

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

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



1903 Cadillac

Classes as of 8/17	Accepted	Chairs
1. Antiques (prior to 1923)	7	Jim McDonald/Rich Collins
2. BMW	8	Bill Dikis/Paul Hickey
3. Cadillac	23	Jim Pittman/David Baum
4. Collectibles (1923-1960)	15	Dave Holzinger
5. Exotics	7	Steve Myers
6. Forgotten Fiberglass	8	Bob Cunningham
7. Porsche	21	Rich Collins/Sherif Tewfik
8. Salisbury (1923-1953 prestige)	22	Jim McDonald
9. Studebaker	14	Peter Hemken/Jerry Manning
10. Motorcycles	27	Randy Anderson
11. New cars and Entertainment	9	
TOTAL VEHICLES	161	

The September event at the Salisbury Concours De Elegance will feature Cadillacs and other makes. This chart indicates the classes, accepted cars as of August 17, 2012. If you have never attended this event this would be one to see. There will be a 1905 Cadillac on the show field. See more information letter in the newsletter.

This year we have exhibitors coming from 12 states and Canada
IA, IN, IL, NE, MO, KS, WI, MN, TX, OK, CO, MI

I will see you on the highway and by-ways, Jim

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

Karen Repp 9-14

Anniversaries

Lyle and Lori Dahl 09-11-71

New Members

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.

Tentatively Scheduled Events for 2012 (subject to change)

October 6: Enjoy the fall colors traveling the *White Pole Road* (originally known as the “*Great White Way*”) from Adair to Dexter. Lyle and Lori Dahl will be leading the way on this very unique and picturesque trip through beautiful western Iowa. This, combined with lunch, will be an all-day touring event.

November: Travel eastbound to tour the museums of Henry County. We have our choice of visiting one, two or three unique museums in this beautiful southeastern Iowa county: *The Swedish American Museum* in Swedesburg, the *Dover Museum* in New London, or the *Midwest Old Threshers Heritage Museum* in Mount Pleasant! This, combined with lunch, will be an all-day touring event.

December: Save your appetite for our annual Christmas Dinner get-together at the *Chicago Speakeasy Restaurant*, located at 1520 Euclid Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. This will be a 2-3 hour dining event.

Iowa CrossRoads September Events

JOIN US FOR THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE AT SALISBURY HOUSE & GARDENS!



IOWA CROSSROADS CLC SEPTEMBER EVENT

Salisbury Automobile Classic: The Iowa Crossroads CLC will be participating at the Concours D'Elegance Salisbury Automobile Classic at Salisbury House and Gardens located at 4025 Tonawanda Drive in Des Moines from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 9, 2012. Admission for this fine event is \$15 for adults, \$5 for students (ages 13 through college) and free for children (ages 12 and under). Cadillacs and LaSalles will be among the featured classes. As always, there will be plenty of other fine automobiles on display including Duesenbergs, Auburns, Cords, Packards and Lincolns, among many others to enjoy. No need to R.S.V.P. for this event, we will just plan on seeing you there at this fine occasion.

Questions: Should be directed to Steve Fox at (515) 491-2624.

Iowa CrossRoads August Touring Events

Our Tour of Cedar Rock

On Saturday, August 18, 2012, 14 members and three guests of the Iowa Crossroads CLC gathered for a private tour of the Walter House, which lies on a limestone bluff overlooking the Wapsipinicon River near Quasqueton, Iowa. When Iowa businessman Lowell Walter died in August 1981, he and his wife, Agnes, left their dream home, Cedar Rock, to the Iowa Conservation Commission and the people of Iowa. The Walter House was designed by the famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and was one of Wright's most complete designs. Nearly everything at Cedar Rock bears the architect's imprint. Wright designed the furniture, selected the carpets, chose the draperies, and even picked out the accessories.

Cedar Rock was begun in 1948 and completed in 1950 at a cost of \$150,000. Its roof and floors are concrete; the walls are brick, glass (both clear and colored) and ordained in horizontal panels of walnut. Cedar Rock is one of nine Wright designed residences in Iowa, but is the only one in Iowa chosen by Wright to bear his coveted signature tile. The Walter House is an example of a simplified style of house Frank Lloyd Wright developed and called "Usonian". The plan for the Walter House follows the characteristic "tadpole" form, typical of Wright's "Usonian" homes, with the bedroom wing of the house constituting the tail of the "tadpole" and the living room and dining area the head. The house is one story and the overall length is about 150 feet. With the entry ways well hidden, everything about the Walter residence is compact and efficient; except for the combination living/dining room which Wright called "the Garden Room". The Garden Room covers more than 900 square feet and has a fireplace which can hold five-foot logs.

The view of the river and wooded valley, through the Garden Room's three glass walls, is breathtaking. Glass doors open directly from living areas to ground-level terraces. Natural light fills the house. Broad overhangs with upturned edges soften sunlight and shade the glass walls. There are openings in the overhangs covered with vines for summer shade. Clerestory windows are incorporated in every room to brighten interior spaces and release hot air trapped near the ceiling. Recessed artificial lighting creates the effect of natural light, even at night.

The Walters were justifiably proud of Cedar Rock. Very little has been altered on the estate since its construction and the structure and furnishings are in great condition. The Walters wished to assure preservation of the residence. They established a private trust fund that has several charitable obligations ahead of, but including Cedar Rock.

After our tour of Cedar Rock, all 17 participants gathered for lunch and a short meeting at the Pizza Ranch in nearby Independence. The meeting and lunch were adjourned at 2:30 p.m. and we all took our separate ways back home.

Special thanks goes to Dean and Vickie Stoltenberg for organizing this fine adventure.

Submitted by Steve Fox, Activities Chair, 20 August 2012



Entrance to the house



Note how the stones are included in brick



View when you first arrive



View from main living room

Walter's house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

Pictures by Steve Fox



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: _____ Anniversaries: _____

Vehicle Information

Cadillacs LaSalle's 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