

LAS VEGAS CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB

AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

By the time you read this Newsletter I'll be on my way to the Cadillac Grand National in Savannah, GA. Just as we did at the show in Los Angeles last year, I expect to see a wonderful cross section of classic Cadillacs. I'll have more to report when I return. Our Grand National in 2009 is still two years away, but it's not too early to start thinking about how you can assist with this major event. We'll need everyone's assistance to make the Las Vegas Grand National a success.

If your classic car was built before the use of catalytic converters, check out the comments in the Newsletter about the new SM rated oils currently being marketed.

Concours D'Elegance Las Vegas is definitely on again this year. It is scheduled for Oct 26-28, 2007 with the car show on Sunday Oct 28th. This is a by-invitation-only event, so check their website for entry information www.lasvegasconcours.com. A solid showing of Cadillac-built vehicles at the Concours is our goal. There is additional information later in the Newsletter.

Justin Hoeft has accepted the position of Secretary for the Las Vegas Region. In addition, Justin has taken on the role of Webmaster for the Club website. Justin, thanks for taking on these two positions.

Colin

Opportunity to display your classic vehicle: Findlay Cadillac will be holding a reception at the Dealership celebrating the introduction of the new 2008 CTS on Tuesday Sept. 18th. The Club will be displaying six to eight classic vehicles at this event. If you would like to display your car, contact Colin Christie; his phone number is (702) 562-0940.

New Member Activity reported by David Fornes: The Las Vegas Region welcomes new members George and Marylouise Lobue to the Club. The Lobues have a 2004 DeVille.

New Member Applications: Check with Dave Fornes for your supply of new member applications. Members are encouraged to keep membership applications in their classic car and their daily driver. Dave has created a new form that handles both the Las Vegas Region and the National application. Membership in the National is required to belong to the Las Vegas Region. The membership fee includes both for \$59/year.

Car Shows and Club Events:

Club members Bob Cardillo, Colin Christie, Gail Hansen, and Bob Koterias were at Findlay Cadillac Wednesday July 18th displaying classic Cadillacs for the enjoyment of those attending a Skin Cancer Awareness Seminar hosted by the Dealership. Club member vehicles were: a 1938 Series 75 Sedan, a 1939 Series 75 Imperial Sedan, and a 1965 Coupe DeVille. The seminar focused on the dangers of skin cancer and that exposure to the sun is a direct cause. Various ways to protect yourself from the sun were discussed along with the introduction of a new hi-tech UV warning system that will be donated to local Channel 5.



On Friday morning July 20th we toured the **Shelby** facility by the Speedway here in Las Vegas. Shelby has an excellent display of the various vehicles built through the years in addition to the cars currently available. While continuing to build classic Shelby racecars, the operation is also currently involved with the modification and upgrading of current Mustangs for both Ford Motor Company and Hertz.

AUGUST EVENT

Our August event is a **Sonic Drive-In Cruise** scheduled for 6:30pm Friday 8/10/07. The Sonic is located at 6455 W. Sahara Ave. Bring out that special Cadillac and enjoy an evening at the Sonic.

Concours D'Elegance Las Vegas: The Club will be supporting this Concours event again this year. The process of expanding this Show into a world-class concours event continues. Featured this year will be the beautiful boat tail vehicles built between 1910 and 1935. Plans for this year include over 100 high quality judged vehicles spread across a dozen classes displayed along the 18th fairway just west of the clubhouse at TPC the Canyons golf course. In addition, over 100 display-only vehicles will be positioned on the driving range just east of the clubhouse. With more than 200 vehicles, the event will be twice the size it was last year. The Concours is being supported by the Nethercutt Museum and Auto Collection again this year, so we'll be seeing some wonderful one-of-a-kind classic vehicles.

There is no fee to enter a car in the judged or display areas but you must submit an application and be selected. The judged classes stop at 1975, but display vehicles have no age limit. Each owner whose car is selected will receive two admission tickets for the Sunday Car Show along with a souvenir program and show poster. General admission tickets for the Sunday event sell for \$75 per person.

Many of our member-owned vehicles fit the selection criteria for this event. Last year our members had seven vehicles entered and we took home two awards. Let's make an even stronger showing of Cadillac-built vehicles this year. Applications and additional information is available on their website: www.lasvegasconcours.com.

Are the new SM rated oils a problem for our classic engines? For about the last year rumors of problems with the new SM rated oils have floated throughout the classic car community. During the same time period there have been numerous assurances given by oil industry engineers that the new oils meet all the required performance standards.

The issue appears to revolve around the level of Zinc and Phosphate in the old oils vs. the current SM rated oils. Levels of these two elements were decreased to extend the life of modern catalytic converters present on all cars today. Compared to the SL rated oils, SM oils have about half the level of Zinc and Phosphate. The oils with ratings before SL had even higher levels of these two elements. The Zinc and Phosphate increases the oil's performance in high shear and high pressure situations.

When our classic engines were designed and built the higher levels of Zinc and Phosphate were normal in high quality oils. Although all the scientific information is not yet in, evidence is starting to appear indicating that the new SM rated oils are a major problem for our older engines. The specific areas of concern being cam lobes, "flat" base lifters, and the bronze idler gear in the Cadillac flathead.

Assuming there is a problem, one could use a camshaft and lifter break-in protection lubricant that contains high levels of Zinc and Phosphate with each oil change. GM Part #1052367 E.O.S. Assembly Lubricant is such a product. Adding two ounces per quart of SM rated oil will bring the Zinc and Phosphate level back up to the level of an SL rated oil. It might also be a good idea to add a half-ounce per quart when using a SL rated oil. This product is not recommended by General Motors as an oil additive so the decision to use it must be your personal decision. This product should not be used in vehicles with catalytic converters because of its high Zinc and Phosphate levels.

No doubt there will be additional information on this subject as more experience is obtained within the collector car community.

Cadillac Grand National 2009: As the planning moves forward toward this major event we need all of our local members involved. Feel free to contact John Adams with any suggestions concerning the Grand National. You can contact John Adams at (702) 631-3805.

The Las Vegas Region's website has moved into a new phase of construction with John Bergler taking the lead. Photos from past and recent Club events are on the site. Feel free to contact John with your ideas and thoughts concerning the website. Check it out at <http://www.lasvegasclc.org>

THE LAS VEGAS CADILLAC CORRAL has Cadillac cars and parts for sale or wanted by our members. All active members of the Las Vegas Region are invited to submit Cadillac-related items wanted or for sale. Contact Hal Sheaks at (702) 243-0035 by the 25th of the month.

The Club has access to a number of Cadillac & LaSalle Club **tee shirts, golf shirts, and jackets** each identifying the wearer as a member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. To purchase these items contact Hal Sheaks, phone number (702) 243-0035.

LOOKING AHEAD to other car events of interest:

9/16/07 **2007 Regional Cadillac Meet;** Spanish Landing, San Diego, CA. Hosted by the San Diego Region

9/20-23/07 **Super Run 2007;** Henderson, NV

9/29/07 **Sixth Annual Rod & Custom Car** show; Wheels in the Park, Boulder City, NV

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EVENT CALENDAR

8/1/07

Monthly Membership Meeting:

When: Second Thursday of each month; 8/9/07, 9/13/07, 10/11/07

Where: Findlay Cadillac 993 Auto Show Drive Henderson, NV.
2nd Floor Training Room

Time: 7:00pm Membership Meeting (6:30pm Dinner)

Social Events:

8/1-4/07 Cadillac Grand National; Savannah, GA.

8/10/07 Sonic Drive-In Cruise: 6:30pm, 6455 W. Sahara Ave.

9/8/07 Lake Mead Boat Cruise: 4:00pm

10/6/07 Nevada Southern Railroad Tour: 11:30am, 600 Yucca St. Boulder City, NV

10/20/07 Zaba's Mexican Restaurant; 11am –2pm, W. Flamingo near I 215

10/26-28/07 Concours D'Elegance Las Vegas; The car show is Sunday Oct. 28th,
participation is by invitation only.

11/3/07 Car Collection Tour: hosted by Phil Maloof, 10:00am,
2502 Driftwood Drive

12/15/07 Christmas Toy Run

12/16/07 Annual Holiday Party; hosted by Ed and Diane Cholakian (date and time are
tentative)

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