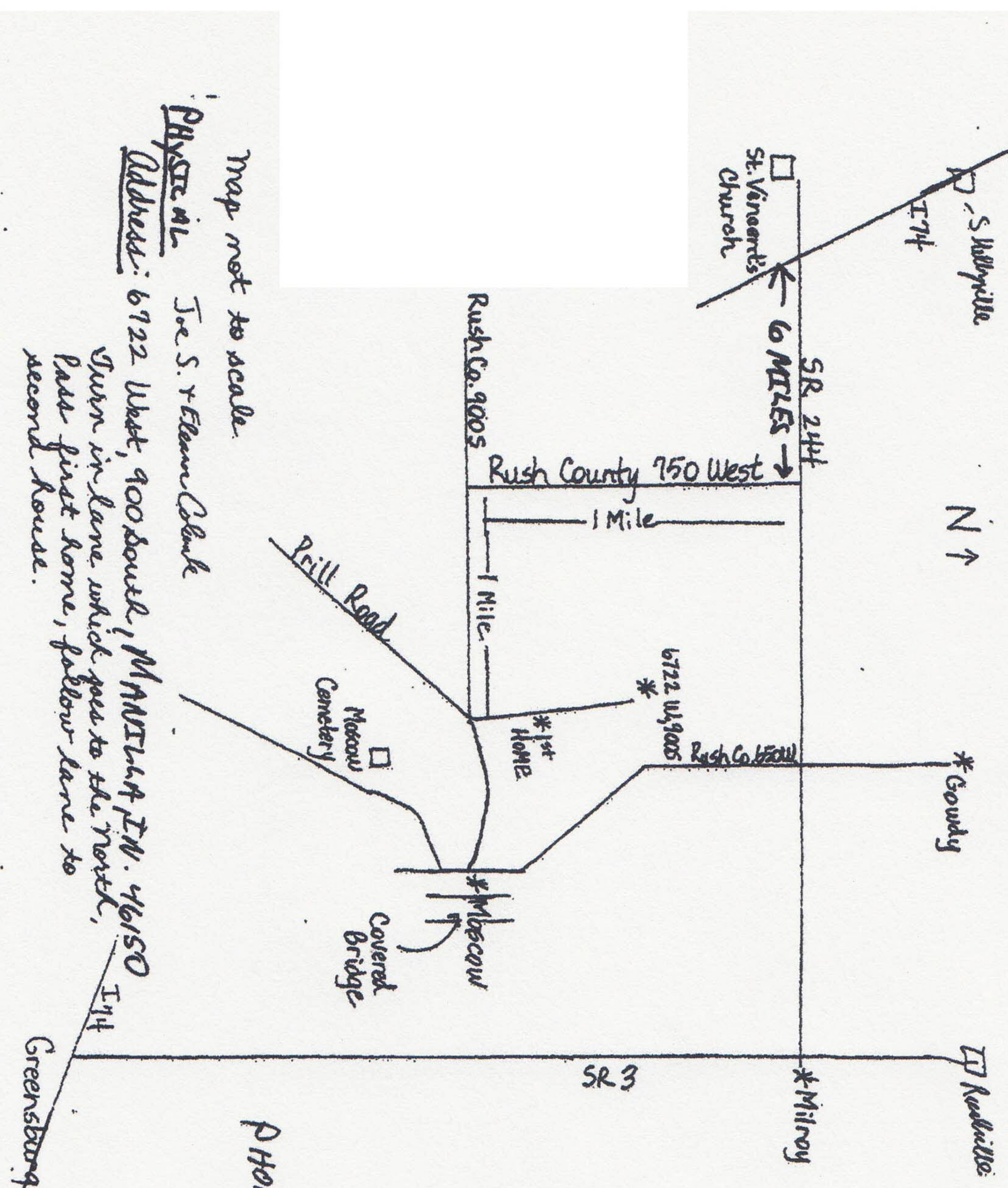
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**Joe S. Columbe**  
 U.S. MAIL → 5556 West, State Road 244  
 ONLY Milroy, Indiana 46156-9569

LOCATED IN THE SOUTH WEST  
 CORNER OF RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA



Map not to scale.  
**PHYSICIAN** Joe S. + Eleanor Columbe  
Address: 6722 West, 900 South, MANTILLIA IN. 46150  
 Turn in lane which goes to the north,  
 Pass first home, follow lane to  
 second house.

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 765-525-6899 HOME  
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 765-561-4901 ELEANOR  
 765-561-4902 MARTHA

**CINCINNATI**

This exhibit will have at least 6-8 full size, one of a kind designer cars from the 1930s to present. The highlight for us will be the 1959 Cadillac Cyclone. There will also be models, drawings, patents and more.

Details:

We will have a private showing with an IMA docent.

We will have a special parking area for our cars.

There will be a \$15 fee for non-members of IMA, per person.

After Dream Cars the whole museum and grounds will be open to us.

We must arrive at 10 AM that Saturday to get the private showing.

What I need ASAP:

A commitment to come to the show. How many with you?

Are you an IMA member? This to reduce our fee total.

This message needs to get to all members of IN-CLC ASAP.

In addition:

We will re-group at some agreed time, say 2 PM, to leave IMA

We will drive a few blocks away to Butler University and go by Clewes Hall and Hinkle Fieldhouse.

We will drive along the Indianapolis water canal and then to Forest Hills neighborhood (the first planned home area in Indy, 1922).

We will go to 5865 Winthrop Ave. in FH for a cookout at our place. This is about 3 miles from IMA.

I need this confirmed ASAP by you members as there is paperwork I need to complete to get our tour.

Thanks to all,

Tom & Melaine Taylor