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17th Interregional Tour 2014

Story by Rubye Hubbard Musser, President



While beginning this message I was watching and pulling for my horse California Chrome. So the chrome fits right in with part of our Interregional trip to Salado, TX. And because we had our eyes feasting on a few rare beauties, like a brand new 1931 V12 Cadillac Series 370 A convertible coupe owned by our new NTXCLC members, William (Bill) and Jeannie Clark who join us all the way from San Antonio.

The Interregional tour with North Texas Region being the host region and our guest, the Gulf Coast Region gathered in Salado, Texas for a superb week-end of socializing, car-barn flying, and touring of the Central Texas area, South of Temple. Twenty-four members and family brought thirteen Cadillacs and LaSallees of various years and models to participate in the tour. And for the first time we had the presence of our Region Vice President, Tim Coy, all the way from Colorado.

The 17th annual Interregional meet on May 19, 30, 31 and June 1 was headquartered at the old historic STAGECOACH Inn in Salado, Texas. The North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club had the privilege of hosting this tour – and that also gained it the honors of being selected as a NATIONAL DRIVING TOUR for points earned toward the CLC National Grill Badge.



Our driving tour began for some NTX members meeting in Cleburne and visiting Clifton Classic Chassis Museum at Clifton, TX. This was a beautiful, 20,000 square foot remodeled museum containing @35 classic cars. It was a very enjoyable visit. Some shiny cars, lots of chrome, and many bullets to view along with the memorabilia belonging to Dr. Terry Watson. Royce Graham was very gracious overseer and curator. Afterwards We passed by the ClifTex theater. It is Texas oldest continuously operating movie theater since 1917. we stopped at the Sulak's Cech Bakery and Meats in Clifton where we enjoyed a nice lunch of Czech sausage kolaches.



Our tour of 169 miles took us through many small Texas communities, such as Cleburne Johnson Co Courthouse. All along the way ,we view many scenic sights, hills and many historical markers one being the Chisholm Trail known as the famous cattle drive that played a major role in Texas history and the Livestock Auction. Then we had a stunning view of passing many more communities such as Morgan, Meridian the home of the quaint



Bosque Co Court house that was built in 1886. Mountain, Gatesville home of the last drive-in picture show and some of the correctional housing for female prisoners. In Flat we crossed over a great view of the Leon River, and in Belton we passed by the home of Mary Hardin Baylor University. History and beautiful scenery, all in one nice package. Plus a great picture of the cars parked on the hill and peering down into the LHoist Limestone quarry.

Winner Golden Quill Award 2012 2013



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The Meridian cattle auction yard was note worthy, plus the junk yard with army trucks, tractors trucks, and cars. Little country towns each with its history entertained us on the drive.

Arriving in Gatesville we passed a correctional facility for women. On the north side of Fort Hood, we crossed over cattle guards and saw cattle grazing alongside the road noting the military camp sites. In Belton we passed another historical courthouse and the Mary Hardin Simmons University, finally arriving in Salado. It was a very scenic enjoyable back road drive. Our tour of 134 miles had taken us through many small Texas communities, such as Cleburne with its scenery and hills and many historical markers of the Chisholm Trail, Morgan, Meridian, Mountain, Gatesville, home of the last drive-in picture show, Flat, and Belton, Texas. History and beautiful scenery, all in one nice package.



By evening we were settled in to the historic Stagecoach Inn, Salado. This hotel was founded in 1861 and is the longest continuously operating hotel in the state of Texas. The Inn was built as a stagecoach stop along the Chisholm Trail. The guest book features General George A. Custer, Robert E. Lee, and Jesse James, along with cowboys, desperados, and travelers.



Friday morning, after a kolache breakfast in the hospitality room the Cadillacs and LaSalle headed out to the back roads of the fields of crops and Cech churches & steeples toward Taylor, Texas through Walburg, Texas. The area was settled n different communities by Germans, Czech/Bohemians, and Swedish settlers. The spires of churches depict their background and customs. Passing the Corn Hill community , the Holy Trinity Catholic church has 3 languages Latin, Czech, and German. In Jonah we passed by a cemetery noted for two Confederate veterans buried there, and an old iron bridge, and the high fence housing Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) which controls electric power for the State of Texas.



In Taylor, Texas we visited the auto restoration shop of Jeff's Resurrections. Jeff Snyder and his wife and his restoration staff gave us tour of some very interesting work in progress of different autos. He was restoring some very pretty and very high dollar cars all way from England and Italy, and was also very warm to Cadillacs. Afterwards we motored over the famous Louie Mueller's BBQ and had a superb lunch of their famous brisket, sausage, and ribs. Originally opened in 1936 as a Safeway Grocery, it has been a family business ever since.



Leaving Taylor we passed the SPJST --originally chartered as the Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu of Texas , the Slavonic Benevolent fraternal Order of the State Of Texas for the social centers for Czechs.

We crossed over Granger Lake and Dam, built in the U.S. Corps of Engineers 1970's for flood control reservoir on the San Gabriel River. We stopped for some scenic beauty and refreshment.



Afterwards we all returned to Salado for an afternoon of relaxation and shopping at some of the unique shops, many just enjoying , visiting and re-acquainting themselves in the hospitality room.

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Our evening convoy drive was to the Walburg German –Biergarten restaurant for some different foods with a good ol' German food with German-American flavor. It was a hit with everyone. After dinner we enjoyed some good German Oompa music before heading back to the hospitality room in Salado.



On Saturday morning the trail boss, Bill Shipp and Ford McWilliams, did a great job of herding our Caddies and LaSalle to Fort Hood, Texas. This fort covers a total of 340 miles and support multiple units, corps headquarters, and a robust mobilization mission. Fort Hood also meets the training and support requirement for many small units and organizations, thus maintaining a vital defense force for the United States of America.



Upon arrival we were quickly checked in at the Bernie Beck Visitor center, and proceeded to the 1st Cavalry ACR (Armored Cavalry Regiment) museum. It was a splendid place that showed the history of the Cavalry. Outside it had numerous vehicles and aircraft once used by the "cav" with some equipment still in used today. It was very interesting and also a sad time reading and noting those listed giving their lives to help with our right to freedom.



The ladies relaxed while the boys took in the military hardware on display outside at the museum



I get excited when I see my former equipment which brings back many memories. *Lifer*

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Afterwards we all went over the Black Jack Inn Dining Facility, one of the newest in the Army today. Opened in November, 2010 with seating for 550 soldiers and visitors/guests. The facility can serve 1,500 meals per meal time of equipment that rivals 5-star facilities. It even had a carry-out door and a drive in window. Our members who are veterans were highly impressed with this new Army item and reserved room.



Black Jack Inn and staff opening day



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We had a very pleasant visit at Fort Hood, thanks to all our members who provided their information ahead of time. Thanks to the Bernie Beck Visitors Center, and Sgt Mooreland at the Cav Museum, and the Black Jack Inn Dining Facility for providing a reserved dining room us.

Upon our return toward Salado the guys enjoyed a peek at the Little Valley Auto Ranch for some recycled parts shopping (we used to call this a junk yard), while the ladies gleaned over the neat little antique shops in Salado.



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Our Saturday night the banquet dinner was held at the Stagecoach Inn restaurant, where awards were presented and special people recognized. Tim Coy, VP from Lewisville, Colorado, received the long distance award. Nels and Phyllis Thomsen and Neil Jefferson were awarded the hard luck awards. The Thomsen's Alante was put in the shop in Belton to have a new alternator and Neil limped his 93 Alante with brake problems back to McKinney and drove his 91 Alante back to Salado. Our new members from San Antonio, William and Jeannie Clark trailed their beautiful sporty 1931 Cadillac but had to spend Saturday repairing the pickup. The rest of members enjoyed vying for a drawing prize. Rubye was presented a Precious Moments girl sporting a little car from Neil and Mariane Jefferson. For his birthday Bill Ische was presented the famous Stage Coach restaurant Strawberry Kiss plus all members sang a joyous Happy Birthday.



National CLC designated North Texas Interregional as a National Driving Tour, which enabled the members to acquire points toward the Grill Badge.

Everyone enjoyed immensely the comrade of friends and fun of all attending.

I love you all. Thank You So Much for making our 17th Interregional special. And to boot, a National Driving tour for you to obtain points for your Grill Badge. Hope you had a great time.



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- Dave & Kathy Eckberg
- Tim Coy
- Rubye & Bob Musser
- Neil Jefferson
- Virginia Andrews
- Pauline Johnston
- James Woody
- Reagan & Betty Hammett
- Bill Schipp
- Ford McWilliams
- Bill & Carole Levy
- Norm & Pauline Ofstad
- Bill Golasinski
- Phyllis & Nels Thomsen
- Duane & Jenny Medley
- Bill & Sandy Ische
- David Samuelson
- Dr. Bill & Jeannie Clark
- Lupe Tynan

Photos courtesy of Rubye Musser, Phyllis Thomsen, Neil Jefferson, Lifer, and the U.S. Army-Ft. Hood



Thirteen great Cadillacs & a LaSalle on this great Interregional event.



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TOP 10 SELLERS

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1961 MERCEDES-BENZ 190SL **\$121,00**

1970 PLYMOUTH SUPERBIRD 440 **\$118,000**

1969 INTERMECCANICA ITALIA SPYDER **\$111,000**

1968 SHELBY GT350 HERTZ RENT-A-RACER **\$104,500**

1970 PLYMOUTH 'CUDA **\$102,300**

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1933 LASALLE 345 C FISHER TOWN COUPE **\$97,700**

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This is the 13th Annual presentation of this show. The North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club has a reserved a curb for our display. We need your Cadillacs and your LaSalles for this worthwhile show in downtown Ft. Worth. The NTXCLC considers this an important participation, and you get, in return, a t-shirt, a sponsor's goodie bag, and a chance to show that we care.

Mail your registration check of \$35.00, payable to NTXCLC to: Bill Levy, 206 Turnberry Lane, Coppell, TX 75019; or Neil Jefferson, 816 Creekline Way, McKinney, TX 75070.

(All fees are considered donations and are tax deductible. Tax ID# 330998003)

We need your name, address, phone, T shirt size, are you a prostate survivor Y/N, and car-year and model. Please respond by **July 15** if possible so we can track the car count. Space is tight in Ft. Worth and we don't want to miss out by not claiming our curb in time.

Please do not register on line—we need to track the names and the number of participants for the club.

Note: The show runs officially from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00m p.m. Gates open at 6:00 a.m. Be there by 9:00 a.m. Many of us have been getting to our spot early and making a fine breakfast get-together at 8:00 a.m. as part of the memories of the day.



Classifieds

CARS FOR SALE

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1965 Cadillac CDV Conv., white on white, orig. owner, never wrecked, always garaged, first place in many regional meets, third place plaque in 1996 Grand Natl., 121K mileage and still going strong, featured in June 2000 CLC Self Starter, best offer over 35K. Mary Gitelman [214-363-6700](tel:214-363-6700) (June)



1941 Cadillac Convertible Coupe Older restoration looks great, but needs tender care. Owned since 1966. Car located in Keller, TX. Otis Welch 817-428-8717 otwelch@gmail.com (July)

1953 Cadillac Model 62 sedan. 55000 original miles. Orig Calif. car-garaged but not maintained or driven since 1992. \$1500 OBO. Tim Riead [972 416-3881](tel:972-416-3881) (June)



Parts needed:

1964 Cadillac Series 62 Complete. Recent extensive mechanical restoration, no rust, original perfect chrome / interior. Full pwr plus AC. \$12,575 OBO 214-707-0773 & wghorst@sbcglobal.net for pictures that show #2 Hagerty point car.(July)



1984 Sedan DeVille Dvr side Fender, and bumper filler tween tail lght and qrtr pnl Barbara Miller 214-664-5158 (July)

1993 Allante Conv. Grgeous Red w/ black top, tan lthr interior, 57K miles. new a/c, alt, rad, rear bmper, shop manuals, rebuilt console, good condition. \$11,000 OBO. 940-665-6267 or phyllis1953@ntin.net (July)



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Activities Director's Calendar

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from each of you at future activities.

***September 20th 2014** 13th Annual Cruisin' For The Cure, Ft. Worth. See page 6.

***October 5th, 2014** Regional Meet at the AutoWorks on Davis Street, North Ft. Worth. (Same as 2013.)

Also worth noting:

July 8—12, 2014 Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National, Lake George, New York.

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.

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.

Real critical now----- We need Volunteers for a Nominating Committee, and the Regional meet in October. Suggestion for activites would be very helpful also.

Rubye

Your Activities Director

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Rubye Musser

We must continue our prayers for our unfortunate members:

William (Bill) Hurley--VA hospital Lawton, so send a card
Gerry Terranova, Cecil Thompson, Buddy Walton
Rudy Bedrick, Dave Eckberg

We still at this writing wish to express our sincere sympathy of the passing of our beloved World War II veteran Al Gitelman.

Remember and pray for all our soldiers, especially during these troubled times.

On a high note we wish to say Thank You to NTX for hosting the Inter-regional and National Driving Tour. Thanks for all your work and participation---Rubye

Thanks to the Gulf Coast Region for their attendance plus several door prizes donated.

Also Tim Coy our Region VP sends his "Thank You to everyone for showing me a wonderful time during the recent Interregional. Plus the genuine and famous Texas hospitality". He most enjoyed the German restaurant in Walburg.

Happy Birthday to Julia and Amy Haesslein on the 21st; and to Richard Cross

Rubye

The following is in memory of Al Gitelman From John and Donna Foust:

"The Tallest Oak is Lost"

I think its safe to say that we all love the shade that the branches of a sturdy old tree provide us on a hot Texas summer afternoon. I have always thought of a tree as a symbol of strength and security. If you were being chased by a pack of wild wolves, a tree would represent a safe place to climb and hide. Trees are good, strong, lasting, safe things. Having said that, Al Gitelman reminded me of the tallest oak in the forest. We lost this great man Wednesday May 21st.

Als quiet courage and strength impressed every person he came in contact with. His WWII recollections of his experiences during the Allied invasion of Normandy were legendary. Every June 6th Al became quite the celebrity. But he was so much more than a D-Day survivor. He was a loving husband and father. He was a dear friend. To me he was the tallest old oak in the forest, and now hes gone. I will miss the cool shade of his branches.

Our hearts go out to the Gitelman Family.

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.

If a member obtains 5 or more new members to the NTXCLC they will receive a free meal at the annual Christmas dinner.

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Welcome New Members:

Dr. William and Jeannie Clark, San Antonio.

Otis T. Welch, Keller TX



A husband went to the police station to file a "missing person" report for his missing wife:

Husband: "I lost my wife. She went shopping and hasn't come back yet".
Inspector: "What is her height?" Husband: "I never checked."
Inspector: "Color of eyes?" Husband: "I'm not sure."
Inspector: "Color of hair?" Husband: "Changes according to season."
Inspector: "What was she wearing?" Husband: "Not sure whether it was a dress or a suit."
Inspector: "Was she driving?" Husband: "Yes."
Inspector: "Give me description of the car..."
Husband: "She's driving my black 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz with a 345 HP V-8, bucket seats, power steering, Hydra-Matic transmission, interior vanity mirror, fog lights, power windows, air conditioning, white sidewall tires, cruise control, license plate frames...and it has a very thin, barely visible scratch on the front left door...."

And then the husband started crying....

Inspector: "Don't worry sir,... we will find your car."

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Club Dues -- National Dues

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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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Over 850 cars of all kinds, new and old, custom and restored, and everything in between show up every month at Cars & Coffee and Cadillacs make up an important part of the population here.



July 5, Aug 2 Cars and Coffee, 8 a.m. – Noon. Get there NLT 6:45 a.m. for a reserved spot on **Cadillac Row** as the big lot fills up fast after 6:55 a.m. It has been so popular the gates are closed to new traffic at 6:50 a.m. So get there early. 6800 Dallas Parkway, Plano TX 75024. Email lifer@writeme.com if you have any questions.



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