

CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

The **VOICE** of the Iowa CrossRoads Region



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DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

At our Christmas luncheon event, held on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Noah's Ark Restaurant in Des Moines, our Club Director, Jim Pittman, announced the results from the election of new club officers for the 2015 calendar year. The results were:

Club Director and Activities Chair: Steve Fox

Club Secretary: Maurine Edmond

Club Treasurer: David Twombly

In addition, Jim Pittman has agreed to remain on as our National Representative from the Iowa Crossroads Region and Karen Pittman has agreed to remain on as our region's Membership Coordinator. Jim and Karen have also graciously volunteered to serve as interim editors of our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, while our current editors (Brian and Ann Sipma) get settled into their new place down in Corydon.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank both Jim and Karen Pittman for all they have done for our club over these past 15 years. During Jim's tenure as Director of the Iowa Crossroads Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club (1999-2014), Jim and Karen have spearheaded every fine effort our club has set forth to do, both locally and nationally. These included, but are not limited to, leading the drive to obtain regional recognition by the CLC in 1999 by signing our first 11 members (most of which are still members today); establishing our regional newsletter, *The Voice*; greatly supporting our efforts to host three annual local car shows at Willis Cadillac in 2000, 2001, and 2002; spearheading the drive in 2003 to host the 2005 Cadillac & LaSalle Grand National in Des Moines, and leading the two-year effort to prepare and organize a national event of this magnitude (no other region in the history of the CLC has hosted such an event so soon after obtaining regional status); leading our regional efforts to financially support the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC) which eventually led to its Grand Opening in September 2014 (Jim has served on the National Board of Directors for both the CLC and the CLCMRC); quadrupling our regional membership to 44 current members and leading us into long-term financial solvency. In short, the Iowa Crossroads Region of the CLC simply would not exist if it were not for the immeasurable efforts and achievements of Jim and Karen Pittman. It has indeed been my honor and privilege to work with both Jim and Karen for the betterment of our club over these past 15 years. While I may succeed Jim as Club Director, I can never replace him. We, as regional club members, owe both Jim and Karen a great debt of gratitude that we can never repay. A big THANK YOU to you both!

Good health and happiness to all members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC and their families in this New Year!

Steve

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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.



Cadillac & LaSalle Club

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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
Work Phone E-Mail
Spouse/Significant other

Birthdays: _____

Anniversary: _____

Vehicle Information

Cadillacs LaSalles Year
Body Style

Please print this form and mail along with a \$ 10.00 check to:

Karen Pittman, Membership Chair-Iowa Crossroads C.L.C.,
4408 74th St., Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Please take note as to when your national dues are due and pay them at the appropriate time, as these very by member.



Iowa Crossroads CLC Events Calendar for 2015

Members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC can look forward to 14 scheduled touring events in 2015. Please note that all events listed below are subject to change. Look for upcoming event flyers throughout the year that detail finalized plans for each event.

January: There is no scheduled event for this month. Enjoy your winter solace!

February: On Saturday, February 14th, club members will enjoy a Valentine's Day luncheon at the *Tea Room of the Hunter Mansion* in Newton, Iowa. Lunch is scheduled at noon. *This is a traditional, annual event especially designed for the ladies of the Iowa Crossroads CLC, but all male members are encouraged to attend!*

March: On Saturday, March 7th, club members will enjoy a mid-afternoon tour of the *Antique Car Museum of Iowa* in Coralville, followed by an early dinner at the *Iowa River Power Restaurant*. The tour is scheduled at 2 p.m.; dinner at 4 p.m. *This event was proposed by fellow club members Paul & Linda Wold.*

April: Club members Dean & Vickie Stoltenberg have graciously volunteered to organize a club touring event for Saturday, April 11, 2015. *Details for this event will follow in the upcoming months.*

May: On the weekend of May 16-17, 2015, club members will head north to enjoy a weekend visit to Lake Okoboji. During our visit, we will tour the "ultimate man cave" at *Okoboji Classic Cars*, as well as the *Iowa Rock 'N Roll Museum* and the *Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum*. Throughout the weekend we will enjoy fine dining and great accommodations at yet-to-be-determined venues. *This overnight event was proposed by fellow club members Eric & Pat Anderson, who have graciously volunteered to assist in its organization.*

June: From Wednesday, June 24th through Saturday, June 27th, Iowa Crossroads CLC members will be participating in the *2015 CLC Grand National* in Brookfield, Wisconsin. For more information about this exciting international club event, check online at <http://www.badgerclc.com/nationalevent.php>. *This event was proposed by our national representative Jim Pittman and is being sponsored by the national CLC.*

June: Also, on Sunday, June 28th, the annual *Olmsted House Ice Cream Social & Open House* is being held in Urbandale from 2-4 p.m. *This is a traditional, annual event for members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC to exhibit their vehicles on the grounds while they enjoy a 1920's style ice-cream social and musical accompaniment.*

July: Club members will enjoy a trip to Winterset, Iowa for a nice lunch, followed by a tour of the newly-opened *John Wayne Birthplace Museum*. *This event was proposed by our club director and activities chairman Steve Fox, with an actual date and time yet-to-be-determined.*

August: Club members will venture north to Britt, Iowa to enjoy a tour of the *Hobo Museum* and a hearty helping of “hobo stew” at a local restaurant. *This event was proposed by our membership coordinator Karen Pittman, with an actual date and time yet-to-be-determined.*

September: On Sunday, September 13th, club members will be attending the 2015 *Des Moines Concours d'Elegance*, either as exhibitors or as spectators. Members are encouraged to submit their vehicle application for entry into this marvelous show. Pre-show activities, such as a driving tour and complimentary dinner, will take place in Des Moines on Saturday, September 12th for all exhibitors. For more information, access the Des Moines Concours d'Elegance website at <http://www.desmoinesconcours.com>. *This event was proposed by club officers Jim Pittman & Steve Fox.*

Also, on the weekend of September 18-20, 2015, the Hawkeye Packard Club will be hosting the *Packard Fall Classic* in Des Moines. Numerous events around central Iowa will take place throughout the weekend. *Fellow club members, Russ & Marj Bees, who are also members of the Hawkeye Packard Club, have cordially invited members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC to join them for this event. Further details regarding this scheduled event will be made available at a later date.*

Finally, on the weekend of September 26-27, 2015, the West Michigan Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club will once again be hosting the *Cadillac Fall Festival* on the beautiful campus of the *Gilmore Car Museum* in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Attending members will enjoy the fabulous classic-car showrooms, including the *Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center*, as well as all the meticulously-restored Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles that are exhibited on the show field of this magnificent property. *This is an annual event that is hosted by the West Michigan Region of the CLC. Further details regarding this scheduled event will be made available at a later date.*

October: Fellow club members Dean & Vickie Stoltenberg have also graciously volunteered to organize a club touring event for Saturday, October 17, 2015, in addition to the one they are organizing for April 2015. *Details on a place for this event will follow in the upcoming months.*

November: Club members will enjoy gathering for lunch at the popular Ames destination *The Café*, followed by an arranged tour through the *Farm House Museum* located on the beautiful campus of Iowa State University. *This event was proposed by Steve Fox. Details on a specific date and time for this event will follow in the upcoming months.*

December: On Saturday, December 12th, club members will meet at the *World Food Prize Hall of Laureates* at 11 a.m. to ring in the festive holiday season at the museum's Holiday Open House. Admission is free. After the open house, club members will enjoy a Christmas luncheon experience (scheduled for 1 p.m.) at one of the premier dining destinations in Des Moines, the *Centro Restaurant*, located downtown near the Pappajohn Sculpture Park. *The Holiday Open House event was proposed by Steve Fox as a supplemental activity to our traditional and annual Christmas luncheon.*

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Birthdays

Jim Johnson 2-20

Anniversaries

Bill and Nora Schlenker 2-14

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.

LOCAL CLUB DUES

Our local dues are due each January 1. If you have already paid, "THANK YOU", if not, please see the form in this newsletter for new members and the amount and address on where to send your check.

COME JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON AT THE HUNTER MANSION IN NEWTON!



IOWA CROSSROADS CLC FEBRUARY 2015 TOURING EVENT!

Luncheon: Arrangements have been made for members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC to dine for lunch at the Tea Room located within the Hunter Mansion (223 West 4th Street South in Newton, Iowa) at noon on Saturday, February 14th. Lunch will be served following a short club meeting. Interested members from central Iowa will meet at McDonald's in Altoona (directly across from entrance to the Adventureland Inn) at 11:15 a.m. to caravan to Newton. Those opting not to caravan, please plan to drive directly to the Hunter Mansion in Newton to meet us at noon.

R.S.V.P. Required: The Tea Room is requesting an exact number of those attending by Friday, February 6th so that they have adequate time to plan our menu and the table placement. As a result, all club members planning to attend must reply to me by e-mail at foxenterprises@yahoo.com or by phone at (515) 491-2624 no later than Thursday, February 5th. Unfortunately, no additional reservations will be allowed after that date. Looking forward to seeing you!

Our 2014 Christmas Luncheon Event in Des Moines

Nineteen members (including family members) of the Iowa Crossroads CLC celebrated the upcoming Christmas holiday by attending a luncheon held at Noah's Ark Restaurant in Des Moines on Saturday, December 6. Those in attendance included Jim & Karen Pittman, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Bill & Nora Schlenker, Brian & Ann Sipma, Russ & Marj Bees, Paul & Linda Wold, Dave & Karen Kroeger (with son Andy Kroeger), Maurine Edmond, David Twombly, Jim Galinsky, and myself, Steve Fox. After a hefty helping of homemade garlic-butter rolls and fine cuisine, Jim Pittman announced that \$4500 of club funds that were in an expiring CD are being renewed in a Veridian CD special earning a whopping 2.25%. Jim also announced the results from the election of new club officers (see the Director's Column earlier in this newsletter). Other announcements included an invitation from Russ Bees for the Iowa Crossroads CLC to join the Packard Club at their Des Moines Fall Event to be held during the weekend of September 18-20, 2015; Paul Wold's discussion on a new auto upholstery shop (Goldfield's Trim and Upholstery, phone 785-906-0125); and David Twombly's report on his visit to the CLC Grand European event held in Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands.

After the meeting, Christmas grab-bag gifts were exchanged among those who brought grab bags and a club photo was taken of members who were present at this fine gathering. Then, the Sipmas (Brian and Ann) and I ventured out to enjoy the festive 18th Annual Holly & Ivy Tour in Des Moines. Together, we toured the seasonal decorations of four different estates including the magnificent Salisbury House, the beautiful "south-of-Grand" Lacy home, the stunning Rollins Mansion, and the elegant Chamberlain Estate. Also, included in the tour was the annual Holiday Market held at the historic Central Presbyterian Church on Grand Avenue. **Please see the pictures of this fine event, included below.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next regularly-scheduled event: our Valentine's luncheon in February 2015 (see details information earlier in this newsletter).

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Noah's Ark Restaurant



Salisbury House Dining Room



Salisbury House Hallway



Salisbury House Bedroom



Lacy House Parlor



Lacy House Dining Room



Rollins Mansion Dining Room



Rollins Mansion Ballroom



Chamberlain Estate Dining Room



Chamberlain Estate Stairwell



Central Presbyterian Church



Central Presbyterian Church