



**GN 2009 Las Vegas Fred Rank's 1960 Eldorado Biarritz**

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**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE** **Phil Terry - Dir**

**CHANGING THE GUARD –**

A couple of years ago, when the club was re-organized by Dave Ritchie, I was honored to be joining the Board of Directors. My job was fun and Sandi & I got to know some great people...better. I'm glad they're staying on to help me find my way on this "Road Trip". Okay, so I'm in the driver's seat. Dave has passed the keys and we're on our way. Jerry's riding shotgun as Assistant Director and Chairman of the new "Activities Committee". Dee has stepped up as Secretary as well as fashion diva. We know she can handle it. With Pete publishing the "Jump Starter", Marv on the Legislative Issues, Paul on Membership and Fred as the Car Wrangler....away we go.... Remember that "Activities Committee"? Well, that's how we want to "git'er done"! Dick Kocher, Bob Joslyn, Tom Hodges, Dee & Don Pellegrini and Sandi & I have already volunteered to help Jerry bring on the fun! We'll be counting on your participation too; suggestions and "hosting" an event are in your future!!



I'm NOT about "change"; I'm all about "Continuous Improvement".

Come on along for the ride,

Phil

**SDR CLUB MEMBERS WINNING AT THE GN- LAS VEGAS 2009  
PRIMARY DIVISION**

P-02	1924-1935 CADILLAC V-8	1ST PLACE	WILLIAM W. HOCHGRAEF	1926 CADILLAC COUPE
P-05	1939-1940 CADILLAC V-8	3RD PLACE	MARVIN PRICE	1940 CADILLAC COUPE
SP-11	1941 CADILLAC	2ND PLACE	DONALD PELLEGRINI	1941 CADILLAC COUPE
P-11	1941 CADILLAC	3RD PLACE	MARVIN PRICE	1941 CADILLAC 4-DOOR
P-15	1954-1956 CADILLAC	1ST PLACE	PHILLIP TERRY	1954 CADILLAC COUPE DEVILLE
P-15	1954-1956 CADILLAC	3RD PLACE	NEIL RICKLEFS	1956 CADILLAC ELDORADO SEVILLE
P-18	1959-1960 CADILLAC	2ND PLACE	FRED RANK	1960 CADILLAC ELDORADO BIARRITZ
P-22	1967-1970 CADILLAC NS	2ND PLACE	PHILLIP TERRY	1967 CADILLAC DEVILLE CNV
P-28	1985-1999 CADILLAC	1ST PLACE	DAVID J. DUBIE	1991 CADILLAC BROUGHAM SEDAN



**ACTIVITIES**

**Jerry McGilsky – Chairperson**

Well, you've heard the rumors and it's true, I'm your new Director. More on that on the Director's page....Now, for my final report...

The RSVPs for the Desert Sweet Shrimp Farm tour and Space Age lunch were too few for a bus. We downsized to a 15 passenger van with the back seat out for ice chests. I now see why this is the chosen vehicle for a "coyote limo". Seven CLCers and John & Sheila Marks from the Packard Club headed west on a dark and cloudy July morning. We took the scenic route past Lewis Prison, the olive groves and dairy farms. The tour and films were over quickly, and then we loaded up with frozen steak, shrimp and dry ice. Lunch at the Space Age Café was as tasty as I remembered and I've always liked the murals.

By now, you've seen the August "Self Starter" photos and judging results. The SDR really made off with the awards! Congratulations to Bill, Marv, Don, Neil, Fred, Dave and yours truly for bringing home all that "iron" to Arizona. I'm sorry to see the editors didn't give Mike Koters credit for the gorgeous black '54 Eldorado on page 8. Check out the SDR shirt ad on page 16!

The August "No Meeting" meeting at Durant's was a blast! Nineteen of us took over the long time Phoenix haunt. We parked out back and visited with Grill Chef Ernie Canez on our way through the kitchen. The food was excellent as always and our laughter brought the place to life on a quiet Tuesday in August.

The September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> "Run to the Pines" show has already sold out – did you get your registration in?

October 3<sup>rd</sup> takes us back to Carefree to help celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is definitely a "best of the best" show including the Jaguar, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Rolls Royce and Bugatti clubs. We'll show 'em Cadillac Style!

November 8<sup>th</sup> is the Indian School Block Party show. This the only car show in my neighborhood! Indian School Road will be closed from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street and a huge street fair with live music, food and shopping. There will be lots to see and several "Best of Phoenix" restaurants are in this corridor. Don't miss it!!

See ya on the road.....

Phil



**Dave Ritchie**

**Director Emeritus**

**AND FINALLY**

As they say, “After 3 days, fish and company begin to stink”, and after 2 years, a director of a region, well... draw your own conclusion.

I have been involved within our club in various capacities for 25 years and that by my account is plenty. So effective Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I will move into that rare air, that of “Director Emeritus”.

The Sonoran Desert Region over the past 2 years has gone through a renewal, a renaissance, a revision of purpose and direction. Witness our new interactive website that reaches out to the world and boldly announces “look at us”. Our product store, and the distribution of the *Jump Starter* our entertaining and colorful newsletter via email. New exciting and diverse activities, revised accounting procedures, aggressive membership programs, up to date legislative issues that impacts our hobby. New membership benefits, guest speakers, revenue streams through advertising, creative public relations as regional promotions and the marketing of Cadillac & LaSalles to benefit you. The concept of Women of Cadillac, new adventures for women only. Our on-going community involvement is part of our goal through helping those less fortunate in their time of need.

I now want to thank all of those who raised their hand to volunteer, willingly so, that have moved the SDR into a strong position, both locally and nationally. We are poised to take on the future to the benefit of all. I want to thank each of you, the membership, for your patience, understanding and your enthusiasm during this time of change.

I am sure that your continued support of our new director, Phil Terry, will make the future of our region even better. Raise your hand, be involved, it's your club, it's your friends.

I have accepted new challenges at the national club level which will occupy more time. So there you have it, see you in America.

Dave Ritchie  
SDR Director Emeritus



**Treasurer's REPORT**

**Jerry McGilsky – Trea.**

**\$\$\$\$ Notes from the Treasury \$\$\$\$**  
**Treasury Balance = \$4,105.53**

**Revenue:**

To date we have received \$1,770.00 in advertising. Check out the web-site and view our sponsors!

**Activities:**

Now that Phil Terry has moved up in the world we have decided it would be in the clubs best interest to generate an Activities Committee! This will ensure some great events in the future and further club involvement.

**Activities Committee:**  
**Jerry McGilsky – Chairperson**  
**Dave Dubie - Advisor**

**Committee Volunteers:**

**Phil & Sandi Terry - Dee & Don Pellegrini - Bob Joslyn**  
**Dr. Richard Kocher - Dr. John Melde - Tom Hodges**

**Sonoran Desert Region – STORE**

**Dee Pellegrini - Mgr**

**Congratulations to all of our club members who won awards at the Grand National in Las Vegas.**

**Our cars were fabulous and our club shirts were outstanding!!!**

**Check the August issue of the Self-Starter and see our ad for our club store. We have arrived as a show stopper club!!! So, if you don't have one of our outstanding shirts order one today.**

**Stay tuned for some new products to be added to our club store in the near future.**  
**Have a safe and cool summer. See you in the fall!!**

**HAPPY SHOPPING!!**

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## Introducing – Fred Rank

## Car Coordinator

I have always had a strong interest in Cadillac's dating back to the 50's when my father bought a 1952 Coupe de Ville from Kvam Cadillac in Milwaukee ,Wis. I really liked that car, but sadly they took it back the next day because they had buyers remorse.

A few years later , they finally bought a 1957 Cadillac Coupe and kept it. I was 16 then and driving it was a dream for a high school kid. A year later our neighbor , the wealthy widow of the owner of Kvam Cadillac who owned a 1960 brand new Coupe de Ville ( she got one every 2 years direct from GM) asked me to drive her back from her Florida winter home in Sarasota. She paid for my flight down there and I stayed a week. I took the car to nearby Lido Beach and at age 17 so you can imagine the good times I had with that expensive gold Cadillac. We drove it back to Wisconsin later in June, but when the 2 years came up we loved her car so much my Dad bought it from her. How ironic was that? We had that car for many years and I still have a picture of it .

When we retired to Phoenix in 2006 , a friend in the local Cadillac Club, Sonoran Desert Region, bought a 1976 Eldorado and took me for a ride. At his urging I joined the Club, but had no Cadillac. So, the search began to find a 1960 Cadillac. To help with this quest I employed a Consultant , Dave Dubie from our club. He had owned a 1960 from his mother , it never left the family so an expert on 1960s was close at hand. After several bad finds locally in Phoenix , a dealer in Maryland , Annapolis Classic Cars e-mailed me about a 1960 White Eldorado convertible with a service book with pictures of the restoration . He had found it close by in the Las Vegas suburb of Pahrump , but, we had to get there the next day or it was gone on a car hauler to Maryland. We flew in on the red eye , rented a car and met the car hauler near the Tropicana Hotel. It was easy to inspect the undercarriage as it was on the upper level .The body was straight and the magnet test was perfect on the metal. We got it started luckily ( old gas) and drove it . The car needed a few things to liven it up like new leather,carpet, refresh the side panels but the car was solid and even had the rare air suspension system intact , plus the hard boot 3 piece kit. We decided to buy it off the truck and wired the money to the dealer in Maryland . He had the title but I had the car. I took a leap of faith that all would be well. That same day we hooked up the the car hauler truck driver with a Cadillac mechanic, Gary Herman, a specialist in Prescott Arizona and he met the hauler on I -40 and transferred the car to his trailer. He basically updated and inspected everything, A/C, Air ride compressor, plus replacing basic items like belts and fluids. I did talk with the prior owner , and he told me all of the things he did to the car including overhauling the engine and tranny plus new paint and chrome. He did a nice job and the cars runs smooth especially on that air ride.The next step was to finally drive it to Phoenix in June's 114 degree heat down I -17 to our home. It made the trip nicely and even the A/C worked fine. My local Cadillac Club mechanic, Bill Link , did the major job of upgrading the air suspension from Mastermind in California and installing the new but original leather from Jenkins in the heat of our garage in the Summer of 2008. This June we took the car with others from the club in an enclosed car hauler to Vegas for the Grand National and it took 2nd with 96.1 points in the Primary Class.

One of my greatest joys apart from driving the car is sharing it with young and old who delight in seeing it and asking questions. I now have a very thick restoration book and on page one of the book is a small color picture of what started it all , that 1960 Gold Coupe de Ville that I drove back from Florida as a teenager.

Fred Rank



**MARVIN PRICE**

**Legislative Issues**

### **Legislative highlights.**

1. The Arizona state legislature has been so busy trying to pass a budget they have not had much time to do too much damage.
2. Legislation opening the door to authorize toll roads in Arizona has passed.
3. On the national front application has been made to the EPA to allow the ethanol content of gasoline to increase to 15% from 10%. The EPA has until Dec. 1 to decide whether to grant or deny the request. SEMA, The Engine Manufacturers Association, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute have protested the change.
4. The next AAHC meeting will be held Sept. 14, 2009 since the first Monday is Labor Day. The meeting is held at the Sanderson Truck lot, 51st Ave. and Grand, Glendale, AZ. at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.



**SDR GN 2009 WINNERS**

