



Botanical Gardens – Dale Chihuly Glass

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Just how did I get here?

I sit here on my birthday and wonder how did I get here? No, not that. Now that I'm finally eligible to sign up for social security benefits, really, yes really, but that's not what I'm writing about either. I'm writing about how did I get here with regards to the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Sonoran Desert Region.

The journey began in 1986; I was on the way to a mom & pop hardware store when I saw a white 1953 Cadillac 4 door sedan parked behind a stained glass business. Could it be for sale? Nope. I thought this must be the same 1953 Cadillac that I had seen earlier in the day in Auto Trader magazine.

OK, I'll go buy a copy of AT magazine. Well the 1953 Cadillac in the ad was a white 62 series coupe. I called, met with the owner and bought the car as it sat in the garage with stuff piled all over it. Never drove it, called the tilt truck, and had it hauled home. Geez, I hope I did the right thing! Good news, it started.

Washed it and I was off to an oldies car show (my first) at Tempe Diablo Stadium, wow, won my class, first trophy ever. I met John Cook, he handed me an invitation to join the brand new 'Cadillac Club of Phoenix'. Seemed like a good idea, safety in numbers. I joined, member number 13, lucky me. Went to a meeting, met some swell guys, who shall go nameless to protect the innocent, which I to this day consider my best car guys ever.

Is it just me or when ever you join an organization do you just want or need to be involved?

Time marches on, it's now 1988 and it was time to become involved with the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. The CCP ultimately through a concerted effort became the 'Grand Canyon Region'. My first Grand National that I attended (1990) was in Carson City, NV. The next regional move was the Grand National in Phoenix, 1992, where we established the 'Sonoran Desert Region'. Several years later the Saguaro Region in Tucson was under way, our sister region.

Did I mention that my first Grand National was in 1990 in Carson City, Nevada? When I went to the board meeting (pay attention) *I raised my hand* and became the national's first CH of Membership Promotions and Public Relations. Good for me, I could go on but not at this time.

Time marches on and I think of all the stuff that has happened. Yikes, 20 plus years of being involved with Cadillac's and LaSalles. All the people, all the cars, all the events that have gone by in the blink of an eye. The involvement with the people that I consider my friends, car guys and the cars. This is just the regional perspective; don't get me started on the national club and what has happened there in these many years. Well, let me tell you, I have been all over these United States of America. I have been from Seattle to San Diego to Saratoga to Savannah, all over this wonderful car loving country and have made life long friendships. Seen great cars, but met even greater people, people that are my BFF.

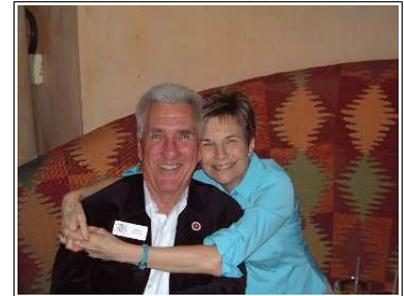
SDR jobs to date: did activities, did membership, did newsletter, did asst. director, and now the director of the region. Why? Why not. All I did, *I raised my hand*.

The region is in excellent condition, not because of me, because other people raised their hand.

Raise yours

Dave Ritchie

OK, I'm done.





ACTIVITIES

SDR 5.09 Report

It looks like summer is finally here in the desert. The winter visitors (snowbirds) have all gone up north and only the “zonies” remain. Count me in!

The April outing to the Desert Botanical Garden to see the Chihuly Glass Exhibit was incredible. The glass work really complimented the site. Our docent was excellent and I noticed several people following our group to hear the details you never get on a “self-guided” tour. Well worth the extra five bucks. Sandi found a nice big table in the shade where we all enjoyed lunch with the wildlife.



May's Route 66 Fun Run celebrated Cadillacs as the official marque. Twenty eight Cadillacs and one LaSalle participated in the Event. The Sonoran Desert and SoCal Regions were represented by seventeen fine automobiles. Winners from the official marque were:

- Best Antique Vehicle – Bob Campbell's 1911 Cadillac
- Best Luxury Vehicle – Mike Kosters' 1954 Eldorado
- Fabulous Fins – Lance Stacklie's 1959 Cadillac
- Best Featured Marque Restored – Phil Terry's 1954 Coupe DeVille
- Best Featured Marque Unrestored – Frank Stringer's 1957 Cadillac Series 62

Extra Atta boys to Mike Kosters for making the Fun Run an outstanding event for everyone involved!

There is no local SDR activity in June as I expect you all to be in Las Vegas for the Grand Nationals.

July 18th will take us to the Desert Sweet Shrimp Farm in Gila Bend for a tour, followed by lunch at the Space Age. Please RSVP to Jerry McGilsky for this trip ASAP as we will be renting a party bus for the day and we need an accurate head count.

The August “no-meeting” meeting will be a dinner at Durant's, RSVP to Jerry.

My two year “appointment” as Activities Director is over. You will get an opportunity in July to keep me in the driver's seat or give me the boot. I think Sandi and I have done an excellent job, but your opinion is the one that counts.

See ya on the road!

Phil



Treasurer's REPORT

\$\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasury \$\$\$\$
Treasury Balance = \$4,373.39

Reminders:

As always, please send me any E-Mail address, Phone number, mailing address, and vehicle changes. jmcgilsky@robertsresorts.com



Other notes:

We have been very successful with apparel sales, sold \$2,214.60
Advertising revenue to date is \$1,495.00

Happy motoring!

Thank you...your club Treasurer Jerry McGilsky

Sonoran Desert Region - STORE

Summer is just around the corner and some of you will be taking off for some traveling in the next few months.

Yow might want to think about buying a COOL t-shirt, hat or a light summer windbreaker for your travels. Order our SDR items now and you can have them for your vacation.

Don't forget the CLC National Convention in June at the South Point Hotel. Order your SDR shirts NOW!!! Our SDR dinner will be held at Don Vito's Restaurant on June 18th at 6:30P.M. Contact Dee Pellegrini for reservations.

Please choose your item from our order form and you can pick it up at our next membership meeting.

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HAPPY SHOPPING!!!

Dee Pellegrini
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