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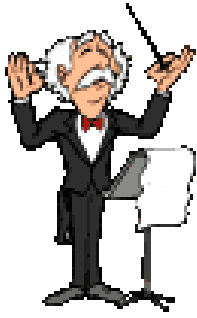
Renewal of your National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Dues

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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Contact your News letter editors Brian and Ann Sipma at: sipmaiowa@msn.com or 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM Iowa, 50311, or 515-480-5689 thanks.

Thanks to Jim Johnson for submitting his story about their first car show, (wonder who that member is he is talking about?)
Congratulations to Steve Fox for the correct answers to last month's "did you know this" page and continued thanks to Greg and his team at Arnolds Motor Supply for the contest prizes. Remember you can't win if you don't play!



DIRECTORS COLUMN

Quick Note from Jim for January:

Hello from Arizona. We had a good trip out and are now enjoying 60+ degree weather.

We will be getting together with our Arizona friends as well as attending the Barrett Jackson Auction.

I will be going to Denver January 11-12 to attend the board meetings of the museum and the national club. I will be giving financial reports at the meetings. I will update you in the February newsletter on the meetings.

Also, a January reminder: **If you haven't renewed your membership please send your dues to treasurer David Twombly as soon as possible.**

See you in February—hope January isn't too cold and snowing.

We will be thinking of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Crossroads Chapter of Cadillac & LaSalle Club

Christmas gathering at Chicago Speak Easy

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, 15 members of the Iowa Crossroads Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club gathered for a great meal (and even greater company) at the Chicago Speakeasy Restaurant in Des Moines. Members present were Jim & Karen Pittman (along with grandson, Nicholas Pittman), Maureen Edmond, Paul & Linda Wold, Jim & Janice Johnson, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Dean & Vickie Stoltenberg, Bill & Nora Schlenker, and Steve Fox. Steve was the proud recipient of an automotive electrical adapter that he won as a result of Brian Sipma's trivia question (sent a few days prior by e-mail). A raffle was also held, where \$105 was raised to benefit the Cadillac & LaSalle National Museum and Research Center. Thanks to Nicholas Pittman's magic fingers, Steve was also the raffle winner, winning a beautiful hard-covered, coffee-table book depicting the history of Cadillac and the concept behind the Cadillac & LaSalle National Museum and Research Center. A generous gift exchange followed dinner and the fellowship provided a great time for all! Wishing all of you ... a joyous New Year!



To: Members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC
From: Steve Fox, Activities Chair
RE: Tentatively Scheduled Events for the 2013 Calendar Year

Tentatively Scheduled Events for 2013 (subject to change)

January: No winter event scheduled.

February: Valentine's Luncheon at the *Iowa Stater Restaurant* in Ames, Iowa on Saturday, February 16th. Members will gather at this fine restaurant located inside the Gateway Center in Ames, just south of the Iowa State University Campus, at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow a short meeting. This will be a 2-3 hour luncheon event.

March: Luncheon and a tour of the historic *Hotel Pattee* in Perry, Iowa on Saturday, March 23rd. Club members will meet for a short meeting and lunch at *David's Milwaukee Diner* inside the *Hotel Pattee* at 11 a.m. After lunch, a guided tour of this historic hotel has been arranged for our members. This will be a 3-4 hour combined event.

April: Club members will meet for a short meeting and lunch at the *Des Moines Art Center* at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 13th. After lunch, members will tour the galleries of the art center to see these fine exhibits at their leisure: "Vibrations" Print Gallery, "Double Feature: Art & the Movies", "Flooded McDonald's: Superflex", and "Transparancies: A History of Glass." This will be a 3-4 hour combined event.

May: Club members will cruise along Highways 163 & 63 to view an historical *Victorian mansion* in Pella, tour the *Wapello County Museum* in Ottumwa, and the "American Gothic" House in Eldon. Special thanks to Jim and Janice Johnson for helping me set up this event and their willingness to guide us through the museum. Actual date and luncheon located to be determined. This will be an all-day touring event.

June: Show off your cars and enjoy pie and ice cream when our club attends the annual *Ice Cream Social* at Urbandale's *Olmstead House* at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 30th. This will be a 2-3 hour social event.

July: Club members will meet for a short meeting and lunch at Shay's Tea Room in Newton, Iowa. After lunch, we will venture ten miles west to Colfax, Iowa to view the *Trainland USA* museum. This unique museum features one of the largest

collections of Lionel-scale trains in the world. Actual touring date to be determined. This, combined with lunch, will be a 3-4 hour event.

August: Travel eastbound to tour the *Midwest Old Threshers Heritage Museum* in Mount Pleasant! Actual touring date to be determined. This, combined with lunch, will be an all-day touring event.

September: Stay around town to take part in the *14th Annual Salisbury Concours Auto Show* at Salisbury House in Des Moines on Sunday, September 8th. This is an all-day event for exhibitors, and a 2-3 hour event for patrons.

October: Enjoy the fall colors as we travel northwest to view the *Grotto of the Redemption* in West Bend, Iowa. As the largest man-made Grotto in the world, the Grotto contains the largest collection of precious stones and gems found anywhere in one location! This event is currently scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. This, combined with lunch, will be an all-day touring event.

November: Club members will meet for a short meeting and lunch at the *Court Avenue Brewing Company* restaurant in downtown Des Moines at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 2nd. Lunch will be followed by a tour of the *Des Moines Botanical and Environmental Center*. This will be a 3-4 hour combined event.

December: Save your appetite for our annual Christmas celebration at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th. This year, our annual Christmas gathering will be a luncheon at a yet-to-be-determined Des Moines restaurant (hopefully near Terrace Hill). After lunch, interested club members will tour beautifully-decorated homes in the annual Des Moines *Holly & Ivy Holiday Home Tour* (sponsored by Salisbury House and Terrace Hill). This will be a 4-5 hour combined event.

Note: *Any questions and/or concerns regarding these tentatively scheduled events should be directed to our activities chairman, Steve Fox. Steve can be reached by e-mail at foxenterprises@yahoo.com or by phone at (515) 491-2624. Please forward any scheduling conflicts to Steve as soon as possible, so that he can try and work the events around your schedule. The only event dates that cannot be currently changed are the *Ice Cream Social* (in June), the *Salisbury Concours d'elegance* (in September), and the *Holly & Ivy Holiday Home Tour* (in December). Other event dates are subject to change to accommodate the schedules of club members, but not within 30 days of the event.*

Nothing like those old car stories!

Jim Johnson's 1st Car Show

In the middle of the 80's (1985) I retired from John Deere. Sitting in the driveway at home was my oldest son's 1947 Dodge 4 Door. He was married and had moved to Wisconsin. I asked him what I should do with his car. He said to give it to his brother Jon. Jon informed me that he was thru with this car! He said he'd pushed it more than he'd driven it!

Well now....what am I going to do with this car? My sons and I had rebuilt car wrecks ever since they knew how to drive. They would pick out a car at the salvage yard and we would bring it home and rebuild it. The 1947 Dodge was given to my oldest boy and they thought it was really cool. They could have it for their cruising car (mostly pushing). My wife Janice was not interested in cars. She told me to work on that old Dodge just so I'd have something to do.



Long story short: I took it all apart down to the frame. I worked on or replaced every nut and bolt on the car. I reassembled the car. I had the inside redone at the upholstery shop, motor rebuilt, transmission (fluid drive) redone, brakes done, all the fuel lines and tanks done. All the wiring and everything was rebuilt or replaced by me. I did the body work and prime coated and then had it painted by a pro.

Having it all ready now – what do I do with it? A friend suggested we take it to a car show. One was being held in Albia (fall of 1988). We had never attended a car show before! My wife was not interested at all. So we got up early on a Saturday morning and headed for Albia. We got there about 6:30 AM. Guess what? No one was there! We got breakfast and asked about the car show, everyone answered that there will be a show. We sat on the Square and waited. Pretty soon things got started and we parked our car. We found a shady place and put our lawn chairs up.

Cars started to roll in and a big yellow Packard parked next to us. The couple got out and started to shine the car. Then they got out the trophies they had won at other car shows and set them up around the front of car. My friend suggested maybe we should at least wipe down our car and take the bugs off the front. It looked like everyone was doing this so we did too. It was a judged show and no one knew who they were.

A 38 Chevy sedan parked on the other side of us and filled us in on what to do. He as an old hand at car shows. The Packard parked next to us did not speak to us. They stood in front of their car and answered questions from the onlookers. Around 12 noon we asked a guy where we could get dinner. He said he would show us and he ate with us and asked about our car. We then went and looked at all the other cars. Around 3 PM it was announced that the trophies would be awarded. We just know that the Packard was going to win. (he did have a better car). Well, we got 1st place and the Packard 2nd! The man with the Packard got real upset and let everyone know about it. (This was a common thing in those days for people to get upset at the trophy awards). My friend suggested that we go over and tell him we will trade cars and give him our trophy. I did go over and talk to his wife. I told her this was our first car show and thought they deserved 1st place. This only got him more upset!



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Well the reason I am telling you this story is because this person now belongs to our Cadillac Club. It looks like we both got wise about our cars!

Thanks Jim for the story, members please let us tell your car stories, send to Brian and Ann at sipmaiowa@msn.com, or mail to 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM Iowa 50311.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

De Wayne Repp 1-2-42
Paul Wold 1-2-44
Dorothy Crooks 1-13 (too shy to give the year!)
Karen Kroeger 1-16 (another shy person!)
Dean Stoltenburg 1-18-41
Janice Johnson 1-21-34 (Not shy!)
Lyle Dahl 1-26-29
Jeffery Krausman 1-31-49

Anniversaries

None for January

New Members

None for January

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.



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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, 2013 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.

Thanks and congratulations to Steve Fox for submitting the correct answers and winning the prize provided by Arnold Motor Supply from December's contest.

Here are the questions for January's contest.

- A. What early motor company was on the verge of being liquidated that officially became the Cadillac Automobile Company?
- B. What was the name of the individual that saved this company from liquidation and suggested the name Cadillac for the new company?

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 and award prizes at the **February** Crossroads meeting.