



THE WREATH AND CREST
NEWSLETTER OF THE CADILLAC CLUB OF KANSAS CITY
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Word from the Prez –

It's WORKING!!

Greetings to all, and isn't it nice to finally see the return of "**cruisin**" weather! The time to get out the old (and new) beauties, shine them up and hit the road. Now if only the robber baron oil companies would get their hooks out of our back sides, we would not need an Armored Truck to escort us to the one-armed-bandit gas pumps, but I digress.

If you recall my last month's "Word from the Prez" article, I emphasized the importance and need of volunteers with respect to the continued success of our club. It seems that those words have resonated already. Many of you have stepped up to take on many new tasks and responsibilities which are having a positive impact on our organization.

For instance, when we heard that our meeting site, Dick Clark's American Bandstand had closed, **Kay Roscoe** stepped up and volunteered to take on and coordinate a club calling tree, so that we could quickly notify our members. And then, **Victoria Chapman** and **Judy Nelson** chimed in to assist **Kay**. **Margaret Kressmann** has volunteered to take over the responsibilities of putting together our Newsletter when **Judy Nelson** decided it was time for someone else to have a go at it. Then there was the gang of black shirted Cadillac Club volunteers at the Mecum Auction who pushed cars to help raise \$1200.00 for the club, plus many, many, more of you helping out. NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!!!!!!

My challenge to the executive committee this year was to buck the trend of the organizational 80/20 rule, where 80% of the work is done by 20% of the members. It seems as though we are becoming an exception to the rule. My hat is off to each and every one of our volunteers, past present and future. There is still much to be done before 2010, but I can say without a bit of hesitation, we are off to a great start.

God Bless to all *Paul Ulasien*

FEATURE ARTICLE
JUDGING - AS DISCUSSED WITH CARL SVAHNBERG

Carl Svahnberg has been asked to be a judge at many car shows, including the 2005 Grand National Convention at Des Moines, Iowa. His love of the classic automobile has made him an expert in that regard. In an interview with Carl, I gleaned some basic information about how a car is judged for prizes in the car shows held around the country.

They start with a basis of 200 points, (which is assumed to be 100% perfect, as driven from the manufacturing plant). Then for each flaw, points are deducted. There are 40 categories of 5 points each.

Cars in the "original" category are immediately disqualified, **if, 1)** they are re-bodied, or have the wrong body from the original form, **2)** they have the wrong engine (not the one that came with that model car), **3)** there is no fire extinguisher. That last one threw me for a loop.

They check all the lights and the gauges to make sure they are working. If any don't work, points are deducted.

Everything must be clean, motor compartment, the inside and outside, and underneath the car. If the car is driven in, they take that into consideration. The tires should be clean and in good condition and appearance and should not be excessively worn.

Ideally, the paint should be in good condition, with no scratches or dents. There is no advantage to one color over another, as long as it is a color that was used on that particular model of car.

The rarity of a particular car or model is not a factor. Basically, all of the points are based on the condition and appearance of the car. There is a book for the judges that can be referred to for all the judging guidelines. We can all appreciate it when members of our Cadillac Club win trophies. Sounds like a lot of work to me!

FORT LEAVENWORTH HISTORICAL TOUR by Margaret Kressmann

On the cool, sunny Saturday of April 21, the KC Caddy Club went touring north along the Missouri River to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. The occasion was the 30th Annual Historic Homes Tour at the fort. Fifteen homes were open to public view ranging from a sergeant major's home on the bluff to the DB Commandant quarters (Yes, soldiers still can get sent to Ft. Leavenworth, just like in the movies, if the sentence is longer than 5 years.) and the post commander's home. These magnificent homes were built between 1846 and 1903. A group of historic cavalry was encamped behind the old fort south wall. Ladies in period dress demonstrated the household tasks of soap and rope making and the decorative arts of embroidery, candle wicking and bobbin lace making. The officers' spouses served as docents in the homes.

We parked beside the post office/historical society at the parade ground. Members took shifts staying with the cars while others took the historical tour. Representing the club were the following folks:

1940's: Norm Kressmann/ '41 60S
1950's: Tom & Lynn Keegan/'53 Chevy 3100 pickup
Don & Brenda Brown/'54 Coupe series 62
1960's: Doug & Marsha Redman/'66 Sedan deVille
Paul Thompson/'68 Eldo
1970's: Jerry Taylor/'70 Coupe deVille
1980's: you missed showing off your prize
1990's: Dave & Sandy Lowry/'93 Alante
2000's: Scott Howard & family/'06 DTS



BOPC Multi-Car Club Picnic - Potluck - Richards Gebaur

The picnic is planned for May 20th at the same location as last year (Marine Shelter house at Richards-Gebaur). The Cadillac club is bringing the burgers, cheese and buns. The Olds club will bring table coverings, plastic ware, plates, napkins, hot dogs, etc. They will also be providing one grill, however, if someone else will bring a grill, call Keith at 816-697-5442.

The organizers ask that you bring a dish or dessert the will feed 6-8 people. Last year we had tons of great food.

You can start arriving any time after noon and we will eat around 1:45. This should give you time if you attend church. If you have any thoughts or questions give me a call 816-697-5442 or email rktjok@hotmail.com .

KANSAS CITY CADILLAC CLUB MAY EVENTS

- MAY 6 "Cruise the Burg" – 11th Annual Show & Shine, Sponsored by the Louisburg Lions Club, on Broadway in Louisburg, KS 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Open to all makes and models. Dash plaques, prizes, 50/50 pot, raffle for vehicle. Show entry \$10
Info: Michele 913-837-2807 or Sylvia 913-837-5255
- MAY 9-13 Classic Car Club (Oil Belt) Spring Tour - If staying at the hotel, reservations must be made by April 23. \$52/night and mention the Car Club for discount. Flyer and registration attached. For local participants, Cruise will depart from the LaQuinta Inn, 9461 Lenexa Dr., Lenexa, KS 66215 daily at 900 am sharp. All late comers, meet at the destination.
- MAY 12 Annual Downtown Topeka Classic Car Cruise Night down Topeka Ave. Sponsored by 99.3 The Eagle. 12th & Kansas Ave. to 6th & Kansas. \$5 entry fee. 4:00 pm-10:00 pm.
Info: Les Glenn at 785-270-0980 (or call Marsha Redman)
- MAY 20 BOPC Multi-Car Club Picnic - Potluck - Richards Gebaur
- MAY 27 NO MONTHLY MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAY.

OTHER GENERAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- MAY 5 Kansas City, MO - "The Art of the Car" Concours, Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Event coincides with college's alumni weekend. Admission \$5, Benefit for college scholarship fund. Info: Anne Canfield 816-802-3426 or KCAI.edu.
- MAY 5-7 Lawrence, KS - 44th Annual Lawrence Swap Meet & Car Corral, Sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America - Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St.

CRUISE NIGHTS IN OUR AREAS

1st & 3rd TUESDAY -

Independence, MO - Sponsored by the Red Robin Cruisers, Red Robin Restaurant, 18810 E. 40 Hwy.(M-291 & 40 Hwy.) 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm All makes. Food discounts. Info: Bob Bledsoe 816-461-7462 or Jim 816-229-0918

EVERY FRIDAY -

Olathe, KS - Sonic, 701 E. Santa Fe, 6:00pm - 10:00 pm Info: 913-782-2377

1ST SATURDAY -

Blue Springs, MO - Sponsored by Genuine Chevy-GMC Truck Club of KC - Main Street (just West of 7 Hwy. & Main St), Downtown Blue Springs -- 5:00 pm - dark. All models. Info: Karla 816-224-4231 or chevylgmcofkc.org. Cruises run May 6 thru Oct. 7.

2nd SATURDAY -

Merriam, KS - At the Merriam Marketplace - 5740 Merriam Dr. - Dash plaques, Food, Music, 50/50 pot, 4:00 pm to dark. Info: John Freeman 913-262-4135. Cruises run from May 12 - Aug. 11.

Overland Park, KS - Sponsored by Vintage Mustang Club of Kansas City. Winsteads, 103rd & Metcalf, 6:00pm - 9:00 pm. All makes. Dash Plaques. Info: Dan Riden 913-432-8495. Cruises run from April 14 - Oct. 13.

North Kansas City, MO - 18th & Fayette St. across from NKC Bowl, Dash Plaques, Info: 816-813-8686, 816-560-8751 (NEW CRUISE)

3rd SATURDAY -

Independence, Mo - Sponsored by the Heart of American Oldsmobile Club. All Makes. Fuddruckers, 4400 S. Noland Rd. 5:00 pm to dark. Info: Becky Werner 816-686-3710.

Lees Summit, MO - Sponsored by After-Market Specialties/The Vintage Thunderbird Club of Kansas City - (for April, June, and Aug.). Johnny Ray's Drive-In, 800 SW Blue Pkwy, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Prizes, 50/50 pot. Info: 816-524-1910. They are looking for clubs to host May, July, Sept. Contact for hosting: Wayne Albertson 816-246-1661

Overland Park, KS - Sponsored by Mid-America Chevelle Club, Sonic Drive-In, 8031 Metcalf. All makes. Food half price. Info. Dean 913-677-3081 or 913-238-1496

Overland Park, KS - Sponsored by the Golden Oldies Classic Car Club, Winstead's, 10313 Metcalf (103rd & Metcalf) Music, giveaways, 50/50 pot Info: Bill Smiley 913-897-1030

4th SATURDAY

Belton, MO - Sponsored by the South 71 Cruisers. Main Street in downtown Belton. 50/50 pot, food, crfts, prizes. Area businesses stay open late. Info: Mike 816-331-9913, Russ 816-331-9204, Larry 816-590-0932

LAST SATURDAY

Liberty, MO - Sponsored by the Historic Liberty Merchants, City of Liberty, and the Mid-America Mustangers - Main St. on the Square Downtown Liberty - 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Info: Gary Hanson 816-524-7669, Werner Hentz 816-810-9487. Cruises run from April 28-Aug. 25.

A WORD (TO THE WISE)

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed up in a very sexy nightie. "Tie me up", she purred, "and you can do anything you want." So he tied her up and went fishing.

Another lesson to be learned:

Ned was in trouble again. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really, really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds, AND IT BETTER BE THERE".

The next morning Ned got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough - there was a small box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe, ran out to the driveway, and brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a Brand New Bathroom Scale.

Funeral services for Ned have been scheduled for Monday!!!

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT YOU PRESENTED TO ME AT THE LAST MEETING AND I WISH MARGARET KRESSMANN THE BEST OF LUCK AS THE NEW EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER!!

Drive Safely!! Judy K. Nelson

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