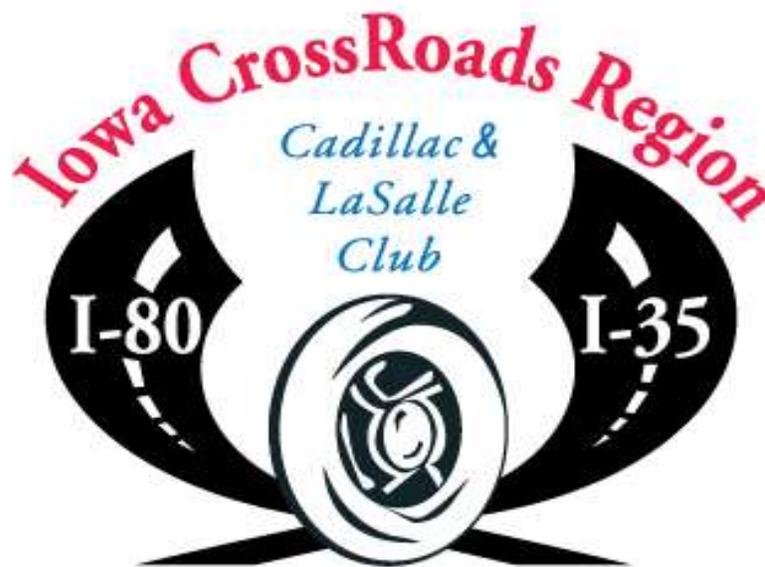


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Iowa Crossroads CLC Director's Column

On a cold and blustery Saturday in February, 13 members of the Iowa Crossroads Cadillac & LaSalle Club met for our annual Valentine's Day luncheon honoring the ladies of our fine club. The luncheon took place in the Tea Room of the Hunter Mansion in Newton, Iowa. Members in attendance included Jim & Karen Pittman, Brian & Ann Sipma, Dean & Vickie Stoltenberg, Paul & Linda Wold, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Steve Muir, Nora Schlenker, and myself, Steve Fox.

Before dining on quiche, soup, chicken salad or pulled-pork sandwiches, the club conducted a short meeting. The meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of our dear friend and fellow club member, Bill Schlenker, who passed away on January 25th at the age of 77.

In the absence of our Club Treasurer (David Twombly), Jim Pittman presented the Treasurer's Report and summarized the minutes from the recent CLCMRC winter board meeting held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Some discussion regarding this year's events being offered at the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National in Brookfield, Wisconsin (scheduled for June 24-27, 2015) also ensued. ***Note to all planning to attend this year's CLC Grand National: Be sure to mail in your registration forms prior to May 28, 2015 to avoid added late-registration fees.*** Jim finalized by making mention that Las Vegas, NV will be the site for the 2016 CLC Grand National.

I made a brief presentation regarding upcoming club events, namely the Antique Car Museum of Iowa/Iowa River Power Restaurant event in Coralville slated for Saturday, March 7 (informational flyers have been e-mailed), our weekend event up at Lake Okoboji (scheduled for May 16-17), and our planned July event in Winterset, visiting the newly-opened John Wayne Birthplace Museum (scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015).

Vickie Stoltenberg provided preliminary information regarding her planned club event in Stone City, along the Wapsipinicon River in northeast Iowa (scheduled for Saturday, April 11). She and Dean will be making the arrangements for that event. More information regarding this scheduled event for April (and those beyond) will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Karen Pittman delivered a report regarding our current local membership. She stated that of the 44 Iowa Crossroads members from 2014, 26 have renewed their local membership and 18 have not. She has sent out a reminder letter to those that have not renewed and plans to follow up with an e-mail or phone call in about a week to those that she has not heard from. Also, special thanks to Karen for providing these minutes (in the absence of Club Secretary, Maurine Edmond) from which I was able to include them in this column, and for the great Valentine's treats that she distributed to those members in attendance.

After filling our bellies, our hostess at the Hunter's Mansion gave us a brief history lesson regarding this beautiful historic home. A stone's throw from the Newton City Hall, on West 4th Street South, the Hunter Mansion stands replete with solid-oak woodwork, beamed ceilings, leaded-glass windows, and century-old radiators, scrolled with the iron artwork of the times. It is estimated that this Classical Revival-style home was constructed around 1900, and took the place of the Hunter's previous home on the same site. As you step into the vestibule from the wide front porch, sunbeams dance through the prisms of the leaded glass inserts of the front door and window panes. The floor of the vestibule has the original English tile, its center design of blue over-sized leaves. To the left is the original game room, which is now the reception area. Half-windows, with figure S's in lead outlining the panes, let in light.

To the right, sliding oak pocket doors separate the front room, now used for dining, from the game room. Down the hallway, toward the rear of the house, is the formal dining room, with oak-plate rail on the walls, a beautiful built-in oak buffet that extends nearly the entire length of the wall, and a wooden coffered ceiling.

Opposite the dining room is the parlor, with the original fireplace, one of three in the home. The one in the parlor has a carved-woodwork frame. The firebox wall and floor are laid with small glass brick tiles about one inch by three inches in size. Iridescent tones of purple, blue, and rose-colored lights still gleam from the glazing process. Upstairs is a library, complete with its own fireplace, along with four bedrooms. There are built-in linen drawers in the hallway. The upstairs bathroom has the original six-sided white tiling on the floor.

The most famous owner of the mansion was Charles Hunter, one of the sons of George and Susanna Hunter. He worked with his father, George, who, along with F.L. and E.H. Maytag, owned the "Big Store", built in 1899 (later known as Iowa Mercantile Company). Charles' brother, Harry, was an architect, which could account for the quality materials and utilization of the space in this home. If one stands at the library window and gazes toward the northeast, it is easy to envision that there was once an unobstructed view of the Jasper County Courthouse.

Charles continued to live in the house for five or six years after the death of his mother in 1921, before moving into the Maytag Hotel. At that time, he and his brother Harry sold the mansion to their friend and former neighbor, E.H. Maytag, son of F.L. Maytag. Charles Hunter never married, and in his will, he left money for the Hunter Addition to Newton's Skiff Hospital for the construction of a non-profit minimum-care geriatrics facility. At the time, it was the largest gift in the history of Jasper County.

May your sails be taut and the wind always remain at your back!

How's that for a catchy "cruising" byline?

Steve

In Memoriam

Bill Schlenker

(1937-2015)

Our car-club family lost a great man on January 25th. Bill will be sorely missed by all that had the distinct pleasure of knowing him. Bill always beamed a great smile and had a great story to tell about his passion, the classic car hobby. He was a soft-spoken, talented craftsman who patiently restored the dashboard and steering wheel of his 1938 LaSalle convertible, meticulously handcrafting each piece out of wood. He was always eager to lend advice or provide a helping hand to others on a variety of car repairs, restoration work, or other personal projects. Despite great struggle, Bill always lived life to the fullest and never gave up until the very end. His courage when facing his tragic illness was an inspiration to us all. May God bless Bill and his grieving family and friends at this very difficult time.

IOWA CROSSROADS CLC MARCH TOURING EVENT & DINNER

JOIN US FOR A LATE-WINTER TOUR OF THE ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM OF IOWA, FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT THE FAMOUS IOWA RIVER POWER RESTAURANT!

The Museum: Arrangements have been made with the Antique Car Museum of Iowa (860 Quarry Road, Coralville, Iowa) to tour their facility at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2015. We will also tour the Johnson County Historical Society Museum which is located at the same venue. Interested members will meet at McDonald's (3215 9th Street NW, Altoona, Iowa) across from the Adventureland Inn at 11:45 a.m. We will leave for Coralville sharply at noon. Lunch beforehand will be on your own.

Dinner: Club members will meet for dinner at the famous Iowa River Power Restaurant (501 1st Avenue, Coralville) at 4 p.m. The restaurant is requesting an accurate count for dinner by Friday, March 6th so that they can make the proper arrangements. This is their request, not mine, so please don't shoot the messenger! RSVP directly to me by phone at (515) 491-2624 or by e-mail at foxenterprises@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Member's news

Birthdays

Bob Holst

Anniversaries

None in March

New Members

None to report this month

????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 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.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Due January 1 of each year. Please fill out form below.

National Membership Number Required _____

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
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