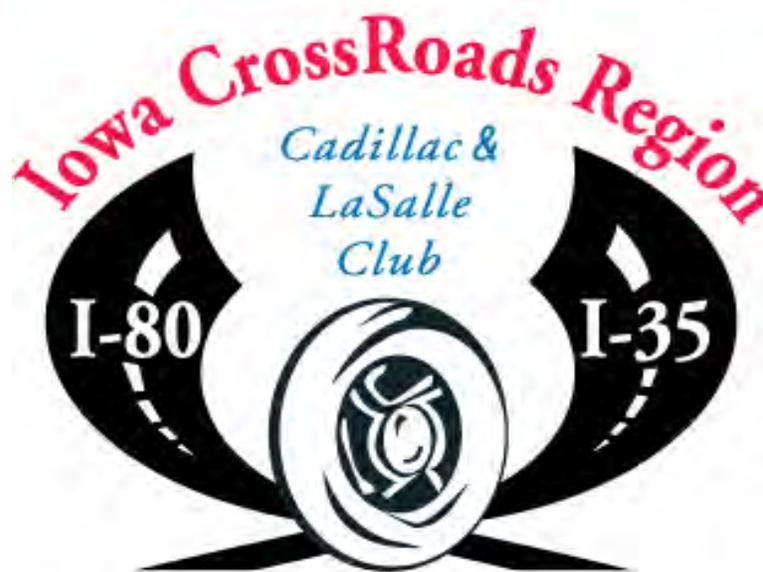


CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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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YOUR IMMEDIATE HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Ann and I would like your help with stories and photos for "your" newsletter:
Please remember . . . The success of our newsletter is dependent upon the
contributions made by our members

Ann and I are excited about taking over the publication of the news letter for the Iowa Crossroads Region. We would like to ask for your stories and photos pertaining to your Caddy or LaSalle. Let us know what you are working on or interesting stories about how you got started as a car collector, and don't forget your photos. Thanks Brian & Ann



DIRECTORS COLUMN

The year is quickly coming to a close. It's been a great year for the region; many fun and interesting tours and events, and several new members. Membership now totals 38. I can remember when we started with only 11. As we look forward to the New Year, I know Steve will have many new and exciting events planned for us. As you make your plans throughout the year include our monthly gatherings and enjoy your membership to the fullness.

With the ending of the year there are a couple of items that has to be addressed. The first one was the election of officers. The slate of officers that was on the ballot was elected. There were 25 ballots returned. Thank you for taking the time to vote and a BIG thank you to everyone that graciously agreed to serve the region. Secondly, it is time to renew our membership. Please see details that follow.

LOCAL CLUB DUES

Our local dues are due each January 1. Please see the form in this newsletter for new members for the amount and address on where to send your check. If dues are not received by March 15, 2013 you will no longer receive the newsletter and your membership will be dropped.

As we enter this holiday season, Karen and I wish you much happiness and a healthy New Year.
NOW FOR A FEW THOUGHTS FOR THE COMING YEAR!!!!!!

November 19, 2012

Life isn't fair, but it is still good.

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Believe in miracles.

The best is yet to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS

Recap & Photos of our November Club Event

On the warmest Iowa November 10th on record, 15 members or guests of the Iowa Crossroads Cadillac & LaSalle Club ventured out on a trek through southeastern Iowa. Club members and their guests included Jim & Karen Pittman, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Marlana Barkow (Lyle & Lori's niece), Paul & Linda Wold, Dean & Vicki Stoltenberg, Dave, Karen & Andy Kroeger, Steve & Joel Fox, and Megan George (Joel's girlfriend).

Our first stop was the Swedish-American Museum in Swedesburg, Iowa. Swedish settlers created the Swedish American Museum to collect and catalogue artifacts of Swedish heritage and early immigrants of the Swedesburg area. The Museum is housed in the former Farmers Union Exchange (FUE) building, built in 1928 by second generation Swedish Farmers. The FUE served Swedesburg and the surrounding area as a general store and gathering place for the settlers in the area. The building is typical of stores which once dotted the Iowa countryside.

Exhibits at the museum include a Swedesburg heritage film; farm implements, tools and artifacts used by Swedish settlers in the area; the Swedesburg Heritage Library; the Swedesburg General Store (as it appeared in the late 1800's); a merchant's horse-drawn delivery wagon; and, a settlers home, as it would have appeared in 1885. A gift shop and small café were also available at the museum. A very interesting and informative time was had by all.

Kitty-corner to the museum was an old Studebaker dealership that was converted to an implement shop back in 1951. Paul Wold, our club's Studebaker enthusiast, found this most interesting.

After our adventure through Swedesburg, we headed 11 miles south to Mount Pleasant, where a very crowded Pizza Ranch was ready to serve us.

After lunch, we stayed in Mount Pleasant, where tour guide Lynn Ellsworth provided us with a magnificent historical perspective of the Harlan-Lincoln Home, summer residence of Mary Harlan and her husband, Robert Todd Lincoln (son of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln). United States Senator James Harlan built the extant house onto the front of an earlier residence when he returned to

Mount Pleasant after his service in Washington, D.C. The house is situated on the north edge of the Iowa Wesleyan College campus, a reminder of James Harlan's presence at the college and community. In his later life, Harlan served as president of Iowa Wesleyan, as professor, and as trustee.

Harlan's daughter, Mary, married Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, in 1868 in Washington, D.C. During the 1870s and 1880s, Mary Harlan Lincoln brought their three children, Mary, Abraham Lincoln II "Jack", and Jessie, to spend summers with the Harlan grandparents. She said Mount Pleasant was "restful and good for the children growing up." At the time, Robert was an attorney in Chicago and took the train to Mount Pleasant to spend time with his family.

Senator Harlan deeded the property to the Robert Todd Lincolns in 1895, and Mary made improvements to the house, including a wraparound front porch. She hosted two catered parties in the fall of 1895, welcoming people from the college and community to her home. By 1907, with her parents no longer living and the family having built a home in Manchester, VT, Mary Harlan Lincoln gave the house to Iowa Wesleyan College as a tribute to the memory of her father.

Since 1959, the college has maintained the Harlan-Lincoln House as a museum. The museum includes artifacts belonging to the Harlan and Lincoln families: a fragment of the coat Abraham Lincoln was wearing when he was assassinated; Mary Todd Lincoln's mourning veil; Harlan's desk, globe, and recliner; a door measuring the heights of the grandchildren in 1883; grandson Jack's rock collection and tennis net; family silver, dishes, books, furniture, and clothing. Lynn Ellsworth, our excellent tour guide, told us the story of the James Harlan family from when James and Ann Harlan built their home through when their great-grandchildren visited there.

Visiting the Harlan-Lincoln Home was an historical treasure for us and for me, especially, being a son of Illinois and growing up with great admiration for Abraham Lincoln. If any of you get the chance, I strongly encourage you to see the new movie titled "Lincoln" starring Daniel Day-Lewis. It covers the last three months of Abraham Lincoln's life and focuses on Lincoln's commitment to the 13th amendment, abolishing slavery in America. It is an excellent and historically accurate depiction of the times and this great man.

Submitted by Steve Fox



Nothing like those old car stories!

After buying our 1st old car, a 1947 Chevy 4 door fixer upper, in summer of 2008, we worked on replacing, rebuilding, repairing, and painting everything under the hood to ensure it was in good driving condition. In the spring of '09 we entered it in our 1st car show in the category of "work in progress". We'd buffed and shined all the chrome, original body paint, even repainted the dashboard. The wheel rims were painted; hubcaps shined and repainted the center Chevy emblem on each. While driving it to the show we heard an ugly sound from the rear of the car and did not know what was going on. We got there anyway, had a great time and won the category we entered in!

Driving home the same noise started again, we even pulled off the road to climb underneath the car to have a look. Several miles later at about 39th and University Avenue, only 4-5 blocks from home, you guessed it, the left rear wheel came off the car completely. When we got out, a guy living along there, said, "Your wheel came off!".....as if we couldn't tell what was wrong. We found 2 or 3 lug nuts lying along on the road behind where the wheel came off, walked home to get the floor jack, tools, and returned in another car to put it back together and limp it home with only 2-3 lug nuts on.

Lesson learned: Check, then recheck lug nuts whenever the wheels are taken off!

Submitted by Ann Sipma



If you have an interesting or comical story of adventures with your old cars please share them by submitting to Ann or Brian Sipma.

Please Welcome our New Members

Russ and Marj Bees

1941 Cadillac Coupe Series 62

We are retired living near Indianola, IA. Several old cars have found their way to our garages over the years and we consider the old car hobby as one of our favorite things to keep us busy year round. I graduated from Drake University with a BME and MME and taught school in Des Moines for 37 years. I have always lived in Iowa and Marj, my wife, moved to Iowa in 1956 from the east coast. We have owned numerous American manufactured cars but also British, German, and French as well. Our most active tours are with the Packards that we own driving across country to various events. We hope this type of longer trips will take place also with our newest car, a 1941 Cadillac Coupe Series 62 in El Centro Green.

As I sit here writing this in November we are waiting on a phone call telling us the trucker is at the end of our driveway delivering the Cadillac. It is coming from PA and has a fresh restoration with but 2 miles since. The restorer, because of health issues, has found it necessary to sell this car and we of course are excited about driving it before winter settles in Iowa.

Marj was employed for the most part by insurance and banking corporations. She, too, shares my enthusiasm for the oldies. There have been many occasions while traveling in the summer heat with no AC that she could have bowed out but her strong interest keeps her going! I also have an interest in riding new and old motorcycles.

Together, we look forward to sharing our experiences with the CLC. Being members of many driving clubs we would be interested in activities that might combine clubs together for events.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

Baby Jesus 12-25

Anniversaries

Ron and Pamela Colling
12-5

New Members

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1941 Cadillac Coup Model 62

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.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 14TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER CELEBRATION AT THE
CHICAGO SPEAKEASY!**



IOWA CROSSROADS CLC DECEMBER EVENT

14TH Annual Christmas Dinner & Meeting: The Iowa Crossroads CLC will be gathering for a short meeting followed by a fabulous dinner at the Chicago Speakeasy Restaurant (1520 Euclid Avenue in Des Moines, 515-243-3141) at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2012. A separate party room has been reserved for us for this annual event. To enhance the festive nature of the season, those interested in participating in a \$10 grab bag should bring a gift-wrapped item to exchange. Gifts can be a purchased item or something made or gathered from home. Participating men should bring a gift that is suitable for a man, and women should bring a gift that is suitable for a woman. Gifts that appeal to both genders are also welcome! **Please note:** Chicago Speakeasy is requesting that I report an accurate count for dinner by Thursday, December 6, 2012. So, please take a minute or two out of your busy schedule to R.S.V.P. to Steve Fox by Wednesday, December 5th. You can R.S.V.P. by e-mail at foxenterprises@yahoo.com or by phone at (515) 491-2624. Thank you and Happy Holidays!



Cadillac & LaSalle Club

IOWA CROSSROADS REGION

Annual membership dues are \$10. Due January 1 of each year. Please fill out form below.

National Membership Number Required _____

Personal Information

Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

Work Phone E-Mail

Spouse/Significant Other

Birthdays: _____ Anniversary: _____

Vehicle Information

Cadillacs LaSalles Year

Body Style

Please print this form and mail along with a \$ 10.00 check to: **David Twombly, Treasure--Iowa CrossRoads C.L.C., 2305 Linda Circle, Urbandale, Iowa 50322**

If dues are not received by March 15, 2012 you will not longer receive the newsletter and your membership will be dropped.

Please take note as to when your national dues are due and pay them at the appropriate time, as these very by member

Arnold Motor Supply's: Question of the month contest



DO YOU KNOW THIS?!?

Can you come up with the correct answer? Read on and win fabulous prizes from Arnold Motor Supply.

Keeping with the theme of the recently completed Presidential election, please answer the following questions pertaining to the roll and usage of Cadillacs by our Presidents through the history of our country.

1. President Woodrow Wilson rode in a Cadillac through the streets of Boston during a World War One victory parade in 1919, can you answer which year and model did he ride in?
2. Late in the administration of Calvin Coolidge what model (Series?) and year of Cadillac was used and what was featured in this model which was new for that year?
3. After the attack on Pearl Harbor legend has it that FDR used a heavily armoured 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan, who was the previous owner of this Cadillac?
4. In 1928 two Cadillac convertibles were delivered to the US government. The vehicles were 21.5 feet long, weighed 7660 pounds each and were equipped with a small arsenal as well as two way radios and heavy-duty generators. They served presidents FDR, Harry S.Truman, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Can you give us the nick name given to these two vehicles?

Please e-mail your answer(s) to Brian and Ann at sipmaiowa@msn.com, or regular mail to 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM IA, 50311. We will announce the winner(s) at the Christmas party at Chicago Speakeasy.