

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



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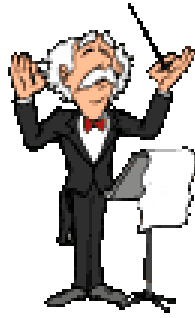
**Renewal of your National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Dues**

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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**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.**



## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Each year at the Grand National there are several awards that are made at the discretion of the Board. Please refer to pages 35-42 of the “International Membership Directory”. One of these awards is “The Norm Uhlir Regional Activity Award” This award was created in honor of Cadillac & LaSalle Club Past President Norm Uhlir to encourage greater activity by chartered Regions of CLC.

It is with great pleasure that I can say the Iowa CrossRoads Region was this winner at the Lake George, New York Grand National. I have reprinted Gary Fisher's announcement at the award ceremony.

“A relatively young region among regions of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club this region is very active, has hosted a grand national early in their formation and quadrupled their membership over those years. Among their interesting, active and diverse schedule of monthly meetings across the state the Valentine Luncheon is always planned especially for the ladies.



The ladies always receive a rose or some special treat at this gathering. (Hint to the other regions, you may want to take note of this!) They plan events that are informative, broadly-ranged and full of fun and excitement for both men and women.

**Annually each fall they also participate in the Salisbury Concours d'Elegance, the "Pebble Beach of the Midwest". While not part of the award criteria it must be recognized that the region contributed a total that would equal the amount of each local member giving \$1,000 to the new museum building campaign including David Kruielier's 1937 LaSalle. I would like to travel across Iowa with this year's award recipient, the Iowa Cross Roads Region with Jim Pittman, Director."**



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## IOWA CROSSROADS CLC TOURING EVENT & LUNCHEON

**August Touring Event:** Arrangements have been made with Snus Hill Winery (located at 2183 320<sup>th</sup> Street, Madrid) to tour their facility and vineyards at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Wine tasting and shopping will follow the winery tour. Interested club members will meet at the Earl May Garden Center (1509 N. Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny) at 10:30 a.m. for the drive up to the winery.

**Luncheon:** A luncheon for our club will follow the tour event at 1 p.m. at Corn Crib Catering (located adjacent to the winery). The lunch menu will include Roast Beef au Jus sandwiches, grilled onions, cheddar baked potatoes, creamy cucumber salad, pumpkin dessert bars, and a drink of your choice. Be sure to bring your camera for the breathtaking country views from the loft!

**R.S.V.P.:** Interested members must respond to me with their intent to attend this tour event by Tuesday, August 19, 2014, so that a luncheon count can be established by the caterer. Respond via e-mail to [foxenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:foxenterprises@yahoo.com) or by phone at (515) 491-2624. Looking forward to a great turnout for this fine event!

## *Our July Event: A Great Time in the Country*

On Saturday, July 26, 2014, 12 members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC (and one guest) gathered for a tour of the Prairie Trails Museum of Wayne County, located in Corydon, Iowa, located 70 miles south of Des Moines.



The members that were present were Jim & Karen Pittman, Dean & Vickie Stoltenberg, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Bill & Nora Schlenker, Maureen Edmond, Steve Fox with his guest (son Joel) and last, but not least, our gracious hosts for this event, Brian & Ann Sipma. There sure was something for everyone to enjoy at the Prairie Trails Museum! Our self-guided tour of this fine

country museum began at 1 p.m. The large main brick building of the museum houses over 25,000 historical artifacts collected from pioneers and residents of Wayne County dating back to the early days of the Mormon Trail in 1846. The artifacts are nicely displayed in interpretive exhibits arranged among five different galleries and covering over 21,000 square feet. Among the artifacts were antique furniture settings, china, crystal and glassware, old-style clothing, antique automobiles, a 1925 fire truck, an old stained-glass window from a local Methodist Church, horse-drawn carriages, an antique school bus from the 1920's, memorabilia from 1932 Olympic Champion and hometown hero George Saling, a military memorabilia gallery, and a rendition of an old country farm town including barber shop, music shop, school house, chapel, drug store, post office, beauty shop, doctor's office, courthouse,



and a county jail (where some of our members checked out the quaint accommodations). The red Heritage Barn located next to the main brick building housed an extensive collection of early farm artifacts and machinery including tractors, plows, reapers, threshers, steam engines, and early combines. The barn even housed a fully-equipped blacksmith shop.



The huge number of artifacts and the quality of the displays in this country museum were a very pleasant surprise and well worth the \$5 admission price paid for the tour. After the 90-minute tour, members gathered for a country-style barbecue at the picturesque homestead of fellow club members, Brian & Ann Sipma, located just three miles northeast of Corydon.

There, we were joined by close friends of the Sipmas from Lucas, Iowa ... Jim (Junior) and Joann Dixon. Brian and Ann really rolled out the welcome wagon, grilling a generous portion of brats, burgers, hot dogs, and baked beans to feed the masses (although, grill master Brian kept dropping mine on the ground)! Club members also brought delicious side dishes and desserts to share. After a deliciously satisfying lunch, Brian gave me and my son Joel the nickel tour of his 9-acre homestead via his favorite mode of transportation, his golf cart. The beautiful setting with the nicely-mowed grass, full-grown shade trees, shooting range, and fishing pond reminded me of my aunt's old lodge up at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin ... now gone, but not forgotten. Joel and I also got to tour the Sipma's beautiful and spacious mobile home. Additionally, Joel received a private



showing of Brian's rifle and shotgun collection ... so burglars beware! On the show field, Brian and Ann had three cars on display, a 1947 Chevy, a 1950 Ford, and their 1985 Cadillac Coupe Deville, as well as a new picture of Brian's freshly-painted 1940 LaSalle. Cars on the show field also included the Pittman's 1956 Cadillac Fleetwood, Fox's 1958 Ford Thunderbird Convertible, Schlenker's 1968 Oldsmobile Toronado, Dixon's 1980 Chevy Corvette, Stoltenberg's 1994 Sedan Deville, and Dahl's 1995 Sedan Deville. Later that afternoon, club members enjoyed a game of



“name that car badge” where co-winners Dean Stoltenberg and Steve Fox each won a great Cadillac key chain! After the game, club members met for a brief meeting to discuss the upcoming event at Hickory Corners,

Michigan ... the Grand Opening of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center, scheduled for the weekend of September 27-28 (be sure to reserve your hotel room now)! Also, Jim and Karen showed us the beautiful annual award (the Norm Uhler Regional Activity Award) that the national Cadillac & LaSalle Club presented to the Iowa Crossroads Region for



outstanding activity.

The day was perfect! Absolutely beautiful surroundings ... with great food, great weather, and even greater company. Those that were unable to attend really missed out on a fabulous touring event!



Next up for the Iowa Crossroads CLC ... our August event! This event will include a tour of the Snus Hill Winery, followed by lunch at Corn Crib Catering, both in Madrid, Iowa and scheduled for Saturday, August 23. So don't miss out ... be sure to mark your calendars for this fine touring event! A flyer detailing the event will be e-mailed shortly. Wishing all of you the best!

Submitted for entry into the August edition of "The Voice" by Steven Fox on July 28, 2014.



## Man bought a property with a few acres with a welded shut old barn – Jackpot!!



A man retired. He wanted to use his retirement money wisely, so it would last, and decided to buy a home and a few acres in. The modest farmhouse had been vacant for 15yrs.; the owner and wife both had died, and there were no heirs. The house was sold to pay taxes. There had been several lookers, but the large barn had steel doors, and they had been welded shut. Nobody wanted to go to the extra expense to see what was in the barn, and it wasn't complimentary to the property anyway..... so, nobody made an offer on the place.

The guy bought it at just over half of the property's worth, moved in, and set about to tear in to the barn..... curiosity was killing him. So, he and his wife bought a generator, and a couple of grinders..... and cut thru the welds.

What was in the barn.....?



*Always look in the barn!*

# Calendar of Club Events 2014



**August 2014:** Our tour of the *Snus Hill Vineyard & Winery*, located at 2183 320<sup>th</sup> Street in Madrid, Iowa will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Following our tour and some wine tasting, lunch will be served down the road at *Corn Crib Catering*. A special luncheon menu will be prearranged with the Corn Crib staff.

**Late September 2014:** Our club will be attending the *Grand Opening of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center*, located in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This will be a four-day event! Interested club members will begin the trek to Hickory Corners on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Along the way, the club plans to meet up with the Indiana Region of the CLC in South Bend, Indiana, as we plan to caravan up to Hickory Corners together. Grand Opening events are planned for Saturday and Sunday, before Iowa Crossroads members begin their journey back home on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fine event that is sure to please every Cadillac & LaSalle enthusiast!

**October 2014:** Our annual tradition of touring the October colors in the *Amana Colonies* returns this year. On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, club members will head east on Highway 6, enjoying the fall colors on the way to Amana. Lunch will be served at the famous *Ronneburg Restaurant*, located at 4408 220<sup>th</sup> Trail in Amana, Iowa. Wine tasting and antiquing will be the fare after lunch.

**November 2014:** Lunch at *John's Steakhouse and Lounge*, located at 112 E. Jefferson Street in Prairie City, Iowa will be served to club members at noon on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Following lunch, club members will tour the *Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge & Museum*, located just outside Prairie City.

**December 2014:** Our annual Christmas luncheon will once again be served at *Noah's Ark Restaurant*, located at 2400 Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The annual *Holly & Ivy Tour* of Des Moines' greatest homes will follow lunch.

# Members News

## Birthdays

Rachel Holst

## Anniversaries

Galanski 8-30-64

Wold 8-19-71

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# ????HAVE YOU DONE THIS ATTENTION????

**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 Pittman at Pittman & Company, LLP, 8525 Douglas Ave. Suite 40, Des Moines, IA 50322.

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Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Vehicle Information

Cadillacs  LaSalles Year

Body Style