



# THE WREATH AND CREST

Newsletter of the Cadillac Club of Kansas City



## SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



### A WORD FROM THE PREZ

#### Where did the Summer GO??

**G**reetings to all! It has been over two months since my last letter to everyone, which in our case is a good thing! We have been very busy and active around the Ulasien house and with the total goings on with our club. It all started in June with our annual show at Broome Cadillac, the BOPC Picnic, four weekend displays at Worlds of Fun and just recently the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand National in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Whew!!! For all of who may have participated in any or all of these events, you are now allowed to take a collective deep breath and relax. But only for a quick second! There is more coming and just around the corner.

As Fall approaches, we customarily slow a bit from our busy summer activities, but as our own Grand National date of July 2010 approaches, there will be little rest for you weary ones. With a plethora of information and observations from the Grand National this past month, the time has come to put to good use what we learned from that experience and apply that to our upcoming event. Your Executive Board has been hard at work to take what we have learned from past Grand Nationals to use as a guide book for ourselves. Subcommittee activity will be ramping up soon and those phone calls that we have been warning about are just around the bend.

We talked up our 2010 Grand National to each and every person that we met this month in Cherry Hill, and based upon the reaction we were receiving there are more than a few CLC members truly excited about coming to Kansas City in 2010. My thanks go out to; **Jerry and Shirley Taylor, Dave and Sandy Lowery, Paul and Meredith Williamson, John and Mita Hoaglund, Doug and Marsha Redman and Sherry Ulasien** for their attendance in New Jersey. Each and everyone were ambassadors extraordinaire representing our region and promoting our 2010 Grand National.

For those of you who attended our August meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, you learned of the results from our Worlds of Fun display in July. We received a rather substantial check from the folks at Worlds of Fun which will go a long ways to the seed money needs we are anticipating for 2010, but also in the shorter term to use for projects and items that we have wanted to implement. In addition to the generous check that we received, the folks at Worlds of Fun were impressed by the effort put forth by our club. **Marsha Redman**, who coordinated and organized each weekend's successful display, deserves our deepest gratitude and thanks for a job well done; above and

beyond the call of duty. What a tremendous asset she has been to our club and we are thankful and blessed to have both her and Doug as active members of our organization.

Our financial standing, which was rather tenuous just two years ago, is now landing on solid ground. This will allow us to reach another one of our goals that I set over two years ago when you elected me to be your President and Region Director, the adoption and support for local charitable organizations. In the coming weeks we will be announcing our choices for this effort and present a recommendation to the membership for approval. It is time to share our blessings and resources with the community and no time is better or more opportune than the present.

Last of all, I wish to remind everyone of our upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Driving Tour. This year and next we will be visiting sites to select for eventual tours to offer attendees of the 2010 Grand National. This Fall our tour takes us to The National WW I museum and Memorial and the Liberty Memorial and to the Truman Library. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us again this year. Our CLC **Central Region Vice President Herb Karow** has indicated that he will be traveling from Minnesota to join in the festivities. So let's have a great turnout to welcome and show some good old Kansas City hospitality to our special guest.

**God Bless,**

*Paul Ulasien*

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



## WORLDS OF FUN, A WORLD OF FUN



Many thanks to **Marsha Redman** (shown here with one of her many admirers) for organizing the classic car display at Worlds of Fun amusement park every weekend day during the month of July. Each day Marsha managed to assemble and dismiss between 11 and 17 classics for public display. Much appreciated was the efficiency and hospitality of the folks at Worlds of Fun. Plenty of free passes were available to exhibitors, as well as complimentary lunches. Best of all, in appreciation for the organization of the event, Worlds of Fun presented to the Cadillac Club of Kansas City a check for \$4,000. Thanks to all who got up early to display their cars and promote the club. P.S. They want us back next year!



To reward her efforts, to honor her sacrifice, and to help mend a horribly-broken fingernail, KC Caddy Club President **Paul Ulasien** presented to **Marsha Redman** a gift certificate to a local spa for what was described as: Three hours of whatever Marsha needs. Thanks, indeed, Marsha, for all your efforts on behalf of the club.

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## KC CLUB MEMBERS GATHER AT THE CLC'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

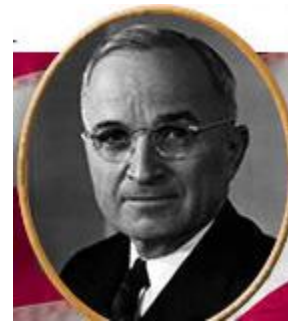
Thirteen KC Caddy Club members made the trip to Cherry Hill, N.J. for the CLC's Golden Anniversary. This year's event was the largest in recent memory, welcoming 1105 CLC members and guests, and well over 300 classic Caddies. By all accounts attendees were treated to some awesome activities. However, due to circumstances beyond the control of the organizers at Cherry Hill, the gathering suffered delays in judging, and a confusing presentation of awards at the banquet. KC Caddy Club members shared their experiences in New Jersey at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and plan to use these lessons learned at the 2010 Grand National. To paraphrase President **Paul Ulasien**: First impressions define expectations; final impressions create memories.

Other happenings in New Jersey include KC Caddy Club Activities Committee Chair **Marsha Redman** being offered a position on the National Meets and Tours Committee. Go Marsha!



## ANNUAL DRIVING TOUR NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>

Speaking of driving tours...How about revving up that old Caddy and taking a trip through time and history? That's the plan for Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, when club members will drive to visit the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum, as well as the Truman Home in Independence.



These visits will be followed by lunch at the Rheinland Restaurant on the square in Independence. Our tour then continues to the Liberty Memorial and the National World War I Museum. If you've never visited, it's an awe-inspiring destination. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for this year's tour, unlike last year's which was conducted in a torrential downpour reminiscent of European trench warfare.

Make your reservations ASAP by contacting Marsha Redman at 816-246-1164

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## BROOME CADILLAC DISPLAY A DAY TO REMEMBER

Much thanks to **Paul Broome** and his staff for making the KC Caddy Club's vehicle display and meeting a huge success at his Independence dealership June 21<sup>st</sup>. Not only did Broome Cadillac provide the barbeque, fixings, and fabulous door prizes, Paul himself donned an apron, and assumed master chef position at the smoky grill. It was great to see such a super turn out of members and their cars.

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## ARE WE THERE YET?



We're not sure how many of these beauties will be cruising the Grand Canyon packed with pets, camping gear, and sticky preschoolers. But one thing is for sure: Cadillac has, in this one vehicle, opened its doors to an entirely new market segment, and created an alternative to the mid-sized SUV. It's called the CTS Sport Wagon, and it uses the same wheelbase and important bits as the CTS Sports Sedan.

GM plans to sell only a small portion of these wagons here in the States. Most will be sold in Europe, where the versatile "sport wagon" style is much-admired. The good-looking grocery getter is motivated by an optional 3.6-liter, 304 h.p. direct-injection gas engine that returns 26 m.p.g. highway, or an even thriftier 2.9-liter diesel V-6. Look for it at your local Cadillac dealer in spring 2009. Let's hope by then Cadillac has found a way to remove Gummy Bears from leather upholstery.

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## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAWRENCE TOY SHOW

Guys: Tired of having to explain to the loving spouse every antique vehicle purchase you make? It's so frustrating! Well, would it make it any easier if your next Fleetwood was 19 inches—not 19 feet long?

If your taste in trucks, trains and cars runs to the smaller, more manageable size, may we suggest a trip to the Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association's toy show. At the CHVA's annual event you'll have the opportunity to buy, sell, or swap all manner of toys, models, dolls, comics and games. The show will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (indoors) Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information you can contact Don Beck at 785-640-1808, or visit <http://clubs.hemmings.com/chvasunflower>.

## ALSO IN LAWRENCE

Don't miss the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Antique Car Show on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The event, sponsored by the Lawrence Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, will be held at the Douglas County 4-H Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 9:00a.m.

This year the spotlight will be on emergency and military vehicles. Awards will be presented in several categories. For more information call: 785-842-1664.

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## CADDY HOT ROD BESTS 'RING



The fastest sports sedan to ever lap the Nurburgring on street tires has a wreath and crest in its grille. In testing May 8 at Germany's legendary Nürburgring race track, the 2009 Cadillac CTS-V completed a lap of the legendary Nordschleife in less than eight minutes. This blistering time appears to be the fastest ever publicly documented for a production sedan

on factory-spec street tires.

The little sedan owes its scorching performance to a supercharged 6.2-litre V-8 that generates 556hp. GM says the car will reach the 60-mph mark in 3.9 seconds, and run the quarter mile in the 12s at 118 mph. I think that's faster than Robert Nelson's Corvette! The CTS-V will ride on GM's Magnetic Ride Control with electromagnetically controlled shocks giving drivers the option of a stiff, or--we're guessing-- stiffer ride. There will be two transmissions available: a six-speed manual with two overdrive gears or GM's 6L90 six-speed automatic with paddle shifters.

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## MECUM AUCTION NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> ,29<sup>TH</sup> , 30<sup>TH</sup>

While we're talking about big, fat checks...Don't forget the club's other major fund-raising event: Pushing the cars at the Mecum collector car auction. This year's event will be nationally televised, so be sure to wear your club t-shirt. We'll need lots of pushers, so get this one on your calendar now.

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# LONGVIEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Yeah, we know it's a weekday, but if you've got the time the kids at Longview Community College's auto-tech program, do appreciate a display of fine old Caddies. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided by the school. For more info call **Jerry Taylor**

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## NEW MEMBERS

A hardy KC Caddy Club welcome to new members **Steve and Pat Schneefus** from Leavenworth, KS. The Schneefuses, originally from Toronto, Ontario, Canada showed up at the August meeting in their smashing '63 Coupe de Ville—which Craig Wood immediately began to disassemble.

Also at the August meeting and returning to the club after a long absence was **Steve Christensen** who brought along his lovely '49 Sedanette.

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## ADDICTED TO... WELL, CADILLACS

From Old Cars Weekly

A Cadillac addiction can be a hard habit to kick...Just ask Joseph Macko, who years ago gave up on trying to kick the habit.

The 84-year-old Flint man has bought or leased a new Cadillac every year since 1955, the year Disneyland opened in Anaheim, Calif., and Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus.

"You only live one time. Money is to spend," he told *The Flint Journal*. "I spend it once I get it."

Macko, a retired General Motors Corp. worker, used to buy a new car every year, but he's been leasing the last few years. Last week, he drove home this year's fresh set of wheels, a black 2009 Cadillac DTS, from the Al Serra Auto Plaza in Grand Blanc.

Marcella Macko says her husband isn't the spendthrift he might seem, he saves up all year to pay for a new car.

His wife, Marcella Macko, said the annual trip to the dealership for Joseph Macko to trade in his old car and take delivery of his new one is something she just doesn't get excited about anymore.

"He does, but I don't," she said.

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## CRAIG WOOD AND "FAMILY MEMBER" FEATURED IN *SELF STARTER*

While perusing the last two issues of the *Self Starter*, you may have noticed long-time KC Caddy Club member and Technical Committee Chair **Craig Wood** featured in two articles along with his faithful companion: 1958 Eldorado convertible. Check out your August issue for the Eldo's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday pic, and the September issue for a little more in-depth info on the white whale. Congrats, Craig, and thanks for knowing more about Cadillacs than, well, anyone.



## GETTING THAT NEW-CAR TIRE LOOK WITHOUT THE MESS

**H**ave you ever wonder how those cars at shows get that new tire look? Here is their secret:

First and foremost, **stay away from spray or foam type tire dressings.** Regardless of the claims posted on the cans, these products have been known to damage the finish of wheels and hubcaps. They have a caustic compound in the formulas that can and will damage chrome and painted surfaces. Here are the steps to get your tires looking factory fresh.

1. Use a good cleaning solution to clean your tires. For whitewall tires, you can use Westley's Bleach White, if you apply it as follows. First wet the tire, then spray a generous coating of bleach white on the entire surface of the tire. Use a brush to remove grime and dirt then rinse thoroughly. If your whitewalls are stained, before brushing and with the bleach white applied, take a wet SOS soap pad to the whitewall areas to get them nice and bright white.
2. Decide on the type of tire dressing that you prefer. Many people like the high shine types of dressings while others prefer a flat dressing. McGuire's makes both, and I can recommend either. Pour about an inch of the tire dressing into a container. I generally use a plastic cup. With a clean 2" paint brush, apply a coating of tire dressing to your tires using a circular motion. (IMPORTANT: for whitewalls, apply dressing only to the black areas of the tires, avoiding the whitewalls).
3. Let the dressing dry (about 20 minutes) before driving so the excess does not cause streaking on the tire. If any drips occur after application, use a clean cloth to wipe around the wheels, hubcaps and whitewalls.
4. Cruise the Plaza—because now you're lookin' sharp!

--submitted by **Paul Ulasien**

# HAPPY AND SAFE DRIVING!!!!!!

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