



The Gold Standard

A periodical of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Hampton Roads Region

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday APRIL 6, 2010

7 p.m. at Crab Shack on the James
7601 River Road, Newport News, VA

APRIL 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Yes, we will gather at Crab Shack on the James, which is next to the James River Bridge in Huntington Park at the foot of the fishing pier. www.crabshackonthejames.com. This is a good choice which everyone seems to enjoy, and the restaurant appreciates our gathering there.

It is always good to join in activities that other CLC regions are having. We enjoyed having members from the Central VA CLC region join us on our tour to Luray, VA. Many of us go up to their show in Richmond.

We also enjoy the two shows per year at Greenbelt MD with the CLC Potomac Region. These are excellent ways to get our region known out there.

The CLC North Carolina Eastern Region wants to plan a joint event in the future. As soon as we have a good date and place I will put it in the Gold Standard.

We are now looking at a busy spring and summer schedule. Before our next meeting in May, we will have been on our 2 day tour to Petersburg. See the article on that with this issue.

Bob Geiger has more events coming up this summer for us to enjoy. Come hear about those.

For all those going to the Grand National in Kansas City, be sure to have all your forms in and your reservation for rooms made, asap. If you call the host hotel, and the CLC reserved rooms are taken, call me for hints. There will be plenty of things to do and see there.

Don't forget to plan on being at this April CLCHRR meeting, when Jeff Locke will do a presentation about fascinating vehicles he has seen in the past while doing appraisals all over the country.

See you there at 7 p.m. Tuesday April 6th.

Your director, James Gregg

CLC NATIONAL NEWS

Plans have been formulated for the CLC Inaugural Meet and Tour at the Gilmore Car Museum, the recently selected site of the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum. The date is Sunday, September 5, 2010. Full details will be in the May *Self Starter*.

The day will start with lunch in the Carriage House, a complete tour of the Museum buildings along with an Ice Cream Social at the Blue Moon Diner on the Museum grounds. For those staying overnight there will be an optional group dinner at Sam's Joint located nearby.

Below is a web site where members can take a tour of the beautiful Gilmore Museum property.

<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/>

Lee Herbermann, SERVP

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING APRIL 6th

“Unusual Vehicles I-VAN Has Appraised” is the title. I-VAN is the International Vehicle Appraisers Network, which Jeff started in 2001 and which has over 50 appraisers nationwide, in Canada, and Puerto Rico. This power-point presentation includes: 1899 Locomobile Steam Car, Rousch & Lang Electric, antique houseboat, antique dog sled, 1917 Harley-Davidson with sidecar, Curved Dash Oldsmobile, 1903 Duryea, 1919 Supertruck, Desoto Airflow, a V-8 powered snowmobile, and much more, about 50 total.

CLCHRR SHOW NEWS

Mark your calendars now for our Hampton Roads Region 14th Annual CLC Hampton Roads Region Show Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Suttle Motors in Newport News. Please pick your brains for new ideas to enhance our Show and increase the number of exhibitors. Send those ideas to Show Chairman Bob Geiger (his phone number and e-mail address appear at the bottom of this Gold Standard). Preparations begin in May, and we invite your input and participation.

MINUTES FROM MARCH 2nd MEETING

There were 12 members in attendance. Viator reported on the CCCHR meeting and shows coming up: March 13 Shamrock Celebrity Festival at Kitty Hawk, NC/March 27th Benefit car show at Yorktown High School on George Washington Hwy./April 16 Wild Wheels Show on VA Beach Boardwalk/April 24 All Makes Show at Beach Ford in Suffolk/June 5 Wounded Warriors Benefit Car Show at Amphibious Base. Jeff Locke mentioned many of the areas we would be touring on our Petersburg Tour on May 1-2, 2010.

Jeff also mentioned a little about the presentation he has for us during the April 6th meeting.

The suggestion was made to do a one day tour to the Jeffcoat Museum. There were few members who could make the tour this year.

Submitted by James Gregg, Temp-Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance \$3862.62, Deposits \$30.00 (2 memberships), Withdrawals \$180.00 (3 charity checks), \$10.00 VPCCC dues, Ending balance \$3672.62

Submitted by Viator Trudeau, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Note: Region members must be current national CLC members. (According to the national club rules.) Be sure to let all your friends and Cadillac owners you meet know about our region.

VPCCC REPORT

The March meeting for 2010 of the VPCCC (Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council) was held at 7 pm on Mar. 16th at Coxton Collision Center-Gold Team in Tabb, VA. There were 25 members in attendance. There were two speakers for the evening: J. R. Drake and Terry Bond

1. *J.R. Drake, Safely First of Va.* (757.806.1274) spoke on Fire Safety and suppression for home and vehicle safety. After a short discussion of a handout on vehicle fires from 2002-2005, a few remarks were made on Halon and dry chemical extinguishers. Then he launched into a demonstration of the product he was selling “Clean Agent”. He was not forth coming with a lot of information and did not have any literature to hand out on the product. A one pound extinguisher sells for \$99, from the internet, “Clean Agent” is an odorless, colorless, liquefied compressed gas. It is stored as a liquid and dispensed onto a fire hazard as a colorless, electrically non-conductive vapor. It leaves no residue and has acceptable low toxicity for use in occupied spaces. Clean Agent extinguishes a fire by a combination of chemical and physical mechanisms.

2. *Terry Bond, the 2010 AACA National President* (60,000 strong membership!) spoke on attracting new members to your club and our hobby for both old and new car hobbyists. The AACA has increased membership by approx. 1,000 in the last year. You need to attract new members and maintain old members. Also need to attract new members in the 30-40 yr. age group. All activities should focus on having 100% fun. Newsletters should focus on having fun and not a griping session.

The president requested all to check the VPCCC web site and update where necessary.

The Virginia Association of Car Councils (www.vaccc.org) web site has a comprehensive and up to date listing of legislation related to transportation.

Another web site has a lot of cool stuff posted by Fred Fann <http://iloveoldcars.com>

UP COMING SHOWS:

April 10 Va Chevy Lovers Spring Dustoff – Pembroke Mall near Kohl's

April 10 Corvettes at Waterside Benefit-Relay for Life Waterside Festival Place

April 23 Colonial Williamsburg Rod Run-Woodlands Hotel parking area.

April 24 Beach Ford Lincoln Mercury all makes show 1600 N. Main St. Suffolk, VA

May 1 3rd Annual Summer CarTastic Charity Car Show-Hampton Chevrolet, Hampton

See www.vpccc.org for more details.

The April meeting will be held on Thurs. 15th at the Coxtan Collision Center-Gold Team.

Submitted by Don Baker

CLCHRR TOURS REPORT

TOUR/CRUISE OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday, April 17 in Selma, NC (about 140 mi. from Suffolk via US 58 and I-95)
- Annual Downtown Car Show & Cruise-In starts at 10 a.m. on Railroad Street.
- Saturday, May 15 in New Bern, NC (about 125 mi. south of Suffolk via US Routes 13 & 17)
- Eastern NC Region C&LC Cruise-In Show starts at 11 a.m. at Trent Cadillac on Highway 70 East. Stay all day and attend the AACA Grand National there too!
- Sunday, May 16 in Greenbelt<MD (about 175 mi. north of Newport News via I-95)
- Potomac Region C&LC Spring Show starts at 9 a.m. at Capitol Cadillac near the intersection of I-95/495 & the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. At least a few members of our Region always attend this fine event. Let's keep up the tradition!
- Saturday, June 19 in Garner, NC (south of Raleigh, about 150 mi. from Suffolk via US 58, I-95, US 64, & I-40) Cruise-In at Grill 57 on Highway 401 South starts at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, June 19 41st "Richmond in the Spring Car Show, Corral, & Swap Meet," sponsored by the Richmond Region AACA, runs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission \$5.

Submitted by Bob Geiger, 757-253-6501 or bohnlettygeiger@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2010 GRAND NATIONAL

Hello from the Cadillac Club of Kansas City! We hope everyone is getting ready for the 2010 CLC Grand National Meet in July!

For those who are planning to attend the 2010 Grand National, we are presently collecting information on who would be interested in volunteering during their stay in KC! We have plenty of opportunities for volunteers to participate including; judging, show-field, registration, hospitality room, helping with tabulation, plus many other volunteer activities. At this point, we are creating the list of volunteers and putting together the schedules.

We would appreciate hearing from your club as soon as possible. Please provide the names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of those willing to assist during the Grand National. You may respond at your earliest convenience via e-mail to Nancy Wood at iam4evergr8ful@hotmail.com or call Shirley Taylor at 913-685-7419 with questions.

We look forward to seeing you this summer and hope that you can join us in showing some Great Midwest hospitality to our attendees at this extravaganza for Cadillac lovers.

HELP WITH REPAIR SHOP COSTS

Here are 3 interesting sites to google about the cost of repairs and parts, when dealing with a repair shop. These are hints from autos.aol and the sites are: Repair Pal / Auto MD / Driver Side.

With these sources, you can see how much a repair and parts should cost in your area.

DRIVING TIPS FOR SAVING FUEL

1. Remove extras from your trunk to remove excess weight, just carry what you need.
2. Keep tire pressure up to specs to reduce rolling resistance.
3. Use synthetic blend oil to help your motor get more power from each oz. of fuel.
4. Drive as a professional, anticipate traffic and avoid jerky stops and starts, which eat up extra fuel.

MEET YOUR CLCHRR MEMBER

This is a feature that will be highlighting the members of our region. We ask everyone to e-mail or write to us at the region address with stories and comments about ourselves that other members would enjoy. It is a time to share your fun with others. Everyone enjoys hearing about other members experiences.

WHAT CADILLAC DEALER IS NEAR ME?

Suttle Motors Cadillac in Newport News near the airport. www.suttlemotors.com

Action Cadillac in Portsmouth. www.actioncadillacgmc.com

Duke Cadillac in downtown Suffolk. www.dukecadillac.com

Holiday Cadillac in Williamsburg towards the colonial area. www.hudginsholiday.com

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Directions to the Crab Shack on the James, 757-245-0421: Travel 64 from either direction, exit onto Mercury Blvd. going west to James River Bridge, after approx 5 miles, pass Warwick Blvd, turn right at Huntington Park and then left to fishing pier and the restaurant.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME!

6 APR...CLCHRR Meeting, Special Presentation, Crab Shack, NN, VA

13 MAR... AACA Winter Swap Meet, Richmond, VA

1&2 MAY...2 Day Tour to Petersburg with CLCHRR!

16 MAY...CLC Potomac Region Spring Show Greenbelt, MD

19 JUNE...Richmond AACA Spring Show and Swap Meet, VA

14-17 JULY.....CLC Grand National, Overland Park, KS

CLC Hampton Roads Region

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