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Club Events Calendar

- March 11, 2004 (Thu) **Board Meeting.** Location Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55432, phone number 612-869-1037. Time: 7:00PM. All members are welcome.
- March 18, 2004 (Thu) **Burger Run. Sunsets Restaurant**, 700 E. Lake Street, Wayzata, MN 55391-1713. Phone # 952-473-5353. Time: 6:30PM. Upscale casual dining. Please notify Duane and Linda Warren if you are going to attend, Ph. # 763-420-7980. www.sunsetrestaurant.com
- April 12, 2004 (Mon) **Burger Run. Mancinis Char House Restaurant**, 531 W. 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55102-3091. Phone # 651-224-7345. Time: 6:30PM. You will be able to order steak, fish or chicken. The cost will be \$10.00 per person (**2 Club Members per Club family only**), includes tax, gratuity and coffee or milk. Please fill out the bottom portion of the flyer, located in this newsletter, and send it along with your check to Duane and Linda Warren by April 1, 2004. They need this information for making the final reservations. We would like to see 100 or more Club Members at this great event. We always have a great time at this establishment and the food and service is top notch. Make sure to look at the Mancinis flyer for more information and reservation slip.
- MAY 2, 2004 (Sun) **Buick Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet.** Location is the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. (Machinery Hill) Gates open at 7:00 AM, trophies at 2:30 PM. Cost is \$7.00 for car and driver until April 14, 2004, after that it is \$10.00. Admission for walk-in is \$5.00, under 12 with adult free, and seniors 62 and over free. For more information call 651-770-8096.
- May 13, 2004 (Thu) **Board Meeting.** Location Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55432, phone number 612-869-1037. Time: 7:00PM. All members are welcome.
- May 20, 2004 (Thu) **Burger Run. Doolittles Air Café**, 550 Winnetka Avenue N., Golden Valley 55427. (near Hwy. 55 and Winnetka) Time: 6:30PM. Phone # 763-542-1931. Please notify Duane and Linda Warren if you are going to attend, Ph. # 763-420-7980. Casual dining. www.doolittlesaircafe.com
- May 22, 2004 (Sat) **Spring Driving Tour.** This tour will be in Western Wisconsin. More information to follow.
- June 6, 2004 (Sun) **All GM Car and Truck Show.** This event is held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. Gates open at 8:00AM. We will need volunteers to help at this event. You only have to work a short time and then you have the rest of the day to walk around and enjoy the great cars and trucks. If you want to volunteer, contact Duane Warren, ph. # 763-420-7980. More information to follow.
- June 18 - 20, 2004 (Fri. - Sun.) **Back to the '50's.** This is one of the largest Car Shows in the country. Location Minnesota State Fair Grounds. For more information go to their Web Page MSRA.
- June 23 - 26, 2004 (Wed. - Sat.) **Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand Nationals.** Location is South Bend, IN. Host hotel Marriott in Downtown South Bend, IN. Cost is \$104.00 per night (4 nights). Hotel phone number is 1-574-234-2000. When making reservations make sure to tell them you are a member of the Cadillac LaSalle Club, so you get the discount rate. (\$104.00) To get more information check elsewhere in this newsletter under info. 2004 G.N.'s or go to the National Web Site: www.cadillaclasseclub.org
- July , 2004 **Driving Tour.** More information to follow.
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- August 19, 2004 (Thu) **Board Meeting.** Location Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55432, phone number 612-869-1037. Time: 7:00PM. All members are welcome.
- September 12 - 18, 2004 (Sun. - Sat) **National Driving Tour.** Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado) is hosting the National Driving Tour. Check their Web Site: www.rmrlc.com for more information.
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- September 24 - 26, 2004 **Fall Tour.** Paul and Millie Johnson will be leading us on another excellent tour. The tour will be in the 20th Street Minnesota River By-Ways. The Motel we will be staying at is the Microtel Inns & Suites, 424 South St., New Ulm, MN. Phone number 507-354-9800 or 1-888-771-7171. There are 15 rooms set aside, 12 rooms have two queen size beds and the remaining 3 rooms are suites. The price of the queen bed rooms are \$69.00 + tax a night and the Suites are \$79.00 + tax a night. If you are going to attend the fall tour you should make your reservations soon. When making reservations make sure to mention you are with the NorthStar Region/Cadillac LaSalle Club. Also when making reservations make sure to make them for Friday and Saturday night. Check our Web Site and The Herald for additional information.
- October 21, 2004 (Thu) **Board Meeting.** Location Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 E. 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55432, phone number 612-869-1037. Time: 7:00PM. All members are welcome.
- October , 2004 (Sun) **Annual Sunday Brunch.** More information to follow.
- November 18, 2004 (Thu) **Board Meeting.** Location Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, 345 E. 77th Street, Richfield, MN 55432, phone number 612-869-1037. Time: 7:00PM. All members are welcome.

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Ramblin Roy' Ramblings

Ramblin Roy's been Rambling around the Phoenix Valley. Like the Twin City area, the Phoenix Valley includes multiple

cities over several counties. In an area about 50 miles by 50 miles there are numerous car cruises and/or "Show and Shine" events weekly. One of the best known is at the McDonalds at "The Pavilions," a shopping center area on the East side at Indian Bend and the 101 Loop.

Every Saturday the official event starts at 4 PM, but, street rods plus collector, and special interest cars, of all types start assembling early in the day. The parking lot is cordoned off and posted with signs to arrange the vehicles by years and types. Several hundred cars turn out every week at this, and many other smaller gatherings throughout the Valley.

I caught images of several **pristine** Cadillacs from '59 through 2004 including: an **original** white '84 Seville and another original, "For Sale" black '79 Eldorado. I also took a couple shots of the latest Hot Rod from Cadillac, the XLR, owned by one of the writers for our National Magazine (see the personalized license plate).

The '59's present are of particular significance as the motif of this McDonalds is the '59 Caddy. From the license plates on the wall to the rear clip under the menu, everywhere you look are memorabilia of the famed finned cruiser. This

fast food franchisee has it going on.

Now for this months edition of little know facts and other extraneous trivia, this time from the "Sizzling '60's." Again we thank the "Auto Editors of Consumer Guide."

1960, in retreat from the styling excesses the whole lineup, from the bottom to the top, the 62 Series, DeVille, Eldorado and Series 60 Special, had the 390 cid V-8. Most were rated at 325 HP with a single 4bbl except the tri-power Eldo at 345. Cadillac out sold Lincoln, Chrysler & Imperial combined.

1961, tail fins were down to "Skegs," the tri-power motor was out along with the Eldorado Brougham, the new "short deck" sedan, while 7" shorter than its predecessor, was still 215" long. It was a ho-hum year design wise.

1962, the Ho-Hum continues, not much to talk about, like, it was the first year a heater was standard in all, the fins continued to shrink and lost their chrome trim and all Eldorados were rag tops.

1963, the 14-year run of the 390 was over, while the bore, valves, rockers, heads, compression and rods remained the same the displacement went up to 429. The redesigned dash led another more of the same year.

1964, the first fully automatic heater/
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 air conditioning system appears.
1965, vertically placed headlights, tilt-telescopic steering column available.
1966, speed-dependent, variable-ratio power steering.
1967, the Eldorado name was applied to a new two-door hard top based on the Olds Toronado's front wheel drive technology.
1968, mandated side marker lights, the motors went to 472 cid, up from the 429.
1969, back to horizontal headlights, vent-less front door windows.
 Sorry if anyone is offended, but this was a very boring decade. I certainly hope we have more to talk about next month in the '70's. See Roy's pictures on pages 6 and 7.
 Roy Boone, Club Columnist



Update Story on Grayle Leech's Engine Overhaul

Well, all of that cold weather during January and early February has affected my progress out in our freezing

garage. The actual days were few when I would venture out in the garage and attack that engine. I had a terrible time with stuck head bolts. I used many kinds of penetrating oil, ratchet wrenches, impact wrenches and various hammers. I was able to pull the right head free without too much struggle. The left head did not want to budge. I was down to only two stuck bolts and one unfortunate broken bolt when the really cold temps hit the garage. Finally, Saturday saw temps in the 20's so I tried again with the resolve to bust-em loose no matter what. Well, one did finally turn loose, but that last one broke. I couldn't believe how the head of the bolt snapped off and left the shank of the bolt frozen in the head. I had to take a photo of how I used the whole head to turn the broken bolt out of the block.

Now I am again slowly taking down the rest of the engine to examine the parts.

Grayle Leech, Club Member



Information on the 2005 Grand Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa

Dear NSR Members,
 Did you know that the 2005 Grand National show is going to be in Des Moines Iowa

(only 275 miles south of the Twin Cities) NEXT YEAR in 2005 !?

Did you know that the NSR Club is participating in the 2005 GN event as a co-host with 2 other CLC Regions? Well, it's TRUE -Mark your calendars for the event dates are AUGUST 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2005

Really, it started about 2 years ago, but time moves on. So the time is NOW to start talking about and thinking about it so we can be prepared.

Here is an invitation for you to get involved and participate: This coming July 2004, there is a meeting planned in Des Moines on Saturday 7/31 in the afternoon. We'll be talking about the 2005 GN CLC show and the plans leading up to the event. We're staying at the GN hotel, (University Park Holiday Inn) so we can get a lead on the layout and shortcuts! Saturday night rate is \$79 for our group. The Iowa Crossroads club is organizing a CAR SHOW on the next day, Sunday 8/1- all Cadillac's are welcome.

Of course, you all should plan to attend the 2004 GN in June. This is another planning meeting and an opportunity to learn more about the behind-the-scenes, and organizational details that go in to putting one of these large gatherings together. We'll be having a meeting with the Indiana host club to discuss their experience during the 2004 GN that they are hosting this year in 2004.

Start thinking about some the areas that YOU want to help out with: .

- * Judging of show cars
- * Coordinating the swap-meet areas and vendors
- * Security for participating cars, we have a dedicated lot . Hospitality for visitors and guests
- * Helping with communications: before, during and after the event .Helping at the registration and information desks
- * Helping with tours and related needs during the days of the event
- * Technology assistance with web pages and data base management for registrations
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