

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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**Renewal of your National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Dues**

Your copy of "The Self-Starter" magazine indicates the expiration date of your national Cadillac & LaSalle Club dues. On the outside wrapper, just above your name and address is the date of your dues expiration.

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**Please remember . . .The success of our newsletter is dependent upon the contributions made by our members**

Karen and Jim Pittman are now the Editors of the monthly newsletter for the Iowa CrossRoads Region. Jim's email address is [jim@pittmancpa.com](mailto:jim@pittmancpa.com).

# DIRECTORS COLUMN

## October 2009

The Salisbury Concours d'Elegance on September 13 was the best ever. There were 108 cars on the show field. As mentioned last month, the featured cars were "Fins of the Fifties" and "T's of the Teens". There were 15 General Motors fins, 10 Ford fins and 10 Mopar fins. The "T"s present were 6 with an additional 3 antiques.

This was the first year for the Concours d'Elegance. A Concours d'Elegance is defined as a public exhibition and competition of classic vehicles judged chiefly on the basis of elegance and beauty. The Salisbury Concours celebrates the fine art and design of collectable automobiles, consistent with the elegance and beauty of the Salisbury House and Gardens and its rare art and book collections. Concours d'Elegance events began over 100 years ago in the parks of Paris, The Riviera and other elegant resort towns of Europe. The rich and famous of European society gathered to socialize and celebrate the latest automobiles and women's fashions as unique art forms that graced their lives as much as the homes they lived in and the dinner parties they attended. They called the events "Concours d'Elegance", a phrase, when translated, quite literally means 'competition of excellence'. The Concours made its American debut in 1950 in Pebble Beach, CA. Today there are several dozen shows that have the Concours name.

I was privileged to take the first place trophy for the General Motors fins with my 1956 Cadillac Derham. Judging is according to French Rules by teams of 3 judges, with all teams under a Chief Judge. The primary criteria are elegance and beauty of the automobile design as subjectively perceived by the judges.

Last month I mentioned that the members voted to update our web page and develop a gallery of our cars. I gave an example of the type of picture that would show the cars at their best angle (see below). The "web master" that I will be working with thought it was a very good example. For this to develop and happen we need full participation. So far, I have received only two pictures. This will improve our website greatly, but it is a costly project, hence, the reason for **FULL PARTICIPATION**. The sooner I receive the pictures the sooner we can proceed with the project. Don't forget to send a short description or history of your car.

I hope to see all of you Sunday, October 4 at the Cruise to the Woods and October 11 for the Covered Bridge Festival.

Crusin' in my Caddy,

Jim



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009**

**October 4-Cruise to the Woods-See info below**

**October 11th-Covered Bridges-See info below**

**November 21-Walcott, IA-I-80 Truck Museum and Vicki & Dean Stoltenberg-Car Collection**

**December 5-Christmas Party- Johnnies Italian Steakhouse-Details later**

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **October 4-Cruise to the Woods**

Our club will participate in Cruise Route #7. The route picks up cars in Ankeny at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 4th. The meeting place for the pickup is Northside Plaza (which is located on the NE corner of US 69 and N. 5th Street) in Ankeny. I strongly encourage those who wish to participate to be at Northside Plaza at 9:20 a.m., just in case the cruise arrives earlier than expected. We will then cruise up to Stratford, Iowa (approximately 50 miles NW of Ankeny) at a pretty good clip. All routes will converge in Stratford by 11 a.m.

Cost of show is \$10 per vehicle (pre-entry before 9/25/09) or \$15 per vehicle after that date. Specialty awards are presented at 4 p.m. The complete cruise is about 180 miles round trip (from Ankeny).

#### **Covered Bridge Festival Weekend**

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison County Car Show**

**Sunday October 11, 2009 Winterset, Iowa**

**Registration 8:00-12:00 Entry Fee \$15**

If you are interested in caravanning we will leave my office at 86<sup>th</sup> & Douglas, Omega Place, at 10:45. Last year this was a great event and everybody seemed to enjoy it greatly.

#### **November 21-Walcott, IA-I-80 Truck Museum and Vicki & Dean Stoltenberg-Car Collection**

This will be the itinerary for that day (times approximate):

8:45 a.m.: Meet at McDonald's on East Adventureland Drive (directly across the street from the Adventureland entrance).

9 a.m.: Leave McDonald's for Walcott, Iowa (140 miles east on I-80).

11 a.m. Exit I-80 at Walcott (Exit 284). Meet for an early lunch at Gramma's Kitchen, located on the NW Corner of the I-80 and Walcott Interchange. Since we will be located in a private dining room for lunch, we can have a brief club meeting directly following lunch.

12:30 p.m. Travel across the street (east) to the I-80 Truck Museum. Tour the museum at a leisurely pace. There is no admission price, but donations are gladly accepted!

1:45 p.m. Travel to Dean and Vicki Stoltenberg's to view their car collection.

3 p.m. Head west for home or continue to socialize at your leisure!

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



### Birthdays

Vicki Stoltenberg 10-16      Steve Fox 10-31

### Anniversaries

None

### NEW MEMBERS

We are please to welcome the following new member to our club:  
Dwight J. Harrigan-Des Moines, IA.

### HAVE YOU DONE THIS????

If you are a new member this year we would like for you to send us the date of your birthday (spouse included) and anniversary so that we may include it in the newsletter. **In addition, please send us your email.** Please send this information to [jjm@pittmancpa.com](mailto:jjm@pittmancpa.com) or call 515-276-2727.

### SOMETHING NEW

We have started printing a profile of a club member. We plan to print one in each newsletter, if you have not sent yours to us please do so. Earlier, a form was attached with the newsletter. **You cannot** complete the form online. You must print it out, complete and mail to Jim at Pittman & Company, LLP, 8525 Douglas Ave. Suite 40, Des Moines, IA 50322.

### Upstill Car Collect

Karen Pittman

Sunday, September 20, was a great day of fun, food, and fellowship and as the guys say, “A lot of tire kickin’”. The weather was terrific and once again it was a lovely ride through the Iowa country side.

Gene’s garages (better known as “Gene’s Toy Box”) were full of beautiful shiny cars. The food was outstanding. How could it not be any other way, with meat from Hickory Park and good home cooking from all the ladies? It was another fantastic day with our car friends. **A big thank you to Gene and Betty for there gracious hospitality.**

## Getting to Know You

**Name:** James C. Johnson

**Birth Place:** Fond Du Lac Wisconsin

**Places you have lived:** Fond Du Lac and Ottumwa, IA.

**Schools attended:** St. Patrick's Catholic, Goodrich High (FDL), Wisconsin State (Oshkosh), George Williams (Chicago)

**Favorite Color:** Green

**Favorite Movie:** Any Clint Eastwood

**Favorite Song:** Country Western    **Favorite Food:** Home Style

**Favorite Famous Person:** Jimmie Johnson #48

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** None-But have been every place except the Vatican

**Family:** Tribes of the Midwest & French

**What you wanted to be when you were little:** Canadian Mounted Police

**Current/past Occupation:** Retired-John Deere Engineer, YMCA Athletic Director,  
Instructor Indian Hills College

**Words to live by:** "Never take life seriously; you never get out alive anyway

## OH THOSE CAR

**First Car You Owned:** 1934 Chevy. Master Deluxe-4 door

**Favorite Car When You Where A Teenager:** 1948 Hudson Convertible

**Favorite Car Today:** None

**Favorite Car You Have Owned:** 1953 Ford Convertible

**Car You Wished You Could Have Owned:** All of them

**Number of Cadillac/LaSalle You Have Owned:** Three

**Your Daily Driver:** 1997 Honda Civic

## Getting to Know You

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Places you have lived \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Schools Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Song \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Food \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Famous Person \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Vacation Spot \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_

What you wanted to be when you were little \_\_\_\_\_

Words to live by \_\_\_\_\_

## OH THOSE CARS

First Car You Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Car When you Were a Teenager \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Car Today \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Car you have Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Car You Wished You Could have had \_\_\_\_\_

Number Of Cadillac/LaSalle have you owned \_\_\_\_\_

Your Daily Driver \_\_\_\_\_