

CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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Jim Pittman

September 2008 will soon be in the history book and fall has arrived. I hope you have had several opportunities to get out and enjoy your cars.

We all knew August and September were going to be busy months, so much so we did not have an August meeting and our “Brief” September meeting was held over lunch at the Salisbury Automobile Classic.

Late in July we were “Riding the Rails” of the Boone Scenic Railroad. See the write-up of this activity and the fun we had later in newsletter.

Our September activity was the Salisbury Automobile Classic September 7. Some exhibited their cars while others came to admire and drool.

Here is a brief overview of the GN. It was outstanding and Karen and I had a great time.

A Wonderful Week in New Jersey

505 Cadillac & LaSalle Club members, their families, and guests (1105 people in all) came together in Cherry Hill, New Jersey to celebrate the CLC's 50th anniversary August 12th through the 16th. 405 cars preregistered for the event and close to 350 showed up for the largest CLC event since 2002. A huge round of applause is due our hosts, the Valley Forge Region, for staging this momentous event and making it look easy! Every detail was attended to from the driving tour on Tuesday through the awards banquet on Saturday night. Complete coverage of the GN will be in an upcoming issue of *The Self-Starter*.

A list of [major award winners](#) is now available. The [list of winners](#) from Saturday's car show is also available.

A number of photos from the event are already appearing online. Below is a list of those that we know of. If you would like your photos to appear in this list, please send an email to the [Webmaster](#).

- [CLC Photo Gallery](#)
- [Long Island Region Web site](#)
- [Central Penn Region Web site](#)
- [Missouri Valley Region Web site](#)
- [New England Region Web site](#) NEW
- [ST Dog's Photo Gallery](#) (see album listing on left side of page for each day's photos)
- [Classic Cadillac Gallery](#)

The above information on “A Wonderful Week in New Jersey” was taken from the Cadillac and LaSalle web site at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

You cannot unsay a cruel word

Until later

Jim



Grand National 2008
Picture by Jim Pittman



“RIDING THE RAILS”

July 26th some of our members and members of the Buick Club enjoyed a fun evening “Riding the Rails”. As you know we had made arrangements to do the dinner train ride on the Boone & Scenic Railroad. It was a gorgeous summer evening and it was so relaxing to sit back and enjoy the ride while we were served a very nice dinner. There is nothing more beautiful than the rolling countryside of Iowa, whether it is spring, summer, fall or winter.

For those of you that were unable to participate , you missed out on some good fellowship and laughter, but as they say, “there is always next time”-----hope to see you then.



SALISBURY AUTOMOBILE CLASSIC

The ninth annual SAC was held Sept 7th. Again, it was a beautiful day (Jim says God loves old cars so he gives us good weather, I hope it continues).

There were approximately 90 outstanding cars on display. Four of our members; Steve Fox, Jim Galinsky, Noel Friday, and Jim Pittman had their cars on displayed. Many of our members that didn't participate in the show came to admire all of the cars. We were able to gather together as a club and have lunch as a group.

The committee has said they believe this was the best show so far. This year's event also included a driving tour and viewing Dennis Albaugh's car collection, which includes 129 Chevrolets at this time. He continues to add to his collection on a regular bases. Another new aspect was a "new" car show held at Prairie Meadows featuring the new 2009 models.

Next year the theme will be T's of the Teens and Fins of the Fifties. We hope we can make this an annual event that our club will attend. There will always be different cars to see each year.

SAVE THESE DATES

Our next activity is **OCTOBER 12th**. We will be going to the Covered Bridge Festival and Car Show in Winterset. We have invited the Buick Club to attend, also. You have already received an email from Steve but here is a reminder of some important details. For those wanting to caravan, we will be leaving Jim's office at 8525 Douglas Ave. (across from the Hy Vee on 86th St) at 10:00 AM sharp. Registration fee for the show is \$15.00. The show is located in the parking lot of Fareway, located at the corner of John Wayne Blvd. and Green St. (one block NW of the square). We feel that by participating in the show we will have a safe and close place to park our cars. However, you certainly don't have to be in the car show and I'm sure you will be able to find a place to park. I understand that there are a lot of other activities such as crafts, etc. that will make this a fun day. If you have not seen the covered bridges you may want to do that also.

We will be having a meeting on this day to decide on the dates for the Thanksgiving potluck and our Christmas party, as well as some activities for the coming year. I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend so we will have your input.

The Buick Club has graciously invited us to join them for their Holiday Party in the Amanas. The date is **NOVEMBER 8**. We will have more details in next month's newsletter.

CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2008

Karen Pittman

October-12 Winterset Cover Bridge Festival
November-15 (Tentative) Thanksgiving Potluck-Karen and Jim hosting
December-20 (Tentative) Christmas Party

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jim Johnson and Jeff Krausman both report that they are recovering nicely from their surgeries. Jim had shoulder surgery and Jeff had back surgery. Jim will be having another surgery on his other shoulder the first week in October. We wish him a speedy recovery on that one, as well. Oh, by the way Jim, there is no contest on who can have the most surgeries in a year. ☺

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Belated Birthday Wishes to Karen Repp-September 19.

Happy Birthday to Steve Fox-October 31.

Belated Happy Anniversary to Lori and Lyle Dahl-September 11.

For Sale

Aluminum flatbed trailer, 20 foot, tandem axle with ramps, winch and heavy duty tires. Torsion bars. Excellent condition. \$4,000. Call Noel Friday. (Home) 641-342-3137. (Office) 641-342-6041.

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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.

1935 CADILLAC 355D TOWN SEDAN



PICTURE BY TOM CROOKS

The story of my 1935 Cadillac begins over 30 years ago. In the mid 1970's, a family that I know decided to sell some of their many old cars, which varied from cars needing a complete restoration to some that were restored. At that time I wasn't really thinking of buying anything, but out of curiosity, I went to see what was for sale. Among the cars for sale was this 1935 Cadillac. Although what appeared to be a solid car, none the less it was very apparent that it needed everything. I inquired as to the price, and was quite taken aback by the asking price, which was nearly the amount that very good open cars of that era were selling for. So, I didn't pursue it, or make an offer.

Over the years after that, with quite a few old cars coming and going through my collection. I completely forgot about that 35 Cadillac. Then in the fall of 2000, a good friend of mine, who is also an old car nut, told me that he had bought a 1925 Studebaker with a California top from this family, which I mentioned previously. He wanted me to go look at it; it was still on the farm of the party that he bought it from. So, I went with him to see the Studebaker. When we got to the farm and opened up the building that the Studebaker was in, lo and behold, here sitting next to it was the 35 Cadillac that I had seen years before; it had never been sold. As the old saying goes, to make a short story long, I ended up buying it for what it was worth.

Although a basically solid car, everything was stuck, engine, brakes, etc. I do not do mechanical work, I don't have the interest or aptitude, but I do know a good mechanic and he brought the mechanical parts back to life. I'm self taught on body and paint work, so I did that portion of the work. The interior was done by a skilled craftsman locally.

Some interesting items about the Cad includes that it has mechanical brakes, but with a vacuum power booster. The body is called a composition body; that is the body is framed in wood with the metal tacked on. 1935 was one of the last year that this method was used in building car bodies, after that they were all steel. The wood in this Cadillac was all good; except for the passenger rear door arch needed replacing, which was an easy fix.

The body style of this car is what attracted me to it; Cadillac calls it a Town Sedan, Packard calls it a club sedan and some people call these short coupled sedans. I feel that these Town Sedans are the best looking closed sedan that Cadillac built in that era, and that is why I own it. This car is the best running old car I've ever owned, I wouldn't be afraid of getting it out of the garage today, gassing it up and heading for California. This Cadillac is recognized by The Classic Car Club of America as a Full Classic. (I belong to that club also.) In addition to my 35 Cad Town Sedan there is another in the Classic Car Club, plus another one in the Cadillac Club, but those two are not the same owner. Another item of note is that fellow member, Noel Friday, has a 1935 Cadillac, an extremely rare All Weather Phaeton, with the rare V12 engine, a very beautiful automobile.

