



Mt. Hood Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club Portland, OR

October 2011 Newsletter
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Hi Members! Your Director and wife are on a construction site. Perry will be conducting the meeting at The Bomber Restaurant, Saturday, Oct 22, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting. Help us plan for next years Open Event and All Cadillac & LaSalle shows.

Call if you have any questions: VP Perry Nordby, 503-652-2180

Calendar of Events

EVERY SATURDAY 4pm to dark: Cruise In at Burgerville - Hillsboro Westside Road Relics present Cruise In at Burgerville in Hillsboro. April 9th through late October. Open show - bring whatever you have. 2401 NE Cornell Rd. Hillsboro

OCTOBER 7-9, 2011 - Portland Classic Car Expo The 2011 Portland Classic Car Expo will be featuring over 200 Classic Cars and Hot Rods, many in themed vignettes. [Website](#)

OCTOBER 22, 2011 – Mt. Hood Region CLC general meeting at The Bomber. 6pm dinner. 7pm meeting. 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, OR.

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The September meeting was held at Wait Park in Canby, OR, so that members could see the possible setting for the 2012 Open Show. Members present were Carol and Jerry Barteaux, Bonnie and Johnny McCauley, Jack and Patricia Wojnowski, and Greg and Kathryn Duthie.

We met at 6:00 pm at the park in order to look the park over, and then finished the meeting at the Canby Pub for dinner. The park is a wonderfully impressive venue for our car show, because it has so much to offer. It is a grassy, tree covered park that takes up one city block. It contains a bathroom facility, electricity, a gazebo (that could be used if we choose to rent it also), and two playground facili-

ties for children. This park would make this show a great family event. For \$50 we can have the four streets around the park blocked off to accommodate the parking of cars on both sides of each street. Car clubs have used this location in the past for shows and have gotten up to 500 cars around the park. Kathryn is looking into having a couple of local organizations bring their food carts in to sell food. This would, I am sure, be at no cost to us, and would be a great way to bring food in as well as help to support local organizations/charities. Folks could bring blankets and sit on the grass and picnic. There are also other restaurants within walking distance of the park, which would be very convenient, for those who want a little more than a food cart might provide.

I strongly suggest that those members who did not attend September's meeting go out and take a look at this park. It may be a little further to go, but from what we all saw, it appears to be a location that would afford shade on a hot day, convenience, and comfort for all involved. It would be so nice to be able to provide a safe, family oriented setting for our show.

At N. Grant St. & 99E which is 1st Ave in Canby turn north go 3 blocks and the park is on your right. It is one block north from the Canby Pub, also on Grant Street.

Please bring your suggestions, and research on possible locations for the 2012 open show to the next meeting so that we can discuss them. We will be voting on the venue at our November meeting. Please try to be at the next two meetings so that we can make our decision, and start making plans.

Carl Johnson gave a treasurers report. He also reported that he received a letter from the National Cadillac La-

Salle Club thanking us for our \$300 contribution to the Cadillac Museum. They matched our contribution, making it \$600. The Gilmore Museum Complex is located on a 90 acre plot at Hickory Corners, MI.

Go here: http://youtu.be/MGK_UTp_-7k

We discussed ideas for encouraging more members to attend meetings. Attendance has diminished considerably. Some of the suggestions were: reminder emails, phone tree, new meeting location (including maybe having meetings each month at someone's house), etc. If you have suggestions that might make you want to attend meetings, please bring them with you for discussion at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING at The Bomber, Oct 22nd, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting.

See you all there!

Submitted:

Bonnie McCauley, Secretary

Greg & Kathryn Duthie are having a Halloween Party Oct 29th. They are inviting members of our Club. 7pm to ? Costumes are not necessary but encouraged. Please RSVP/Info to Kathryn H (503) 266-4514



A Cadillac Adventure



By Ron Zahn

This is about a road trip from Eugene, Oregon in a new Cadillac CTS-V Coupe (Vee) to the Cadillac LaSalle Club's Grand

National Meet 2011 in Columbus, Ohio. The Grand National Meet presents many opportunities; reconnecting with old friends, taking the tours, enjoying the cars, and celebrating our annual get together. This book is also about the many activities along the way. This narrative includes; seeing automotive museums, high speed driving, visiting with Cadillac people in Detroit, checking out a new concept Cadillac dealership, staying in the restored Book Cadillac Hotel, searching for antiques, eating gourmet food, touring the French Pastry School in Chicago, and all of the driving. I departed Friday, July 29th, and traveled solo to Columbus, and then my good friend Doug flew in from Eugene, and joined me for the Grand National Meet and the return trip home.

The first day's drive was uneventful. After a night in Walla Walla WA, it was on to

Montana. On the way to Missoula, I came across the Lo Lo Valley Car Show. It was a typical car show of mostly hot rods and customs, but it made a nice pit stop. The only Cadillac I found there was in the spectators' parking lot - a pretty nice '53 driver.

On Sunday, I went to Prison. No, it was not for speeding, or doing anything illegal. It was the old state prison, in Deer Lodge, MT, housing an auto museum. It was a great collection, except that out of 130 cars, there were only three Cadillacs - 1917 Touring Car, 1935 LaSalle Coupe and, of course, a 1959 Coupe deVille. After seeing the cars, I took a self-guided tour of the prison - a very scary place!



On the fourth morning of the trip, I stopped by Rimrock Cadillac in Billings, MT. The salesman was really impressed with my book on the building of Vee. In talking with one of the more enthusiastic guys, I inquired about a location to explore Vee's performance potential. The salesman gave me detailed directions to a safe area 10 miles north of town. At this location I was able to open Vee up, but to just 139 mph, as the road conditions were not the best. When a deer popped out of the ditch and over the fence to the field, I decided to postpone any further speed tests. Time to move on... At Miles City, I got off of the interstate, and onto rural highway 12, continuing east. This road was considerably better, but it also had more traffic. As it became more isolated, I was able to do numerous high speed runs. On these runs, I learned that Vee has a unique wind noise/whistle, that starts at 148 mph. Maybe I should complain about this on my next warranty service? My top speed this day was 156 mph, and I was able to take a photo of the speedometer at 151 mph. It was challenging to pick up the camera, turn it on, aim and shoot, while Vee was bouncing along with the irregularities of the road. Vee had

lots of rpm left, and wanted to get closer to his top speed of 191 mph - somewhere, someday, but not on this road.

On the seventh day, an early morning start got me to the world headquarters of General Motors at the Renaissance Center in Detroit by 11am. I took a tour of the Ren Cen, including a ride in the glass elevator to the 72nd floor restaurant. I had lunch and did some shopping while I waited for a meeting with Todd Brown (the fellow who arranged for me to go down the assembly line with Vee).



I met with Todd Brown and was introduced to Kurt McNeil, Vice President of Cadillac Sales and Service. I think that Kurt really "gets it," and that Cadillac is moving in some really exciting directions to be the new standard of the world. It's all about technology, quality and style, without forgetting Cadillac's heritage. After our meeting Kurt presented me with a Cadillac/Cross pen - nice!

After the Ren Cen, I checked into the Westin Book-Cadillac Hotel. This is the hotel from which many of my collectibles have come, most notably the 1924 Bavarian China, with the royal blue band and gold Cadillac crest. In 1924, this was the tallest hotel in the world, with 33 floors and 1,136 guest rooms.



Westin Resorts & Hotels spent \$200 million restoring the old Book-Cadillac Hotel, and received numerous awards for doing so.

The exterior is mostly original, including the fascia sculptures of the French explorer Cadillac, etc. The interior is all new, but mindful construction techniques were used to

replicate some of the historically impressive features like the Crystal Ballroom, the Venetian (grand) Ballroom, and the Italian Garden Room.

Friday morning, I had a special guided tour of the hotel by the head of security, Cruz. He took me everywhere, including; the penthouse floor, the mostly original inner staircase, with all of the old metal handrails, and to a storeroom to see their collection of old Book-Cadillac memorabilia. I have more memorabilia than they do, but they had a few pieces that I had not seen before. I suggested that these items should be in a show case in the lobby, and Cruz agreed. He said that this might be why they are organizing the material. This is a beautiful and historic place, and I am delighted that they have restored it.

I enjoyed two of the hotels' restaurants, and both were excellent. The first night's dinner was at "Roast," where I had a bacon lardon salad of pork belly, greens, soft poached egg, crispy pig ears and spices including chili peppers, and then an entrée of slow roasted goat with cooked beets... fantastic! The second dinner was at "24 Grille," where I had a yellow watermelon salad with heirloom cherry tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles, greens, and a balsamic drizzle. The entrée was a filet mignon on wilted greens, with a brown butter zip sauce and carrots. I wished Doug could have been there for these culinary delights.

My next stop was Snook's Dream Cars Museum in Bowling Green, Ohio. This facility featured an amazing collection of automobilia and cars, including a Blue/Black 1933 Cadillac in stunning condition.



On Monday morning in Columbus, OH, I had an 8:30am appointment to have Sax Detail give Vee a much needed bath. Afterwards, around 2 pm, I checked in with

Gary and Chris to volunteer at the Grand National reception desk.



Working at reception was fun, greeting the new arrivals and visited with friends. On Tuesday, Chris and I went to the bank to make a GN deposit, and from there, Chris test drove Vee on the way to his house, where I got to meet his two Bengal Cats and see his automobilia collection.

Wednesday morning, I took a tour of the S&S Coach Company, in Lima, OH. This was an interesting tour of a factory where they make a variety of professional cars. It was really amazing to see how they chop a brand new Cadillac in half, and then stretch it into a limousine or funeral coach. By the afternoon, good friends Georgia Doug, New Jersey Tom, California Tom & Fred, Ohio Bob, New Yorkers Rich & Sue, and others, had all arrived. That evening's welcome reception was a great way to reconnect with everyone.

Thursday afternoon, after shopping at the CLC swap meet, Gary, Doug and Tom all got to experience driving Vee. After Tom's test drive he commented that if he was on patrol (he is a police officer) and saw a CTS-V speeding by, he would just smile and wave because his Crown Vic would not stand a chance of catching up...very funny!

At 5:45am on Friday, I met up with Tom & Tony, as they had volunteered to wash Vee. Once again shiny and clean, Vee was ready for the show field. At 7am Doug and I had breakfast in the hotel, and then from 8:30am to 1:30pm we were on the Discover Cars & Sweets Tour. We went to Tom Sutphen's antique car and fire apparatus collection, and then on to Team Rahal, of Rahal-Letterman Racing, for a tour of the formula race car headquarters. Following that we had a tour of the Anthony-Thomas Candy factory which produces, on average, 50,000 pounds of chocolate daily. At 5:30pm we

boarded busses again, and headed to the Der Dutchman Amish Restaurant in Plain City, OH for dinner. After our return to the hotel, Doug and I joined the party with Tom, Tony, Doug, and other Georgians in the hotel bar.

Saturday August 13th, was car show day! There were 880 people registered, bringing 277 cars from 36 states and four other countries. It was a long, hot, fun day on the show field.



After an hour of rest and relaxation, we dressed for the banquet, and headed out for the 6pm cocktail hour. The awards banquet began at 7pm, and was kept unusually short, ending before 10pm. I accepted the Website Excellence award for Jack Wojnowski, Mt Hood Region's webmaster, picked up NJ Tom's first place trophy, and then called Tom Young in his room to get him out of bed. He simply had to come down and accept, in person, the Club's most prestigious honor, the Henry M. Leland Award, in recognition of his work on the authenticity manuals. Of course, there was another party in the bar afterwards.

Early Sunday morning, we packed and loaded Vee before breakfast (it all fit, so there was no need for a roof rack). After our 7am breakfast and farewell wishes to friends, Doug and I were on the road by 8am. We arrived at the 90 acre Gilmore Museum Complex at Hickory Corners, MI just before 1pm.

We toured the temporary Cadillac LaSalle Museum in the Carriage House, and the newly finished Franklin Dealership Museum. We saw the building site for the new CLC Museum and Research Center, visited all of the other facilities, and had lunch at the 1941 Blue Moon Diner. This is a really awesome campus of restored barns and period buildings that is a must-see destination for all old car lovers.



We arrived in downtown Chicago a half hour early for our 9am tour of the French Pastry School that Doug is interested in attending. We spent a couple of hours with Maggie, the Admissions Advisor, viewing the whole facility, and then had a meeting with Franco Pardini, the Director of Operations. We were invited to come back that evening for a 5-7:30pm demonstration class by two world class French Pastry Chefs. In the class, they created and plated a desert that consisted of a Honey Lavender-infused Madeline with Roasted Pineapple, Mango Sorbet, and a Basil Emulsion. They also showed us how to make Grand Marnier Caramel and Fleur de Sel Molded Chocolate Bonbons. The best part was that we got to eat all of the goodies, and take a gift bag home with us...there was no need for dinner that night!

Our next stop was at Hot Doug's Sausage Superstore in North Chicago. Our lunch was totally awesome. We both ordered deep fried regular hot dogs with everything, and then Doug ordered a Foie Gras and Sauternes Duck Sausage with Truffle sauce, and I ordered the Pork Sausage with Swiss Cheese and fresh Shitake mushrooms sauteed in duck fat. (Don't tell my doctor - okay?)

We drove 50 miles north to Volo, IL. to tour the auto museum there. It was great fun with all of the famous movie vehicles, numerous muscle cars, and some great classics. Many of the cars are for sale, and I drooled all over a pair of single cylinder Cadillacs, a 1905 and a 1906 that were fully restored and available for only \$89,900. each. They were both stunning.

After crossing the Mississippi River, we stopped in Minden, Nebraska, and toured the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. This is a huge place, with 28 buildings covering 20 acres. Among the buggys, airplanes, tractors, etc. there were approximately 300 au-

tomobiles. This was a mind boggling place that would take much more than a day to see everything. West of Minden, we found some open road where we could open Vee up to 140 mph...fun!

During our stop in Cheyenne, WY, we were, for the second day since leaving Chicago, disappointed with the food. We went to the restaurant Poor Richard's (billed as the best dinner house in Cheyenne), and felt that the name should be "Poor Cheyenne." Thursday's stop in Ogden, Utah did not provide any culinary delights either, as a very mediocre meal was had at the hotel.

On Friday we arrived in Boise, Idaho, our last overnight stop before returning home. We found a couple of antique malls, and enjoyed seeing the city with its riverfront and green belt, and we can see why Boise calls itself the "City of Trees."

There were numerous cultural attractions, public sculptures and art, but best of all, we found excellent food! Dinner at the Le Cafe De Paris was awesome. We started with wine from Cadillac, France (yes, I kept

the bottle), then escargot and salads, followed by a Lamb Steak and Doug's Confit de Canard (duck). It was so good, we decided to have dessert there too. Ahhhh, good food! We are back on the west coast (as opposed to the mid-west or whatever you call that area west of Chicago and east of Boise) finding culinary delights again.

Saturday, August 20th, was a long driving day (538 miles and 9 hours to Eugene). We stopped in Portland and had an awesome lunch at the restaurant Ping, sampling spring rolls, duck noodles and knuckle stew. We arrived home at about 3pm, which gave me plenty of time to prep and load my '61 for the trip on Sunday to the All-Cadillac Show in Portland. Monday would be soon enough for rest and recovery from another great Cadillac adventure.

Note: The 2012 Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National Meet is in St Augustine Florida June 13 through 17th. It is not too soon to start planning for it and making reservations, see The Self-Starter Magazine for details.

OCC V.S. PJD ?

Orange County Choppers v.s. Paul Junior Designs Cadillac Theme buildoff. Senior's bike on the left and Junior's on the right. I gotta go with PJD. He incorporated the Cadillac crest and actual taillights from a CTS-V. It said, "CADILLAC" !





Mary Kaufman - October 25
Kathryn Duthie – October 28
Richard Purdy - October 29



None reported

FOR SALE OR WANTS

None this issue

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