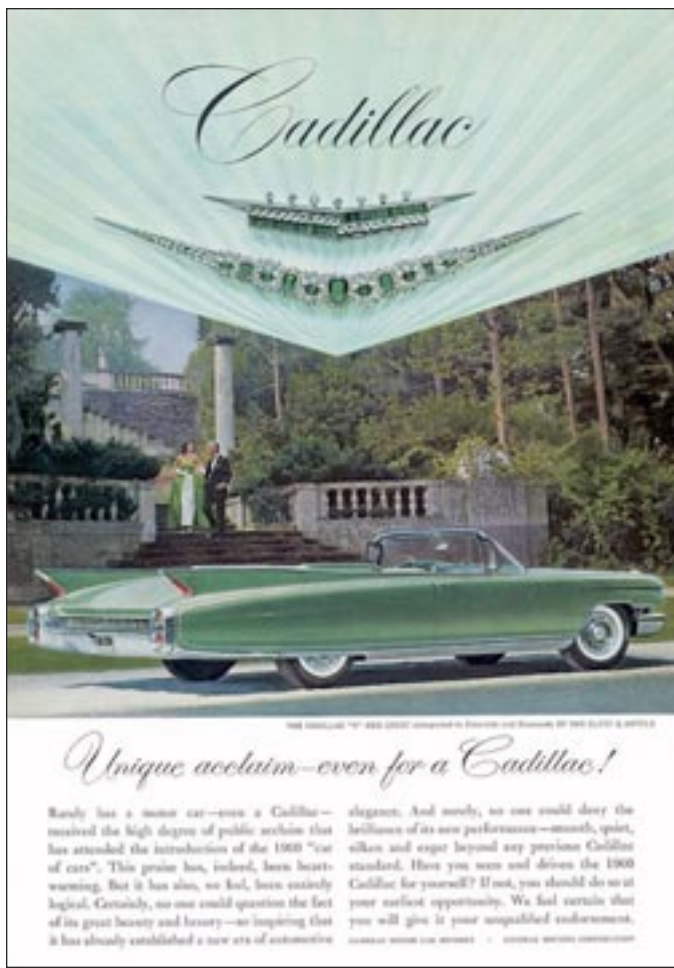


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FRONT COVER The big winner! Ota Dossett's 1965 Cadillac Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible took Best of Show in Lebanon this June. Read more about it on **page 6**. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Shively.* **BACK COVER** A place of honor. Taylor Cadillac displays this 1949 Series 62 Convertible in its showroom for all to admire. *Photo courtesy of Pat Carney.*



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Thoughts from the Director

By Warner Young

Welcome to Fall! It came so quickly! I hope you had a productive season showing and driving your best Caddy. There have been many good shows recently- the B-O-P-C Show hosted by Stoops Buick-GMC in Plainfield, Artomobilia in Carmel, and numerous smaller local shows—something for everyone. Some Indiana Region members attended the national AACA meet at the Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Then there was the annual Cruise Indy show benefiting Folds of Honor, held at the Indiana Spine Group in Carmel.

Coming up, we have the annual Cadillac Fall Festival at the Gilmore Car Museum (now open to all GM cars) and our Regional event, the tour to Jeffersonville and the Louisville area. You can register for the Jeffersonville tour through the Indiana Region CCCA website- inrccca.org. The cost of the

tour is \$135 per person. Pat Carney and Bill Reedy have worked this summer to plan an excellent weekend. We have invited the Classic Car Club of America and Lincoln & Continental Owners Club for this event. They also joined us for the tour to Evansville and to Elkhart in 2023 and 2024.

We are pleased to welcome a new member from Greenwood, Brad Rozema. Brad has some serious Caddies: a 1957 convertible, a 1960 Eldorado, and a 1967 Eldorado. That makes me jealous, of course. Brad has good taste in cars.

Before we know it, it will be time for our Annual Meeting and Christmas Party (Dec. 7). Michael Fellenzer has invited us back to his northern Indianapolis home again this year. Michael loves the Christmas season, and his house is always beautifully decorated for the Holidays.

I know some of our Caddies have had mechanical issues this year. I'm hoping those

can get resolved this year. Finding parts and good mechanic support is an ongoing challenge. Indiana has some lovely shops, but you need to be patient to get your car in. Remember, we would like to get information about your Caddy for the *Hoosier Tailfin*!

Warner Young is a CLC member from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Riddles

1. A man came upon a talking frog, the frog said rub me and I will turn into a beautiful woman....
2. Why can't basketball players own more than five chickens.....
3. What would bears be without bees...

Answers on page 19

Upcoming 2025-2026 CLC Indiana Region Events

Sept. 26-27

Cadillac Fall Festival
The Gilmore Car Museum

Oct. 10 - 12

Driving tour to Jeffersonville and Louisville area

Oct. 15-18

2025 CLC National Driving Tour
Central New York

Dec. 7

Christmas Party at the home of Michael Fellenzer

Jan. 7 -10, 2026

CLC Winter Reunion and Board Meetings

June 1-6 - 2026

Grand National Meet
Concord, North Carolina

June 6, 2026

B.O.P.C Lebanon Memorial Park

Barn Update With Lars Kneller

My life has not slowed down since I retired, but I do see some relief coming mid-October. Much has happened since the last update. We made a trip to North Carolina to meet our new granddaughter. It just so happened the GAA summer auction was going on at the same time, so my son-in-law and I attended two days of it. There did seem to be a lot of bargains, but I made Jaunda happy and came home empty-handed. We also went to Los Angeles in early September to see our two western grandchildren. I went to look at a 1966 Dodge Charger that had piqued my interest while I was there. A cooler head prevailed, as I really don't need any more cars at this point. I also visited fellow CLC member Rob Leonard and met his

12 cars. Quite a feat living in an LA neighborhood! I had planned to visit Alan Clark, but he came down with COVID, so that will be a future visit. My transportation while there was my son-in-law's 2005 BMW M5, which is fun to drive, especially with its stick shift, when LA traffic is light. It was interesting to compare and contrast with my 2005 CTS-V. Our new showroom display at the museum is V cars, including mine, a 2006 XLR-V, a 2019 CT6-V Blackwing, and a 2024 Escalade V. The latter has a great exhaust note! Hopefully, everyone will attend the Fall Festival to see and hear the new display, which will be on display until spring.

The 1977 Eldorado is home, and the exhaust has been replaced. I took it to the

Blueberry Festival in Plymouth over Labor Day weekend, and it had an issue with occasional stalling when coming to a stop or turning a corner at slow speed. I have adjusted the throttle position sensor, and at least during my short test drive, I encountered no issues. I have replaced the voltage regulator with an electronic one in the 1963 Lincoln. All three of my analog ones were bad. We are charging again! The ignition switch has been cantankerous ever since I restored the car, and it was getting worse. I removed the key cylinder and took it to my local locksmith, and he fixed it. Now all my keys work effortlessly. I also fixed the cruise control. It turns out the culprit was the brake switch. It wasn't quite turning off, keeping it from engaging. A





little pull back on the pedal, along with switch adjustment, and I'm good to go. The upper hinge for the driver's door has worn bushings, causing the door to sag a little when opening. I removed the same hinge from the parts sedan, and it is now sand-blasted, painted, and ready for installation. I need to borrow one of those gadgets that attaches to the floor jack and holds the door in place from Dick the body man to do the transplant. Speaking of Dick, I have returned the completed dashboard for the 1970 Coronet to him. Next on the list is re-assembling the seats. He thinks he has seat covers that he purchased in the past, but so far, he cannot find them.

I have had issues obtaining parts for my 1966 Toronado, and they are expensive when found. There are several things I need, and I noticed a plethora of beater

cars on Facebook Marketplace. So I decided to look for an entire car with the parts I need. I found a rusty but running and drivable, well-optioned one in Chicago.

(ABOVE) It was originally a Wisconsin car, and fellow CLC member Glenn Brown informed me of the difference between a Wisconsin car and a Chicago car. They will both be rusty, but the Wisconsin car will have straight bumpers. Now I will be on a mission to have working wipers, cruise control, and a power antenna. Also, I'll look forward to an official Oldsmobile vanity mirror and improved power steering.

Glenn and I made a trip to Barry Wheeler's home in Flora recently to help him clean out his garage. He has a vast collection of parts that he has amassed over the years and is donating to the museum. We completely filled the bed and back seat area of

my truck, and then had to stop due to a lack of more room. We'll need a future trip to finish the job. His generosity will definitely benefit the museum.

Progress continues on the 1955 Thunderbird. Many parts have been added to the engine, and it is just about complete. **(PREVIOUS PAGE)** The body will be going back to Dick's in the next couple of weeks for final bodywork and then paint. I should have the body back on the frame by spring, but there will still be a lot of work ahead with the interior and reassembling everything. Eventually, I will have to take the hardtop to him for new paint as well.

See you at the Fall Festival!

Lars Kneller, M.D. is the former national CLC president and lives in La Porte, Indiana.



On the Grass in Lebanon

By Jeff Shively

Photos by Mark Henderson except as noted.

Once again, Memorial Park in Lebanon was the site of the Buick-Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac Show on June 7, 2025. The Hoosier Pontiac-Oakland Club was the host this year. Honor Flight was the designated recipient of the money raised by the show. Cadillacs and LaSalle's were a little scarce this year, as it was held on the same weekend as the Murfreesboro Grand National, but our impact was still felt. Ota Dossett's 1965 Fleetwood Eldorado took home Best of Show Honors. The Best Cadillac was awarded to Kenneth McDaniel's 2023 CTS-V Blackwing. Other Cadillacs present were Dustin Cooper's 1964 Coupe de Ville and Eric Bell's 1955 Hearse. Region member Donn Wray's 1958 Buick Super was chosen as the Indy Honor Flight

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RIGHT Indy Honor Flight received the benefit of money raised at the BOPC Show.

ABOVE Best of Show went to Ota Dossett's 1965 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible.





1955 Cadillac Hearse owned by Eric Bell

2023 CTS-V Blackwing owned by Kenneth McDaniel *Photo courtesy of Jeff Shively*





1964 Buick Riviera (with manual windows!) owned by Bill Cooler

1964 Coupe de Ville owned by Dustin Cooper





1954 Buick Special owned by Paul Harshman (Best Buick)

1958 Buick Super owned by Donn Wray (Honor Flight favorite)







ABOVE 1959 Oldsmobile Fiesta Wagon owned by Susie Cooper (Best Oldsmobile).
LEFT 1965 Pontiac GTO Coupe. **BELOW** 1964 Pontiac Bonneville Coupe.

PREVIOUS PAGE TOP 1955 Pontiac Star Chief owned by Dave Battas (Best Pontiac).
BOTTOM 1921 Buick Model 46 Coupe owned by Pete Jolly.



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 favorite. Other top winners included Paul Harshman's 1954 Buick Special (Best Buick); Susie Cooper's 1959 Oldsmobile Fiesta Wagon (Best Oldsmobile); and Dave Battas' 1955 Pontiac Star Chief (Best Pontiac).

This was a great show, with the added bonus of good weather. Please mark June 6 on your calendar for the 2026 B-O-P-C Show!

Jeff Shively is a CLC member from Kokomo.

20th Annual Stoops Buick-GMC Show

By Jeff Shively



Photos courtesy of the author

For the past few years, the Central Indiana Chapter of the Buick Club of America has invited owners of Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles, and Pontiacs to join them at Stoops Buick-GMC in Plainfield to take part in its annual car show. In 2024, attendance was outstanding because it served as a rain date for the B-O-P-C Show in Lebanon, which had been rained out. This year, there were fewer cars present, but the diversity of the machines on display made the trip worthwhile.

There were not many Cadillacs present this year. Ota Dossett's 1965 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible was a big hit. Gary Henry drove his white 1995 Fleetwood. On this scorching day, Jeff Shively decided to leave his 1941 Series 62 Convertible at home in favor of his daily driver, a 2014 XTS Vsport Platinum. Kenneth McDaniel drove his 2023 CTS-V Blackwing. CLC members drove cars of other marques, like Jim Smith's 1937 Buick and Donn Wray's 1958 Buick Super.



TOP A pair of Rivieras. 1964 (white) and 1963 (silver). **ABOVE** Post-war open-top motor-ing, a 1948 Buick Roadmaster Convertible.



Ota Dossett's 1965 Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible.

Gary Henry's 1995 Fleetwood





ABOVE 1984 Olds Cutlass Calais Convertible by Viking Coachworks. **RIGHT** 1940 Buick Model 81-C Convertible Sedan owned by Jay Hodges (*BEST OF SHOW*). **BELOW** 1937 Buick Special owned by Jim Smith.



NEXT PAGE A rare pair. Less than 5,000 Saturn Sky Redline Convertibles were built in 2007. In the background is the author's 2014 Cadillac XTS Vsport Platinum, a rather uncommon car as well.



Summer Tailfin Quiz

1. The first back-up camera was in the 1987 Toyota Crown. T or F
2. What year was the Oldsmobile phased out?
A. 2002 B. 2004 C. 2006 D. 2007
3. What year was the Pontiac phase out?
A. 2007 B. 2008 C. 2009 D. 2010
4. The first Cadillac with concealed head lights was the 1967 Eldorado?
T – F
5. The Continental Mark II was sold for \$10,000. Nearly as much as a Rolls Royce. T – F
6. The 1980 Seville offered two gas V-8 engines. One as an option with 15 extra HP. T- F
7. The first Cadillac “Art & Science Design was the 1999 Evoq concept.
T – F
8. The first year for the “Standard of the World” slogan.
A. 1908 B. 1910 C. 1912 D. 1914
9. The first year for the Eldorado Air-Ride suspension.
A. 1954 B. 1955 C. 1957 D. 1958
10. The first year for the Olds 350 V-8 Diesel to be used in a Seville.
A. 1976 B. 1978 C. 1979 D. 1981
11. The first Cadillac model to use the revived Vsport designation.
A. 2012 CTS B. 2011 CTS C. 2014 XTS D. 2016 XTS.

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2025 Stoops Winners

Class A—Pre-War 1942 & Earlier

- 1st Place Jim Smith
1937 Buick Special
2nd Place Don Obermeyer
1908 Buick Model F

Class B—1946-1959

- 1st Place Dave Bottas
1955 Pontiac Starchief
2nd Place Chris Bottaf
1948 Buick Roadmaster
3rd Place Danny Camden
1950 Pontiac Chieftain

Class C—1960-1969

- 1st Place Mike Morelli
1964 Oldsmobile F85
2nd Place Dean Hudson
1966 Pontiac GTO
3rd Place Kenny Lentz
1964 Pontiac GTO

Class D—1970-1979

- 1st Place Doug Layman
1972 Buick GS
2nd Place Doug Sherer
1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
3rd Place Jim Fowle
1970 Oldsmobile 442

Class E—1980-1994

- 1st Place Gene Schildmeier
1983 Pontiac Firebird
2nd Place Jim Curry
1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass
3rd Place Randy Copas 1991 Buick Riviera

Class F—1995-Present

- 1st Place John Lester
2007 Sky Saturn
2nd Place Ken McDaniel
2023 Cadillac Blackwing CTS-V
3rd Place Jeff Shively
2014 Cadillac XTS-VSport

Class G—All Modified

- 1st Place Dan Brizindine
1941 Pontiac

Best Cadillac

Gary Henry 1995 Cadillac Fleetwood

Best Buick

Donn Wray 1958 Buick Super

Best Olds

Terry Lamey 1984 Hurst Olds

Best Pontiac

Don Bailein 2004 Pontiac GTO

Best of Show

Jay Hodges 1940 Buick Limited

Dealer's Choice

Walter Habeeb 1963 Buick Riviera



ABOVE This 1966 Buick Skylark Convertible is owned by Ralph Garvey. **LEFT** This 1908 Buick has been in the same family since new and is shown by Don Obermeyer.

There were many wonderful cars to enjoy. One of the interesting oddities was a 2007 Saturn Sky Redline Convertible. On the other end of the spectrum was Don Obermeyer's 1908 Buick, which has been in the family since new. A few lucky people got to ride in this curious little runabout. There was a 1984 Olds Cutlass Calais that was converted to a convertible by Viking Coachworks immediately after leaving the factory. If you like Buick Rivas, there was a trio of them from 1963, 1964, and 1979. 1940s Buick convertibles, with their elegant lines, were present in the form of a 1948 Roadmaster and a 1940 Series 81-C Convertible Sedan. Oldsmobiles were plentiful this time as well. Their presence at these shows continues to grow every year, and we are quite pleased about this. No matter your particular interest, there was something for everyone to enjoy at the Stoops Show in 2025. Please be sure to come back and join everyone in 2026!

Jeff Shively is a CLC member from Kokomo, Indiana.

25th Annual Taylor Classic Cadillac Show

By Pat Carney

Photos courtesy of the author



1940 LaSalle Series 5019 Sedan

On Saturday, September 13, Carl and I drove to Toledo, Ohio, to attend the 25th Annual Taylor Classic Cadillac Show. The Indiana Region was invited to participate by the Northwest Ohio Region of the CLC—many thanks to both the Northwest Ohio Chapter and Taylor Cadillac for hosting such a fantastic show.

Taylor Cadillac had opened its beautiful showroom and grounds to many vintage Cadillacs and LaSalle. Highlighting the show was General Eisenhower's 1942

Cadillac Series 67. I had previously seen the staff car in Abilene, Kansas, at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and boyhood home. How it got to Toledo, I do not know. There are subtle differences in the two cars; perhaps there were two vehicles?

Taylor Cadillac has a beautiful restored 1949 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible. The car occupies a prominent spot in the dealership's showroom.

The show had live entertainment, a buffet luncheon, and several fantastic door prizes. Congratulations to the Northwest Ohio Chapter for 25 years of this wonderful event.

Pat Carney is a CLC member from New Albany, Indiana



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE 1969 Cadillac Sedan de Ville. General Eisenhower's 1942 Cadillac Series 67 Limousine. 1967 Cadillac Fleetwood. A pair a Caddies from the 1950s, a 1958 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible and an Eldorado Brougham.





Warren William "Bill" Spurling, Jr., age 81, of Stuart, Florida, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, passed away peacefully in his home with family by his side, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Bill was born Sept. 10, 1943, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Bonnie (Lindemuth) and Warren William Spurling, Sr. He graduated from New Haven High School in 1961 and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Evansville in 1969. Bill was a member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

A natural entrepreneur, he established a car business that he operated for 20 years before establishing a successful real estate development and property management company – developing many retail, office, and apartment properties in Evansville. He was very proud of the company he established and shared a special bond with many longtime employees.

Bill was a pilot and had a hangar at Evansville Regional Airport for many years. He enjoyed owning and flying World War II-era planes. He was a member of EAA, AOPA, and NATA.

He was an extensive classic car collector and was a member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. He was an avid boater and enjoyed touring the waters of South Florida and The Bahamas, and he was a member of Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club. He also enjoyed shooting and belonged to the South Florida Shooting Club.

Bill's greatest pride, however, came from his family. He was immensely thankful and quick to brag about his children and grandchildren.

He was a down-to-earth, yet larger-than-life man who cultivated friendships with

ease. His ability to connect with people from all backgrounds was an admirable quality. Bill was generous with his resources and enjoyed contributing to many worthy causes. He was an Angel Flight volunteer for many years, helping to transport patients in need of critical care via his personal airplane.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, best friend, and partner of 18 years, Ann "Patti"

(Kennedy) Spurling; daughter, Tracey Stevens (Brent); sons, Tim Spurling (Amy), Andy Spurling (Nicky), Rollin and Austin (Amelia) Reisinger; grandchildren, Nate (Bryanna), Will, and Maddie (Niko) Stevens; Caleb, Jacob, Hallie, Jackson (Theresa), Tyler, and Audrey Spurling, as well as countless friends. His presence will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.



Answers to the Summer Tailfin Quiz on page 15

1. True, Japan only
2. B 2004
3. D 2010
4. True
5. Nearly true, RR was \$13,700 \$10,000 is about \$120,000 today.
6. False. One offered for California only was 180 HP vs. 145 HP
7. True
8. C. 1912. It was a take-off from winning the Dewar Trophy in 1908.
9. C. 1957
10. B. 1978
11. C. 2014 XTS

Answers to riddles from Thoughts from the Director

1. The man said at my age, I would just as soon have a talking frog.
2. They get ejected with more than five personal fowls.
3. ears.

