



The Cadillac Club
OF KANSAS CITY

April/May2006 Newsletter

**MEMBERSHIP SO FAR THIS
YEAR: 41 MEMBERS - DON'T
FORGET TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS!!**

SHIRTS SHIRTS SHIRTS and CADILLACS



Looking for the latest in fashion?? Visit our club web site at <http://www.kccaddyclub.com> to get the scoop and info on how you can order your club shirt. Each shirt will have our club logo in either Black or White stitching with the Cadillac Crest in Gold.

We have shirts for Men and Women in a wide array of colors to choose from from as long as it is **Black or White!!**

Questions, call Marsha Redman @ 816-213-7660

If you would like to have your shirts to wear for the BOPC picnic on May 21st, you'll need to place your order by Monday May 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7th - Cruise the Burg - 10th Annual Show & Shine 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Louisburg, KS - 50/50 pot, \$100 Cash Drawing, Prizes, Dash Plaques, Refreshments, Sponsored by Louisburg Lions, Info: Neil: 913-837-2125, Tom: 913-980-5941

May 13th – Topeka Classic Car Cruise – 4:00pm to 9:00pm in Downtown Topeka, You can pre-register at <http://eagle993.com/skin/form.php?formId=1423>. We will be meeting at the Turnpike Topeka Service Area at 3:00pm and then caravan into Topeka. For more info go to our club web page at: <http://www.kccaddyclub.com>

May 21st -

WHO – Buick, Olds, Pontiac & Cadillac Clubs

WHAT – BOPC PICNIC

WHEN – Sunday, MAY 21, 2006 starts 12:45 pm

WHERE – Richards Gebauer Shelter House Belton, MO

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**Drinks, food tools, paper goods, burgers, buns and condiments will be provided!**

**Bring a side dish and a dessert to share & your lawn chair. The shelter house is located across from the headquarters building at the old air base in Belton. It is located just West of 71 Hiway on 150. Take a left into the complex and look for all of the Classic Cars.**

**Get your car shined up so we can show them why we love that Cadillac style!**

**June 10th - Broome Cadillac Car Display. (From the Prez)** This event is important to our club and we need to have as many Cadillacs as possible so bring your beauties out for the show. Please mark this date on your calendars as a MUST ATTEND. We are shooting for 20 plus cars to be there. Food, drink and prizes will be provided. **WE WILL BE CALLING YOU!!!**

## **CRUISE NIGHTS**

**4th Sat.** - Cruise Main Street - Belton, Mo - 5:00 pm - Info: Larry: 816-590-0932

**Last Sat.** - Historic Downtown Liberty, Mo - Food, music, dash plaques - Info: Werner: 816-810-9467, Joe: 816-781-2005

**First Wed.** - Mission Sonic Cruise - 6:00 pm -10:00 pm - 6665 Martway - Discounts - Info: Bethany: 913-722-2451

**Every Wed. & Fri.** - Olathe Sonic Cruise - 6:00-9:00 pm - Discounts - Prizes - Info: 913-782-2377

I have 2 whole pages of cruises listed in the ACC Newsletter. For further info. go to [clubs.hemmings.com/acckc](http://clubs.hemmings.com/acckc)

If you would like to sign up for any of these events, please call Marsha Redman at 816-529-7153.

## ***MAY MEETING NOTICE***

*We **will not** have a May meeting, due to the Memorial Holiday Weekend. Our next club meeting at Dick Clark's will be June 25.*

## **FEATURE ARTICLE**

### **THE NAME 'CADILLAC' ORIGIN**

Borne on March 5, 1658 in Laumont, a village near Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave in Gascony, France, Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac was the son of simple middle-class parents. Upon his marriage in Quebec City on June 25, 1687, he glorified his origins, claiming his title was "Antoine de la Mothe, Squire, \*Sieur de Cadillac, and was about 26 years of age.

In those days, it was common to usurp the noble title and armorial bearings of a true, blue-blooded nobleman and was assumed that back home, no one would ever find out about it. Laumet was no exception; he borrowed the name Lamothe, possibly on account of it being similar to the Laumet name, and took over the noble ancestry associated with the name. In fact, he "purloined" the name, title, and coat of arms of Baron Sylvester of Exparbes de Lussan, Lord of Lemothe, a feudal manor located near Toulouse, France. \*(There is some indication that he may have been, in fact, fathered by the Baron.)

He served in the French navy and rose quickly to the rank of naval sub-lieutenant. It was in that capacity, in 1694, that he was given command of a fort in the New World, where he claimed land for France. He took many exploratory missions to the Northern territories and became convinced of the need to build a trading post to accommodate the fur trade.

It took two years and frequent trips back and forth to France to convince the Court of Louis XIV that this plan was a sound one. Finally he set forth from Montreal on June 5, 1701, and reached a spot in the straits, between the lakes, that he had selected for the trading post on July 14, 1701. He named the fort, Ponchartrain, in honor of the French Minister for Colonies. The tiny settlement was called Ville d'Entroits, (town on the straits). thus called Detroit. The site is located near Jefferson Ave. and Shelby St. (Note: There is a museum there, but we gave up looking for it, since it is in a very bad part of town).

#### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

A rich business executive sees an ad in the Wall Street Journal for the world's fastest and most expensive car, a Fantasy, and decides he must have it. The car is found, bought and delivered, and he is eager to take his new toy out for a spin.

At the first stop light, a young man rides up next to the Fantasy on an old Vespa. "Quite a ride you got there; how fast will she go"? "About 270 mph", the proud executive answers.

"No way", the young man replies. Just then, the light turns green and the exec. decides to show the young man what the car can do, so he floors it, and within seconds the car is doing 270. But suddenly, he notices in his rear view mirror, a dot that seems to be getting closer and closer, so he comes to a stop. Then, whooosh, something goes flying by.

What the heck was that? And the same blur comes racing back, toward him, and whoosh, passes right by. This time the exec. got a better look and could have sworn it looked like the young man on the Vespa.

"That couldn't be," he says to himself. Then suddenly, he sees it again and wham! It smashes right into the back of his new Fantasy.

The executive jumps from his car, and sure enough, it's the young man on the Vespa that crashed into him. "Are you okay?" he asks, "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," replied the young man, "unhook my suspenders from your side view mirror, please."

Drive safely!!

Judy

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