



# THE WREATH AND CREST

Newsletter of the Cadillac Club of Kansas City



## MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

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### A WORD FROM THE PREZ



**H**ow fast time flies. Here we were celebrating the holidays and our successes from 2007 and now we are already nearing the ¼ mark of 2008.

For those of you who have attended our meetings this year, you have heard the repeated calls for volunteers. Volunteers to not only assist in helping our club to continue to grow its membership, but also a call for volunteers and ideas to grow our club as the 2010 Grand National rapidly approaches.

During our kick off celebration we had well over 70 attendees with many of those signing up for various committees and responsibilities. It will soon be time to put all of our good intentions into practice. So be prepared to act as soon we will all be needed to step forward.

I am so proud of where we are today and especially, from where we have come. It has always been our vision to have an active membership of 75 to 100 members and significant others to be in place by 2010. We are nearing that goal and I feel strongly that we will exceed it. Thanks to all of those who felt strongly enough to hang with us as we transition over the past two years from an small group of enthusiasts to what we are becoming, one of the largest and most active CLC regions in the country. Thanks also need to go out to all of you who have joined our ranks over the past two years and have taken active roles in our organization.

We have a lot to do yet at the same time, all work and no play does make Jack a dull boy. First and foremost, we are an organization dedicated to our mutual admiration of the Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles. That is the fun part and the part which we will not ignore. As the season moves into the time of getting out and about with our cars, we hope that you will take opportunity to join us for fun and good times. There are several upcoming events to take advantage and we hope to see you at as many of those events as possible.

God Bless,

*Paul Ulasien*

Director – Mo Valley Region  
President – Cadillac Club of Kansas City  
Cadillac and LaSalle Club

## **HOLIDAY BANQUET AND AWARDS LUNCHEON WELL-ATTENDED**

Hey, did we need a little Christmas in January? Judging by the turnout at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit on January 27th, I'd say yes. Or, at least we needed a little Cadillac-inspired camaraderie. That we had in great abundance. Speaking of abundance, I know I took one trip too many through the buffet--but that barbecue and those sides were so good! Many thanks to Doug and Marsha Redman for organizing the gathering and to the folks at St. Matt's for letting us use the space.

Club Secretary Shirley Taylor, and her husband ACCKC Chapter Representative Jerry Taylor received the Club's Distinguished Service Award for 2007. Thanks, Shirley, and Jerry for all the work you put into the club.

Terry Chapman received the attendance award, while "Call" girls Kay Roscoe and Victoria Chapman were recognized for their ability to get the phones ringing and the ears buzzing.

Member Fred Jones, who had been serving in Iraq, presented Marsha Redman with a certificate and medallion from his unit, the 137th Transport Company, in gratitude for the club's response to the unit's need for some classic Caddies to liven up a unit function. Happy to help, Fred.

The soiree wrapped up with the traditional raffling off of some "fab" door prizes, many bearing the hallmark of, well, Hallmark--Hallmark cards, that is.

Thanks again, Marsha. The event was a great start to what promises to be a fun-filled year.

## **WOOD'S SOCIAL**

Many thanks to Nancy and Craig Wood for once again opening their home to the club for a pot-luck luncheon February 5th. It may have been cold outside, but a good meal and good conversation helped warm the atmosphere. Guests met German Cadillac enthusiast Patric Schlemmer and his wife. Patric is an engineer who works for Ford in Claycomo.

Craig and Nancy's guests were also able to view Craig's recently completed office which is a recreation of a Cadillac executive's office, circa 1962. I never knew Craig was such an accomplished carpenter. I wonder if he does kitchens?

## **WORLD OF WHEELS**

Six club members and their vehicles were able to attend the Annual World of Wheels car show. Member Terry Chapman's 1940 60 Special won an award for best modified. It was considered modified only because the upholstery was not original. It's great to get out there and show the old-car community our great cars and club members.

## 2010 KICKOFF AT DOUBLE TREE

I know it's only 2008, and we've got over 800 days to the 2010 Grand National in Kansas City, but as I walked through parking lot at the Overland Park Double Tree February 24th, I imagined it was 2010. I could picture the stalls filled with gleaming, be-finned Cadillacs. Tour busses whisked away lanyard-draped CLC members to museums or shopping, while the lobbies and hallways were clogged with throngs of Cadillac aficionados making new friends or renewing old friendships. Yes, if you've ever been to a Grand National, you know it's a memorable spectacle.

Rewind to 2008 and a very well-attended Kickoff Celebration at the host hotel. The club provided a smashing buffet and celebratory cake to give just a taste of the Grand National experience to attending members. President Paul Ulasien acknowledged many new faces in the crowd, and some long-absent members who were able to join the group.

Judges of the Grand National Logo Contest surprised the membership by announcing two logo winners. As President Paul Ulasien explained, Paul Thompson's stylized black-and-white image of the business end of a '49 Sedanette would be used for GN2010 T-shirts and most of the printed materials. The Keegan's '59 Coupe in profile parked before some of KC's famous landmarks would be used where color would be more appropriate, and as the Cadillac Club of Kansas City's new logo. Both logos earned their artists a free stay at the host hotel and dinner. Congrats!

As for the logo contest, members had a choice between : *Goin' to Kansas City*, or: *Kansas City here I come*. This being an election year, I know you'll take your voting responsibility seriously, and turn in your ballot.

Of course, planning for the arrival, entertainment, and security of 500 CLC members and their classic cars takes more than daydreaming and artichoke dip--it takes, well, it takes you, and the special skills you possess. So don't be shy, volunteer. Many hands make light work. And remember: Dreams only come true when we act to bring them to life.

## SPRING FLING

Saturday March 29th Slater, MO

With fits and starts winter will soon give up its icy grip on Missouri. The snow and ice will melt into a distant memory, replaced--all too soon--by a scorching summer. But before our comfort zones flip-flop and we run for the shade and the air conditioning, we mid-westerners can bank on those warm but blustery eight or nine days we call spring. It's your last chance before October to dust off that old un-air conditioned relic that got you into this "hobby" in the first place--and break down in the middle of nowhere.

One to the first events of the Spring is the car show and related events in Slater, Missouri, birthplace of the late actor Steve McQueen. Expect to see lots of McQueen memorabilia at the town hall, or pop over to the school catch a few minutes of *Bullitt* or *The Great Escape*.

Slater is about 100 miles northeast of Kansas City. If you're interested in caravanning out there via the scenic route call Tom Keegan (evenings) 816-561-1361, and we'll arrange a rendezvous. Or, for more information from Slater call Gene Griffith 660-529-2271.

## **NEXT MEETING MARCH 30TH**

Yes, I know, it's not the fourth Sunday of the month--it's the fifth. However, this being a leap year, and considering daylight savings time is early this year, and, hey, Easter was so early... Well, heck, do we even need an excuse to have a meeting?

WHO: you

WHAT: Cadillac Club of KC Meeting

WHERE: Waids Restaurant 103rd Street at State Line Road, KCMO

WHEN: Sunday March 30, 2008 4:00p.m.

WHY: Because they already kicked you out of the Edsel and Vega clubs.

## **POTLUCK AT WILLIAMSONS' APRIL 13TH**

Paul and Meredith Williamson will host a pot luck at their home on Sunday April 13th beginning at 2p.m. The Williamsons will provide a main course, and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Their address is 4525 N.W. Baltimore Drive Kansas City, MO 64116, telephone 816-454-2037. Directions from I-29 and North Oak: Take North Oak south, and turn right on Normandy into Green Acres. Immediately turn right on 47th Street. Go past Main Street, and turn left on Baltimore Drive. 4525 will be on your left as the street starts to curve. Regrets only!

## **CAR SHOW AT BROOME CADILLAC APRIL 26TH**

Polish your chrome, and bleach those wide whites because it's already time for the club's first car show of the season. This year's event will begin at 9:00a.m. Saturday April 26th at Broome Cadillac 11911 E. US 40 Hwy. Independence MO, telephone 816-256-5257. Along with a satisfying array of Cadillacs, we'll also be joined by the BOPC club (that's Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Canada). Lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs provided. See you there!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIC JENNINGS**

Many KC Caddy Club members turned out to wish long-time member Vic Jennings a happy 80th birthday March 2nd. It was great to see all the Caddy stuff he's collected over the years. The Cadillac sofas were gorgeous. Vic, you're an inspiration to us all.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

We offer a hearty KC Caddy Club welcome to our newest members:

David and Mary Skitek

Dennis O'Connell

Ed and Sandra Hampton

We look forward to getting to know you better.

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