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WORD FROM THE PREZ



Greetings to all and Happy Spring!! As I write this note to our entire membership in Kansas City and across the Cadillac & LaSalle Club universe, I have an important and long anticipated announcement to make. On May 3rd, 2010, we were informed by our host hotel for the 2010 Grand National, the Overland Park Doubletree that we have officially sold out the hotel for our July convention and meet!! What a great tribute this is to the hard work and efforts of the board and all who have been involved in making the 2010 Grand National happen. WELL DONE!!!

On April 8th, 2010 I had the opportunity to attend the April monthly meeting of the CLC New England Region. They send their greetings to all of you and are anxious to see you this summer at the Grand National. The New England Region is hosting the 2013 Grand National and is very interested in seeing how Kansas City does it. We welcome them as well as others from around the world to our city and meet.

As many of you know we lost two members of organization during the past few months, Terry Chapman and Tom Anthony. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the Chapman and Anthony families. We will miss them both greatly.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continue support!!

God Bless you and your families in 2010 and beyond.

Paul Ulasien

Director – CLC Missouri Valley Region

Members Reconnect at Holiday Gathering

More than 50 members and guests dined on a delicious barbeque buffet at the Hilton Airport Inn on January 24th. As always, the event which was subsidized by the Club became a venue to schmooze with those old friends we may not frequently see. As one diner noted, "The dinner was delicious, the company outstanding."

Paul and Meredith Williamson received the President's Award for Excellence during a pre-supper ceremony. Paul is currently the Club's treasurer. Judy Nelson and Craig Wood were honored with the Club's Attendance Award.

Tick-Tock the Grand National is, Like, Almost Here

Here is a quick check list so you do not miss any GN activities:

1. If you are planning to stay at the Doubletree, make your reservation—TODAY!
2. If you want that old car judged, complete the form and mail it off to Ohio. Form at kcgn2010.com
3. Fill out your GN 2010 registration form and select the activities you wish to attend. Remember, busses are filling up fast. Form at kcgn2010.com
4. Forgot to volunteer? We need you. Shirley Taylor is the volunteer coordinator: shirleytaylor@kc.rr.com



Trimmed –Down GM Repays Fed Loans, Invests in Fairfax, Hamtramck

GM CEO Ed Whitacre announced this week the auto giant had repaid \$8.1 billion in Federal and Canadian government loans five years ahead of schedule. At a media event in Kansas City, Kansas, the General's top executive also announced a \$136 million investment in the local Fairfax plant. The plant assembles Chevy Malibu and Buick LaCrosse vehicles. In addition, the company has committed an additional \$121 million to update the Detroit-Hamtramck factory where Cadillac DTS vehicles are assembled. GM hopes to repay the government an additional \$45.3 billion with a public stock offering perhaps later this year.

"All of us are working hard to make GM a company we can be proud of again." Ed Whitacre



Mecum's Spring Kansas City Auction Reaches \$6 Million in Sales

More than 300 collector cars sold at the recent Mecum Kansas City Auction, held April 9-10 at the Kansas City Convention Center/Bartle Hall.

“Total gross sales for the two-day auction, excluding buyer’s premium, was \$6,375,000. This nearly tripled the dollar value from Mecum’s previous Spring Kansas City Auction,” said President Dana Mecum. “The Bartle Hall venue continues to be a great location, and when combined with our live television program ‘Mecum Auto Auction: Muscle Cars & More,’ we were able to draw a very strong crowd to the event.”



Mecum had a 62% sell-through rate at the Spring Kansas City Auction. This 2007 Cadillac XLR Supercharged Automatic made the top ten selling for \$57,500.

Many thanks to our many pushers and supporters. Mecum continues to be a significant fund-raising event for the club. It is activities such as Mecum, and the car show at Worlds of Fun, that have provided us with the seed money to host the Grand National.

Other Auction News:



A line of severe storms swept through Scottsdale, AZ January 21st toppling huge tents that sheltered hundreds of classic cars awaiting sale at the Russo and Steele event the next day. Police reported two people were slightly injured, and dozens of cars were damaged when two 100-foot-long tents were torn off the ground by strong winds. The auction estimated damage to the vehicles at about \$1million.

Kruse Auctions Closed, For Now

Plagued by allegations of paying consignors slowly, or, at times, not at all, Kruse International has ceased scheduling new auctions.

Terry Chapman, Fondly Remembered

Long-time KC Caddy Club Member Terry W. Chapman, 84, died January 11 at his home in Prairie Village after a brief illness. Terry leaves behind Victoria, his wife of 57 years, son Joel,

two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Terry was remembered by Club President Paul Ulasien at the January 24th holiday dinner as an active and helpful member. "You could always count on Terry," Paul said. "In fact, it's hard for me to think he's not here among us right now."



Pictured above, Terry Chapman and his crowd-pleasing 60 Special



Tom Anthony

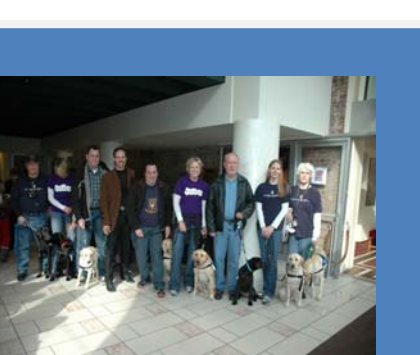
Also remembered is Tom King Anthony, 53, who died March 27 at his home in Kansas City. Tom is survived by his parents and brother Bob. He will be missed by all his friends in the Club.

28 Members Volunteer for Judges Training

Many thanks to those who got up early Saturday morning April, 24th to participate in CLC Judging School at Superior Cadillac. Guest instructor, and Assistant National Judge Paul Ayres, travelled from his home in Michigan for the event. He led the attendees through the intricacies of the CLC judging process: the divisions, the forms, the manuals... It was a lot to absorb. However, many good questions from our members kept the morning lively. Judge-trainees then headed for the parking lot where they got some hands-on experience judging members' cars. Remember, Norm, you have still got until July 14th to get that '83 Seville sparkling! Coffee, doughnuts, and



Paul Ayres and Paul Ulasien, enjoy their morning coffee before the April 24th training session



Cadillac, far left with trainer Larry Braddy, makes an appearance at the March magic show.

Gates-BBQ lunch was provided by the Club, thanks, Marsha. Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to the folks at Superior Cadillac for the use of their fine facilities. See you on the show field.

Annual Magic Show Proceeds Benefit KSDS

The Folly Theatre in downtown Kansas City played host to this year's benefit magic show for the Kansas Specialty Dog Service March 21st. The volunteers of KSDS train dogs to work with the special needs of

many different individuals. The organization is the primary charity supported by the KC Caddy Club. Thanks to the Club members who attended the show, and to those who volunteered to lend a hand.

Let's Get Rolling: Topeka Cruise Night

Saturday May 8th

If you have a case of pre-Grand-National stress and anxiety, a fun night out with your fellow KC Caddy Club members might be just what the doctor ordered. The Eagle 99.3 car cruise in downtown Topeka is one of the biggest events in the area, so you are guaranteed to see some remarkable vehicles. Rendezvous at 2:30pm Saturday May 8th at Frances O'Doolly's Irish Pub and Grill, 1930 Westport Drive, Topeka KS, 785-273-0130. Bring your proof of insurance and current registration to be admitted to the cruise. Entry fee is \$15, cars 1980 and older. We need a car count, so RSVP to Marsha 816-246-1164

If you're coming from Kansas City on I70,

1. Keep straight onto I-70 West until you reach Topeka, then
2. Keep left to stay on I-470 West / Kansas Topeka 6.7 mi
3. At exit 177, take ramp right for I-470 West toward Salina / South Topeka Blvd / Topeka 4.5 mi
4. Take 21st exit, #2.
5. Turn left onto SW 21st St 0.2 mi
6. Turn right onto SW Westport Drive. The tavern is on your right.

Other Upcoming Events of Interest

June 5th, Marysville, KS 20th, Annual Autofest 785-353-2221

June 12th, Garnett, KS 16th, Annual Auto & Motorcycle Show 785-448-0010

June 19th, Baldwin City, KS, Planes, Trains & Automobiles 785-594-3200

June 27th, Kansas City, MO, Art of the Car Concours, kcai.edu

July 14th thru 17th, CLC Grand National Doubletree Hotel, OP, KS

July 24th, Kansas City, KS, Ag Hall of Fame Show & Shine, 913-721-1075

GN 2010 Volunteers Still Needed

On Saturday, July 17 we will need young people (ages 10 and up) to serve as runners. Their job will be to carry the judging forms between the parking lot and the tabulation room. All youth participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch. The runners who participated in Las Vegas last year really seemed to enjoy the day and the work they did for the Grand National. This is an important part of the judging event and we would appreciate the help!

If you know of a young person who would like to participate please email Sandy Lowery at dlowery2@kc.rr.com. Thanks!

Paul Ulasien is also looking for someone to help with the layout of the GN commemorative book. So, if you missed your chance to be on the yearbook staff in high school...

HAPPY AND SAFE DRIVING!!!!!!

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