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Regional Director's Letter, Spring 2012

I am pleased to announce the 2012 season for the Cadillac LaSalle Club has gotten off to a great start! The inter-regional in E. Windsor was well attended. While the number of cars that showed was not a record for us, everyone who came had a great time and enjoyed the multiple attractions. By the end of the day we had 40 cars from 4 CLC regions. As is our custom, we try and hold the inter-regional at a venue that offers more than just a show field. This year, at the Trolley Museum, members were able to view not just the trolleys, but also a nice collection of antique fire engines. Attendees also took a ride on a vintage trolley and were able to experience what transportation in rural Connecticut was like before the highways were built. Thanks to Mother Nature for cooperating for the 4th year in a row. Next year the Capital District Region is taking over responsibility for the inter-regional. Expect something a little farther north for 2013.



Hopefully you have all seen the "Russians are Coming" article in the last *Self Starter*. Thanks to Lynn and Jim Verraster again for their hospitality and generosity on that important day.

The May 20th "Mystery Tour and BBQ" was also a big success. A dozen Cadillacs (and two foreign jobs) took a 40-mile drive through time, retracing the route taken by Revolutionary War heroine Sybil Ludington, back in 1777. Ludington made this trip at night to warn the local militia that the British were invading Danbury. Her ride is well known through Putnam County, and we passed several historical markers and even a statue honoring her feat. Sybil is included in the NYS elementary school social studies curriculum. It was quite a sight to see our long and colorful fleet of Caddies wind its way through the skinny forest roads that must have been just dirt roads and cart paths not that long ago. It is hard to imagine what that route was like in 1777. At one point a few weekend warrior biker guys were



2012 Mystery Tour

behind us. As we pulled over for a group picture they remarked to me that they were having a blast trailing us.

After the drive we had a BBQ at the home of Karen and Alex Lindemann. A very special thank you must go out to Karen and Butch for providing ALL the food and beverages for our enjoyment. They were very generous with their home and their time. Also, a huge thanks to the Lindemanns for opening up their barn so we could enjoy their collection of cars, Harleys, and automobilia. Thanks!

After the CLC Grand National in St. Augustine on June 14-17th, our Region has scheduled an overnight trip to the Connecticut Shore and Newport, RI. The dates are July 13-15. There is a lot to do in this part of the country and I know Henny and Alyda, our tour directors, will have a great three-day weekend planned. However, we need to know if you are joining us!!!! Please contact me right away even if you are just thinking about going on the tour. The tour has been approved for the CLC National Touring Recognition program.

As far as the rest of the season is concerned, we had hoped to attend the Pine Island Summer Fest Car Show near Warwick, NY as a club. This show has gone on for several years and was very popular. Unfortunately there is no information available to assure there is going to be a 2012 show. A club event will be scheduled for August but nothing has been booked yet. The Pine Island folks are probably just slow getting the word out on the Internet. Just stay tuned! Please keep the weekend after Hershey available. That is the Mills Mansion show and we certainly want to have a breakfast that morning and then attend the show as a club.

DUES ARE DUE! Please note many region members have not paid their 2012 dues. Occasionally members think they already paid since we don't start collecting dues until the end of March. Also occasionally our records are incorrect. In any event, if we do not have your dues for 2012 recorded, you will be receiving a post card from membership secretary Shand McHale. If you get one of these dreaded post cards from Shand and you already paid your 2012 dues just say so.

SHIRTS: Club shirts are always available since they are made to order. The next order is going to the embroidery company on **June 25th**. If you want a shirt for this year it is not too late. Please send Alyda your order. (For those who have paid and sent in your paperwork you won't have to wait much longer).

I hope to see, or have seen, many of you at the CLC Grand National in Florida this year. For those who cannot make it, I have it on good authority pictures and video updates will be available on the CLC website the same weekend.

Dave Rubin



Scenes from the Mystery Tour from top: The Fiore and Karreman drop tops; Carol Schlemmer, Ralph Bortugno and George Berger in Butch and Karen's garage; Beautiful house, beautiful cars, beautiful day.



Some photos from the Inter Regional meet at the Trolley Museum in East Hartford. Clockwise from above: Jack La-Rochelli's 1963 Hearse (for sale if you're interested), Skip Tetz's 1936 Model 85, George Berger's 1981 Coupe Deville, Ray Fiore's 1955 Coupe Deville and Carol Schlemmer's 1987 Brougham. For more pictures of this event, please visit our Flickr page at www.flickr.com/lowerhudsonclc

Automotive Restoration Shop Tour March 31st

So what kind of cars do you like? If your love of cars spans many makes and genres, the tour of Automotive Restorations in Stratford, CT was for you. Classic 30s and 40s Cadillacs, check. Bella Fiats, Ferraris and Alfas - check, check and check. 1970s Cadillac Station Wagon used during a concert tour by the Jacksons, beautiful gullwing Mercedes SL, Checker Cab, 1930s Buick Hearse hot rod—you bet. Good Humor Ice Cream truck, Cobra, Datsun 240Z race car, Jim Verraster's 1958 Cadillac limo—what? That's right, the legendary 1958 Cadillac limo that has been a long labor of love for Jim and Lynn was front and center in nearly assembled condition. And it was gorgeous. A little Christine-ish in appearance (see picture below) but very nice indeed.

Many thanks to owner Kent Bain and his crew for hosting our group, providing an excellent guided tour of his shop's many projects and finally for dishing up some fantastic pizza! More pictures of this event can also be found on our Flickr page at www.flickr.com/lowerhudsonclc.



2012 Club Calendar

June 13th -
June 16th

Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National
St. Augustine, FL

July 13th -
July 15th

**Connecticut Shore and Newport R.I.
Lower Hudson Valley CLC Weekend Driving Tour**
RSVP to Dave Rubin
(845) 225-5990 or david.rubin@brewsterhillins.com

Aug TBD

Lower Hudson Valley CLC Event
Activity and Schedule TBD—Look for the flyer in the mail

Sept 16

Southbury Car Show
Southbury Training School, Southbury, CT
http://www.roaring-20s.org/main/car_show_info.htm

Sept 28th -
Sept 30th

**Hemmings New England Concours d'Elegance
Saratoga Auto Museum—Saratoga, NY**
<http://www.hemmings.com/events/concours.html>

Oct 10th -
Oct 13th

Cadillac LaSalle Club National Driving Tour
Las Vegas, NV

Oct 10th -
Oct 13th

Hershey AACA Swap Meet 2012
Giant Center, Hershey, PA

Oct 20th -
Oct 21st

**Lower Hudson Valley CLC Breakfast and Cruise to the
Mills Mansion Car Show**
Mills Mansion, Staatsburg, NY



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