

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



**MAY 2008**

## DIRECTORS COLUMN

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Jim Pittman

April 13<sup>th</sup> found some of us at Nancy and Noel Friday's for a potluck. Those of you who were not able to attend missed some mighty tasty food. See Karen's article below.

As I mentioned in my last column I would be attending a special Museum meeting in Chicago April 18 & 19. We had 18 individuals in attendance plus a facilitator to keep each of us on task. It was a great meeting with many ideas discussed and the best part was no one got angry or out-of-line. It was amazing to me that with all of the different ideas we all have for the museum, the one thing we found out was that we all have a passions and love for the hobby and the success of the museum, now and in the future. To this end we all agreed to the following:

### Purpose

Promote governance, chart strategic direction, and implement action plans to create a museum that protects the best interest of the public trust. Operate with a sound financial plan. Become a depository for the donation and preservation of Cadillac and LaSalle artifacts for CLCMRC members and the public. Then to establish and maintain a research library dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Cadillac and LaSalle as well as display items in a way that CLCMRC members and the public can view and appreciate the Cadillac and LaSalle marque and its history, heritage, and traditions.

### Membership

We accept that we have fiduciary responsibility to CLCMRC, and we are here to serve.

We agree to put the Museum purpose and mission above our personal preferences so that we may trust each other to do what is best for the Museum. Our decisions will be based on what is in the best interest for creating our museum.

We agree to empower the members of our sub-committees to gather and present information to the CLCMRC board.

We agree to volunteer for service on the subcommittee(s).

### Control

We agree to communicate openly, honestly, candidly, and respectfully at all times.

We agree to be open to listen to and consider new ideas and opinions, even if they are different from our own.

We agree to be engaged and present participants in the process.

We agree that we are passionate about meeting our goals and we each accept responsibility for our own "emotional wake".

We agree to address the real issues.

We agree to take the time and explore all of the information necessary to make consensus decisions on matters that are serious and important.

We agree to make decisions based on resources and fact.

### Goals

We agree to keep the end in sight.

We agree to strategically staff our subcommittees after the completion of this offsite.

We agree to contact other museums to mine for information. We do not have to reinvent the wheel.

We agree to use email, teleconference, and face to face meetings to communicate and make decisions four times a year rather than our current two times a year.

Until later  
Jim

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## **Pictures by Steve Fox-thanks Steve**

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## CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2008

Karen Pittman

I have been working on the calendar of events for the next year. PLEASE let me know what you would like to do and any ideas that you might have. Here are some that have already been scheduled and suggestions for others.

<b>May-31</b>	City Tour and lunch-See details below.
<b>June-29</b>	Ice Cream Social - Olmsted House
<b>July-26</b>	Boone Scenic Valley Railroad-Dinner/Ride
<b>August</b>	Greenfield Car Collection-Date to be determined
<b>September-7</b>	Salisbury Car Classic-We plan to attend as a dub. Some members maybe showing their cars.
<b>October</b>	Winterset Cover Bridge Festival-Date to be determined
<b>November-15</b>	Thanksgiving Potluck-Karen and Jim hosting
<b>December</b>	Christmas Party-Date yet to be determined

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Bill Schlenker is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jim Johnson is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Noel Friday is recovering from a fall and shoulder injury.

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## **CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

Our activity that is coming up first is the City Sightseeing Driving Tour, on May 31. We will meet at Des Moines Water Works Park at 10:30 A.M. It is located at Fleur Drive and Grays Lake. Turn west into Water Works Park and turn right immediately toward the fountain. We will caravan through town with stops at the Iowa Historical Museum and the Iowa Hall of Pride. We will tour and have lunch at the Historical Museum. After lunch we will go to the Iowa Hall of Pride located in Hy Vee Hall at 330 Park St. and see everything that this relatively new venue in Des Moines has to offer. I understand it is very nice and very interesting. The admission for this is \$5.00. There is no admission at the Historical Museum. **BE SURE** to wear your club shirts and name tags.

Members of the Buick Club plan to join us for both of these activities. I think both activities will be fun and very enjoyable. I hope you will make every effort possible to join in on these activities. Since these are joint meetings I think it is important that we have a good attendance. Let's put the support of our club first and foremost.

We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions our numbers are: Office 276-2727 Home 278-5018 Jim's Cell 249-5018, Karen's Cell 249-1930. Please see next page for driving instructions.

## CITY TOUR DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS MAP TO BE PROVIDED DAY OF TOUR

(1) We will meet at the Des Moines Water Works Park at 10:30 A.M. We turn west into Water Works Park and turn right immediately toward the fountain. We should be able to see each other as our cars group together.

(2) We will travel thru the park and then across the street and caravan through Grays Lake circling back to Fleur Drive.

(3) We will then travel north on Fleur Drive and turn west on Ingersoll Ave. until we reach Polk Blvd; We then will go south to Grand Ave. and travel east, down Grand, then turn south which ends at the Meredith Building. We then turn east on Locust until 15th street. We then travel south to Martin Luther King and from there, we will go east until we reach the end, which is Water Street.

(4) We then will travel north to Court St, turn right until we reach East 3rd or East 4th where we will reach the Iowa Historical Museum. Here we will have lunch.

(5) After having lunch at the Museum, we will depart and head west to 2nd Ave. We then go North until reaching the Hy Vee Events Center located at 330 Park St.

Because of the number of cars expected, we may not all make it through the traffic lights together. Also, Jim has agreed to be the lead car in the caravan, and I agree to be the second car. As long as we all know where we are headed, we should be able to arrive fairly close together. I do suggest that only IF POSSIBLE, those of us who make it through a traffic light, that we attempt to pull over until those cars behind will be able to catch up with us. This may not be feasible but if possible, we would be a true caravan!!

### May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim Pittman	May 9
Lori Dahl	May 22
Noel Friday	June 8

Jim and Karen Pittman	May 24, 1964
Jim and Janice Johnson	June 8, 1957

### NEW IDEA

It has been suggested by a member that maybe it would be nice for the members to have long sleeved shirts (for the colder weather). Are you interested in this?? Let Jim know at 515-276-2727 or [jim@pittmancpa.com](mailto:jim@pittmancpa.com).

### TRUE AMERICAN

You might be a true American if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

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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**

David Twombley is now the Editor of the monthly newsletter for the Iowa CrossRoads Region. David's email address is: [Allante1@mchsi.com](mailto:Allante1@mchsi.com)

CARS AND FOOD  
IS THERE A BETTER CONBINATION????

April 13 was the perfect opportunity for just that. Thanks to Nancy and Noel Friday for opening up their home and garages so that we might have a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. The British Car Club joined us at the Fridays so we got a chance to see several of their cars, as well as seeing Noel's collection again. The food was oh so good and oh so plentiful. The guys may know their cars but I think it is only fair to say the ladies know their food. We've got some mighty good cooks in this group. We had a good attendance. It was a nice day so it was fun to take a little joy ride. Thanks again to Nancy and Noel for their great hospitality. We look forward to seeing all of you on May 31 for our city tour. I think it will be great fun and interesting.