



**January 7-10, 2026
Orlando, Florida**

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The 2026 Winter Reunion & Board Meetings event is set for Jan. 7-10 in Orlando, Florida. Orlando is the theme park capital of the world, offering a great backdrop for this annual event. A wide range of entertaining activities is planned for the week, and you **do not need** to be a CLC board member to join us! All members and their guests are welcome.

The host hotel, the Element Orlando International Drive, is conveniently located near major attractions, including SeaWorld, Discovery Cove, and Aquatica, as well as many of International Drive's notable stores and restaurants. The hotel is on the I-Drive Trolley route, providing easy access to these things if you don't bring a car. Universal Orlando Resort and Walt Disney World Resort are also nearby.

For those with certain Club responsibilities, we hold committee meetings on Wednesday and board meetings on Saturday. Sandwiching in between is the fun stuff, not to imply that committee meetings and board meetings can't be fun. On Wednesday evening, we get to unwind and enjoy a barbecue dinner outdoors at the host hotel. The landscaped backyard area makes for a comfortable and relaxing setting for this meal.

Thursday, we have scheduled a day at the renowned Mecum Kissimmee Auction, The World's Largest Collector Car Auction®. We will receive early access to a behind-the-scenes tour of this monumental event. The 2025 auction offered a lineup of 4,500 classic and collector vehicles "... auctioned live in an action-packed, fast-paced format." The 2026 event will undoubtedly be even bigger and will once again offer many acres of vehicles on display and assorted cuisine choices from local food trucks.



WALK DOWN THE RED CARPET at the Orlando Auto Museum.



SIT WITH YOUR Cadillac and LaSalle friends in the lounge during the Winter Reunion & Board Meetings and remember all the good times you've had over the years.



LEFT: The Element Hotel International Drive is the host hotel. Make your reservations now!

ABOVE: Some of the automotive oddities on display at the Orlando Auto Museum.

RIGHT: Of special interest for fans of later-model Cadillacs will be this 1993 Allanté Indy 500 Pace Car replica, on display at the Orlando Auto Museum.



DEZERLAND PARK is a wonderland for adults, featuring a variety of entertainment venues and the Orlando Auto Museum, all of which are open for everyone to enjoy.

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On Friday morning and afternoon, a full-day judging school is offered. This is an excellent opportunity to refine one's judging skills or to learn more about our judging process. This also provides an opportunity to earn three to four points towards the CLC Judges' Recognition Program (See the *International Membership Directory* for information on this program). Those who attend are highly encouraged to bring a copy of the *Official Judging Manual*. Print a copy or purchase a preprinted copy (\$55). Both can be found here: cadillacallasalleclub.org/technical_resources/. Those not attending the seminar are encouraged to hit the theme parks or explore the Orlando "I-Drive" area by car or trolley.

On Friday evening, we have arranged a special visit to the Orlando Auto Museum, which includes a private dinner buffet at the 007 Bond Bar & Restaurant. The Auto Museum boasts a collection of 2,000 cars, valued at \$200 million. The museum is part of Dezerland Park, the brainchild of real estate developer and car collector Michael Dezer. Cars in the collection are from all over the

world. No matter how long you have been into cars, there are vehicles in this collection you have never seen in person. Dezerland Park, housed in an 850,000-square-foot former mall, also features indoor go-karts, bowling, mini-golf, and pinball machines, as well as several other entertainment distractions.

Saturday is back to business with board meetings for the CLC Museum & Research Center as well as the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Members and guests are welcome to attend the board meetings or, once more, spend time enjoying the area. A banquet at the host hotel that night wraps up our Winter Reunion & Board Meetings event.

Please mark Jan. 7-10 on your calendar and complete the registration form included with this issue or online at wbm.cadillacallasalleclub.org. ■

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