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Cadillac & LaSalle Club

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Upcoming Events:

***Valentines Day Soiree - Feb 14
This Weekend!***

Buck's Brunch & Filoli Tour - March 21

Grass Valley Tour - April 24 & 25

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2010 Nor Cal CLC Calendar of Events

(*) Indicates an event of interest, but not an official club event.

February 14

Valentine Day Soiree at The Bricks in Redwood City

March 21

Filoli Gardens Tour

April 24&25

Grass Valley Car Show overnight trip

May 16

Marin/Sonoma Concours at the Marin Civic Center

May 16

Friendship Day*

June 27

Palo Alto Concours - Cadillac Featured Marque!

July 25

Portal Park Show, Cupertino

August 14

Novato Nostalgia Days

September 25

Ironstone Concours, Murphy's

October 1-3

North-South Meet - Location TBD

November 7th

Planning Meeting

December TBD

Tesla Plant Tour (Tentative)

If you have an event you'd like to share with the club for 2010, send it to Carolyn Dippel.

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A Message from Your President

Hello fellow Caddy Fans!

It seems like winter just keeps dragging by, doesn't it? Well yes, I'm very grateful for all the rain and the filling of the reservoirs and packing of the snow in the Sierras. Even though it was once again raining cats and dogs today in the Bay Area, I do see some signs of spring. Invitations to concours d'elegance are arriving in my US Postal mail box and in my electronic mail box. Tour season is not far around the bend. Last weekend, the rain storms let up for a day and I was able to crank up my '49 Cad convertible and back it out for a white wall washing and overall mop down. I ran errands to the laundry and grocery store, and took my dog Patches for a shower bath at the local Petco. It seemed that there were more than the usual thumbs up and smiling comments than usual as the Caddy rolled majestically past Peets Coffee and the Safeway. I think people are quite ready to see a brightly colored vintage car with newly washed wide white walls. It just makes you happy.

Have you seen what is coming down the pike from Cadillac? A new high-end model is slated for 2012 – the Platinum XTS. I surfed the web to see what I could find about this new model and was momentarily held in a trance as I read that it sported design cues from the Sixteen. When the Sixteen concept car debuted seven years ago in 2003, I was stunned. As I gazed at the photos, I forgot to breathe and practically fell on the floor while looking at that sleek, futuristic baby. Even after all these years, I still think the Sixteen is beyond beautiful and I pray for GM to get the chutzpa to build it for real.



I've included pictures of both the Sixteen and the XTS for comparison purposes. OK, so I can see a few design cues, and I think I'll like the XTS. But the Sixteen still blows me away and I am certain I'd be tempted to mortgage the farm to get on a buyers list. The XTS is an improvement over the current DTS which many think of as sort of dowdy. It appears that it will offer a very nice stable mate to the smaller and more sporty CTS. Here's what a couple of the industry pundits have to say.

www.autoguide.com reported that during GM's product technology event held at the Detroit Auto Show, CEO Fritz Henderson confirmed that the automaker's top-tier Cadillac brand will bring a new flagship sedan, as well as an entry-level sedan to market shortly.

The new high-end model will replace the DTS and is reportedly to be called the XTS. This full-sized luxury sedan will be based on the same platform as at the 2010 Buck LaCrosse and will be offered in both front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive configurations. The vehicle will reportedly use design cues from the Cadillac Sixteen Concept.



where Cadillac says it will build a new model to compete directly with the BMW 3 Series.

“We are determined to repeat what CTS has already achieved in design, quality, driving dynamics, performance and fuel economy to grow our presence in this high-volume and highly competitive segment,” said Henderson.

Unofficially known as the ATS, this new model will initially be offered only as a sedan in rear-wheel and all-wheel drive, but a coupe is likely if the sedan sells well.

At www.autoblog.com, Sam Abuelsamid reported that Last August we saw styling concepts of both those cars, dubbed the ATS and XTS during a visit to the GM design studios. GM isn't publicly showing the 3 series-sized ATS just yet, but the XTS is debuting today at the Detroit Auto Show. The XTS Platinum concept is a preview of Cadillac's new flagship that's expected to start production in early 2012. At the end of the day, the XTS Platinum concept probably provides a good look at the production car that will take over for Cadillac's two biggest cars. Questions that remain include how well you think this concept wears the brand's Art & Science design language and whether or not enough of the Sixteen concept's sizzle has found its way into the XTS.

While we wait for the XTS and while all of this ATS mystery swirls around, I'm still looking forward to seeing the “for real” CTS Coupe. In an article found at www.LeftLaneNews.com, Andrew Ganz says that Cadillac's CTS Coupe has been a long time coming. First shown in concept form nearly two years ago, the car was originally expected to be launched earlier this year. But the May 2009 on-sale date was pushed back during GM's restructuring.

I also rushed into the San Francisco Auto Show recently to get my first up close view of the Converj only to find it had left the party early. According to AutoBlog Green, the

Converj is built on the same Voltec platform as the Chevy Volt, the Converj was seen as a potential way for GM to leverage the pricey ER-EV drive train in a vehicle that could sell at a premium price, hopefully recovering some of the development costs. According to Todd Lassa at Motor Trend, the Converj has been given the green light for production in 2011, a year after the Volt launches. When we talked to GM's Bob Kruse at the Detroit show, he indicated a production Converj would likely use

exactly the same power train as the Volt although it could have different calibrations to allow somewhat higher performance than the Chevrolet.

So here we all are enjoying our vintage Cadillacs and reveling in their quality and style that has eclipsed the decades. And here is GM providing us with a virtual smorgasbord of new models to feast on. Maybe it's time to move on from the pedal-sticking Camrys and take a serious look at Cadillac again for our modern car needs. For now, my bed time prayers will still include the Sixteen.



- Charles Thompson



CLC Valentine's Social



Please join us on Valentine's afternoon at Jerry and Pat Brick's house, **Feb 14th from 2-5pm** for a get-together with wine & beverages, hors d'oeuvres, snacks, and desserts.

Cruise on over to our house to chat and socialize with your fellow members - old cars are encouraged but not required, and there's street parking or lots of room in our driveway.

Each person/couple should bring either an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert for 8 or more. Everything else will be provided.

Please RSVP by phone or email by Feb 10th with what you're bringing and the amount of tire-kickers in your group.

The address is 733 Crompton Rd, Redwood City. Respond to jbbbrick@yahoo.com or 650 366 0127. This will be a relaxing afternoon event, not dependent on having good weather - a nice way to start the tour season.



Notices

FOR SALE

1957 Cadillac Engine (365 ci) with Jetaway Transmission, complete engine - starter, generator, power steering pump, oil filter, 1 AFB & 2 Rochester Carbs. Everything is included. Engine is located in Hayward, CA \$800 OBO, Contact Mike at 510-581-5543

Pair of 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville fender skirts that need a new home asking \$50 for the pair. Contact Bob at 415-328-7501.



1978 Cadillac Eldorado Custom Biarritz with "POWER" T-Top, Car is in the East Coast, purchased it from California and had it shipped to New Jersey. Asking \$27,999.00
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Brunch at Bucks and Spring Garden Tour to Filoli

Meet us on Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Buck's Restaurant in Woodside for brunch (on your own) and then a mini-tour to Filoli 4.5 miles down the road. The spring gardens there should be in full bloom!

Maybe most well known for it's reoccurring appearance in the television series Dynasty, Filoli is a gorgeous home and garden right in our backyard. and was built by the owners of the Empire Mine in Grass Valley - Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers Bourn (if you went on the national tour last summer, you'll get to see how the owners of the mine lived). Mr. Bourn arrived at the unusual name Filoli by combining the first two letters from the key words of his credo: "Fight for a just cause; Love your fellow man; Live a good life."

Bring \$14 for admission to Filoli, if we get a group of 12 or more, they will knock \$2 off the admission price for us. When we arrive at the gardens we will do a self tour of Filoli home and grounds - the camelias should be in bloom, and plenty of other spring flowers as well.

Please RSVP by March 10th to Carolyn Dippel at 650-823-5584 or cadillacrazy@yahoo.com

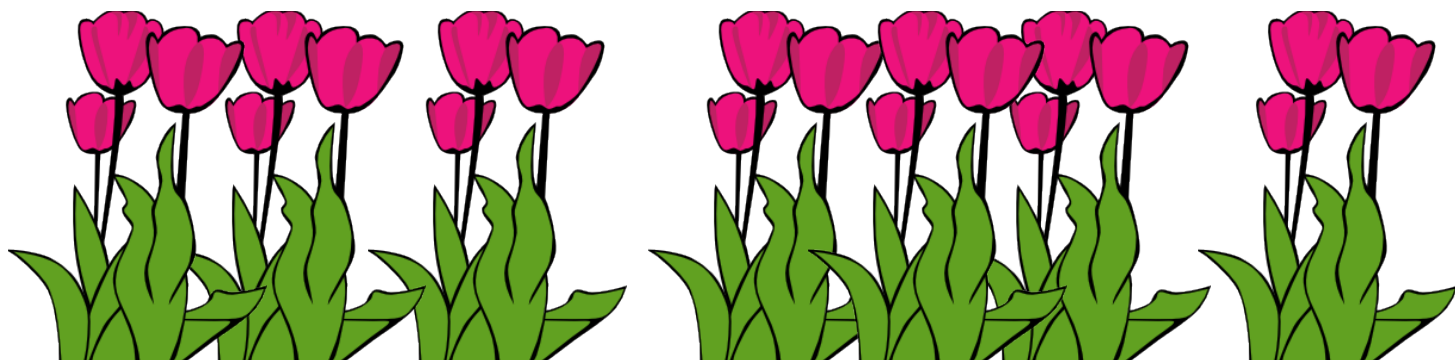


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GRASS VALLEY III Encore 2010

Tour, Car Show and Weekend Get Together

April 23 - 24, 2010 (Rain or Shine)

Sound familiar? This tour was a fabulous success twice in the past decade and it's time we repeat the experience. Grass Valley has a lot to recommend it... historic flavor, small town ambience, quaint hostelrys, excellent dining facilities, beautiful scenery, antiques and shopping, and no parking meters. Every April, the historic downtown area is reserved for all types of pre-1972 collector, classic and hobby cars, including hotrods. Limited to 350 cars, the show is the perfect venue for strolling on wooden sidewalks reminiscent of the Gold Rush era, peeking into rustic storefronts, or having homemade ice cream purveyed by a local street vendor. Should you prefer something trendier, you can view a sparkly bauble hand-crafted by an upscale designer, have a cocktail in an authentic saloon, or even catch a current flick at the restored (gorgeous) Art Deco theatre. And of course, there are the cars, friendly faces, and just hanging out with fellow members. Sometimes it rains, sometimes it doesn't.

Previously, we've stayed at the historic Holbrooke Hotel, now in danger of closing for the first time in its rich romantic past; and the upscale Grass Valley Courtyard Suites. Both are located in the center of all the action and promote slightly different amenities. The GV Courtyard Suites has many plushly appointed rooms with carports, while the ornate Holbrooke is comfortably furnished in period antiques and offers fine dining. At this writing and based on recent turnouts, it is doubtful we will qualify for a group discount (try AAA or AARP) so it is recommended that you visit their respective websites and take your pick. The hotels are within a short block of each other, with the Holbrooke Hotel facing directly over the car show, and the GV Courtyard offering a quieter location off the main drag. Either hotel is an excellent choice.

Plans for Friday night are still open at this time (depending on size of our group, we have options) and we will definitely have a group dinner after the show on Saturday night. Some members may only be able to drive up Saturday for the car show. **PLEASE RSVP just to tell me you're coming** and no up-front money is required.

More details will be published in the March newsletter. Meanwhile, contact the Downtown Grass Valley Association for car show application **(530) 272-8315** or visit www.downtowngrassvalley.com.

Visit www.holbrookehotel.net or www.gvcourtyardsuites.com for your reservation.

Want more options? See www.historicgrassvalley.com or www.grassvalleychamber.com, if you're in the mood for a B&B.

No email or have more questions? Call Sandy Carrion (510) 522-0536 or cadwomn1@hotmail.com.

CLC Board Meeting 1/16/2010

Board Minutes by Pat Brick, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm.

In attendance were Charles Thompson, Jerry Brick, Pat Brick, Sandy Carrion, Joe McDonald, Nick Rassushin, Carolyn Dippel, Jeff Nielsen, Don Barnes

The previous minutes were read and approved.

Ed Gunther spoke about the possibility of another National Driving Tour for 2012, maybe to Crater Lake. Ed has unanimous board support and will pursue it further. Ed also brought up the issue of the difference in cost between the email Headliner versus the hard copy version. The board will discuss this further.

Grand National for 2014 was brought up by Charles for discussion. We will need executive support, money, workers, and strong resolve. He suggested an event planner and small chores for each of us. We haven't missed any deadlines and have to start planning within one year if we are interested in actually doing a GN. Talked about possible areas to hold the event, and possible costs of various items. At present we are not committed but the board has agreed to check further to get more information to assist us in making a final commitment in 3-4 months. Jerry suggested connecting the GN with a charity which might give us good PR and get us many volunteers to help. Charles will start focus meetings.

Treasurers report was provided and accepted. Discussion with Sandy regarding sending a 1099 for David Brick for web management.

Tour director report: Sandy will put on April Grass Valley tour. Also we need to start looking for a new tour director and she might consider becoming a Member-at-large.

Membership report: Jeff resolved ballot problem and will send out updated ballot. Jerry will send out latest updated member list, Charles will update the labels.



Newsletter report: Carolyn said the next issue should go out by Feb 1st. She needs info on upcoming tours.

New business: Carolyn wants password protection or the board members addresses removed from the web pages - including PDF files

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☐ National CLC Member Number: _____. Or please check box if you have applied to National but don't yet have your member number. **Note: Membership in the National Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Inc. is a prerequisite for membership in the Northern California Regional Club. Please provide your National Member Number as soon as you have it.**

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10 Signature: _____ Date: _____