

## **Member Cadillac Spotlights**

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# Jason Edge 1964 Coupe Deville .... "Then"

1994 to 1996 were indeed pivotal years for me as I would get married in 1994, buy a 1912 fixer upper house in 1995, and buy a 1964 Cadillac Coupe Deville on November 13, 1996.



I had always been a "car guy" and considered myself a hot-rodder and "Chevy Man" having owned several Camaro's and Chevrolet 4 wheel drive trucks. In the late 80's while attending NC State you could see me sporting around in a 12 second 1968 Camaro seen on the left and a 1980 Chevy Scottsdale with 8" lift kit and 40" tires. The 1968 Camaro would later be replaced with the 1985 Iroc-Z seen below that was built more for the top end speed.



After graduating from NC State with a BS in Computer Science in 1991, I went to work with the NC Dept. of Transportation as a programmer analyst. I thought working for DOT in the Driver License and Registration section was a nature fit for me since I was a "Car Guy!"

Backing up a bit, none of this would have been possible without my Miss Cheryl, who moved in with me back in 1985 and worked to help put me through college. She has always been the **Rock behind my Roll** and has been there every step of the way. After being together for almost 9 years, Cheryl and I were married on April 10, 1994, in my grandparent's church in Cedar Creek, NC.



W.L. Brooks House Built in 1912, Bought June 30, 1995

Being a lifelong Elvis fan, I had always thought about owning a 1950's Cadillac and started looking around about the same time we bought the house. Again as fate would have it, we saw an ad for a 1964 Coupe Deville in the local paper and took it for a test drive. We titled the car the very next

day on November 13, 1996.



Cheryl and Jason Edge - April 10, 1994

Cheryl and I had not planned to buy a house until we had saved more money, until fate stepped in. In the summer of 1995 my dad had asked where Main St Garner was located and on a whim I turned down New Rand Rd and we passed by the house you see on the left. It was fixer-upper but saw a lot of potential and closed on June 30, 1995.



The picture above was taken on November 13, 1996. The was the same day I bought my 1964 Coupe DeVille and had proudly driven it down to my dad's in Fayetteville, NC to show off my Cadillac. My relationship with Cadillac was born!!

Two key documents the previous owner Steven Jessup gave me were the Cadillac Owner's Identification Card and the Build Sheet. Steven had indicated he had bought the car in 1965 after being previously owned for a very short period by the first owner. The ID card indicated it was bought on April 25, 1964 by Sally Knowlden at McKellar Cadillac in Orlando, Florida. The first surprise was the fact the car came from Florida. The second was that according to the Body Name plate, the top was Aspen White from the factory. In a subsequent phone call, Steven indicated the top had always been Bahama Sand, from the day he purchased the car back in 1965. I have always wondered if MS Knowlden had requested the dealership repaint the top to match the body color or if it was sprayed before she took ownership.

The ID card was a nice document to have, however, it always made me wonder about the dealership and its history. In a recent message exchange on our website, member Yordanis Fernandez had indicated he drove by the location and even sent me a link to his daughter Linda McKellar's real estate website. I in turn contacted Linda who shared the following.

### CADILLAC OWNER'S IDENTIFICATION NAME Sally H. Knowlden ADDRESS 231 Buena Vista St., CITY, STATE DeBary, Florida. 64J 102576 ENGINE NO.\_\_\_ TRANS. NO. CD 79340 BODY NO. 22388. DELIVERY DATE April 25, 1964 SELLING DEALER McKellar Cadillac Inc. 1000 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida. DEALERS CODE NUMBER\_ 36352 McKella DEALER REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE This is your identification. It will furnish all of the necessary information in the event that Warranty corrections are required. Be certain it is completely filled out and signed by your selling dealer, or his authorized representative. SECOND OWNER IDENTIFICATION NAME\_ ADDRESS. CITY, STATE. SIGNATURE OF SECOND OWNER.

# Email from Linda McKellar, daughter of owner of McKellar Cadillac "Hi Jason

Thank you for your recent email regarding the 64 Cadillac and it was great seeing the original owner sales slip.

My Dad took over the dealership as his Father deceased in 1964. His Father first started out with Packard's had a dealership downtown Orlando, Florida on the corner of Orange Ave and Central which later became a Cadillac Dealership. There were only 3 Cadillac Points in Florida. McKellar (Orlando) Braymer (Miami) and Noland (Daytona and Jacksonville).

The New McKellar Cadillac Dealership was relocated to Orange Ave and Garland in Orlando overlooking the new I-4 Corridor and Lake Ivanhoe. The Property was sold to the State 2 years ago for I-4 usage is just vacant land now as the buildings were torn down.

I hope this information helped you. We were known for the Best Service in Florida.

The Son (Dad) deceased in 1969. Cadillac would not allow Women to be owners so Cadillac was forcing my Mom to sell she took to the Supreme Court but lost. The dealership was sold to Buddy Braun in 1979. Mr. Braun lost the dealership in Receivership bankruptcy) in November 26, 1991.

I would doubt any of the Old Service Records are still around.

Best Regards, Linda McKellar"

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Build Sheet showing my Cadillac was Built on March 19, 1964

Decodes shows it was Bahama Sand body with Aspen White top, had 2 license filler plates, 2 front seat belts, am radio, soft ray glass, power seats, door guards, air conditioner, guidematic headlamps, and 4 ply white wall Firestone tires

Of course the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of documentation that was really helpful was the Build Sheet which provides the essential build specifications. It also reconfirmed the car came with the Aspen White top, matching the body name plate. Interesting the GM Heritage Center that provides the build lists (See our Help Page for their contact info) now blanks out all the cars above and below the VIN # requested. I have always found it fascinating to see the cars that came directly before and after my car was built as it gives a better perspective of how they were assembled in an almost random order. For instance note that the 1964 Cadillacs built before and after mine were a Fleetwood 60 Special and a Series 62 Coupe!





Pictures Taken Late November, 1996 - Note There is No Garage to House my "New Cadillac"!



Picture from February 16, 1997 - 1964 Coupe DeVille on Left and 1964 Series 62 Coupe on Right

As is my nature, when I make that decision to pursue a new interest, I do not go about it half-heartedly. Within a couple months I had purchased a 1964 Series 62 Coupe, and had marched into the Spring 1997 Carolina Collector Auto Fest in Raleigh, NC and asked "Where is the Cadillac Club? I want to join!" As I am always struggling to get "Cadillac Enthusiasts" to join the Cadillac LaSalle Club, I always think fondly back to my first days walking around asking people where the Cadillac Club is. I was probably the easiest member the CLC ever recruited!

I have to include my dad, Sam Edge, in my story as he was a huge influence on my love of automobiles, and tooling around the garage. He was my right hand man and was always very involved with the restoration of my earlier Chevrolet's through to my involvement with the Cadillacs. We had many great times tinkering with and driving the Cadillacs, and we had some really funny adventures bringing in and disassembling the parts cars.



The 64 Cadillacs Quickly Multiplied



My Father Sam Edge between the two 1964 Coupes

Within a couple of years I had started bringing in additional driver cars and several parts cars. Our 84 year old house did not have a garage and I was resigned to using car covers until a better solution presented itself. During the first couple of years I actually stored most of my extra parts in my mom's basement just down the road.



Another Picture from Feb 16, 1997 between my Gold and Bahama Sand 1964 Cadillacs

Some of the early upgrades I made to my Coupe DeVille were simple things such as replacing broken parts, carpet and torn seat fabric, and taking care of basic maintenance. I did drop a valve shortly after buying the car. After an interesting experience with a local mechanic deemed as an "expert on old cars", I ended up having the car towed back home where I removed the heads, had our local machine shop rebuild, and I reinstalled them. The cylinder head rebuild would save me money down the line when it was time to rebuild the bottom end.



New Carpet was one of my Early Upgrades



Parts Car from Hertford, NC on July 5, 1999

The idea of bringing in parts cars, dismantling and putting the parts up in dry storage was formed early when I started trying to locate parts for my 1964 Coupe DeVille. I had reluctantly bought the antenna mast for \$99 from one of the well-known parts suppliers and determined I could bring in a parts car for a few hundred dollars. Like everything else I did not go about this endeavor halfhearted and had amassed a large collection of parts within a couple of years. It would be easy for me to fill pages about the parts business but will leave that story for another day. This endeavor has been a great source of

parts for my 1964 Coupe Deville and has been a fantastic learning experience in terms of knowing how these cars are put together....and how they come apart!



3 Bay Garage Going Up - July 1999



Sam Edge Working on our 1912 Home - May 1998

As the 1964 (and later 1963) Cadillacs and parts cars continued to pile in, we made the decision to build a 3 bay garage with upstairs in July 1999. By that time, I was well on my way with the restoration of my 1964 Coupe DeVille, my involvement with the CLC, running a 63/64 Cadillac Website, and evolving my parts business. Oh..and there was that 1912 Queen Ann house that needed some TLC!

The next segment will fast forward to the "Now" where I'll share more on my 1964!



# Jason Edge 1964 Coupe Deville .... "Now"

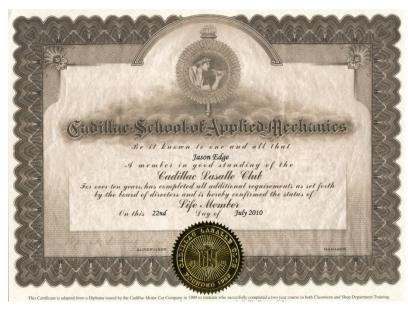
Now we jump forward to today, March 19, 2014.... 50 years to the day when my 1964 Cadillac Coupe DeVille was built!

Needless to say a lot has transpired over the last two decades in terms of my ownership and restoration of my 64 Caddy, but also the many new directions it has taken my life.

#### A Lifetime Cadillac LaSalle Club Member

First, I must say that finding and joining the Cadillac LaSalle Club on April 29, 1997 was a godsend. Luckily, when I marched into the Jim Graham Building at the **Spring 1997 Carolina Collector Auto Fest**, someone had a CLC application. I remember the person was a member of the CLC and had a 1960 Cadillac. I do not remember who this person was but send out many thanks for turning me on to

The Premier Car Club.



**A Proud Lifetime Member Since 2010** 

### **Eastern NC CLC Region VP**

Since our first meet-up on Feb 25, 2006, I have been a proud supporter of our local region based in the Eastern North Carolina. I currently serve as VP, while Cheryl serves as the Catering Manager. Our Region has just completed our meet-up schedule for 2014 and look forward to a very active year showing my 1964 Coupe DeVille.



Cheryl & Jason Edge at March 8, 2014 ENC CLC Meet-Up
Cheryl Serves as Catering Manager while I serve as Vice President



Joint Eastern North Carolina and Carolina Region Meet-Up
August 31, 2013 at Applebee's in Burlington, NC

### **Carolina CLC Region Member**

I am also a member of Carolina Region based in the western part of the state and am very proud to have helped organized our very first joint meet-up this past year in Burlington. We have another joint meet-up planned in August and hope to see this as a recurring event. I also must mention that the reason I made the CLC Self Starter Cover in January 2013 was because Cheryl and I had attended the Carolina Region meet-up in Lenoir on October 20, 2012, and had decided to take the Coupe DeVille on its first drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway. If it had not been for that meet-up we would never have taken these pictures! Cheryl and I are very appreciative of the many friends we have made through both local regions!



1963/64 Cadillac Chapter Grand National Meet Up August 3, 2013 at Boston Marriott Quincy hotel

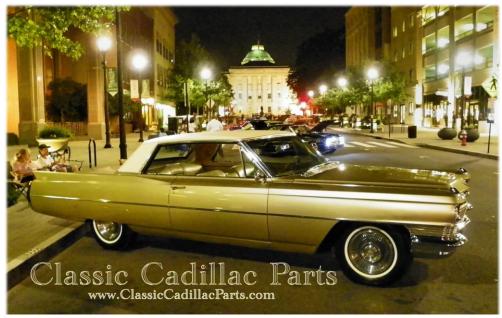
### The 1963-1964 Cadillac Chapter - A Proactive and Inclusive Club

I am most proud of our 1963-1964 Cadillac Chapter and would have never imagined seeing this ad in our

local newspaper back in November 1996 would have changed my life in such a fantastic way! Of course forming our chapter was an evolutionary process that culminated back in July 2010 when we became a



provisional chapter; and then a permanent chapter in January 2012. Our Chapter and website are made up of wonderful members that enrich my life in many ways and am looking forward to seeing our chapter lead the way in the coming years.



Business Card Picture taken Downtown Raleigh, NC With State Capital on Background

#### Classic Cadillac Parts

Since 1996, I have brought in forty 1963 and 1964 Parts Cars and have built a solid side business selling parts at reasonable prices. It also continues to serve as a great source for parts for my 1964 Coupe DeVille and an enormous wealth of knowledge about these 1963 and 1964 model year Cadillacs.



#### Here's to the Future

I have shared some of my past and present activities related to this car, but have not shared much in the way of past or current restoration projects. My focus in this write-up has been more about the car's impact on my life, rather than specific restoration projects. I do hope to share more about my ongoing restoration both on the website and in future newsletters, however, for now I would just like to say

# Happy Birthday, Dino!

It's been a great ride!

ps. The Carolina Region Newsletter Editor, Travis Dowell, told me a while back that I had to have a name for my 1964 Cadillac. Honestly, I never thought about naming it, but Travis is a bit persistent. I look at my 1964 Cadillac as a guy, and he's smooth and cool so Dino (aka Dean Martin) was the obvious choice.



Jason's 1964 Cadillac Coupe DeVille - Built March 19, 1964