

LAS VEGAS CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

This year the Cadillac Grand National was held in Savannah, GA. It was a wonderful event with a fantastic cross-section of Cadillac built vehicles. Attending the last two Grand Nationals has been a good learning experience for me. Next year we really need a large contingent of Las Vegas Region members at the Grand National in Cheery Hill, NJ as we gear up for our Grand National in 2009.

This has really been a hot and humid summer here in Las Vegas. As we move into September the weather should cool down some and make it the perfect time to take our classics out for a drive. Check out our Event Calendar to find some great opportunities to showcase you classic car.

Concours d'Elegance Las Vegas is definitely on again this year and the event will be bigger and better than last year. It is scheduled for Oct 26-28 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. Applications must be submitted before Sept. 15th. A solid showing of Cadillac-built vehicles at the Concours is our goal. There is additional information on the Concours later in the Newsletter.

Before you change the oil in your pre-catalytic converter classic, check out the comments in the Newsletter about the new SM rated oils currently being marketed.

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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. We'll need to have cars in place by 5:30pm and the event will end by 9pm. Dress for the evening is Sport Coat or better (no shorts and sneakers).

New Member Activity: The Las Vegas Region welcomes new member Florence Dickinson and her 1970 Coupe deVille Convertible to the Club.

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.

Are the new SM rated oils a problem for our classic engines? The answer keeps coming back **YES!**

Check out the information on the home page of the National website www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

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 Zinc and Phosphate increases the oil's performance in high shear and high pressure situations. The specific areas of concern being cam lobes, "flat" base lifters, and the bronze idler gear in the Cadillac flathead.

As a solution, 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.

Car Shows and Club Events:

Cadillac Grand National Savannah GA Aug. 1-4: The Savannah weather was not very kind, in addition to the usual hot and humid, heavy rain was the order of the day Thursday evening and Friday. Many members were caught in the rain Thursday walking back to the hotel after the evening event. Thursday night most everyone parked their classic car under the 2-level parking structure, presuming it to be watertight, only to find out the next morning that the upper level leaked badly. There were many wet interiors, and unhappy Cadillac and LaSalle owners.

Overall, the 2007 GN in Savannah was a rousing success: great people, wonderful classic cars, interesting events, and an awards dinner that was completed by 10:30pm. The only downer was the rain.

The rain and threat of more heavy rain Saturday forced a change to the normal judging procedures. Instead of the judging being done on the show field, cars were driven to the judges in the parking garage under the hotel, the only area sure to stay dry. The judging was carried out successfully under less than ideal conditions.

There were over 780 members and guests registered, and they came from 33 states, Canada, and 5 foreign countries. 145 cars were registered for judging, and there were many more in the total attendance.

You can go to the National's website for a great collection of pictures www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

Hot August Nights 2007 reported on by Ed Pentesco: Hot August Nights celebrated the 21st anniversary of the event in Reno this year. Cadillac was represented by cars ranging from 1911 to 1972 (the newest year allowed to register). The 1911 was very popular with everyone at the cruise. There was an increase in the number of modified Cadillacs this year. Many late model and older cars were for sale at the 4-day auction held at the convention center. With 5500 registered cars and 900 cars at the auction there was a large variety of vehicles to enjoy or purchase. The next Hot August Nights will be held Aug. 2 to 10, 2008. Each year the hotels sell out early, so if your planning to attend next year make your reservations soon. For additional information check out there website: www.hotaugustnights.net.

Locally our August event was a **Sonic Drive-In Cruise** held 6:30pm Friday 8/10/07 at the Sonic located at 6455 W. Sahara Ave. It was a relaxing evening with about a dozen Club members in attendance.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

For our September event we'll be trying something new. On Saturday Sept. 8th we'll take the Pizza Party Cruise on a paddlewheel style boat offered by Lake Mead Cruises. The cruise lasts about 90 minutes and showcases the spectacular scenery of Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam. The boat has both an open air and enclosed air-conditioned facilities. The cruise price is \$26 per person and departs the boat's landing at 4pm sharp so plan to arrive about 3:30pm.

Take Highway 93/95 south to Boulder City and then just past the city go left onto Lakeshore Rd. (Hwy 166) and enter the Lake Mead National Recreation Area (yes, there is a \$5 per car entry fee). Right after the tollbooth, make a right turn onto Hemenway Harbor Rd. Then a right on Horsepower Cove Rd. which leads to the boat landing for Lake Mead Cruises. Follow the Lake Mead Cruises signage.

Additional information is available at www.LakeMeadCruises.com.

Concours d'Elegance Las Vegas: The Club will be supporting this Concours event again this year. The event is well organized and is receiving significant support both locally and on a national basis. Well over 200 vehicles will be participating making the event twice the size it was last year. Featured this year will be the beautiful boat tail vehicles built between 1910 and 1935. TPC the Canyons golf course on the west side of Las Vegas will be the host site. Again this year, the Concours is being supported by the Nethercutt Museum and Auto Collection so we'll be seeing some wonderful one-of-a-kind classic vehicles.

This is a by-invitation-only event. There is no fee to enter a car in the judged or display areas but you must submit an application and be selected. Completed applications and signed release forms need to be delivered to the Selection Committee by Sept. 15th. The application requests a professional photo of your car but a personal photo is acceptable. 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.

You don't want to miss this event! Many of our member-owned vehicles fit the selection criteria. Last year our members had seven vehicles entered and we took home two awards. We plan to have twenty Cadillac-built vehicles on the show field this year. Applications and additional information are available on their website: www.lasvegasconcours.com or contact Colin Christie (702) 562-0940 for an application.

Cadillac Grand National 2009: 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 help to make the Las Vegas Grand National a success. Feel free to contact John Adams with any suggestions concerning the Grand National. You can contact John at (702) 631-3805.

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. Contact Hal Sheaks for additional info. (702) 203-0035.

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

9/1/07

Monthly Membership Meeting:

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

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

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

Social Events:

9/8/07 Lake Mead Boat Cruise: Pizza Party Cruise on a paddlewheel style boat offered by Lake Mead Cruises. The cruise price is \$26 per person and departs the boat's landing at 4pm. For additional info and directions see the Sept. Event listing in the Newsletter.

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

10/21/07 Zaba's Mexican Restaurant; 11am –2pm, 9809 W. Flamingo, just west of I 215

10/26-28/07 Concours d'Elegance Las Vegas; The car show is Sunday Oct. 28th, participation is by invitation only. Applications must be received by Sept. 15th.

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)

1/1/08 Run To The Border; Primm, NV

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