

CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



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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.

DIRECTORS COLUMN

WOW-Another great outing in April to Kalona, IA. (See article submitted by Vickie Stoltenberg)

This spring our club has already had some outstanding events. In March we were in Knoxville to eat at the Swamp Fox Pub Grill and then toured the Sprint Car Museum. Coming up May 21 we will cruise to the eastern part of the state to Davenport to view the massive car collection of V.J. Dahl and then on to McCausland, IA. to look over Bill and Joan Lindle private collection. (See below for more detail). Prior to the viewing the two collections we meet for lunch at Gramma's Kitchen in Walcott, IA the home of the largest truck stop in the world. (This was recently featured on Larry the Cable Guy TV program.

We have been having great events this year and in prior years but the attendance of our members could be improved; the loyal members are at each gathering. WHAT are we doing wrong? Why haven't you been present?? Please let us know. This is your club and we try our best to schedule great outings, in different parts of the state. Please review our "Calendar of Events for future meetings and put them on your calendar.

David Twombly has resigned as Treasurer. David is the only Treasure we have ever had and has done a great job. Would anyone like to volunteer to be our Treasurer? It does not take a lot of time. Please let me know if you are interested in filling this important position.



Whose car is this? It was present at least 2 times in 2010.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

Jim Pittman 05-09
Jim Ballalatak 05-13
Lori Dahl 05-22

Anniversaries

Karen and Jim Pittman 05-24

New Member

Brian Sipma-Des Moines

ATTENTION!!!! HAVE YOU DONE THIS????

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 or call 515-276-2727.

Send us your profile (spouse, also). A form is 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.

Shirts and Name Tags

We have received the shirts and name tags that we ordered. We will have them with us at the next meeting.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The CLCMRC is wanting one member from each region to act as a fund raising focal point for the region. If you are interested in doing this please contact me for more details. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Also, if anyone is interested in serving as the region representative to the national board please let me know. This entails attending two board meetings each year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

May 21: Cruise to Davenport, Iowa on Saturday, May 21st to view the *massive car collection of V. J. Dahl* in a joint gathering with the Oldsmobile Club of Iowa. Lunch arrangements will be made in this joint venture. This will be an all-day event.

June 4: Display our beautiful classic Cadillacs and LaSalles at the annual show n' shine during the *Scandinavian Days* celebration in Story City, Iowa on Saturday, June 4th. This will be a 4-5 hour event.

June 26: Enjoy pie and ice cream at the annual *Ice Cream Social* at the *Olmstead House* in Urbandale on Sunday, June 26th. This will be a 2-3 hour event.

July: Proceeding an early lunch, take a summer cruise to Haverhill, Iowa to visit the 19th Century *Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop*. After the tour, cruise up to State Center to *Watson's Grocery Store Museum* and the *State Center Rose Garden*. This will be a 4-5 hour event.

August: Take a trip to Shady Oaks near Marshalltown, Iowa for a tour of the *Big Treehouse*. This afternoon event will be preceded by lunch at *Stone's Restaurant* in neighboring Marshalltown. This will be a 3-4 hour event.

September: Travel to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on the weekend of September 16th and 17th for a *Fall Villa Gathering* with the Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois CLC regions. Also included will be scheduled Iowa Crossroads stops at the *Bily Clock Museum* in nearby Spillville, Iowa and the *Little Brown Church* in Nashua, Iowa.

October: Continue our annual fall tradition of enjoying the autumn colors in the beautifully quaint *Amana Colonies*. This year, lunch will be served at the *Colony Inn Restaurant* in Amana.

November: Stay locally as we head to the *Hessen House German Restaurant* in Des Moines for lunch. Following lunch, we will walk across the street to tour the *Science Center of Iowa and Blank IMAX Dome Theater*. This will be a 4-5 hour event.

December: Save your appetite for our annual Christmas Dinner get-together at *Christopher's Restaurant*, 2816 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. This will be a 2-3 hour event.

JOIN US FOR A CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION CRUISE!



IOWA CROSSROADS CLC MAY LUNCHEON & TOURING EVENT

Luncheon: Our outing begins with an 11 a.m. club meeting at Gramma's Kitchen (located on the NE corner of I-80's Exit 284 in Walcott, Iowa, just west of the famous I-80 Truck Stop). The meeting will be followed by a noon lunch with the Oldsmobile and Pontiac clubs (there at Gramma's Kitchen). Interested club members from western and central Iowa will meet at McDonald's (just north of the Adventureland Inn in Altoona) at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, May 21, 2011** for the 2½-hour drive to Gramma's.

Car Collections: After lunch, the clubs will cruise eastward together to view two car collections. The first will be the private collection of V. J. Dahl located in Davenport, Iowa. The second will be the private collection of Bill and Joan Lindle in McCausland, Iowa. Detailed directions to both collections can be provided by e-mailing Vickie Stoltenberg at: DeanStoltenberg@msn.com

Note: Please **R.S.V.P.** to Steve Fox at (515) 491-2624 or Vickie Stoltenberg at (563) 320-2305 if you plan to attend this fine event!

IOWA CROSSROADS CLC APRIL EVENT

On Saturday April 16, 2011 our members; Nora and Bill Schlenker, Lori and Lyle Dahl, Karen and Jim Pittman, Dean and Vickie Stoltenberg, Steve Fox and David Kroeger made the trip to Kalona, IA despite the weather.

On a COLD and windy day the members met at the Kalona's Historical Village. The Wahls (Glen and Fern) who did not have any family donated their home and building and ground which are now called the Kalona's Historical Village.

There we were able to step back in time to see the Snyder Log House, the Loom House, and the Wahl house. Next to the Wahl house are the Wash house, Grandpa's House, Kempftown Store, Richmond Post Office, Straw College, Grout Church, Line Shaft Building and the Buggy Barn.

Inside the museum you could view the Reif Family Rock Mineral display and crystals and gems. In the Amish Gallery there are Amish quilts on display.

At the Mennonite Museum and Archives you find many historical items and artifacts related to the Amish and Mennonite history and culture.

With population of about 2,363 about 1200 Amish making their homes in and around Kalona. Kalona has started a massive renovation with new infrastructure streets, sidewalks and period lampposts. To celebrate Kalona's heritage a section of around 42 quilt blocks are being installed throughout downtown on the sidewalks.

There is so much to see and learn about the Amish and the Mennonites and the difference of their lives. After visiting the Historical center it was time for lunch and everyone was sure ready for some warmth and food. We ate at the Tucson Moon Grill Restaurant. A cake for dessert that was donated by the Stoltenbergs was enjoyed by all.

After lunch President Jim called the meeting to order. Jim talked about the new Cadillac building to be constructed at Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners, MI. and about the donations to date.

Submitted by Vicki Stoltenberg.

PICTURES FROM KALONA BY STEVE FOX



Getting to Know You

Name: Vickie Marie (Schneckloth) Stoltenberg

Birth Place: Cedar County, Durant, Iowa

Places you have lived: Durant and Walcott, Iowa

Schools attended: Graduated from Durant High School

Favorite Color: Earth tones, Red, and Black **Favorite Movie:** Sound of Music and Grumpy Old Men

Favorite Song: “ A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation” by Marti Robbins, Any song by Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, George Strait, and the Statler Brothers.

Favorite Food: Seafood and a Good Steak

Favorite Famous Person:

Favorite Vacation Spot: Out West---Montana and Branson, MO.

Family: Husband, Dean; Daughters, Sandra and Mary Ann

What You Wanted To Be When You Were Little: A Catholic Nun

Words To Live By: Stand up for what is right!!!

OH THOSE CAR

First Car You Owned: Pontiac

Favorite Car When You Were a Teenager: Never thought of it

Favorite Car Today: Lincoln and Cadillac

Favorite Car You Have Owned: 1988 Black Coupe Deville

Car You Wished You Could Have Owned: VW “Herbie Car”

Number of Cadillac/LaSalle You Have Owned: 9

Your Daily Driver: Lincoln Towncar

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 Where 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 _____

Fall Villa Gathering, Sept. 16 and
Sept. 17th, 2011.

The following motels have been
lined up.

REMINDER: This is the start of
the Fall Season and this is a busy
time for the area motels! So
encourage participants to make
their reservations way far in
advance, they can always cancel!

HOST HOTEL

Bridgeport Inn \$109-\$119 per
night

www.bridgeportinn.com

608-326-6082

Windsor Place Inn

\$110

www.windsorplaceinnpdc.com

608-326-7799

Super 8 Prairie du Chien

\$100

608-326-2935

The Villa Louis will be serving a
free lunch to the driver and guest
on Saturday. Supper will be on
your own.

Places of interest:

Prairie du Chien Fort Crawford
Museum

Smallest US National Cemetery
located in Prairie du Chien

Pikes Peak Park in McGregor
Iowa

Possible tour of one or two of the
Thornburg- DeVries Funeral
Homes

More announcements at later
dates as things are added.

Let's make this an Annual Event
for all of us for years to come!