

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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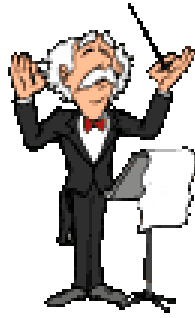
**Renewal of your National Cadillac & LaSalle Club Dues**

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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**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 or 4109 Plainview Drive, DSM Iowa, 50311, or 515-480-5689 thanks.**



## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

**I AM THINKING POSITIVE!!!!** In about 45 days or maybe less, we will be able to have our classic cars out once again and we will be able to enjoy them for several months. Steve has a great event planned for March. Just maybe, we can catch a break in the weather and we can get our old cars out then. Do you have plans to have any special work done on your car this year? I do. I am hoping to have a cruise control installed on my '56.

Thinking about fun and exciting things to do, several of us are planning to go to Hickory Corners, MI in September for the Cadillac Fall Festival and the grand opening of the Cadillac and LaSalle Museum and Research Center. If you have not decided to go yet, why don't you plan to join us? Let's see how large of a group we can get together and make a great showing for Iowa. Did you know there are over 350 pictures on Facebook showing the construction progress of the museum? Check it out. If you have any questions about the weekend or the museum, please give me a call.

We will not be attending the Salisbury event this year. They are not going to be involved with the car show any longer. There will be a show replacing it in downtown Des Moines. It will be known as the Des Moines Concours de Elegance. It will be very similar to the show at the Salisbury House and it will be held in September. As soon as we know more about the event we will let you know.

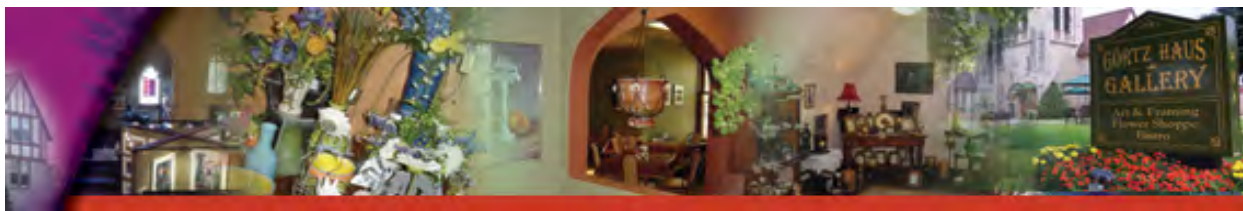
**There are a very few of you that have not renewed your membership. If you are one of those, I hope you will drop your check in the mail soon. We would like to get a new and complete membership list available to you as soon as possible.**

**Stay safe and warm----Spring is just a few days away!!!!**

**See you on the highways and byways,**

**Jim**

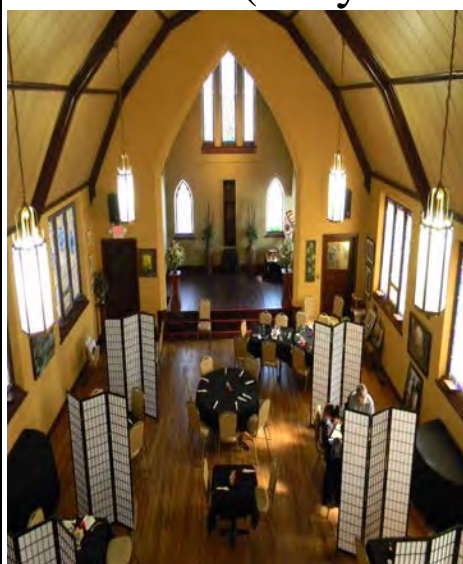
## Our Club's Valentine's Day Event



On Saturday, February 15, 2014, 11 members of the Iowa Crossroads Cadillac & LaSalle Club met for lunch at the **Görtz Haus Gallery**, located at 408 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Grimes, Iowa. In attendance were Jim & Karen Pittman, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Brian & Ann Sipma, Paul & Linda Wold, Jim Caffrey, Nora Schlenker and Steve Fox. The food was great and the company was even greater. Jim headed up a short meeting where various topics were discussed.



Among the topics discussed were the 2014 Schedule of Events for our club (a flyer of which was e-mailed to all club members in early February), the financial status of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC), the cancelling of the Salisbury Concours d'Elegance (which has now been replaced by the Des Moines Concours d'Elegance ... same weekend in early September, but to be held at a different location), and the club's planned trip to the Grand Opening of the CLCMRC in Hickory Corners, Michigan in late September.



# JOIN US FOR LUNCH & A TOUR OF THE ANKENY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN ANKENY, IOWA



## IOWA CROSSROADS CLC MARCH TOURING EVENT & LUNCHEON

**The Luncheon:** Arrangements have been made with the *Waterfront Seafood Market Restaurant*, located at 2424 SE Tones Drive in Ankeny, Iowa to have lunch following a short meeting, scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Interested club members will meet directly at the restaurant, which is located just a couple blocks northeast of the junction of Interstate 35 and Oralabor Road (Exit 90) in Ankeny.

**The Tour:** Lunch will be followed by a guided tour of the *Ankeny Historical Society*, located at 301 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Ankeny, just four miles from the restaurant. The museum examines the history of Ankeny, has a unique collection of doll houses, and a barn full of rural American memories.

**R.S.V.P:** Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> by contacting me (Steve Fox) at (515) 491-2624 or at [foxenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:foxenterprises@yahoo.com), so that I can get an accurate count for the luncheon. Thank you, spring is nearly here, and hope to see you there!

# Calendar of Club Events 2014



**March 2014:** Lunch at the *Waterfront Seafood Market Restaurant*, located at 2424 SE Tones Drive in Ankeny, Iowa at noon on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch will be followed by a guided tour of the *Ankeny Historical Society*, 301 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Ankeny.

**April 2014:** Lunch at the *Pizza Ranch Restaurant*, located at 1709 N. Jefferson Way in Indianola, Iowa at noon on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be followed by a tour of the *Bees Car Collection*, graciously hosted by fellow club members and friends, Russ & Marjorie Bees. Their home is located at 14527 Summerset Road in Indianola. We plan to view their collection starting at 1:30 p.m.

**May 2014:** A weekend getaway to *Historic LeClaire, Iowa* (birthplace of “Buffalo” Bill Cody) is planned for the weekend of May 31 to June 1. Our overnight visit will include tours of the *Buffalo Bill Museum* and *Antique Archaeology* (home to the famous hosts of the History Channel’s *American Pickers* show), as well as casually browsing through LeClaire’s famous antique shops.

**June 2014:** Our annual relaxing, light-hearted gathering at the *Olmsted-Urban House Ice Cream Social*, located at 4010 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Urbandale, Iowa, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Iowa Crossroads CLC members are encouraged to drive and show their classic cars on the grounds of this historic house, arriving no later than 1:30 p.m.

**July 2014:** Our tour of the *Prairie Trails Museum* of Wayne County, located at 515 E. Jefferson Street in Corydon, Iowa will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Following the tour, an informal “*Show & Shine*” *Barbeque* will occur on the grounds of fellow club members and friends Brian & Ann Sipma. The Sipma land is located about two miles from the museum. Club members are encouraged to drive their classic cars to this informal “Show & Shine”, but Brian warns that some travel on gravel will be in store.

**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.

**Early September 2014:** Our annual participation in the *Salisbury House Concours d’Elegance* will take place on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Invited club members will be asked to display their classic cars on the fabulous grounds of the Salisbury House, a tour of which is included with every entry or paid admission.

**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.



# Member's news

## Birthdays

Bob Holst

## Anniversaries

None in March

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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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### Vehicle Information

Cadillacs  LaSalles Year

Body Style

# 12 Cars That Define Cadillac At Age 110

Like PopMech, Cadillac is 110 years old. To mark the anniversary, we picked the Five Greatest, the Five Louisiest, and the Single Greatest Caddy of them all.

By John Pearley Huffman



**Nothing lasts forever.** Circuit City is gone, Kinko's is fading, Kodak is on life support, and GM alone has killed off Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Saturn, and Hummer. But though it has skittered along the edge of oblivion, Cadillac is still around. And as of August 22, Cadillac has been here for 110 years.

That's 110 years of memorable cars, lousy cars, and a lot of cars no one cares about. But it's not just great cars or terrible ones that define a brand's heritage and image. It's the combined history. So Popular Mechanics rifled through Cadillac's history to pick the five greatest cars it has built, the five lousiest, and one that's the greatest of them all.

These are all production Cadillacs—no concept cars, no one-off specials, no presidential limousines and no Popemobiles. These are the cars that once elevated Cadillac into "The Standard of the World" or pushed GM's luxury division to the brink of death. The Fab Five



## 1948 Series 62 Club Coupe

The first completely new Cadillac design following World War II was sleek and modern in a way no luxury car had been before. Following the lead of the Lockheed P-38 fighter plane, the new Cadillacs featured, yes, tail fins for the first time. The short-wheelbase Series 62 Club Coupe is considered by many to be the most attractive of the all-new '48 Cadillacs.

# 1967–1970 Eldorado Coupe



Not only was the '67 Eldorado Cadillac's first front-drive machine, but its sleek, hard-edge style brought youth to an aging line. Updated through 1970, the '67 models used hidden headlights and were powered by a 340-hp 7.0-liter V-8. The headlights came out of hiding in '69, and by '70 the engine had grown to 8.2-liter (500 cubic inches) and 400-horsepower. Cadillac's current "Art and Science" design themes owe a debt to the razor-sharp styling of the '67 Eldorado.

## 2009–Current CTS-V



Restraint has never been Cadillac's strong suit. The current CTS-Vs are the most unrestrained cars the division has ever built. Powered by GM's supercharged 556-hp 6.2-liter LSA V-8 and available as a two-door coupe, four-door sedan, or radical four-door wagon, the CTS-V line is easily the quickest series of cars Cadillac has ever built. And with all-independent suspension and perfectly tuned chassis, they can use that power to blow away BMWs and Porsches.

# Honorable Mention

## 1975–1980 Seville



The Seville was Cadillac's play to regain buyers it lost to Mercedes and BMW in the mid-'70s. Basically a stretched Chevy Nova with a fuel-injected Oldsmobile 5.7-liter V-8 engine under its hood, the Seville couldn't have been more mechanically ordinary. But the body was perfectly proportioned, the interior appointed with some real style, and the detailing was perfect. Although the Seville was the most expensive Cadillac, it sold well. Unfortunately, Cadillac didn't learn much from this experience and replaced this Seville with an awkward front-driver in '81.

Reprinted from an article in Popular Mechanics, we will feature more of their top five as well as their bottom five in future issues.





