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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 the Editors of the monthly newsletter for the Iowa CrossRoads Region. Jim's email address is jim@pittmancpa.com.

DIRECTORS COLUMN

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club lost a very dear friend and colleague September 28, 2011, Herbert Karow. He was the first person to serve as the Central Region Vice-President. He served until his health would not permit him to serve that position in a way he felt he should. Herb was also a board member of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center and had served on the board of his local region, the North Star region. His interest in and dedication to CLC is immeasurable.

Herbert E. Karow

Herbert E. Karow, age 64, of Edina, MN, died after a three year courageous battle with cancer. Survived by wife, Patricia; daughter, Kelly Karow; stepchildren, John (Luonna) Burns, Michelle Breshears and Christopher (Shelli) Burns; grandchildren, Tiffany, Danielle and Marian Breshears and Shaina, Brittan, Alec, Julia and Brady Burns. Herb had a lifelong passion for Cadillacs. He was a long time member of the Classic Car Club of America and a national board member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. He also served on the board of directors for the local Cadillac Club. Herb also had a great love for the State Fair Carousel and helped start the process to save the carousel and have it placed at the Como Zoo and Conservatory. Funeral services were held September 30, 2011 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN.



Because of Herb I have had 12 great years in CLC. It was because of Herb that we hosted the 2005 GN-and what fun we had along with a lot of hard work. Also, because of encouragement from him, I now serve on both boards.

I will never forget going around the show field at this year's GN in Columbus with Herb and Duane Warren admiring all the fine cars until all three of us were wore out and ready to call it quits. Karen and I also had dinner that night with Herb and Patty It was so much fun and we laughed about so many things. I felt like I had known them all my life. I guess that is the way it is with great friends!

We will all meet again someday.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

Vicki Stoltlenberg 10-16

Steve Fox 10-31

Anniversaries

Dave & Karen Kroeger 10-19

New Member

None this month

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.

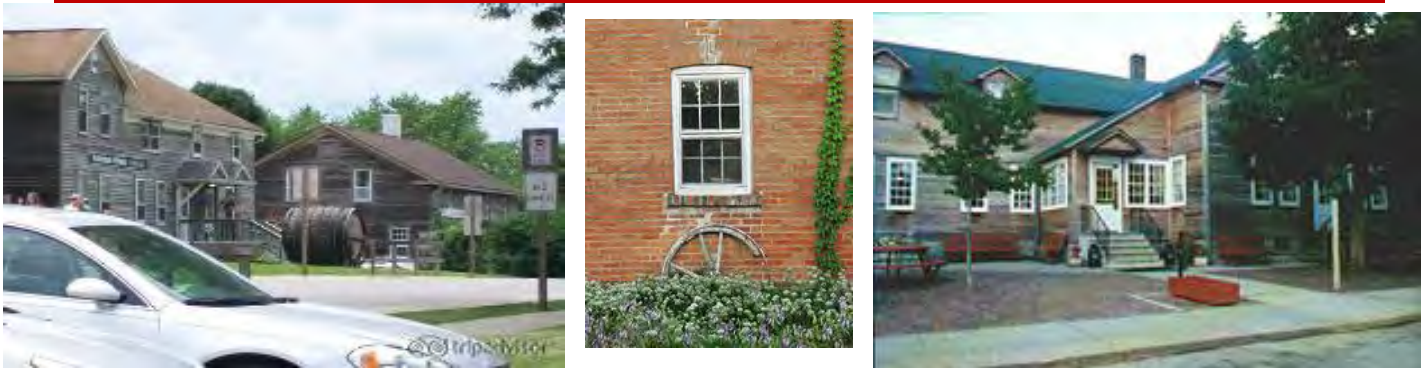
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

October 15: 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 12: 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 3: 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 IN THE AMANA COLONIES FOR A GREAT DINING & TOURING EXPERIENCE!



IOWA CROSSROADS CLC OCTOBER EVENT

Lunch and Touring in Amana: The Iowa Crossroads CLC will be cruising to the Amana Colonies for our annual Autumn event on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Members from central Iowa who are interested in going will meet at McDonald's in Altoona (across from the Adventureland Inn) at 9 a.m. for our departure to Amana. Iowa Crossroads members from other parts of the state can travel to Amana to meet us. We plan to arrive in Amana by 11 a.m. for a little wine tasting before lunch. We will then meet for lunch, which will be ordered off the menu, in the private south dining room of the Colony Inn (741 47th Trail) in Amana at 11:30 a.m. More touring and antiquing (at your leisure) in picturesque Amana is in store for us after lunch. Can't wait to see you there!

Questions/RSVP: Feel free to direct any questions my way. So I may get an accurate count for lunch, please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, October 13th to Steve Fox at (515) 491-2624 or by e-mail at foxenterprises@yahoo.com

IOWA CROSSROADS CLC SEPTEMBER EVENT

Cruisin to Prairie de Chien

For those of you that like to go on driving tours, you missed a great trip when the Iowa CrossRoads group went to Prairie de Chien for the multi-region car show.

We departed on Friday morning for three days of fun. Cruisin the back roads, our first stop was at the “Little Brown Church in the Vale” in Nashua. It would take four years to build the wonderful, little unique church in the vale. From 1860-1864 members quarried the stone, felled the timbers, but the outbreak of the Civil War slowed the construction. As the war ended area soldiers returned and assisted in the completion of the little church. Since white paint was very expensive at the time, the church was painted brown and the color would remain. Hence, the “Little Brown Church in the Vale”. A wedding tradition began at the unique little church and by 2009 over 72,800 couples had repeated their vows there. The church maintains 16 acres of lawns and parkway. The current active congregation of over 70 members gathers every Sunday at 10:30 for worship. It’s a true Iowa Treasure.

Continuing on down the road our next stop would be for lunch at Klunder’s Kafe in New Hampton. It was one of the little restaurants listed in the directory of “Iowa’s Best Ma & Pa Restaurants”. It was suggested that one should try the homemade cinnamon rolls and it stated that the hot beef sandwich was “to die for”. Several members can attest to the fact that was a true statement not to mention the “homemade” coconut cream pie.

With our tummies full and the cars ready to roll, our next stop would be in Spillville at the Bily Clock Museum. What extra ordinary talent is displayed here!!! The two Bily brothers, farmers, Frank and Joseph, spent their winter months carving clocks. Beginning in 1913 they spent many winters carving these unique, huge, masterpieces that are beyond description. Since we were not allowed to take pictures you will just have to go see these beautiful artistic time pieces for yourself. They stand several feet tall and are carved from woods from foreign countries as well as pieces of walnut, butternut, maple, and oaks from North American. One example is the “Apostle Clock” from which The Twelve Apostles appear on the hour. In 1946 the brothers gave their collection to the little Czech village of Spillville that came into existence in 1856. Another Iowa Treasure!!!

Continuing on our tour, we arrived in Prairie de Chien about 5:00 PM. After checking into the hotel we began meeting other car enthusiast and later joined them for dinner.

Saturday was the day of the car show. It was held on the grounds where the Villa Louis Mansion complex is located. This was the first year for this event and they hope to make it bigger and better each year. There were approximately 35 cars on display this year. There was no judging or trophies, just the enjoyment of displaying your car and seeing the others on the show field. We were able to have a guided tour of the 19th century Victorian mansion that was owned by the Dousman family. The family made their fortune in the fur-trading business. The furnishings, art, and architect of the mansion are breathtaking. It was built in 1870 and remodeled and redecorated in 1885 and is now restored to its 1890’s appearance with 90% original furnishings in place.

Sunday morning we departed Prairie de Chien and followed the highway down along the river. We had a couple of scenic stops and they we stopped for lunch at Balltown. I want to go back!! I had the best tenderloin I have ever had in my life. ☺ We didn’t have much sunshine during our tour and we ended up driving the rest of the way home in the rain. More sunshine would have been nice but it’s the people that make the journey worthwhile.

Many, many thanks to Steve for planning our trip. Unfortunately, due to family obligations Steve was not able to go with us. Maybe next year, Steve

Submitted by Karen Pittman

Pictures from Prairie de Chien Driving Tour



All of us at Dinner



Duane Warren's 1941 75 Series



All of us at Guttenberg, IA overlooking the Mississippi