



# *Mt. Hood Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club Portland, OR*

March 2011 Newsletter  
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**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:** Carol and I would like to thank all the members who attended Colleen Purdy's Memorial Service Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, would like to thank those who brought their Cadillacs and Classics for the procession. Colleen, besides being a wife, mother, grandmother and friend to everyone, was a great asset to our Club in many ways. She will be missed but not forgotten.

*"Colleen Jane Purdy, March 7, 1921 – February 26, 2011..."*

*Special thanks to the Mt. Hood Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club." The Purdy Family.*

**Call me if you have any concerns or questions: Director Jerry, 503-775-7754**

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## **Mt. Hood Region CLC Meeting February 19, 2011**

The February Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice President, Perry Nordby, at The Bomber Restaurant. Members present were: Perry Nordby, Carl Johnson, Greg and Kathryn Duthie, and Bonnie McCauley.

Perry expressed concern about dwindling attendance. *Editors note: Upon investigation by your editors, we found many absences were purely circumstantial. One was job related, another sickness, two for Birthday celebration, two for yacht excursion, two for surgery, two for retirement celebration, three no ride, four forgot.* Perry mentioned that the Automobile Club of America would like our members to participate in some of their functions. Some of their members have older Cadillacs and are also considering joining our Club. Perry spoke with Ron Zahn and he has invited all of our members to an Open house/Barbeque at his home in Eugene. He has a collection of Cadillac cars and Memorabilia. The date is June 11<sup>th</sup>, and we are all to meet at Ron's at 11:00 am. Ron will provide the meat, drinks, and all eating utensils and chairs. We are to bring a side dish to share. The Cascade Chapter of the Cadillac LaSalle Club will also be participating. We will provide details and a map to Ron's house in a future newsletter.

After we are finished at Ron's house, we have been invited to go on to see Dan Morehouse's collection in Springfield, with a stop for ice cream on the way there. This should be a fun day.

Ron Zahn attended the International Cadillac Car Show in Richelieu, France last summer, and he also visited the home of Sieur Antione de la Mothe Cadillac (a French military commander, who founded the city that later became Detroit, MI in 1701). Ron provided Perry with 2 discs with pictures of this memorable trip. Larry Swiggart graciously copied them over so that members could have them. If you are interested in having a copy of the 2 discs, please contact Larry. There is no charge. Thank you so much Ron, for sharing these with us. Also, thanks so much to you Larry for your time and effort in reproducing the discs for members. Perry discussed that The Lake Oswego Heritage Council Collector Car and Boat Show will also be held on August 21. This unfortunately overlaps with our All Cadillac Show that has been secured with Gateway Elks by Patricia Wojnowski. Bonnie McCauley brought up the Open Car Show. We need to start that conversation soon, so that we can decide on a new venue before it gets too late. We discussed the Inn at the Quay, in Vancouver, WA however, it is a bit off the beaten path, and couldn't be seen from the highway.

Clackamette Park in Oregon City was also mentioned as a nice location. There would be room for picnicking as well as the show.

If you have ideas of places where there is a lot of room, and is an easy location to access, please bring them to one of our meetings, so that we can have that discussion.

Next meeting: March 19, 2011 at the Bomber Restaurant, at 7:00 pm. Please bring your ideas for summer activities. We need to get our calendar set for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

*Bonnie McCauley, Secretary, MHRCLC*



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### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Jim Reynolds 3/4**



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Bonnie & Johnny McCauley 3/17**

**Greg & Kathryn Duthie 3/23**

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## **A Cadillac Story**

*by Ron Zahn (member of Mt. Hood Region CLC)*

**Introduction:** Hi! My name is Ron and I am a car nut and have been all my life. I had go-karts and three automobiles before I turned 16. I have had a lifelong preference for the proportions/aesthetics of cars built for the driver, e.g. 2 door coupes. This preference was strengthened when my dad brought home a stunning dusty rose 1957 Cadillac Coupe deVille - talk about style! Further confirmation took place in high school as anyone who drove a 4-door car was teased by everyone, including me, about driving un-cool "mommies wheels".

Overall, I have owned 62 cars and 31 of them have been Cadillacs, and most of these were coupes. I currently have five Cadillacs: the 1958 Fleetwood breaks my rule about no 4-doors, the 1993 Allante breaks my rule about no convertibles, and my rule against white cars is broken by both the Allante and the 1961 Coupe deVille.

In 1992 I bought the stunning new Eldorado Touring Coupe replacing it a few years later with a new, upgraded 1996 ETC. This vehicle was never upgraded after that, and was phased out completely with the 2002 model. I tried a 2002 DTS 4-door sedan and hated it - too big, too bulky, too many doors - I felt like the car was built for the rear passengers and I was the chauffeur. So, I went back to a 1997 Eldorado ETC, and I figured when it was worn out I would look for another low mileage ETC, or reluctantly move to a non-Cadillac like the Camero or Corvette.

I was delighted when I heard that Cadillac was going to bring out a coupe version of the CTS.

I was disappointed to hear that it was going to be a 6 cylinder or hybrid car. Then came the announcement that Cadillac would build the coupe in both a 6-cylinder and a supercharged V-8 model - this sounded too good to be true. Then an invite from Cadillac to attend their V-series Performance Academy proved that the CTS-V Coupe was a reality.

**At the Academy:** The Cadillac V-series Performance Academy at the Laguna Seca Raceway near Monterey, California on Friday November 19, 2010 was truly an awesome experience. I had been invited by Cadillac last August to attend this event.

The event began about 7:15am with a registration process and the signing of liability release forms etc. as well as picking up our laminated badges. We were offered a large choice of breakfast items; coffee, juice, fresh fruit, cereal, bagels, coffee cake, etc. but who could eat at a time like this. Besides, I had already had a grand slam and *COFFEE* at Denny's. I was talking with Len, a product specialist from Lansing MI, and I got most of my questions answered in the first 20 minutes before most people finished breakfast.

The 8:15am session began with a video presentation and welcome remarks by Jim, a Cadillac V.P. He then turned the meeting over to John Heinrich who is the driver that holds the Nurburgring record of 7 hours: 59 minutes: 32 seconds for a stock production vehicle (this beats the times of those fancy and very expensive German cars). He spoke about the development of the CTS-V and about his Nurburgring and autobahn experiences. Next up was Sylain from the Skip Barber Racing School who talked about racing,

driving in general, and an outline of the events of the day. The group of 66 was divided into 3 teams (black, white & red) and then each team was divided into 2 subgroups of 11 people. The teams would attend 3 classroom sessions and then break into the subgroups for the 3 driving experiences.

The first class was all about driving and racing with a detailed look at under-steer and over-steer situations without Stabilitrack. They went over the do's & don'ts but mainly encouraged us to have fun with the cars. "After all, it's not your tires, your brakes, your fuel or your car" they said.

In the first driving experience we were each driving a standard 304 HP six cylinder silver CTS Coupe (the most impressive 6 cylinder car I have ever experienced). Our pro-driver took us through the course once and then we switched places. At the starting point we floored the gas pedal and kept it there (for maybe an 1/8 mile) then made an abrupt lane change (as outlined by cones) and stomped on the brakes as hard as we could to avoid the cones at the end. We then drove to another location where a drag strip had been laid out - where we were paired with another car. After a count-down start, we raced to a large cone, and hit the brakes to stop before the next large cone. We repeated the above procedure three times...WHAT FUN!

Next was the classroom discussion on suspension design and exploring Stabilitrack, ABS and the Magnetic Ride Control systems.

Our second driving experience was in a black CTS-V sedan (a supercharged V-8 with 556HP & 551 lb-ft of torque and the Brembo 6 & 4 piston disk brakes). Again we tested the acceleration and the braking (this isn't your father's Cadillac, but it did have too many doors) before we drove a cone weave course. These runs were each done 3 times. My first run through the cones was slow, followed by a second run that was very good, and then on to a third run where I got a little carried away and took out some cones - OOPS!

The third class was all about the Brembo brakes and the specially designed Michelin tires by reps from the two companies.

The third and final driving experience was in a dark grey CTS-V Coupe (your choice of stick shift or automatic and of course it had the same engine as above). This was a drive on the 2.24 mile circuit including the famous corkscrew complex, and we drove this track in both directions. Suddenly, it was over...dang! I just wanted to keep on driving.

The Cadillac CTS-V series (coupe, sedan & the new station wagon) have to be the best production American cars ever built! AWESOME!

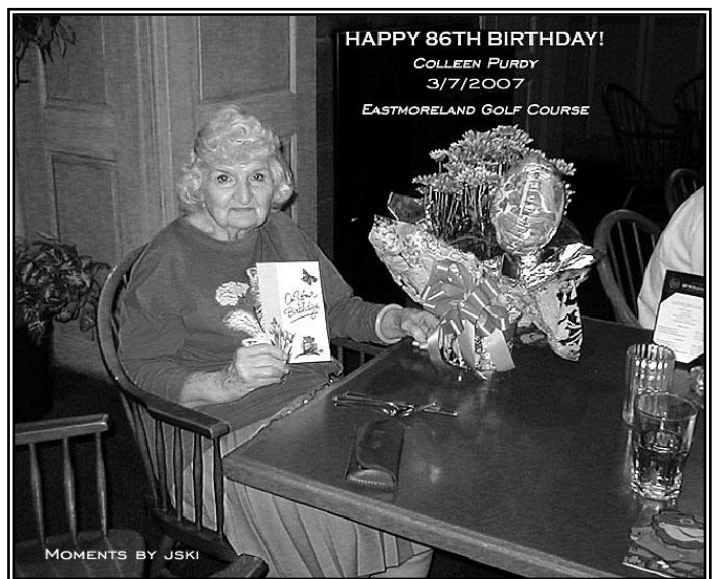
*.....for the rest of the story read next month's newsletter !!!!*



**Colleen Purdy passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2011, age 89, at the hospital with her family in attendance. She was one of our first members of Mt. Hood Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club. She will be missed by all members of our Club. In the past she held positions of secretary, newsletter editor, competitor and promoter. She and her husband, Roland, always had a Cadillac for show and daily use.**

*Picture from our April 2007 newsletter...*

More pictures on website: [Club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#)



## FOR SALE OR WANTS

For sale: 1969 ELDO 41k original miles. Call Michael Fiaschetti. 503-929-7189

Our Director, Jerry Barteaux lives nearby Memory Lane Motors 2608 SE Holgate Blvd. Portland, Oregon (503) 231-1940 and is always checking out their inventory. There are always couple of Cadillacs for sale and can be seen on their website - [memorylaneclassiccars.com/](http://memorylaneclassiccars.com/)

For Sale 59'-64' Caddy parts: My name is Matt Winters and I recently came across a lot of 59'-64' Caddy parts. These parts are in very good condition with minimal wear and tear on them. The lot is compiled of Interior/Exterior chrome, AFB Carter Carbs, Dashboard and Pad, Misc engine pieces, Instrument Clusters, Taillights/Lens, 59' lower chrome bumpers L/R sides, Headlight Bezels, Misc Brake hardware, Air Cleaner Assy, Steering Wheels, Wonderbar AM radios, A 1959 390ci engine (complete) w/ trans still mated and also 2 other transmissions. There are many more parts that haven't been listed. I am located in the Western NY area about 35 minutes east of Niagara Falls and 35 minutes northeast of Buffalo. Phone: 1-716-512-5794

Email: [curbjumper83@yahoo.com](mailto:curbjumper83@yahoo.com)

For Sale '59 Cad: I'm the second owner on the title. The car lived in Walla Walla, and in a Warehouse since 1977. The odometer reads 80k but it doesn't work. I bought it about a year ago. I'm bulding a Hot Rod and need to sell it though it has been a treat to own and drive. Jerry rebuilt the carb, I had the brakes, exhaust and suspension brought up to speed. It runs, steers and stops quite well, though it leaks oil. I would like to get \$25,000 for it and I appreciate all offers. For more pictures email me, Hank Barton [HBarton@forestmed.com](mailto:HBarton@forestmed.com)



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## Calendar of Events

March 18 - 20, 2011 Location: 55th Annual Portland Roadster Show, EXPO, Portland OR 55th Annual Portland Roadster Show, March 18 - 20, 2011 [www.portlandroadstershow.com](http://www.portlandroadstershow.com) 503-232-4567, New Location this year! Portland Expo Center, Portland, OR 97217

**MARCH 19, 2011 – Mt. Hood Region CLC general meeting at The Bomber. 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting. 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukee, OR 503-659-9306**

March 31 - April 3, 2011 PIR Automotive Swap Meet Event Location: Portland International Raceway, 1940 N. Victory blvd., Portland, OR 97217 Event Hours: Thursday: 7am-5pm; Friday: 7am-7pm; Saturday: 7am-5pm; Sunday: 8am-1pm Event description: Automotive Swap Meet with over 2 1/2 miles of vendors on the racetrack. Everything auto related from cars, to t-shirts.. Event Fees: Vendor stalls available from \$55; daily admission is \$5 Contact Info: Sandy @ 503.307.5420 or Twobauers@msn.com

April 1, 2 & 3, 2011 Time: 3 days of good stuff!! Location: Portland Swapmeet, Expo Center, Portland Oregon. Portland Expo Center, 2060 Marine Drive, Portland Oregon, April 1, 2 & 3, 2011. Mailing Address: PO Box 1395, Wilsonville, OR 97070, e-mail: [pdxswap@aol.com](mailto:pdxswap@aol.com) Year around telephone and FAX: ph: 503-678-2100 FAX: 503-678-1823 Show days telephone: ph: 503-736-5247

May 7, 2011 Suburban Auto Group Spring Cruise-In 36936 HWY 26, Sandy, OR. Cost \$15/entry. Limited space for 600 cars. Trophies awarded two deep in 27 categories. No displays or pets. First 100 pre-Registered free T-Shirt. Covered eating. First come first serve.

June 11, 2011 Ron Zahn has invited all of our members to an Open house/Barbeque at his home in Eugene. He has a collection of Cadillac cars and Memorabilia. The date is June 11<sup>th</sup>, and we are all to meet at Ron's at 11:00 am. Ron will provide the meat, drinks, and all eating utensils and chairs. We are to bring a side dish to share. The Cascade Chapter of the Cadillac LaSalle Club will also be participating. We will provide details and a map to Ron's house in a future newsletter.

AUGUST 21, 2011 MT. HOOD REGION CLC "ALL CADILLAC & LASALLE SHOW" at Gateway Elks. 9am to 3pm. Food, dash plaques, trophies. Details to follow.

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**Club Meeting March 19th**

**The Bomber Restaurant**

*See calendar*