

CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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<p><u>Renewal of your National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Dues</u> Your copy of "<i>The Self-Starter</i>" 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.</p>

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<p><u>Please remember . . . The success of our newsletter is dependent upon the contributions made by our members</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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DIRECTORS COLUMNM

May 2009

The Drake Relay event is now history. Many records have either been broken or still stand. I am sure the ones of you who participated in our part of this event have many fond memories and stories that will last for years.

I think we should feel very privileged that Iowa CrossRoads was selected to participate in this historic event. It was an impressive sight to see the 20 greatest athletes of the past 100 years of the Drake Relays gather together. They were dressed in glitzy gowns and sharp suits as they arrived in our classic cars and stepped out, onto the Drake Royal Blue Carpet. Hundreds of relay fans lined the entrance of the Knapp Center to catch a glimpse of these world famous athletes.

As so often happens, we sometimes do not realize what outstanding events we have in the state of Iowa. The Drake Relays is certainly one of these. It is a world premier track event. This year there were 113 events, 7,392 athletes competing from numerous high schools, 49 universities, and 66 countries. There was a record 43 Olympians committed to compete in this 100th edition of the Drake Relays. That is pretty impressive!!!! Just to think we were given the opportunity to meet and transport these multi Olympian athletes is phenomenal.

The following CLC members that participated with their classic cars were as follows:

Noel Friday	1935 Cadillac V-12-5P Convertible Sedan
Bill Schlenker	1938 LaSalle Four Door Convertible
Steve Fox	1956 Cadillac Eldorado Seville
Jim Pittman	1956 Fleetwood-Derham Custom Coach Work
Rich Willis	1965 Deville Convertible
Bob Holts	1966 Deville Convertible
David Twombly	1992 Allante Convertible
Lyle Dahl	1995 Deville Sedan

We assembled a great group of cars covering a 60 year time period of the 100 years. After looking at the cars listed above I do believe the Cadillac and LaSalle Club and the Cadillac Division of General Motors were well represented. I know of no other division of a car company that could assemble this many classic cars over the same 60 year period.

Thank you, to all who took part in this historic event. See pictures elsewhere in the newsletter.

Crusin' in my Caddy,

Jim

CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2009

Karen Pittman

May -Tulip time-this is very tentative because of weather

June 17-20-2009 Grand National-Las Vegas

June 28th-Ice Cream Social-Olmsted House

July 31-August 1-10th Anniversary Celebration-Honey Creek Resort

August-TBA

September-13th-Salisbury Auto Classic

October15-18-Covered Bridges

November-Thanksgiving-TBA

December-Christmas Party-TBA

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Birthdays

Jim Pittman 5-9

Jim Ballaltatak -5-13

Lori Dahl 5-22

Noel Friday 6-8

Anniversaries

Jim and Karen Pittman 5-24

Jim and Janice Johnson 6-8

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS (CONTINUED)

NEW MEMBERS

We are please to welcome the following new members to our club:

Edwin and Myrna Joy Janssen	Palmer, Iowa
Scott Perrin	Iowa City, Iowa
Doug and Pam Peterson	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Victor and Peggy Pinkney	Decorah, Iowa
Warren Wortman	Anamosa, Iowa

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 or call 515-276-2727

Cruise Nights

We have received word that there will be two new cruise nights in Des Moines this summer. One will be at Plaza Lanes/Trophies on Euclid Avenue on Saturday night and one at Bennigan's on Merle Hay Road on Wednesday night. Watch for further information in the future.

Car Show

A Show and Shine will take place in Albia, Iowa on June 27, 2009. Our own DeWayne Repp is spearheading this event. For more info call 641-932-5108 or visit www.ablia150.org.

Something New

Karen Pittman

At our last meeting I suggested we start doing profiles of our members. Just a few days later we received another regional newsletter and they were going to start doing the same thing. I hope they don't think we are copying them. You will find Jim's on the next page. This is only an example. You may delete or add to it as you wish. We would like for everybody to participate including the spouses. We will be sending a blank copy for you to fill out and return. We will publish one in each newsletter. I hope you will find this interesting and fun.

Getting to Know You

Name: Jim Pittman

Birth Place: Centerville, IA

Places you have lived: Unionville, MO, Kirksville, MO, Des Moines, IA.

Schools Attended: Unionville Grade & High School, Kirksville State Teachers College, now known as Truman State University.

Favorite Color: Red or Blue Favorite Movie: Ten Commandments

Favorite Song: How Great Thou Are Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Famous Person: John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Harry Truman

Favorite Vacation Spot: Branson Mo. and Grand Cypress in Orlando, FL.

Family: Wife-Karen, Son-John and daughter-in-law Amy, Grandson-Nicholas

What you wanted to be when you were little: Truck Driver

Current/past Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Words to live by: People will rise to your expectation.

OH THOSE CARS !!!

First Car You Owned: 1947 Chevrolet

Favorite Car When you Were a Teenager: 1957 Ford Skyliner

Favorite Car Today: 2008 DTS Cadillac

Favorite Car you have Owned: 1957 Ford Skyliner and my 1956 Cadillac-Derham

Car You Wished You Could have had: 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible

Number of Cadillac/LaSalle cars you have owned: 9

Your Daily Driver: 2008 DTS Cadillac and a 2000 DTS Cadillac

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS
FOR THE CELEBRATION**



10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION-HONEYCREEK RESORT

I have reserved **10 lake view rooms** for two nights, July 31 and August 1, 2009, under the name of **“CADILLAC LASALLE CLUB at a price of \$99.00 per night.** I was able to get 2 rooms which have a king size bed and 8 with two Queen size beds. I have taken 1 of the king rooms for Karen and myself. You can call 1-877-677-3344 to make reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with the Cadillac LaSalle Club. These rooms will be on hold until July 17, 2009 and they will then be released to the general public. Go to www.honeycreekresort.com for more information on the lodge and pictures.

Drake Relay 100th Anniversary Pictures





