



The Gold Standard

A periodical of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Hampton Roads Region

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 1st, 2010
7 p.m. at Crab Shack on the James
7601 River Road, Newport News, VA

JUNE 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 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 CLCPR.

These are excellent ways to get our region known out there.

The club members, who went on the Parkersburg tour had a great time. We all discovered historic facts that we had overlooked before in this area that is rich in Civil War history. We quickly found out why Jeff Locke likes the High Street Inn. A very nice bed & breakfast with a very charming hostess. If you are ever going to be in the Petersburg area, be sure to make a reservation to stay there.

The CLCGN is coming soon and you need to get your reservations in asap! Don't miss the fun this July!

Last but not least...Bob Geiger has volunteered to serve as Asst. Director for the rest of the 2010 term.

See you at our meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday June 1st. Your director, James Gregg

MINUTES FROM May 4th MEETING

There were 11 members in attendance. Ed Murrillo spoke about the restoration progress on Tom's '59 Caddy. It is now running and restoration should be completed by the end of June.

Ed's Rods & Recks (hot rod & classic car reconstruction) will have an open house May 29 from 8:00am to 3:00 pm. 2320 Mohawk Street, Norfolk 23513. Ed invited everyone to come over to see what he does. There will be several Caddies on site.

James Gregg spoke about the highlights of the club's recent overnight trip to historic Petersburg.

We are still looking for alternative locations for our monthly meeting. Several members are looking at some suggested locations to see if they will be suitable for a meeting.

James reminded members of the Potomac Region's show on May 16.

Submitted by Pamela Gregg, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening balance 4/1 \$3687.62. Checks (3) total \$61.15 \$46.15, \$10.00, \$5.00. (\$15.00 for our CCCHR membership. \$46.15 for speakers' meals.) Ending balance 3626.47.

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 VPCCC meeting was held on May 20th at Coxton Collision Center – Gold Team in Tabb, VA. There were 15 members in attendance. Ethan Landesman from Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Association spoke on what his lobbying organization does for the hobbyist.

They partner with other collector groups like the CCC.

1. They have a D. C. staff to contact the national Senators and Representatives.
2. They monitor all state legislation pending that affect our hobby.
3. They keep their subscribers informed on developments.
4. They requested a Bill through Senators Tester & Burr, to designate July 19th as "Collector Car Appreciation Day."

Please check the VPCCC website to make sure your club's info & events are listed. www.vpccc.org
On May 8th the various CCC's in Virginia met to discuss issues and three were the most interesting.

1. Lack of consistency between branches of the DMV throughout VA.
2. The illegal use of antique & vintage plates has decreased in the last year.
3. How do we deal with states that still don't issue car titles. It makes it tough to get a VA title.

Submitted by Don Baker

CCCHR Report

12 members were present at the meeting at Priority Chevrolet. The main discussion was about the relocation of the Spring Fling Car Show. It was moved from the Little Creek Amphibious Base to Pembroke Mall at the last minute. See show flyer attached with this newsletter.

Submitted by Viator Trudeau.

OUR 14TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT SUTTLE MOTOR CORPORATION

The show is set for Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 12526 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News. As in the past several years, the Show is also open to all Buicks, Oldsmobiles, and Pontiacs. First and second prizes will be awarded in each class, based on judging by exhibitors. Entry fees will be \$20 until September 1 and \$25 thereafter. Entry forms will be available by the time of July's Gold Standard newsletter and the July 6 region meeting. Mark your calendars now, and start looking for useful car-related items to donate to our auction/raffle. Also, we will need volunteers to sign up to perform specific duties at the Show, such as photography, set-up 8-9 a.m., registering entrants, directing show cars to the right spots, counting ballots, etc. And, last but not least, we welcome your ideas and efforts to improve the Show, increase attendance so that each year is better than the prior one. Contact Bob Geiger at bobnlettygeiger@aol.com or (757) 253-6501 in Williamsburg.

Hampton Roads Region Cadillac-LaSalle Club Spring Tour

On May 1st and 2nd Pamela & James Gregg, Don & Mary Baker, and Jeff Locke spent a wonderful weekend in Petersburg, VA. Jeff's wife, Pat, was unable to attend because she had hip replacement surgery on April 26th. Jeff, James & Pamela toured up route #460 together from Suffolk and met Don & Mary Baker at the High Street Inn B&B located at 406 High Street. The owner, and our hostess, Tina Bertenshaw, treats her guests as family and we'd all like to be part of her family. Jeff Stayed in the Sycamore Suite, where Kathryn Hepburn once stayed, and the Greggs and Bakers also enjoyed wonderful accommodations in this historic 1890's elegant Victorian Home.

After Tina shared the history of her home/B&B with us we went into the historic area of Petersburg and had lunch at Longstreet's Delicatessen. After a great lunch we went right next door to the Siege Museum. This highly unusual museum displays the history of the Siege of Petersburg from June 6, 1864 until March 25, 1864 when the Union forces finally broke through to Petersburg. The fall of Petersburg left the Confederate Capital of Richmond, VA without any significant supply routes and virtually defenseless. Lee's army began a retreat but Grant caught them at Appomattox, VA and Lee surrendered on April 3, 1865 virtually ending the Civil War. The museum features a wonderful film, narrated by Petersburg resident Joseph Cotton, about the siege and how it affected the inhabitants as basic necessities began to become very, very scarce. The museum displays depicted these hardships dramatically.

Then it was on to the Visitors' Center at the Petersburg Battlefield for a film about the trench warfare and the historic "Crater". The Crater itself was the result of a long tunnel dug by Union Forces (actually Pennsylvania coal miners) that was designed to have a stash of explosives set off directly under Confederate lines and when the explosives were set off, on July 30th, the Crater resulted. Unfortunately the Union forces went into the crater, instead of around it, and were slaughtered by the Confederate reinforcements. And thus the siege continued.

After inspecting the Crater we visited Blandford Church. More than 30,000 Confederate soldiers are buried there as a result of a group of Confederate women who worked for many years after the war to recover these remains from all over the area. In 1901 the Church was restored, not to be a Church but as a historic monument to the Confederate soldiers who died there. It was at this time that Tiffany Compass Windows, representing all the Confederate states (but one) with Saints and symbols, were installed.

That evening Tina prepared an elegant banquet for the five of us in the Dining Room of her elegant Victorian mansion. Then we adjourned to the Men's Salon to solve the world's problems with the beverages of choice.

Next morning, after a five course breakfast, we drove to Pamplin Park. There we visited exhibits on the life of a Civil War soldier in camp and battle, a plantation home under siege and where the Union Army broke through the Confederate defenses of Petersburg, and slave life. After the war the plantation was sold to a New York farmer and his family farmed it for three generations until descendants of the owners bought it back and donated it to Petersburg.

Then we enjoyed some of the best Bar-B-Que in the world at Kings Bar-B-Que and afterwards the Bakers started home while Jeff, James & Pamela visited the Center Hill Mansion where the richest family of Petersburg endured the siege.

Everyone unanimously felt that the High Street Inn and Tina Bertenshaw was the real highlight of the Tour but the Bakers really enjoyed the Siege Museum and the homes along High Street while the Greggs appreciated the Center Hill Mansion.

Well, you missed a good one. If you ever want to spend a delightful weekend go do what we just did, and be sure to stay at the High Street Inn (www.thehighstreetinn.com) and be sure to tell Tina that Jeff Locke says "Hello".

Submitted by Jeff Locke

CLCHRR August Picnic Plans....

HR Cadillac LaSalle Club Picnic will be on SUNDAY, August 8th at the home of Andy Ott, a friend of Jeff & Pat Locke, on the Pasquatank River across from Elizabeth City in Shiloh, NC

The cost to members and guests will be \$5/person with the Club providing hamburgers, hot dogs, shrimp, drinks, etc. This is to be a covered dish picnic with participants whose last names begin in letters A-L bring a side dish (potato salad, beans, etc.) and the remainder bringing deserts.

There will be prizes for the best side dishes and deserts as well as for Oldest Cadillac or LaSalle driven to the Picnic, Hard Luck, and others.

Andy's home is located about 2 hours from the Crab Shack so we will meet at the Locke's home in Chesapeake to follow him down or drive on your own (directions later.)

Andy is a consummate engineer and hobbyist. Although he doesn't own a Cadillac or LaSalle you will get to see one of his 1928 Stutzes, and progress on his Model A, Model T, and 1917 Studebakers. Additionally there will be food, boat rides, food, other water activities, food and did I mention FOOD!

Mark this on your calendars NOW. Reservations required.

Submitted by Jeff Locke 420-9028 jlocke@i-van.org

YOUR CLCHRR MEMBER UPDATE

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 or to the editor at jamesregg@aol.com, with stories and comments about themselves that other members would enjoy. It is a time to share your fun with others. Everyone enjoys hearing about other members stories about their experiences.)

Bettie Matthews is at Keswick Hall, Apt 636, 850 Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606.

You can also e-mail her at abmatt@cox.net and she would love to hear from you.

She said she misses our club and loves to get e-mails from us. So when you have something nice to forward to her or a message of encouragement, feel free to brighten her day.

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Yes, I know you are aware of the interesting presentation that Jeff and Pat gave us on interesting vehicles that he has appraised. Yes, I know you have been meaning to get your classic appraised so you will have a valid value in case something happens to it. Well... now is the time to call Jeff Locke at 757-421-9028 or jlocke@i-van.org, and get it done before you do all that driving to various shows and the CLCGN. He will come out to your house and make sure you have an accurate value on your classic, schedule him today!

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!

1 JUNE....CLCHRR Meeting, Crab Shack, NN, VA

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

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

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