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For the tour the Allens planned for us a fabulous ride through the curvy, the hairpins, and the hilly Talihina National Scenic Byway and the scenic mountain drive, while members oohed and awed over the bright red, gold, orange and yellow leaves brightly showing off their autumn coats. This was 54 miles along the crest of Rich Mountain and Winding Stair Mountain in the Ouachita National Forest (pronounced Wash-i-tah).

Bright and early in the beautiful Saturday morning on November 8 we traveled through (I just have to mention) the towns of Tushka (population 345), Atoka (named for Chief Atoka of the Choctaw Indians, and site of the civil war Battle of the Middle Boggy River & Depot), Stringtown (Bonnie Parker's mother lived there in the 1930s), Daisy (home of Clarence Carnes, who at 18, was the youngest inmate ever sent to Alcatraz), and Sardis Lake & Dam, and then on to the little jumping town of Clayton, Oklahoma.

Clayton was where we were treated to free coffee and a big surprise at the Cowboy's Sweetheart Flower and Gift shop. Ramona Reed, mother of shop owners Dusty and Karen Smallwood, sang, "I want to be a Cowboy" and yodeled. Ramona, now 88, used to sing with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, Hank Williams, Roy Acuff and many more country legends, and was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2008. Others in the town that greeted us also were the media, Baptist minister Todd Minschell and Sheriff Jimmy Joe James and his wife Jennifer, and Sam and Pam Marshall driving a red SRX Cadillac. Plus the shop had a car painted in the shop's window with the words------- "Welcome Cadillac Group" (that's us).

It was hard to leave but we forged on to the entrance of the highway 1 scenic drive. The many vista view parking spots were suspenseful and beautiful sights overlooking the colorful valleys and brilliant mountains showing off their many fall colors. Near the Kerr Nature Center (known as the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum, Nature Center and Botanical Area) we enjoyed visiting with each other, the sixteen of us, over a tasty picnic lunch. All worth while.

Upon our return trip to Durant we traveled through Antlers, Stanley (deep in the Kiamichi Mountains), Dunbar (framed by Dunbar Mountain on the east and Bull Creek Mountain on the west), Eubanks, Wadena, Kosoma (a real ghost town), and Moyers (once a timber and asphalt boom town). One of the non-farm sights we passed was an old gas station that had pumps with glass tops.

NTXCLC members enjoyed a fabulous, exciting, fun- filled weekend, traveling over the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge (Oklahoma's only through Warren truss with curved top chords. A scene from the movie, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, was filmed on this bridge.) and north Lake Texoma (also called Roosevelt) heading back towards Texas.

But before we could leave we all sat down to a fabulous barbeque dinner at the Main Street Barbeque in Durant. Fine fixin's at a reasonable price and a chance to socialize and relax.

Thanks to all who participated, especially a big thank you for all the work Robert and Paula did.

Golden Quill

Winner Golden Quill Award 2012 2013

Fall Foliage Tour 2014



Fall Tour members:Bob Musser,Steve and Debbie Overby, Virginia Andrews, Chad Hannah, Rubye Mae Musser, Paula Allen, Ramona Reed, Joyce and Randoll Reagan, Jim White, Robert Allen, Ned and Karen Hannah, Karen Smallwood - gift shop owner. Not shown are Mona Wester, and Bill and Carole Levy



Fall Foliage Tour 2014



Robert Allen gave the tour members the iternerary and route so hopefully we would not get separated or lost. It worked well. Here at breakfast at the Hampton Inn in Durant Ned Hannah, Rubye Musser, Robert,Randoll Reagan and Bob Musser review the day.









Robert and Paula Allen entertain the members of the tour at their classic home in Durant with a lovely dinner and tour of the home. Shown are Virginia Andrews, Ruby Mae Musser, Karren Hanna, and on the left side of the table Carle and Bill Levy and Paula Allen.



Sam and Pam Marshall, Rubye Musser, and Robert Allen in front of the Cowboy Sweetheart Flower Gift shop.

Activities Director's Calendar

Get your Toys ready for **Toys for Tots**, Dec 13th at Frank Kent Cadillac, 3500 West Loop 820 S, Fort Worth, TX 76126. FILL YOUR CADDY TRUNKS----bring toys and ENJOY a Free Hot Dog and Drink. 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

January 4th, 2015 Sunday Our Christmas Extravaganza Doulbletree Hotel, Irving, Tx. PERIOD ATTIRE befitting the year and model of your car. There will be some prizes. Exciting!!!!!!! See pages 6 for some ideas.

February 14 2015, The NTXCLC Valentine Party.

April 2015 Pate Swap Meet Activities—Saturday, April 18th Setup, and April 22-25 Swap Meet Support, with April 26 Pate Swap Meet Tear Down Day. BE THERE.

So come on and get in the groove for the exciting times ahead.

Also worth noting: **Sept 23-27 2014 National Driving Tour** Kokomo, Ind to Hickory Corners, MI. Gilmore event. Grand Opening 9/28.

June 24-27 2015 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Milwaukee, WI. Reservations at The Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield, Phone: (1)(262) 364-1100 \$104.00 per night. (Make reservations for the 22—27 and enjoy the early tours.)

August 2015. The Motor City Region CLC will be hosting a National Driving Tour in conjunction with the Woodward Dream Cruise. Their driving tour will take place during the week leading up to the official 'show' day.



Dues Time

December 31st is the deadline for you NTXCLC members to renew your membership and pay your dues. Its not much, just **\$20.00**. Think of it as less than \$.06 a day to be part of the greatest group you know. National dues will be billed to you directly from Columbus, Ohio, so don't pay them here. Only the Regional dues.

If you were a new member in 2014, or paid a few years ahead (you know who you are) then do not pay this time. However for the rest of us, send a check, payable to NTXCLC to **Bill Haesslein, 5744 Caracas Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180.** If your address, cars you own, e-mail address, phone number, spouse name has changed, add that information so we can update the records and files with your check.







President's Message

This year we are doing something different for our annual Christmas Party Extravaganza. Instead of asking for *after five* clothes, we want you to dress up in the clothing popular with the period that your car was made. From the thirties to the 21st century clothing look similar but the styles were different. Before the 80's all men wore hats, usually went important places in suits, and wore (ugh) ties. Ladies wore dresses with different hem lines, wore hats, and looked all dressed up, even when casual. In the fifties, after the war, styles evolved into some interesting casual wear, like leather jackets, tee shirts, pink poodle skirts, pants suits, and saddle shoes. The clothing industry had a time with the fashions, and now you can have some fun, too. Google the web for the period you are interested in and pick out YOUR style for the time your car was in the showrooms. This can be some real fun and we want to award some prizes for these fashions at the party. Be cool, slick, neat, and have fun.

Also, the reservation form is on the next two pages. Fill out the next page (page 7 and 8), cut out the page, fold it over with your payment (if any – or give it at the door the night of the party), tape it shut, place a first class stamp upon the corner and mail it. We **need your reservation by December 30**th for proper planning, so do it now.

Sunday January 4, 2015 Doubletree Hotel 8220 Esters Blvd at Highway 114, Irving, TX 75063 Mail to Bill Haesslein, 5744 Caracas Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 Checks are made out to NTXCLC.







So many styles, so many trends, It will take some study for your period to decide on a style just for you.

Rubye

Under the Editor's Bonnet



by Lifer

Hoods up, Hoods down. That's the question for how to present your ride at a car show. Some engine compartments have new engines, lots of chrome, special firewall treatments, it looks way better than Detroit ever imagined (or tried to copy). So, this is a hoods up event and the contents need to be shown off.

Then there are the amazing classics that have engines that are magnificent engineering marvels, and seen in so few cars, like Duesenburgs and Packards and Cadillac V-16s. Polished blocks and heads, chrome in the right places and a web of wires, tubes, and pipes that challenge the mind. Hoods up, please.

Then there are the survivors, or the OEMs (stock) that are cared for, primped, cajoled, and pampered. The engine room is clean, bright, shiny, and well cared for. Pride. Everything is correct, as it was on day one, and kept in inspection condition. Proud caretaker. Hoods up. Alright.

Or we have one that under the hood its, well, a bit oily, greasy, rusty, water marked, hanging loose, needs some love and attention. Still goes fast, starts every time, but you need to wear cloves to touch it. Been around, done it's job, and looks it. Let's keep the hood down, for sure.

Now you know.





Classifieds

CARS FOR SALE



1950 Cadillac Good condition, not running, needs water pump repair, brakes checked, tune-up, fresh fuel, clear title, fresh fluids, routine minor maintenance. \$9,500. Robert Burke (210) 326-9012 (Oct 14)

Wanted I have the usual NorthStar V8 oil pan gasket leak. Has anyone found a good shop to do this work? It involves removing the engine, etc. Karen Phillips (817) 472-4260 (oct 14)

Early Cadillac sales literature from 1971 thru 1982. Also color charts for same. About 49 items some are hard to find. 1973 Cadillac Master Parts Catalog, list all parts for Cadillac's from mid 1950 to 1973. Also 1949, and 1950 Cadillac Shop Manuals. All in very good condition. Otis Welch 817-428-8717 <u>otelch@gmail.com</u> (Dec14)

FOR SALE 1924 Cadillac V63 SN 63F248. Original glass, upholstery, no dents, no accidents. Have some history for-Texas, Iowa, AZ. Maintained but not restored. \$27,500. Charles Miller, Rockwall, Texas. Email <u>miller-</u> candb@yahoo.com or tel. (972) 771-5433

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1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz CLC member is asking \$57,995. Reasonable offers considered. Details can be found at http://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/carsforsale/cadillac/eldorado_biarritz/1699934.html (Dec14)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bill Haesslein

Welcome New Members:

Nathan L. Elmore, Arlington, Texas Tom and Alice Brown, North Little Rock, Arkansas



There are 17 car clubs that manage the Pate Swap Meet each year. If every member of the North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle club recruited just one new member each, we would be the biggest club in the swap meet. Remember, the member count, beside meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.

For membership information— Contact Bill Haesslein at *billhsIn@airmail.net* COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PRICES

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Rubye Musser	2014 NTXCLC OFFICERS
Please to continue to pray for rain, our soldiers, veter- ans and our unfortunate members. Jim Warren, Minnie Bedrick, Cecil Thompson, Al Haltiwanger, Buddie Walton, and Rudy Bedrick. Happy Birthday to all having birthdays this month. Rubye	President: Rubye Musser (817) 996-8066 rubyemusser@yahoo.com Vice President: Jim Warren fordcoupeman@hotmail.com Secretary: Terry Graham terry@abaxial.net Treasurer: Neil Jefferson <u>neiljefferson@att.net</u> Webmaster: Minnie Bedrick <u>rudminbed@centurylink.net</u> Membership: Bill Haesslein billhsln@airmail.net Activities and Sunshine: Rubye Musser rubyemusser@yahoo.com Newsletter & Distribution: Bill Levy (214) 563-1033 lifer@writeme.com Pate Director: Neil Jefferson <u>neiljefferson@att.net</u>
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Club Dues -- National Dues

We want to remind everyone that CLC National Dues starting in 2014 is \$40.00. Checks for National Dues should be made payable to CLC, Inc. and mailed to Cadillac & LaSalle Club, INC., PO Box 360835, Columbus, OH 43236-0835

National sends out a dues renewal notice on your anniversary date with National, That date is printed on the address label on back cover of the Self-Starter. Our club dues (NTXCLC) continue to be \$20 and checks should be made payable to NTXCLC and mailed to Bill Haesslein.

On occasion, a member will submit their National dues with our club dues to us. If we don't receive separate checks, we must deposit the check and then write and mail one of our club checks to National. Separate checks save time and postage.







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*February 14th 2015 Valentine's Day Party (details coming).



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Aug 11-15 2015 National Driving Tour Motor City Region.