



The Enlightener

Badger Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club Newsletter



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Annual Meeting and Banquet

April 26th was the date for the annual Badger Region Banquet and meeting. There were 28 in attendance at the Delafield Brewhaus located in Delafield.

The event started with a gathering and cocktail hour and light hors-d'oeuvres. It was a chance to visit and look over items brought in for the silent auction.

Ron Zeise was our coordinator of the evening's event and Mary and Gene Grundmann were our silent auction managers for the evening. Thank you to Ron, Mary, and Gene for helping make the evening so enjoyable.

This year we offered a buffet instead of the usual plated dinner. The buffet included beef tips, chicken, and salmon along with a choice of vegetables. It was followed by a piece of carrot cake.

After everyone had finished their dessert a club meeting was held to take care of some business and also for the election of officers.

The new officers are listed just to the left of this article on this page. They will remain on this page in every newsletter for your future reference.

Once the meeting adjourned, the silent auction was closed and those who were fortunate to win with the highest bid gathered their treasures and paid Mary. Monies raised went into the regular treasury for future endeavors.

Great Friends—Great Food—Great Evening

2025 CLC Grand National June 2 - 7

Still time to register and attend

Registration Deadline is May 16th

Embassy Suites by Hilton

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Don't wait too long!



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Contact the Editor with your submissions.

Director's Corner



This will be the last article I will be submitting for the Director's Corner. I know many of you have become used to my fascinating topics and the profound wisdom we all come away with after reading these tidbits. My Google skills have become legendary and it has been a pleasure to pass on these bits of knowledge over the past few years. I will still be around so don't feel as if I will not be there to give you information when you need it. Thanks for listening.

RIDERS UP!!!

How did the "Fastest Two Minutes in Sports" ever evolve? Naturally, I once again went to the "know it all" internet to find the answers to my curiosity.

The first Kentucky Derby was run in 1875; from the beginning it has been the first Saturday in May. There have been two exceptions – the first being WWII in 1945 and then due to Covid in 2020. Both races were rescheduled later that year.

However, this still did not answer my question as to how it all started. After digging deeper into the bowels of Wikipedia I finally hit pay dirt.

In 1872, Meriwether Lewis Clark, the grandson of explorer William Clark traveled to England and observed their Derby. While there he went on to watch The Grand Prix de Paris, the great horse race in France. Upon returning to Kentucky, he formed the Louisville Jockey Club. He was able to raise enough money to build a racetrack. Now he needed land on which to build it. Enter John and Henry Churchill. Clark was able to convince the Churchills horse racing would be a worthwhile investment. Thus, the Churchills gave him the land. For their land contribution it became forever known as The Churchill Downs where The Kentucky Derby is held.

The first race was held three years later in 1875. It was viewed by more than 10,000 screaming fans packed into Churchill Downs. As you are aware, every year it has grown in popularity. In 1925 a live radio broadcast was introduced. Then viewing the race on National TV was introduced in 1952.

Every year the crowds grew larger as did the winner's purse. The first one was \$100,000, but in 1996 the winning purse was one million dollars followed by two million, then three million and last year in 2024 it was FIVE MILLION.

The 2017 race took in a record \$209.2 million dollars from all wagering. Not only were there many unimaginable millions of dollars collected but there were 158,070 spectators sardined into Churchill Downs. I could not find an estimate of the number of people worldwide who watched the 2024 Kentucky Derby but given the international popularity of the race it was in the millions.

This year's field of horses are said to be some of the very fastest. Will they be able to break Secretariats' record of 1:59.4? This Saturday the tradition of the Mint Juleps and the elaborate ladies' hats will be everywhere.

You will hear the bugle blast the "Call to the Post." Then the University of Louisville will play "My Old Kentucky Home," and finally, "Riders Up." The horses are shoehorned at the starting gates, the bell rings, and they crash out of the gates.

The announcer calls out their names down the straightaway. He yells their names as they squeeze into the turns and by the fourth turn his voice is so hoarse he can hardly be understood. They are on the final straightway, their hoofs are pounding as hard as your heart, it is a blinding photo finish! You can hardly breath while you wait to hear the winner –

Was it your pick...?

Ron Wichinski



Have You



Noticed?

At the Winter Board Meeting in Chattanooga this year one of the items of business on the agenda was to approve the use of a redesigned Cadillac and LaSalle Club logo.

Starting with the March issue of *The Self Starter* magazine, the logo on the outside cover has an addition of a lightning bolt towards the bottom of the inner circle.

This is to signify the latest endeavor of Cadillac, the electric car. The first production of an electric Cadillac was the Lyriq in May 2022. In 2019 Cadillac introduced the idea of EV concept cars, and originally the Lyriq was to be the show or concept car in 2020 but due to the pandemic it was delayed.

Now Cadillac has continued with their efforts to not only create new models, but redesign other models and introduce all electric versions of established vehicles such as the Escalade IQ, currently in production and available for purchase.

To keep with the tradition of the symbolism in the logo it is only natural to include this latest evolution in our club's repertoire.



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Saturday, May 17, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
Monday, June 2, 2025	CLC Grand National	Murfreesboro, TN
Saturday, June 21, 2025	Badger Meeting & Road Trip	Green Bay, WI
Saturday, July 19, 2025	Summer Picnic Meeting	Wieland's Lake Home
Saturday, August 16, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
Saturday, September 20, 2025	Garage Tour and Meeting	Thomas & Maria Sanders
Sunday, October 5, 2025	Downtown Classic Car Show	West Allis, WI
Saturday, October 18, 2025	Badger Meeting & Leaf Look Drive	Brookfield, WI
Saturday, November 15, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
Wednesday, January 7, 2026	CLC Winter Board Meeting	Orlando, FL
Monday, June 1, 2026	CLC Grand National	Concord, NC
Wednesday, January 27, 2027	CLC Winter Board Meeting	Birmingham, AL
Monday, June 7, 2027	CLC Grand National	Reno, NV
Tuesday, January 25, 2028	CLC Winter Board Meeting	San Antonio, TX
Monday, July 24, 2028	CLC Grand National	Dayton, OH



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A 1996 Fleetwood Brougham I ended up owning twice!

By Cory Kulibert

I purchased a pair of these Fleetwood's a 1993 and a 1996 from my friends at Al's Auto Salvage in Franklin. The 1996 was a nice car and the 1993 was a parts car.

Once purchased, these beauties were delivered. We gave the 1996 a once over and my son took it for a test drive. As he was a block from the house the hood blew open and ripped off the car. It did not hit anyone or any vehicles on the road. It turns out the hood was not fastened at all other than the gas shocks. We took it home and installed the hood from the 1993 (same color).

When we started the 1993 and took it out for a test drive the exhaust broke off in the street and embedded itself in the asphalt suspending the car in the air. Not a good night, 8 pm stuck in the street just enough so it will not go forward or backward, and the neighbors were watching! The car got cut up for parts.

We gave the 1996 a once over and sold it to gentleman in Milwaukee. Two years later I got a letter from the Milwaukee impound yard saying that they have my car. For those unfamiliar with this the notice, goes to title holder, which means the title was never transferred after two years in Milwaukee. However, the stack of parking tickets on the windshield goes to plate holder, do not know who that was, not me.

It cost me towing/impound fees which come to about \$300.00 and \$25.00 for title. I go to DMV to spend \$25.00 for a copy of title and head over to impound yard. It is set up like an old bakery. Grab a number and wait. The number on the wall is 47. I am number 86 so it will be a while. Finally, my number is up, I have all three ID items to get the car.

I am asked if I want to take the vehicle with me. I tell them I want to see it first because you don't always know the condition, is it burned, hit a tree, who knows. I am given a ride out and other than a broken door glass and the trunk lid attempted to be pried open it is still a nice car. I said I will take it home. I tow it to Mayville and the tow truck driver asks how this car can be mine without any keys. I reach under the front bumper and the extra keys I put in a magnetic box are still there two years later. The car starts up, the tow truck driver is dumbfounded, and we park it in the garage.

Later that night we got the trunk open, and the person's life possessions are in the trunk, ranging from clothing, undergarments, prescription drugs, and other assorted items. I called my youngest son to the garage who was studying to be a law enforcement officer and asked if he knew what one specific item was. He did and made sure it was turned over to the proper individuals. Since that time, he is now one of Dodge Counties finest and just got promoted to Sergeant! I commend him and all the officers of law!

My oldest son and I put a new window in the door and a new truck lid from the parts car two years ago. We removed the vinyl roof, installed all new stainless spears, had the car painted and I sold it to a gentleman from Waterloo. This was one of the nicest, tightest mint interior Fleetwood's I owned...twice.

I have several 1993-1995 Cadillac Fleetwood AM/FM/Cassette? Cd players for sale.

These units were professionally rebuilt. Call for specifics 920-210-2225

Cory's Cadillac Parts



March Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2025

ATTENDEES: Ron Zeise, Scott Macho, Dan Kasdorf, Brian Tyndall, Jake Jakus, Thomas Sanders, Ron Wichinski, Karl Lambrecht, Dan Cress

The meeting was held at Waukesha State Bank and called to order by Director Ron Wichinski at 10 am.

Randy Hoffman from the Wisconsin Corvette Club attended at the beginning of the meeting to promote the May 18th Annual Cruisin' HWY 15 Car Show held at Ewald Chevrolet in Oconomowoc. Randy answered questions, handed out flyers and invited everyone to attend.

A couple of different logo designs were passed around and suggestions for changes or for other renditions. It was decided to proceed with a version depicting the outline of the state of Wisconsin. A modified revision showing the new CLC logo will be available as a final concept.

Ron Zeise reported about the upcoming Banquet and Annual Meeting. The location was changed due to changes put into place by the Country Club, and increased pricing for the current year. There is a reservation form in the last newsletter and an additional one will be sent as an email soon. Do not wait too long to get your reservation returned.

Ron Wichinski commented and reminded us about a Maple Syrup Family Day in Richfield, WI on March 22nd. This is not an official Badger Region event, just an interesting way to spend a Saturday.

There was a discussion about a road trip to Green Bay on June 21st since we are unable to have our annual car show at Crest Cadillac due to their remodel and construction. Jake and Thomas have done some preliminary investigations, and it was suggested we visit the Railroad Museum in the morning and go to the Packer Hall of Fame Museum in the afternoon. They will do some further checking about times and costs to report back later.

Brian Tyndall gave us an update on the West Allis Car Show in October and doing a pre-registration as the Badger Region club so we could be as a group. He will work on a summary and survey as to who would be interested. Expect a group email soon with details and information.

Ron Wichinski reminded us of the upcoming officer elections for the April meeting/banquet. Director and Treasurer positions will be vacated so it is necessary for someone to come forward if they want to volunteer. Ron stated he would be volunteering to run for the treasury position, and there was some discussion among the attendees about a volunteer to run for the director position. If anyone is interested in any position, please contact Ron Wichinski with any questions.

Dan Cress will continue to do the newsletter even while stepping down as treasurer. Some have asked why the newsletter has been reduced to bi-monthly, and the simple answer was due to lack of content each month. There was a suggestion to offer a member profile section in each issue to re-introduce our members to each other and introduce our new members to our current members. More information later.

Ron Zeise moved to adjourn the meeting. Karl Lambrecht seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Submitted by Dan Cress

Annual Meeting and Banquet Minutes

April 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order after the annual banquet. Director Ron Wichinski was ill and was unable to attend, and Assistant Director Larry Hansen was on an Honor Flight to Washington DC. Stepping in to oversee the meeting was Treasurer Dan Cress.

Dan thanked Ron Zeise for planning the banquet at Delafield Brewhaus in Delafield. He also thanked Mary and Gene Grundmann for coordinating the silent auction again this year.

Dan introduced new members Dan Kasdorf and his fiancée Rachel Blado.

Jake Jakus talked about the Badger Region Club going to the Railroad Museum in Green Bay and taking a tour at the Green Bay Packer stadium. We would have lunch nearby between these two venues. The date for this outing is June 21, 2025. Jake passed around a preliminary sign-up sheet and more information will be available in the newsletter and via email.

Tom and Peggy Wieland have invited the club to their lake house for a picnic and a meeting on July 19, 2025. Details will be available soon.

Thomas and Maria Sanders will be hosting a garage tour at their home on September 20, 2025.

Ron Wichinski is planning a "Fall Leaf Look" in October around or at the time of our regular monthly meeting. Details will be announced later.

The Election of new Club Officers took place and without any nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was presented and approved.

Director - Dan Kasdorf
Assistant Director - Larry Hansen
Secretary - Sharon Derke
Treasurer - Ron Wichinski
Activities - Thomas Sanders
Membership - Dan Cress
Website Contact - Jake Jakus
Newsletter Editor - Dan Cress

Jake Jakus made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented and Ron Zeise seconded the motion, motion carried.

Dan Kasdorf gave a short introduction speech accepting the Directorship and talked about his background of his appreciation of cars and Cadillacs. He is looking forward to working with everyone in the club.

Gene Grundman announced the Silent Auction would be ending and if you were the winner of the silent auction items, please pay Mary and enjoy your treasures.

Jake made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joan Cress seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Derke

JERRY: *Why do you have a piece of cord tied around you finger?*

JOE: *My wife put it there to remind me to mail her letter.*

JERRY: *So did you mail it?*

JOE: *No, she forgot to give it to me.*

Badger CLC June Road Trip & Meeting

Saturday June 21, 2025



**National
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Tom Sanders and Jake Jakus are planning a summer driving tour. You may meet at Waukesha State Bank and caravan as a group to Green Bay or pick and choose whatever event you want to participate. Either way, let Jake know your plans.

Call or text Jake at 414-331-1151 or email: Jake@Jakus.com.



AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 7:15am** Meet at Waukesha State Bank (or drive directly to the train museum on your own)
Waukesha State Bank: 18300 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield WI 53045
- 7:30am** **Depart Bank** for National Train Museum – 920-437-7623 (**130 miles = 2 hours**)
National Train Museum: 2285 S Broadway, Green Bay WI 54304
Each person will pay the group rate of \$11 at the museum entrance
- 10:00 – 10:30am** Train Ride at the Railroad Museum – Twice around the loop as a group
- 10:30 – 11:00am** Guided tour by a museum staff member
- 11:30am** **Depart Train Museum** for the Texas Roadhouse – 920-498-8800 (**1 mile = 4 minutes**)
Texas Roadhouse: 2375 S Oneida Street, Green Bay WI 54305
- 11:45am – 1:15pm** Lunch and a brief club meeting
- 1:30pm** **Depart for the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame** – 920-569-7512 (**1.4 miles = 5 minutes**)
1265 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay WI 54304
- 1:45pm -3:30pm** We will take the "Combo Tour" (Champions Tour + Hall of Fame) Tickets are \$30.60 each
The Champions Tour lasts 90 minutes with about a 1mile walk
There are steps, but an elevator is accessible
- 3:30 – 6pm?** **Depart for home** on your own – Hall of Fame open until 6pm

We will be collecting the \$30.60 per person ticket fee in advance for the Packers tour

Send a check payable to Badger CLC

Jake Jakus

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Please have your payments sent to Jake before June 13, 2025 (earlier if possible)



Cadillac Car Show
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