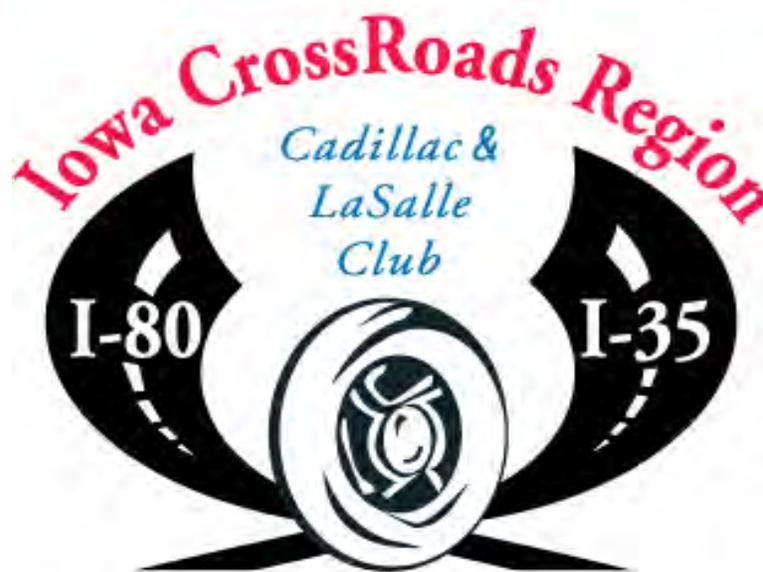


# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



May 2013

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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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#### **News letter news:**

Please let us know if you have any stories about your cars or any news of interest for the club. Contact your News letter editors Brian and Ann Sipma at: [sipmaiowa@msn.com](mailto:sipmaiowa@msn.com) or 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM Iowa, 50311, or 515-480-5689 thanks.

We had three responses to the April "Do you know this" contest. Lyle Dahl is awarded the win by a whisker over Paul Wold as both had the correct answer, but Lyle's e-mail arrived first. Maybe Lyle will share with you Paul.!? Thanks to all that submitted an answer.



## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

### “YOUR MEMBERSHIP”

Included with your membership you not only get the “Self-Starter” magazine 11 times per year you also receive the **“International Membership Directory”** (directory). This directory is the finest in the world (my opinion). So why do I think this!! Answers to the following questions can all be found.

1. Would you like to know what day your car was built?
2. What is “Authentic” for my car.?The directory lists over 20 such manuals.
3. Where can I get back issues of the Self-Starter?
4. Where can I get certain parts? Look at the “ADS’ in the directory.
5. Do you have a technical question” The directory has who you should contact.
6. Would I like to know where there are other Regions?
7. Are you aware that we have “Chapters” (12 of them) and on what cars?  
Personally I belong to the ‘CADILL-IKES” all Cadillacs 1954-1956) Many questions on their web site appear each month. I had one on my questions answered just this last month.
8. Do we have any “International Affiliates” The answer is on page 16 of the directory.
9. Do you have a question on “Electrical” components? Refer to back issues of the Self-Starter shown in the directory starting on page 36
10. Do you have a question on your “Automatic Leveling System 1964 and up?
11. Would you like an explanation of your “Body Number”?
12. Do you know where a member is from but do not have contact info?

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

# Getting the Itch again

By Jeff Strong

My name is Jeff Strong. I was born and raised in DSM, but moved to Oskaloosa nearly 10 years ago and just recently to Montezuma. I have restored several cars and at one point owned every 1957 Chevrolet made (all at the same time) with the exception of the Cameo truck. I have truly enjoyed my time working with cars and tinkering away many hours on what seemed like it should take 15 minutes. I have enjoyed meeting a couple of members through email and look forward to hopefully seeing more in person soon. Everyone has been incredibly nice and welcoming. My first restoration was a 1957 Chevrolet BelAir two door hardtop for my dad for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. It had always been his dream car and I found one in Crosby, MN and was fortunate enough to get it for a price I could manage. It was all a secret and he had no idea until I gave it to him 4 months after bringing it home. Now it is time for a redo and that needs to happen (since dad is 72 now) before I can jump into my own project.

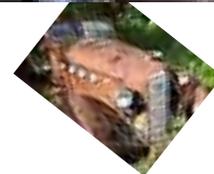
While deployed by the US Navy to Afghanistan recently, I began to feel the itch to restore something. I have served for a total of 27 years so far, so I am past feeling “the need for speed” and wanted to look for something that was more of a regal cruiser. Upon returning home the search began.

I heard about a guy in SW Kansas that had a 1935 I had heard of LaSalle’s before, but never really much attention to them. I contacted him and a picture from him which really piqued my I began doing research into the whole family of



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automobiles and that research started getting my desire The concept of owning a car that was only produced for alone one from the height of the depression, was too up.



jump started. 14 years, let good to pass

Talking it over with a friend of mine who is a mechanic and an automotive purist, he was all for helping me to get this car and transporting it back. He offered to go



along and use his truck and enclosed trailer to transport it, which was a MUCH better option than using an open U-Haul trailer. We took off late on Friday night and drove for about 4 hours before finding a hotel on the side of the road. After an early wake-up, we drove the remaining miles and arrived at

the address I had been given. Sitting in the drive was one of the most incredibly beautiful things I have ever seen. Only those who enjoy what we do can understand how something un-restored, rusted, with broken glass and lots of dirt can be beautiful, but she was. I instantly knew that I had made the right decision to come to Kansas and rescue her.

It has been many decades since she has seen her full beauty in a reflection, but at nearly 80 she is in excellent shape. As I looked her over I found that there were only a few items missing and everything major was not only there, but still in great



shape. She had some junk in her trunk and her running boards have seen better days, but she has solid bones which will give me a great foundation to build her back to her former glory.

I contacted a few different people and am balancing opinions on restoring her back to factory specs or making a few changes such as paint color, etc... Feel free to contact me and

weigh in on the discussion. My largest fear at this point came after contacting a restoration shop in PA that completed a full restoration of an identical car several years ago. They informed me that the engine contains hand turned bearings, which apparently only a few people in the U.S. know how to do and they receive a premium price for it. I was told the engine restoration alone was nearly \$12K.

So....the question is: FACTORY or MILDLY MODIFIED? What do you think?



**Story submitted by new member Jeff Strong, welcome Jeff and thanks for the story.**

# Recap of April Club Event

Twelve members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC and one guest joined us for lunch and a tour at the Des Moines Art Center on Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Members present were Jim and Karen Pittman,

Bill and Nora Schlenker, Lyle and Lori Dahl, Paul and Linda Wold, Jim and Janice Johnson, Maureen Edmond, Steve Fox, and guest Mark Johnson (son of Jim and Janice).

We started the event off with a nice home-cooked meal at the Des Moines

Art Center in their cozy coffee shop. The food was excellent and the company even better. After lunch, Steve took a group picture beneath the bronze horse and diver sculpture in the courtyard. We then toured the Des Moines Art Center at our leisure, viewing several galleries of modern, contemporary art and highlighted exhibits such as “Transparencies” gallery of glass, “Vibrations” print gallery, and “Art in the Movies.” Personally, my favorite gallery was located just outside the coffee shop and housed some great impressionistic work by Gauguin, Monet, and Matisse among others. The gift shop also had some very unique items to examine and explore.



After our tour, some of us walked the grounds marveling at the sculptured gardens and unique architecture of the buildings. The [architecture](#) of the original museum wing was designed in a combination of [Art Nouveau](#) and [Art Deco](#) styles by [Eliel Saarinen](#) in 1945, and completed in 1948. The [art museum](#) now houses an extensive collection of [paintings](#), [sculpture](#), [modern](#)

[art](#) and [mixed media](#); and has become one of the most visited “treasures” in the Des Moines area.



## Additional Views From the Des Moines Art Center



Submitted to the “Voice” of the Iowa Crossroads CLC on April 19, 2013 by Steven Fox.

# May 2013 Crossroads Event

Dear Iowa Crossroads Members,

Looks like a tremendous event has been scheduled by both Jim and Janice for our club's enjoyment. Please don't miss out ... mark your calendars to attend this fine event. Interested club members from the Des Moines Area will meet at the McDonald's in Pleasant Hill (1055 Sherrylynn Boulevard) at 8 a.m. for our trek out to Ottumwa. Along the way, we will stop at the Victorian Mansion on Highway 163 (between mile markers 47 & 48), just to view the structure and stretch our legs.

More information on the following pages!

Please R.S.V.P. to Steve Fox by Thursday, May 16, 2013, so that I can let Jim and Janice know how many will be coming. You can R.S.V.P. by e-mail at [foxenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:foxenterprises@yahoo.com) or calling me at (515) 491-2624.

Looking forward to seeing you on our next cruise. Hopefully, winter will be over by then.

Happy Spring,

Steve

# WAPELLO COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM TOUR

SATURDAY MAY 18, 2013  
10:00 A.M.  
IOWA CADILLAC CROSSROADS CLUB



**1926 LA FRANCE  
FIRE TRUCK**

**NATIONAL REGISTRY MUSEUM**



**LAST 3001  
STEAM ENGINE**



**FAMOUS  
COAL PALACE REPLICA**



**GATHERING FOOD  
FOR CADILLAC CLUB**

**APPANOOSE RAPIDS  
RESTAURANT  
12:00 NOON**

**CELEBRITY HISTORIC HOME**



**DRIVE BY**



**1:30 - 2:30 PM**  
**GOthic HOUSE ELDON**  
**PICTURE THAT MADE US FAMOUS**  
**WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE COMING HERE**  
**SEE YOU ALL MAY 18TH**



# **IOWA CADILLAC CROSSROADS CLUB**

**CRUISE TO OTTUMWA, IOWA**

**SATURDAY MAY 18, 2013**

## **DIRECTIONS**

**COMING FROM THE WEST ON HIGHWAY 163**

**TURN RIGHT ON EXIT 40 TO CITY 163**

**PROCEED TO 1ST STOP LITE**

**PROCEED TO 2ND STOP LITE**

**PROCEED TO 3RD STOP LITE**

**TURN LEFT ON 4TH STREET**

**PROCEED TWO BLOCKS EAST ON 4TH STREET**

**TURN RIGHT ON WASHINGTON STREET**

**PROCEED 2 BLOCKS SOUTH TO MAIN ST. STOP LITE**

**STRAIGHT AHEAD IS TRAIN STATION & MUSEUM**

**PARK AT MUSEUM LOT IF ROOM OR**

**AT CITY PARKING TO YOUR LEFT**

**JIM & JANICE WILL BE OUTSIDE**

# Calendar of upcoming Crossroads events plus partial car show schedule for Iowa in May

June 15, 2013: Lunch at Shay's Tea Room (in Newton), followed by a tour of Trainland USA Museum (in Colfax).

June 30, 2013: Ice Cream Social at the Olmstead House in Urbandale.

July 14, 2013: Tom Crooks Memorial Auto Show in Boone, IA

| MAY   |   |            |                      |
|-------|---|------------|----------------------|
| 3-4   | Swap Meet--state fair                   | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 4-5   | Autocross                               | Oskaloosa  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 4     | Cars and coffee 8-10 am Douglas Ave     | Urbandale  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 5     | Auto parts swap meet                    | Monticello | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 3-5   | Vintage Torque Fest                     | Dubuque    | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 5     | Springfest Car Show                     | Waterloo   | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 8     | Big Barn Bike Nite                      | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 8     | Bennigans (north) Car night             | DSM        |                      |
| 9     | Gath. on the grounds-car/bike Iowa fair | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 11    | Motorcross Hawkeye Downs                | CR         | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 11    | Mothers Day Rod run to Mt Ayr           | Mt Ayr     | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 12    | Hare Scrambles                          | C-Bluffs   | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 14    | Hot Rods and Harleys -- J&P cycle       | CR         | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 16    | Wayne Larson Classic Car Show 5-8       | Ames       |                      |
| 16    | Cruise-in Charity Road Rally            | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 17    | Bike to I- town                         | Indianola  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 17-19 | Autocross Iowa speedway                 | Newton     | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Concrete Cruzers Car Show               | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Houby Days Car Show                     | CR         | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Winterset bike night                    | Winterset  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Fine Arts Car Show                      | Maquoketa  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Baxter Cycle-- Vintage Bike event       | Marne      | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 18    | Trails end car show                     | DSM        | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 25    | Shriner- ZA GA ZIG car show             | Altoona    | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 25    | Ethanol Series Drags                    | Eddyville  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 25    | Music and Wheels Car Show               | Mason City | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 26    | Cruisin for Camp Corageous              | Monticello | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 30    | Grand Motorcycle Rally                  | Newton     | <a href="#">INFO</a> |
| 31    | Coral Ridge Mall car show               | Iowa City  | <a href="#">INFO</a> |

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

### **Birthdays**

Jim Pittman 5-9-1940  
Lori Dahl 5-22

### **Anniversaries**

Jim & Karen Pittman 5-24-1964

### **New Members**

Jeff Strong 1935 LaSalle

### **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.



# 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  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, 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 vary 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.

Three responses for the April contest, correct answer was P-38. Lyle Dahl is again the winner his winning e-mail arrived just ahead of Paul Wold's. Thanks also to Jim Pittman for submitting however your first answer was incorrect but sent the correct answer after Lyle and Paul.

[Here are the questions for the May contest.](#)

## Subject this month is Engines

Three part contest this month:

- A. What year did Cadillac introduce the V-8 engine?
- B. What year did Cadillac introduce the V-16 over head valve engine?
- C. What year did Cadillac introduce the 135 degree V-16 L-head engine?



Please e-mail your answer(s) to Brian and Ann at [sipmaiowa@msn.com](mailto:sipmaiowa@msn.com), or regular mail to 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM IA, 50311. We will announce the winner and award prizes at the **June** Crossroads meeting.