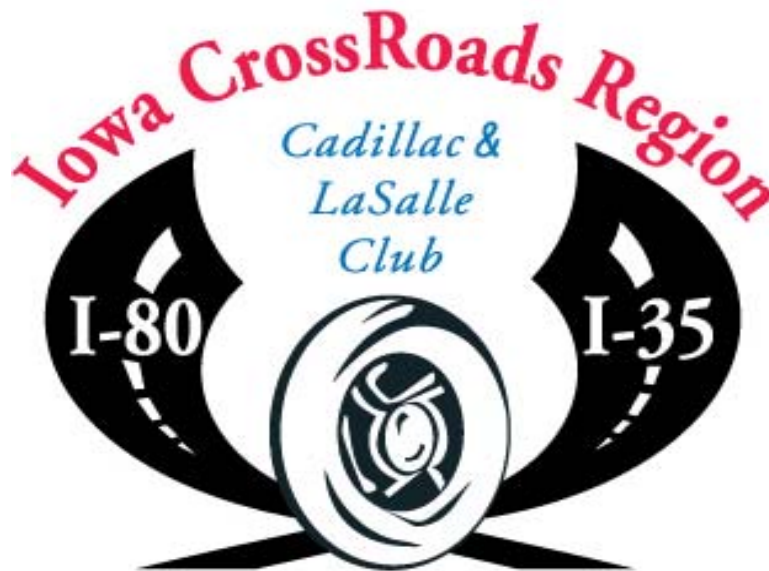


# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



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<p><b><u>Renewal of your National Cadillac &amp; LaSalle Club Dues</u></b> Your copy of "<i>The Self-Starter</i>" magazine indicates the expiration date of your national Cadillac &amp; LaSalle Club dues. On the outside wrapper, just above your name and address is the date of your dues expiration.</p>
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<p><b><u>Please remember . . . The success of our newsletter is dependent upon the contributions made by our members</u></b></p> <p>Karen and Jim Pittman are now the Editors of the monthly newsletter for the Iowa CrossRoads Region. Jim's email address is <a href="mailto:jim@pittmancpa.com">jim@pittmancpa.com</a>.</p>
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## DIRECTORS COLUMN

JULY 2009

The 2009 Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National in Vegas is now history. Like all Grand Nationals they each have their highlights and great things to do and see. They had about 110 cars to judge and another 40 on display. This was the first time for a GN to be held entirely indoors. Since it was 95 degrees and very sunny the day of the show it sure was nice to be inside in air conditioning. The Mo Valley Region was there in great numbers promoting their next year's event in Kansas City.

The welcome reception was quite nice, with Elvis present and a 1950's rock & roll band playing all of our old favorites. We dined on 1950s drive-in food of hamburgers, French fries and root beer floats.

I attended board meetings for the Club and the Museum. Exciting news from the Museum board is that we have narrowed down the location for our future museum site to three. It has been determined that it is our best interest to partner with another Museum. Three sites selected for further studies are: The Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corner, MI., the A.A.C.A. Museum in Hersey, PA. and the RE Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, MI. Three board members will visit each site, to study it in depth, also, how each one might benefit us and them, then request a proposal for partnering from each. I have been asked to assist with the financial study of each Museum's proposal once we have all the data. We are all very excited about these possibilities.

Karen and I were able to go on four very special car collection tours; the first day was the Phil Maloof Auto Collection (consisting of over 200 cars) combined with the Shelby Museum Tour at the Shelby World Headquarters. I have to admit that I was not a big Shelby fan before the tour, but now I have a greater appreciation for this great automobile and its history.. The second day was the Imperial Palace and the Sunbelt Collection (consisting of over 400 cars, 200 all hardtops in one building and 200 convertibles in another building). The 400 car collection was primarily General Motors vehicles.

Karen went on a Gold Mine Tour and shopping experience one day and then to the Jubilee Back Stage Tour (ladies you will want to quiz Karen about this...)

We will have our pictures with us at the 10 Anniversary Celebration at Honey Creek Resort.

Crusin' in my Caddy

Jim

AROUND THE CURVE  
LICKETY-SPLIT  
BEAUTIFUL CAR  
WASN'T IT?  
BURMA SHAVE

## CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2009

Karen Pittman

**July 31-August 1-10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration-Honey Creek Resort**

**August-TBA**

**September-13<sup>th</sup>-Salisbury Auto Classic**

**October 15-18-Covered Bridges**

**November-Thanksgiving-TBA**

**December-Christmas Party-TBA**

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



### Birthdays

Maurine Edmond 7-26

### Anniversaries

None to report

### Health Issues

Al Edmond now resides in Trinity Center at Luther Park  
Please keep Al and Maurine in your prayers as they cope with this difficult situation.

Herb Karow, our regional vice-president has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Please keep Herb and Patty in your prayers as they fight this illness together.

## Homemade Ice Cream, Classic Cars, And Banjo Music

The Olmsted House in Urbandale, provided the perfect setting once again for a typical Sunday afternoon of old fashion fun in the summertime in Iowa.

The ice cream committee and the ladies of the community out did themselves one more time. While the men were busy “hand cranking” the ice cream, the aroma of pies and cakes from the neighborhood kitchens was filling the air.

The weather was A+ Perfect, the banjo band was in Perfect tune and the cars were polished to a mirror Perfect shine.

We had a very nice selection of cars this year and the lawn was parked full. Some members of the Buick Club brought their cars as well as other individuals from the community.

It is fair to say once again, “A Good Time Was Had By All”.



# LAST REMINDER

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HONEY CREEK RESORT JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1, 2009

Have you made your reservations??? As you know I have reserved **10 lake view rooms** for two nights under the name of **“Cadillac & Lasalle Club at a price of \$99.00 per night”**. You have until July 17 to make your reservations. If you have already made reservations you have until the July 17 date to cancel if you need to. Call 1-877-677-3344.

We are planning to do various activities during this time, as well as attend the car show. We will gather together for dinner on Saturday night and brunch on Sunday morning. I think this will be a fun time as we reminisce about the past 10 years. I hope you will make every effort to attend and support your club.

### NEW MEMBERS

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 [jim@pittmancpa.com](mailto:jim@pittmancpa.com) or call 515-276-2727

### Cruise Nights

Tuesday	5 & Diner	6-8 PM	5015 E University Ave	Pleasant Hill
Wednesday	Bennigan's	5-9 PM	4800 Merle Hay Road	Des Moines
Friday	Hardee's	5-8 PM	SW 9 <sup>th</sup> & Army Post	Des Moines
Saturday	Trophy's	5-11 PM	2701 Douglas	Des Moines
Wed & Sat	Porky's North	6-? PM	5125 NE 14 <sup>th</sup> St	Des Moines

### 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 this form online. You must print it out, complete and mail it to Jim at Pittman & Company, LLP, 8525 Douglas Ave. Suite 40, Des Moines, IA 50322.

## **Getting to Know You**

**Name:** Vic Pickney

**Birth Place:** St. Paul, MN

**Places you have lived:** Minneapolis-Mills Lake, MN-Waterloo, IA, Iowa Falls, IA, Decorah, Ia.

**Schools Attended:** Elementary – Wahkon and Isle Mn. High School – Edison and West Waterloo, IA., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Favorite Color:** Red      **Favorite Movie:** Irma La Douce

**Favorite Song:** Rock and Roll and Country      **Favorite Food:** Blacken Prime Rib

**Favorite Famous Person:** General Norman Schwarzkopf

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Las Hadas, Mexico

**Family:** Wife, Peg

**What you wanted to be when you were little:** Veterinarian

**Current/past Occupation:** Retired Regional Manager for Quest----Owner of Sundance Travel

**Words to live by:** Love, Laugh, and Live every day like it's your last.

**OH THOSE CARS !!!**

**First Car You Owned:** 1949 Ford Coupe

**Favorite Car When you Were a Teenager:** 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible

**Favorite Car Today:** 1965 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud

**Favorite Car you have Owned:** 1930 Ford coupe street rod

**Car You Wished You Could have had:** Carroll Shelby Ford Cobra

**Number of Cadillac/LaSalle cars you have owned:** 2

**Your Daily Driver:** Dodger truck and 65 Mustang Fastback



### **OUR SYMPATHIES**

It is with heavy heart and deep sympathy that we report the loss of two very special people.

Club member Tom Crooks passed away June 26. Tom was a charter member of the club. As you know, he had a great love for classic cars and he was known for his superb restorations by all the “old car guys”. Tom was a life long resident of Boone. He was a tireless volunteer and made many contributions to the Boone community. One of his many outstanding accomplishments was organizing the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad.

Judy Willis, wife of club member Rich Willis, passed away June 27. Judy was in the prime of her life. She had been by her husband’s side, through out his career. In fact they started their careers together at Betts Cadillac the same week in March of 1972. Judy was an active community volunteer and board member of many organizations in the Des Moines area. Most recently she had been blessed with the pleasure of loving her two little grandchildren.

Tom and Judy will both be greatly missed by everyone that knew them. They were truly wonderful people. May they rest in peace.

Also, we have learned that Richard Moeschter of Saint Paul, MN passed away in June. Many of you will remember Richard from the GN2005 as he assisted us with security. We also extend our sympathy to his wife Shirley and family.

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