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Gene and Anne Peltier's Newly Acquired Ride 1941 Cadillac Limousine

(Also see other car pictures and Garage Tour story inside this newsletter)



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Club Events Calendar

- 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 9, 2004 (Sun) **First Fifty Car Show and Swap Meet.** Location, Minnesota State Fairgrounds - Machinery Hill. Time, 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Pre-Registration \$15.00 w/T-shirt, deadline April 15, 2004, after that \$15.00 no T-shirt. 1977 and older antique, collector, street-rod, customs, muscle cars, trucks and specialty interest vehicles. For information and registration forms call 763-755-6600.
- 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. We will meet at the Hudson, WI Country Kitchen. If you wish to have breakfast before the tour, meet there at 8:00 AM. We will be leaving on the Tour at 9:00 AM sharp. Directions, while traveling East on I-94 take a right turn at Exit #2 (Carmichael Road) in Hudson, WI. The restaurant is just a block or so South of I-94 in the Shopping Mall. Roger Koelln and Earl Faulkner Sr. will be leading us on this one day tour.
- 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. (www.msra.com)
- 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.cadillaclasalleclub.org
- July , 2004 **Driving Tour.** More information to follow.
- August 1, 2004 (Sun) **Car Show.** The Iowa Cross Roads Region/Cadillac LaSalle Club will have their 5th Annual Classic Car and Truck Show. The show will be held at Betts Cadillac. Time: 9:30 AM - Noon registration, judging 12:30 - 3:00 PM. Awards at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$18.00 day of the show, \$15.00 pre-registration before July 15, 2004 or if you are a current CLC Member. For more information check their Web Site: www.iowacrossroadsregion.org.
- 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.
- August 22, 2004 (Sun) **City and Lakes Tour.** Pre-war cars encouraged to attend. This tour will be lead by Duane and Linda Warren. We will be stopping at Fort Snelling Vets Home and visit with the Vet's. We will end up at Porky's Drive-In for early supper. Starting location info. to follow.

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- 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.
- September 24 - 26, 2004 (Fri - Sun) **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.

LOCAL WEEKEND CAR SHOW INFORMATION

Downtown St. Paul— Starts Saturday, May 29 - October 2, 2004. Kellogg Blvd., between Robert and Wabasha Streets. 6:00 PM start time. No car show on Saturday, July 3, 2004 due to Taste of Minnesota.

Downtown North St. Paul— Starts Friday, June 11- September 17, 2004. Parking on 7th Avenue and surrounding area. No parking in the area until 5:00 PM.

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Cadillac Standard Of The World



Ramblin Roy's Ramblings

Ramblin Roy's Rambling through a Cadillac recycle/junk yard. It's like a candy store. 400 '89 and older rust free AZ Cadillac's in various states of disassembly, many parts on display in the office, even some new parts in the warehouse. Parts leave by UPS daily. Knowledgeable, staff, I've died and gone to heaven and learned a lot on this trip through a Cad Cemetery.

Ramblin through one many AZ Adult RV Parks, Jack Nelson's '66 Mirage caught our eye. A retired Cadillac salesman, Jack bought his '66 in really rough condition and tinkers on it in his spare time. The Monday after the Sunday these pictures were taken he made an appointment to get the transmission

rebuilt. He definitely has enthusiasm about Caddy's.

Cruisin (another way to Ramble) to the "Copper Country Cruise" in Globe, AZ, a really bright yellow '59 was the only Caddy out of nearly 100 entrants. The city was one big party including Main Street lined with '72 and older special interest vehicles and a big parade chuck full of horse apples.

Movin' on, (yet another form of Ramblin) regular readers may have noticed we skipped reviewing the "Sensational '705" in our series of the '405, '505, '605 & '705. Last month we got caught up in the Eldorado, The Golden One, thing instead.

1970's were simply freshened up versions of the '69 but scored a record year sales of 283,745. The most popular models were the Coupe DeVilles and Sedan DeVille pillar less hardtops powered by

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the 472 CID V-8. Demand was on the rise for the 500 CID/400 HP Eldorado and a sunroof joined the option list.

1971 - Known as the "Standard of The World" since the early years, Cadillac continued to convey a certain stature in the early 70's before the fuel crisis changed the way we thought. The first Eldorado convertible replaced the DeVille soft-top and started at \$7751.

'72 - This writer's Ho Hums of the sixties has set in again in the seventies. Ho Hum!

'73 - The big news was a new 5MPH bumper integrated into the body's design to avoid the "pasted on" look.

'74 - The John Wayne hefty and heroic stature of the DeVille's continued.

'75 - All Cadillac's, except the new Seville, touted the de-rated 190 HP, 500 CID V-8. The "Compact" Seville was introduced to compete with Mercedes. Its "international size" was moved along briskly by Oldsmobile's Fuel Injected 350 with sporty handling to match.

'76 - A fuel-injected version of the 500 CID engine became available at 215 HP. In an era of 5000# cars the Sixty-Special Brougham 4-door tipped the scales at 5200#. Also this was the last year of the Eldorado Convert.

'77 - Cadillac's, except the Eldorado, were dramatically down-sized, standard engines went 425 CID. Jimmy Carter

Became President as some recovery from the '73-'74 energy crisis began.

'78 - A Chrome Wire Wheel and two-toned paint option appeared for Seville's, opera/coach lights were a popular option. The Diesel option spread to the Seville.

'79 - Since the beginning, relied on strong owner loyalty. Writer's stated owning a Cadillac was an integral part of "The Good Life". Down-sizing dropped the Eldorado, last of the "Really Big" Cadillac's, to the Seville size, 20" shorter, 8" narrower and 1200# lighter than it's predecessor. This concludes the series, tune in next month for ??????. Thanks again to the "Auto Editors of Consumer Guide"

Roy Boone, Club Columnist

Ramblin Roy's Pictures



Another Update Story on Grayle Leech's Engine Overhaul

I completed stripping out all of the parts from the block in early March and then took the block to the machine shop. Currently I'm busy ordering engine parts (lots of them) and delivering them to the machine shop as they arrive. Next, the block is waiting its place inline

To go through all of its cleaning and machining steps. I would expect to have the block back at home for assembly by the end of April.

Grayle Leech, Club Member

Notice

Remember the All GM Car and Truck Show, Sunday, June 6, 2004. Gates open at 8:00 AM.

Grayle Leech's Engine Block

