

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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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](mailto:jim@pittmancpa.com).

## DIRECTORS COLUMN

The Grand National is fast approaching but you still have time to send in your registration. Karen and I are really looking forward to our trip to Ohio. This GN will have a first as the Museum will be auctioning off a 1996 DeVille at the Welcome Reception. The car will sell promptly at 8:30PM Eastern Daylight Time. During the Welcome Reception the CLCMRC will offer items at “silent auction”. Silent auction items to date include 1/43 scale diecast Cadillac models, an NOS 1941 Cadillac speedometer and other items. The proceeds are dedicated to the Museum Research Center Building Fund for the CLCMRC Museum at Hickory Corners, Mich. The August issue of the Self Starter is out. It has an article on page 29 about the auction to benefit the CLCMRC and you can bid on the 1996 DeVille if you are not present. This same article indicates the “Celebrating the Standard” campaign has raised \$420,270 to date and climbing.

**Be sure to check the calendar of events for more details on our September event. I hope we can have good participation in this event. I think it will be a lot of fun.**



**1927 LaSALLE CONVERTIBLE COUPE-The LaSalle was designed to be smaller, sportier “companion car” to the more expensive Cadillac models. Taken from Cadillac Communications, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Mi.**

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

### Birthdays

Rachel Holst 08-16

### Anniversaries

Jim & Elise Galinsky 08-30-64

### 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](mailto: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

**September:** Travel to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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. The Badgerland Chapter CLC as well as the North Star Chapter CLC have officially made this their Chapter Event for the Month of September. Search the Northstar Chapter CLC on line newsletter. You can read the details there. They will be inviting a few area car clubs as well! The Villa people want to make this an annual event held the same weekend every year! I sure hope it will continue to make this an annual get together for all CLC Chapters as well as the local car clubs!

**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.

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## IOWA CROSSROADS CLC AUGUST TOURING EVENT & LUNCHEON

**Details:** The Oldsmobile Club of Iowa is inviting the Iowa Crossroads CLC and Buick Club of Iowa to a PPC Products Seminar and Potluck on Saturday, August 27, 2011. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m., at the home of Dean Bibler (10220 NW 121<sup>st</sup> Street in Granger, Iowa 50109; phone 515-229-9453). Drinks and meat will be furnished. Guests should bring a dish to share and their own table service. If there is a piece of your car that needs restoring, bring it along ... as Dean may be able to help breathe new life into your vehicle with his products. Interested club members will depart from the office of Pittman & Company (8525 Douglas Av., Urbandale, IA) promptly at 10:30 a.m.

**Questions/R.S.V.P:** Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, August 24, 2011 to Steve Fox at (515) 491-2624 so that I can supply Vickie with an accurate count of our attendance.

## IOWA CROSSROADS CLC JULY EVENT

### **Our historic tour to Haverhill and State Center!**

Article and Pictures submitted by Steve Fox.

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Iowa Crossroads CLC took an historic tour to the towns of Haverhill and State Center. In attendance were Jim & Karen Pittman, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Bill & Nora Schlenker, Maureen Edmond, Steve Fox, and his mother, Rose Mary.

Our first stop was the quaint tavern "***The Haverhill Social Club***", where we were served up a great lunch by even a greater hostess, nicknamed "Red". The ***Haverhill Social Club*** is located in a corner building on Haverhill's main drag. The building was constructed in 1885. During the first ten years of its existence, the building was used for a variety of purposes, but in 1895, it was converted to a hardware store whose supplies were manufactured by Matthew Edel and his nearby blacksmith shop. In 1922, the store changed owners and was converted to a grocery store with a rear tavern. The new owners lived upstairs in what was converted into new living quarters. Descendants of the new owners kept it a functional grocery store and tavern until 2003, when it changed family hands once again. The building was completely remodeled in 2005 and converted to its current restaurant/tavern-style motif, which officially opened for business in 2008. The numerous artifacts that adorn the walls and ceiling were interestingly unique.

After lunch, our club ventured one block west to tour the historic ***Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop***. Matthew Edel was born in Germany in 1856. In 1880, Mr. Edel migrated to Haverhill, Iowa where (in 1883) he established his business in what is now the eastern half of the building. Modifying an existing building for his purposes, Matthew used the first story as a shop and the second story for storage (originally the building was one and one-half stories, with the attic serving as the family's living space until they managed to build a separate house). Throughout the years, Mr. Edel manufactured all of the town's hardware, from horseshoes, to garden tools, to kitchen utensils. At the time of Matthew's death in 1940, he and his son, Louis, were operating the blacksmith shop along with the adjoining automobile repair shop. Louis maintained the blacksmith shop much as his father left it. Because of Louis, the shop survived World War II scrap metal drives; because of the watchful people of Haverhill, the shop was never ransacked or vandalized when it sat unattended; and because Matthew's heirs cooperated, they were able to donate the site and collection intact to the State Historical Society. The shop's relatively untouched condition was one reason for it being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, and becoming a state-owned historic site in 1986. Unlike most blacksmith shops still surviving in Iowa, the ***Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop*** is not a reconstruction. Today, the blacksmith shop contains most of the tools and equipment left by Matthew at the time of his death in 1940.

After sweating it out in the Blacksmith Shop for about 30 minutes or so, it was onto State Center. There, a representative (Mr. Mike Riemenschneider) from the State Center Historical Society graciously served as our tour guide, allowing us to tour three historic buildings: Watson's Grocery Store Museum, Sheppler's Barbershop Museum, and the Washington Township Schoolhouse #6.

William Watson had established Watson's Grocery Store back in 1885. A fire destroyed the original building, but a new building was constructed in 1895. This building, with its shelves, bins, and counters, would remain almost unchanged during its years of operation. In 1981, Florence Watson closed the store, locking the doors and leaving everything as it was. Florence died eight years later in 1989. After Florence's death, this important piece of State Center's history (Watson's Grocery Store, both the building and its contents) was to be placed on the auction block. The State Center Historical Society evolved out of efforts to save the store. Specifically, news that the heirs were going to sell this State Center landmark moved the community to establish a committee to save Watson's Grocery and to turn it into a museum. Local citizens, organizations, and businesses pledged enough money to purchase the store and most of its contents at the auction. The committee now owned Watson's Grocery Store. This committee, along with area volunteers, cleaned and restored the store. On October 19, 1989, Watson's Grocery Store once again opened, this time as an early Twentieth Century grocery store museum.

The Shepler Barbershop opened for business in 1936, and remained a barbershop establishment for 64 years, when in 2001, the Shepler family closed its doors. The Shepler Building was donated to the State Center Historical Society in 2005, and the Shepler's Barbershop portion was turned into a museum later that year.

The Washington Township Schoolhouse #6 was an operational one-room schoolhouse in Washington Center when it opened in 1906, and where it remained a schoolhouse until 1981. The schoolhouse was acquired by the State Center Historical Society in 2002. The following year (in 2003), the country schoolhouse was moved to State Center's Main Street and restored. In 2006, it opened up as State Center's third historical museum.

After the museum tours, some of us braved the rainy weather to tour State Center's Rose Garden on the south edge of town. After a brief visit there, we all headed for home ... looking forward to our next great adventure in August.



ALL OF US AT HAVERHILL SOCIAL CLUB



**Black Smith Shop in Haverhill, Ia.**



**Grocery Store in State Center, Ia.**



**One Room School House-State Center, Ia.**



**Barber Shop in State Center, Ia.**

## **Getting to Know You**

**Name: Nora Schlenker**

**Birth Place: Redfield, IA.**

**Places you have lived: Redfield, Linden, Adel, DeSoto, Des Moines, and Ankeny, Iowa and Arizona.**

**Schools attended: Redfield Consolidated and DMACC**

**Favorite Color: Green Favorite Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean**

**Favorite Song: "Unforgettable"**

**Favorite Food: Anything Chocolate**

**Favorite Famous Person: Johnny Depp**

**Favorite Vacation Spot: Hawaii**

**Family: Larry, Gail, Steve, Sharon, Rick (Mark, Jodi, Todd)**

**What You Wanted To Be When You Were Little: Grown Up**

**Words To Live By: Be kind**

## **OH THOSE CAR**

**First Car You Owned: Toyota**

**Favorite Car When You Were a Teenager: Any convertible**

**Favorite Car Today: 1938 LaSalle**

**Favorite Car You Have Owned: Olds Tornado**

**Car You Wished You Could Have Owned: Cadillac mark or Jaguar**

**Number of Cadillac/LaSalle You Have Owned: 1**

**Your Daily Driver: 2003 Chevy Impala**

## 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!

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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!