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Another evening of elegance: the 2011 VFR dinner/dance

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Once more, the weather leading up to the annual soirée was less than spectacular, as a snowfall (can't quite call it a snowstorm) dropped three inches or so on the greater Philadelphia area. True, that doesn't yield subarctic conditions, but it *does* yield enough salt on any major highway to make a soft pretzel jealous. And with the halite comes the no-vintage-cars rule, so the classic vehicles stayed (relatively) dry and snug in owners' garages until more clement conditions prevailed. But then again, it was late January, so that sort of weather is more or less par for the course.

In all, forty-two Valley Forge Members and their companions for the evening descended upon the Normandy Farms Hotel and Conference Center beginning with the cocktail hour. The high society style was set for the evening by the Lower Merion High School jazz band, the renderings from which gave an appropriate sophisticated, big-city mood to the cocktail hour—and an extra fillip of entertainment was provided by VFR veep Andy Jacoby who sat in with the band for several numbers. (see evidence at left).



Eight to the bar set the tone for the start of the



The Veep plays some hot licks on the licorice stick

Further coverage in pictures that tell the story appear starting on page 4.



The VFR's hostess par excellence,
Andrea Jacoby

Valley Forge Region events appear below in **BOLD GREEN CAPITALS**. Events backed by other CLC regions appear in *purple italics*. All other events appear in black ordinary text.

15 FEBRUARY	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
18-20 February	Atlantic City, NJ	Atlantic City car show/auction; for more information, see http://www.acclassiccars.com
20 MARCH	WILMINGTON, DE	LECTURE: CADILLACS AND LASALLES OF DU PONT; WINTERTHUR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY PLUS MONTHLY MEETING (SEE PAGE 8 OF THIS ISSUE!)
26 March	Hershey, PA	25 th Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Region AACA Car Corral & Parts Auction. Contact auktion@padutchregion.com for parts auction information, or purplepl@verizon.net for car corral information. General information: www.padutchregion.com
10-11 APRIL	WILMINGTON, DE	TOUR OF NEMOURS ESTATE PLUS OVERNIGHT STAY AND LONGWOOD GARDENS OUTING. CONTACT bandbc40lasalle@aol.com OR cadiman59@aol.com FOR MORE DETAILS
19 APRIL	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
Saturdays in May	Wilmington, DE	Estate auto shows at Winterthur Museum and Library; for more information, see www.winterthur.org
<i>15 May</i>	<i>Silver Spring, MD</i>	<i>Potomac Region annual Spring Show and Automobilia Auction at Capitol Cadillac . Henry Ruby: 301 894 8026</i>
17 MAY	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
<i>4 June</i>	<i>Lancaster, PA</i>	<i>Central Penn Region 22nd annual Spring Show at Kelly Cadillac . Art Archambeault: 717 577 6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com</i>
21 JUNE	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
25 June	Hershey, PA	16 th Annual AACA Museum Car Show and Flea Market, at the AACA Museum . Award given for the best Cadillac. See also www.aacamuseum.org
28 JUNE	MALVERN, PA	VFR SUMMER SUNDAY BRUNCH; CONTACT bluefludon@aol.com
28 JUNE	MALVERN, PA	VFR BOARD MEETING; BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
<i>9 July</i>	<i>Hershey, PA</i>	<i>Central Penn and Upper Susquehanna Regions host the Fifth Annual AACA Museum Show at the AACA Museum in Hershey – "The Caddys Are Coming to Hershey". Contact Art Archambeault at 717-557-6974 or jandainpa2002@yahoo.com.</i>
19 JULY	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
<i>10-13 August</i>	<i>Dublin, OH</i>	<i>2011 CLC Grand National Meet</i>
16 AUGUST	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
9 September	West Chester, PA	Police/Fire/Emergency Responders Cruise Night; Faulkner Buick. For more information, contact bluefludon@aol.com
18 September	Wilmington, DE	Hagley Museum Car Show; see also http://www.hagleymuseum.org
20 SEPTEMBER	MALVERN, PA	MONTHLY MEETING: BAXTER'S OF GREAT VALLEY; 610 722 5920
27 SEPTEMBER	LAHASKA, PA	VFR ANNUAL FALL MEET AT PEDDLER'S VILLAGE

Got a car-related event you know of and would like listed here? Contact John Barry at jdrbarry@comcast.net or call 609 221 3429 with the details.

Here we go again: plenty of snow out there already, and the prediction of more mid week. Our 40+ year old tractor with snow blower attachment that should be probably be languishing in a museum is instead working as hard this winter as last. We had everything pretty well cleaned up after the last storm, and then the snow avalanched off the tin roof of the rear part of the garage and created a mound of hard-pack in front of the car doors that the old equipment can't touch. And yes, the gutter is again under there somewhere, and this time it's not going back up.

The Club Banquet at Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center in Blue Bell on 22 January was a wonderful occasion. Many thanks to **Andrea Jacoby** for planning and executing a great evening for us again this year. Every detail was just right, including the tables centerpieces in beautiful wooden vases freshly turned to perfection by Andy Jacoby on his new lathe. We enjoyed a variety of entertainment, including favorites by the Lower Merion High School Jazz Band during the cocktail hour, a special slide show by John Barry consisting of views of the Grand National 2010 in Kansas City set to – what else? – *Kansas City* by Fats Domino and other familiar rag time and blues songs, dancing to the stylings of Louisa and Joe Haggerty, and a background of slides of 2010 VFR shows and social activities. Comments were overwhelmingly positive and favorable, and as we reluctantly gathered our belongings at the end of a pleasant evening, several remarked that they would be pleased to do it again at the Normandy next year. *[From casual conversations, that appears to be precisely the plan.—Ed.]*

Speaking of gathering belongings, thanks to Jack Hotz for rescuing the Club banner. After remembering to bring it and remarking on it being present, I left without it!

Today is Groundhog Day, and the sage of Gobbler's Knob, Punxsutawney Phil, is said to have observed no shadow, thus predicting an early spring. Knowing about where Gobbler's Knob is, I was curious how a shadow might have been possible in the early morning in the middle of the Blizzard of 2011 that at the time stretched from Maine to Texas. I "Googled" the subject and had all the information I needed to satisfy my curiosity in an instant. At the critical moment, Phil was surrounded by a dozen or more men, all in black coats and wearing black top hats. One scene in a video of the festivities pulled back enough to show blue sky in the background – in the middle of the Blizzard of 2011, mind you – but regardless, any light would have been blocked by the Men in Black. No question, it was rigged for a feel-good result. The most amazing thing was Phil's demeanor; he was relaxed if not disengaged, eyes steady on the large crowd of people that had gathered to gaze at him. I projected my thoughts onto Phil: "Why are all those silly people standing there in the freezing cold of an early morning in upstate Pennsylvania in the middle of the winter!"

And that it is, the middle of the winter. Like me, I'm sure many of our members look forward to this time of year to make some progress on car projects. The holidays are over, roads are covered with salt and other horrible chemicals that shall never



besmirch our collector iron, so now's the time take the cars out of service for those projects. I'm grateful for the many friends in the Club that I can turn to for help, and who so freely give of their time and knowledge in response, and I'm sure that sentiment is common among our members.

This is also a good time to catch up on our reading lists. If there is anyone out there interested in Cadillacs, or interested in reading about Cadillacs, search (OK, Google) an article by Dan Neil titled "*Cadillac's Insane, Unnecessary, Awesome Wagon*", published 29 January in the Wall Street Journal. I won't ruin it by revealing anything further of the content than is already evident from the title, but aside from the object of the article being an example of wretched excess in several respects, I find this to be good news. Why? Because it seems to me it has aspects in common with the development by Cadillac of the V16 and V12, and the decision to persist with the development in spite of the crash and the Great Depression, evidencing a desire to jump ahead of the pack regardless the cost and potential for success in the marketplace. Please look up the article and let me know what you think.

Plans for 2011 VFR activities were reviewed briefly during the Banquet, and are well under way. Please refer to the calendar on our Web site and in this and future issues of The Goddess for the very latest information about our upcoming activities. One that I would like to highlight is a special presentation by **Greg Landrey** titled "*Cadillacs and LaSalles of the DuPont Family*" at the Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library on Sunday, 20 March. Greg Landrey is a member of the VFR and a principal at the Museum, and has performed extensive research of DuPont family records in the Library to form the basis of the presentation. This will be a very special event that will take the place of our March monthly meeting. Please find a flyer with additional information elsewhere in this issue (see page 8)*. Thanks go to John Barry and of course to Greg Landrey for developing this event for us.

But please don't forget that before this special meeting in March will be our next regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, 15 February 2011 at [Baxter's Great Valley](#), located at 20 Liberty Boulevard Malvern/Great Valley, PA, 610.722.5920. It is in a shopping center on Liberty Boulevard in Malvern directly across from the Desmond Hotel. We need you there to help us make good progress on planning our 2011 activities and other topics in advance of the special meeting at Winterthur in March.

* *The flyer is strictly for information; no advance registration is required. Bring guests: this is a rare treat to get a look at the day-to-day life of one of the most prominent families in America and the cars that moved them.*

There's not a great deal to describe about a dinner/dance where forty-some people get together for good food, good drink, great conversation, and general all-around enjoyment: so there won't be much space spent on words. Rather, it's time to toss a huge bouquet (perhaps the entire flower shop?) to **ANDREA JACOBY** for making this all possible. Herewith, pictorial evidence of the fruits of her endeavors.



David Rothman's pocket watch (look closely) was passed on from his uncle—and the fob is an authentic Krugerrand

OK, so here we have some nepotism in the form of a few pictures of a certain editor's wife. That's called editorial license. Deal with it. 😊



Bobbie Zimmermann and Karen Barry



Becky Hux and Nancy Hotz—the latter proclaiming her automotive allegiance



Arthur and Mary Jones



Professor Jack Hotz imparts judging wisdom to Ph. D. candidate and successor Ron Hux

DURING THE COCKTAIL HOUR

More from the evening's opening festivities



Hostess Andrea Jacoby greets Ed and Maria McGettigan

Whatever point Mr. Jones is making, it bears close attention



Such good friends



Ladies representing all three VFR states: Florrie Watkins [left] (PA); Nancy Hotz [center] (NJ); Chevonne Robison [right] (DE)



Men of experience



David and Toni Rothman enjoying the evening



Shelley Chadick and Richard Sills represented our Central PA cousins



John and Helen Wood

All right, enough frivolity...time to get serious!



Hostess and consort

Becky Hux and Andy Jacoby

The Rothmans in conversation



During the dinner hour...



More during the evening's entertainment



Andrea accepts the region's plaudits for a job well done



Richard Sills imparts wisdom and humor



Views of the various tables



The Valley Forge Cadillac / LaSalle Club takes great pleasure in announcing a special meeting and presentation:



CADILLACS AND LASALLES OF THE DUPONT FAMILY



This event will be held on SUNDAY, 20 MARCH 2011 at **THE WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN AND LIBRARY** near Wilmington, DE. An abbreviated VFR business meeting (replacing the usual monthly meeting) will precede this presentation by VFR member and Winterthur Director of Library, Collections Management and Academic Programs *GREGORY LANDREY*.

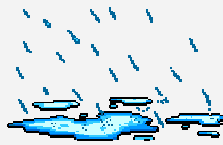
Join the members of the Valley Forge Region for lunch in the cafeteria at the Visitor's Center at 1:00 PM (a section of the cafeteria will be set aside for VFR members and guests), followed by an abbreviated monthly meeting. Greg Landrey's presentation follows thereafter in the Rotunda.

Following the presentation, VFR members and guests are welcome to tour the facilities on their own.

VFR MEMBERS: GUESTS ARE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED!



LEAKED CADILLACS AND LASALLES



The Leake Auction literature is a great toy catalog with something for nearly every automotive taste (I wouldn't bother looking if you're in the market for a real

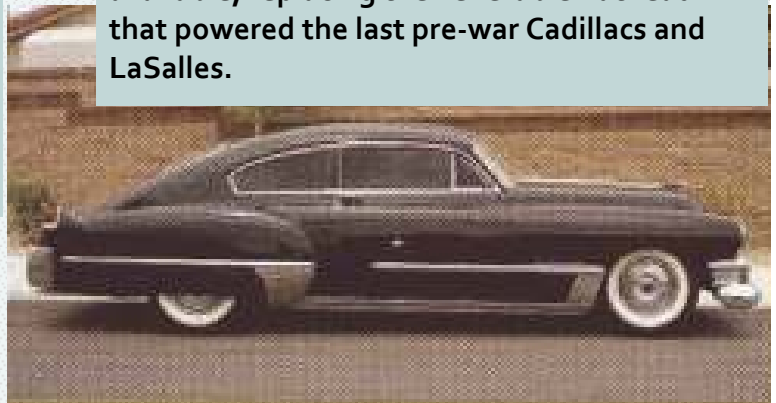
rust bucket, though). To brighten the midwinter mood and get everyone in the spirit of spring on the way (maybe seven weeks distant, with pitchers and catchers reporting to camps in FL and AZ within the next two weeks), here we have a sampling of "leakey" Cadillacs and LaSalles.



'34 LaSalle series 50 convertible coupe, the official Indianapolis pace car for that year. This was the car that reversed upper management's decision to discontinue LaSalle after the '33 model year.

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'49 Cadillac series 61 sedanette. 1949 was the first year that the new OHV engine was available, replacing the venerable flathead V-8 that powered the last pre-war Cadillacs and LaSalles.



1950 Cadillac series 62 convertible: styling was overhauled for the '50 model year, as the classic '50s Cadillac look began to emerge. This is one of approximately 7000 such vehicles built.



'57 Eldorado Biarritz convertible:
epitome of Hollywood's Swank era.

This 1930 series 452 V-16 could easily have supplanted the Isotta-Fraschini owned by Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*.



Look familiar to anyone? This fine '41 series 62 convertible coupe evokes (at least at first glance) Don Magee's superb specimen from that same year.

This 1922 type 61 Cadillac phaeton was driven by a 314 cubic inch V-8 engine. That's a pretty fair power plant for nearly 90 years ago.



The **Philadelphia Auto Show** took place in late January/early February, ending recently. While in attendance, VFR board member **Ronnie Hux** took these shots of an elegantly customized 1957 Cadillac Brougham. Clearly a one-of-a-kind car, this is a fine example of custom coachwork from the Eisenhower Era.



Those fantastic fins evoke the days of Sputnik



Suicide doors...brushed stainless steel top...liberal use of chrome...no expense spared!



Some serious firepower under that hood

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: 18 JANUARY 2011

The VFR December monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 18 January 2011. The meeting called to order president Cliff Woodbury. Twelve members were present [*Weather played a major role in low attendance.*—Ed.]

Minutes from the December meeting Those present voted to dispense with reading of the minutes from the prior meeting per a motion from Ron Hux and Bud Coleman.

Treasurer's report: none; however, there is a move to curtail a detailed report from monthly to annually, to be presented at the January meeting.

Vice-president's comments: (none)

Activities:

The locales for the next several Grand Nationals have been made known, thus:

- 2011: Columbus, OH
- 2012: St. Augustine, FL
- 2013: Boston, MA
- 2014: Lake George, NY [NOTE: this is backed by a new CLC region with 78 members on board to date]
- 2015: West Coast location yet to be determined

CALENDAR:

22 January 2011: VFR annual banquet; 46 committed to date

18-20 February 2011: Atlantic City car show and auction
10-11 April 2011: tour of Nemours estate at Wilmington, DE, followed by dinner, overnight at a local hotel, and brunch plus Longwood Gardens outing. The Huxes and Colemans are coordinating this outing; more details to follow.

May weekends: classic cars at Winterthur (brass era; pre-war; post-war; estate cars)

20-22 May 2011: Concours d'Elegance at Skytop Lodge

11 June 2011: Delaware Cadillac

26 June 2011: Brunch at the Chesterbrook Embassy Suites

10 August 2011: Grand National at Columbus, OH

MEMBERSHIP: No change in numbers, either full members or auxiliaries.

SUNSHINE: Lew Howells sent flowers to Carol Magee; she responded with a note of thanks. The VFR also takes the opportunity to note the passing of Karen Toton's father in September.

WEB MASTER REPORT: fully up to date

50-50 none; not worth it with only twelve present.

Motion to adjourn by Bud Coleman, 2nd Ron Hux
Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Coleman, substituting for Secretary Al Cowling

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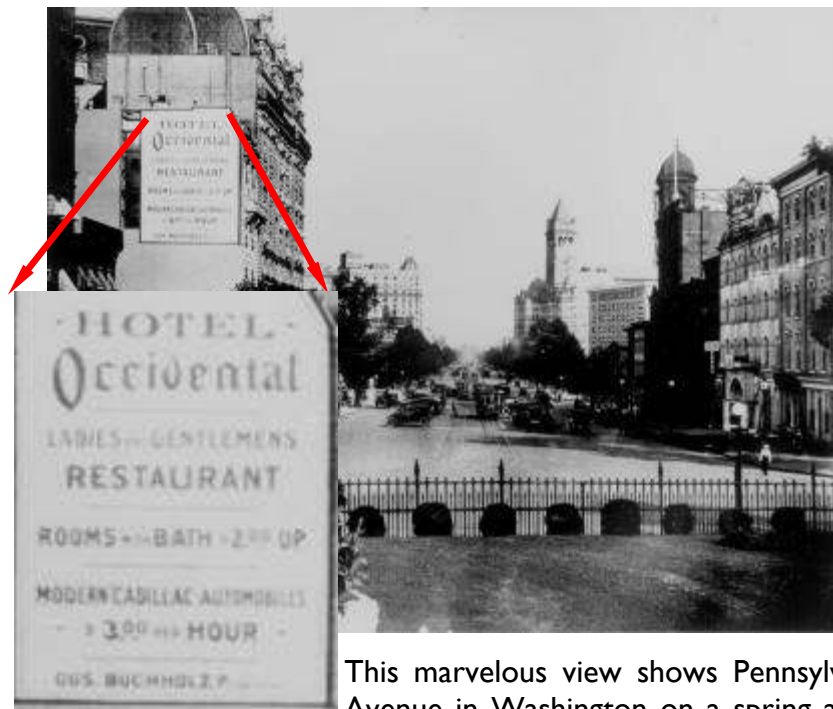
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NEXT MEETING: 15 FEBRUARY 2011
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR MARCH 2011 ISSUE: 22 FEBRUARY 2011



This marvelous view shows Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington on a spring afternoon in 1915. What's remarkable is the sign on the side of the Hotel Occidental: the hotel provided rentals of Cadillacs at \$3/hour. That's roughly \$66/hour in today's currency: a figure that would make Avis, Hertz et. al. blush.

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