

# CADILLAC & LASALLE REGIONAL UPDATE

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## ***Iowa CrossRoads CLC Director's Column***

On Saturday, February 13, 2016, 12 members of the Iowa CrossRoads Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club met for lunch at the ***Tulip Tea Room*** in Pella, Iowa to honor all the fine ladies in our club. Members in attendance were Jim & Karen Pittman, Nora Schlenker, Lyle & Lori Dahl, Paul & Linda Wold, Brian & Ann Sipma, Steve Muir, Jim Caffrey and myself, Steve Fox. To avoid the typical "guy talk" about cars, including the ones we owned and the ones we'd love to own, the ladies decided early on to gather at their own table and carry on with their own interesting conversation.

Before lunch, Connie (our hostess) gave us the lowdown on our luncheon menu choices as well as giving us a brief history of this beautifully-restored, 1915 post-Victorian home that housed the tea room. Connie purchased the home in 1993 and fully converted it into a tea room in 1996. The home, now tea room, provides a very charming atmosphere in which to visit and dine together.

After ordering, we held a brief meeting where we discussed a variety of topics (see minutes later in this newsletter). Then, it was time for lunch ... with main courses ranging from homemade walnut-chicken salad, fresh quiche, or a Mexican-style pork chop served up with fresh salad greens (loved that hot bacon-vinegarett dressing), followed by a mouth-watering dessert choice of homemade cheesecake, razzleberry pie, or a peppermint-ice cream brownie (all starting at a mere 1200 calories)! After lunch, Karen had a Valentine surprise for all ... Lindor chocolates for the guys and a floral bouquet for the ladies (see attached photos). A very nice touch, indeed. Thanks, Karen!

Before departing, some of us ventured upstairs where all four bedrooms were converted into country-style gift shops. A truly great time was had by all at this great tea room of yesteryear. So, please ... don't miss out ... attend our March event at the ***Heartland Museum*** in Clarion (see attached flyer). It promises to me a lot of fun!

*Until next time, may your sails be taut and the wind always remain at your back!*



*Above (Left to Right): 1915 Tulip Tea Room in Pella & Tea Room Parlor.*



*Above (Left to Right): Tea Room Cart and Cups & Upstairs Gift Shop.*



*Above (Left to Right): The Honored Ladies of Our Club & the Happy Group.*



# *Minutes of the February Meeting*

**Opening:** A brief meeting of the Iowa CrossRoads Region was held at ***Tulip Tea Room*** in Pella on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Twelve members (names listed in the Director's column) were in attendance.

**Membership:** Our membership chair, Karen Pittman, reported that 39 regional members, plus 28 auxiliary (spousal) members, have renewed their membership with the Iowa CrossRoads Region for 2016. This is down from 45 members (plus 29 spousal members) in 2015, but Karen expects that three more will renew.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen reported that thanks to renewals, we now have \$720 in our operating account to help cover the cost of newsletter printings, mailings and our webpage server. This is up from \$140 in December.

**CLC National News:** Our national representative, Jim Pittman, reported that the ***Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum and Research Center (CLCMRC)*** is currently \$55,000 in debt from museum maintenance and building expenses. The CLCMRC plans to pay off the debt before initiating its next \$1 million fundraising campaign to expand the museum, more than doubling its current size. Jim also mentioned that the CLCMRC is receiving so many automobiles gifted to the museum that they are becoming very selective on which automobiles to accept. Even then, the CLCMRC will only be required to keep selected automobiles for a two-year period, at which time that can elect to keep or sell donated automobiles as needed.

**Regional News:** Our regional director and activities chair, Steve Fox, discussed various upcoming events for 2016 and some date changes that have occurred to accommodate members that were previously unable to attend (see updated calendar of events later in this newsletter). Steve also mentioned that he was recruited by the ***Des Moines Concours d'Elegance*** to chair this year's Collectibles Class (1955-66). Steve has asked fellow club members Jim Caffrey and Brian Sipma to assist him in this task and they have graciously accepted his invitation.



## Iowa Crossroads CLC Events Calendar for 2016

*Members of the Iowa Crossroads CLC can look forward to a “lucky” 13 scheduled touring events in 2016 to place upon your home calendars! 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, but please ... place these fine events on your calendar straight away!*

**January:** Traditionally, the Iowa CrossRoads CLC has not held a January event so as to better enjoy our winter solace in the comfort of our own home. I saw no need to break with that restful tradition in 2016!

**February:** This year, our traditional Valentine’s Day Luncheon to honor the ladies of our club was held at the **Tulip Tea Room** in Pella, Iowa on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Club members gathered at this fine historic, mission-style tea room at 1 p.m. Excluding travel time, this will was a 1-2 hour social event.

**March:** On Saturday, March 12, club members will head north to Clarion, Iowa to tour the **Heartland Museum** following a hearty lunch at the rustic **Fuel Restaurant**. Excluding travel time, this will be a 3-4 hour combined event. *This event was recommended by fellow club member, Nora Schlenker. For further information, see the attached March event flyer!*

**April:** The Iowa CrossRoads CLC touring event for April will actually be one that is shared on the national level as interested club members will head to Las Vegas, Nevada to participate in the **2016 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National** from April 13-16, 2016. The host hotel for this event is the **Suncoast Hotel & Casino**. The national CLC has arranged some incredibly inexpensive room rates for registered club members for this 2016 Grand National (while supplies last, so don’t delay ... make your reservations today!) For more details and updates, see the **CLC Grand National** web site at <http://www.lasvegasclc.org/grand-national>

**May:** A joint gathering of the **Iowa CrossRoads CLC and the Iowa Hawkeye Chapters of the Buick Club of America and Studebaker Club of America** will meet at the farmstead of Gene Upstill in Gilbert, Iowa on Sunday, May 15, 2016 (actual time to follow). Excluding travel time, this will be a 2-3 hour social event. *This event came as a special invitation to our club by fellow car enthusiast and Buick/Studebaker Club member, Mr. Gene Upstill.*

**Mid-June:** Club members will enjoy this surf and turf touring event to be held in Clear Lake, Iowa on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Interested members will meet early in the day to cruise up to Clear Lake to tour the **Surf Ballroom & Museum** (\$5 suggested donation) in the morning, followed by lunch and a 90-minute, leisurely-afternoon cruise around Clear Lake aboard the popular **Lady of the Lake** riverboat. The cost of the cruise is \$14. This will be an all-day touring event. *This event was proposed by fellow club members, Lyle and Lori Dahl.*

**Late-June:** Our traditional annual classic-car show 'n shine will be held at the **Olmsted-Urban House Ice Cream Social & Open House** located at 4010 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Urbandale, Iowa, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Come and show off your magnificent automobile at the very tranquil atmosphere of this 1920's style homemade pie and ice cream social, with an old-fashioned Dixieland band to boot! Excluding travel time, this will be a 2-3 hour social event.

**July:** On Saturday, July 16, 2016, club members will be heading east to Bettendorf, Iowa to tour the show field of the national **Pontiac-Oakland Club Convention**, which happens to be in eastern Iowa this year. Interested club members travelling from central Iowa will meet early for the trip east. Once in the Bettendorf area, we will stop for lunch followed by a tour of the convention's massive show field, which is free of charge according to the national Pontiac-Oakland Club. This will be an all-day touring event, so stay as long as you like! *This event was proposed by fellow club members, Dean and Vickie Stoltenberg.*

**August:** On Saturday, August 27, 2016, club members will be heading west for a weekend trip to **Nebraska City, Nebraska** (just over the state line in SW Iowa). Overnight accommodations will be provided by **Lied Lodge & Conference Center** at the special rate of \$119 per night plus tax. Lodge reservations will be made independently, with a free-cancellation policy until 24-hours before our scheduled arrival. To reserve your room, call Robin, Lied Lodge Reservation Manager, at (402) 873-8728. When making your reservation, be sure to mention that you are with Steve Fox and the Iowa CrossRoads CLC to secure the special rate. Weekend touring events to choose from will include the **Arbor Day Farm & Mansion, the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard, the Kregel Windmill Museum, and the Nebraska City Museum of Firefighting**, not to mention touring all the great antique shops and a visit to a rather extraordinary cemetery (proposed by club member, Russ Bees). This will be an overnight weekend event, returning on Sunday, August 28, 2016. *This weekend event was proposed by regional club director, Steve Fox.*

**Mid-September:** Many club members enjoy participating in the fabulous **Des Moines Concours d'Elegance**, an annual celebration promoting the art and design of the automobile. This year's event will be held on the weekend of September 10-11, 2016. Exhibitors are invited to attend a driving event and exhibitor banquet in the Des Moines area on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and will be displaying their fine automobiles at the **Pappajohn Sculpture Park**

in downtown Des Moines the following day on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Iowa CrossRoads club members Steve Fox, Jim Caffrey, and Brian Sipma will be heading up the Collectibles Class (1955-1966) for this year's event, so don't miss out! For more information on how to participate in this fine automotive event that is quickly becoming an Iowa tradition, see the Concours web site at: <http://www.desmoinesconcours.com>. This is a weekend touring event for exhibitors and a 2-3 hour event for patrons.

**Late-September:** The **Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum's Fall Festival** will occur at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the weekend of September 23-25, 2016. This is an annual weekend touring event hosted by the West Michigan Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. For more informational updates on this fine event, refer to the CLCMRC web page at: <http://www.cadillaclasallemuseum.org>. *We hope to make this a recurring biennial event for the Iowa CrossRoads regional membership.*

**October:** On Saturday, October 15, 2016, club members will enjoy our traditional autumn touring event to take in the fall colors and a bit of homespun **Americana in Amana**, Iowa once again this year. A home-cooked meal will be served up at one of the popular German-fare restaurants in Amana, as we enjoy the company of other club members. A tour of historic Amana's antique malls, woolen mills, candy shops, beer gardens, and wine cellars will occur after lunch on this fine, colorful October afternoon. *This is a traditional, biennial, 4-5 hour touring event for our club that you are sure to enjoy!*

**November:** A nice lunch followed by a tour of the **National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library** in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is on tap for Saturday, November 12, 2016. The location of the luncheon beforehand has yet to be determined. Admission to the museum and library is \$10. Excluding travel time, this will be a 3-4 hour combined event. *This event was proposed by fellow club members, Dave and Karen Kroeger.*

**December:** Save your appetite and exercise your holiday spirit by attending our annual Christmas celebration at noon on Saturday, December 10, 2016. This year, our annual Christmas/Holiday gathering will start with a festive luncheon and optional grab-bag gift exchange at **Johnny's Italian Steakhouse** at their new location (550 Bass Pro Drive) in Altoona, Iowa. Following this enjoyable holiday gathering, interested club members can begin to complete that Christmas shopping list by enjoying the ultimate Western-style shopping experience at nearby **Bass Pro Shops**, directly across the street from the restaurant. Excluding travel time, this will be a 2-3 hour combined holiday event.

**Note:** *Any questions and/or concerns regarding these scheduled events should be directed to our Activities Chairman, Steve Fox, at your convenience. He can be reached by phone at (515) 491-2624 or by e-mail at [foxenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:foxenterprises@yahoo.com). Please forward any complaints to comrade Vladimir Vladivostok, last seen trying to escape from a gulag somewhere outside Yakutsk, Siberia!*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE IOWA CROSSROADS CLC MARCH EVENT**  
**AT THE RUSTIC FUEL RESTAURANT & HEARTLAND MUSEUM!**



**The Drive Up:** Interested club members will meet at **Earl May Garden Center**, located at 1509 N. Ankeny Blvd. in Ankeny at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 for the drive up to Clarion. For a more pleasant trip than the Interstate, we plan to drive north on Highway 69 to IA Highway 3, then west into Clarion.

**Lunch:** Arrangements have been made for the **Fuel Restaurant** to serve us up a western-style lunch in this rustic diner. Lined with old fuel pumps and road sign décor, this rustic restaurant specializes in great sandwiches and Italian pizza cooked in their large, old coal-fired ovens! This is sure to please everyone's appetite. A special area will be set aside for our group to enjoy a semi-private meeting and dining experience! For us, lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Heartland Museum:** Arrangements for our club to tour the **Heartland Museum** have been made for a starting time of 1 p.m. The museum has several exhibits and showrooms to offer its guests, including **Agricultural Hall** (filled with tractors and farm implements), **Big Bud** (one of the largest tractors ever built), **Lest We Forget** (honoring our vets), **Clarion Streetscape** (recreating the 1930's, 40's and 50's), **Teddy Bear Museum**, **Wright County Historical Library**, and the reason Nora recommended this museum ... **Alvina's Hat Parlor!** Admission is \$12 per person and it takes about two hours to completely tour the museum in its entirety.

**Questions/Reservations:** Please send your questions and reservation requests my direction by e-mailing me at [foxenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:foxenterprises@yahoo.com) or by calling me at (515) 491-2624 by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



### Happy Birthday to Members:

Jim Johnson (February 20)

Donna Jiruska (March 13)

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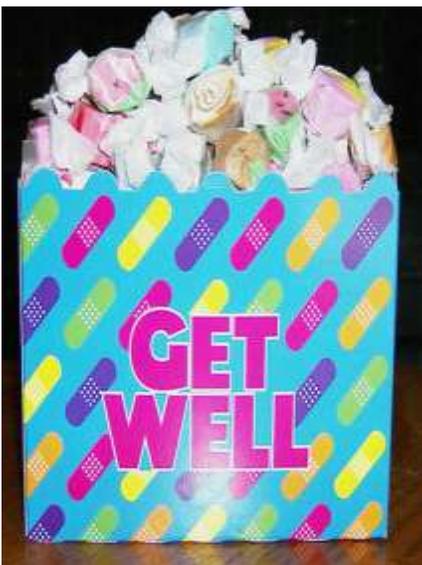
### Happy Anniversary to Members:

None that we are aware of.

If we missed out, please let us know!



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### Continued Get Well Wishes to Dean Stoltenberg:

At the February meeting, Jim Pittman mentioned that our fellow club member, Dean Stoltenberg, who underwent complicated heart surgery, is recovering nicely with some days better than others. We all pray for Dean's quick recovery and greatly look forward to his return. Those wishing to send a personal card and Get Well wishes to Dean can do so by mailing your wishes to his address at:

21270 50th Avenue, Walcott, IA 52773-9703.

## THE 2016 CADILLAC & LaSALLE CLUB GRAND NATIONAL



The **Las Vegas Region of the CLC** is excited to be hosting the **2016 CLC Grand National** from **April 13-16, 2016**. The Grand National has been moved to the spring to take advantage of the cooler weather to be kind to our classics – we hope that fits in well with your schedule. For more information on the **2016 CLC Grand National**, check their webpage at <http://www.lasvegasclc.org/grand-national>

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### **ATTENTION! HAVE YOU DONE THIS?**

**IOWA CROSSROADS REGIONAL CLUB DUES FOR 2016:** Our regional dues for 2016 were due January 1. If you have already paid, “THANK YOU”; if not, please pay your dues for 2016 at your earliest convenience. Current annual membership dues are \$15 for members receiving newsletters by e-mail or \$30 for U.S. mail delivery. Please forward your check to our Membership Chair: Karen Pittman, 4408 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, IA 50322. Also ... if you are new to the club, please send us your profile (form is attached on the last page of this newsletter). Please include the date of your birthday (spouse as well) and anniversary so that we may include it in the newsletter. Be sure to also include your e-mail in the profile. *Note: You cannot complete the form online. You must print it out, complete it and mail the form to Karen Pittman at the address listed above.*

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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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## IOWA CROSSROADS REGION

For all new members, please fill out the form below and mail it to: Karen Pittman – Membership Chair, Iowa CrossRoads C.L.C., 4408 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, Iowa 50322. *Note: If your dues are not received by February 15th of the calendar year, you will no longer receive the newsletter and your regional membership will be dropped. Also, please take note as to when your national dues are due and pay them at the appropriate time, as this will vary for each member.*

### Personal Information

National Membership Number (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

### Cadillac/LaSalle Vehicle Information

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_