



# The Enlightener

Badger Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club Newsletter



## Location change for Banquet/Annual Meeting

Due to pricing increases, scheduling issues, and circumstances beyond our control, we have changed the location from Westmoor Country Club to the Delafield Brewhaus. Please see the flyer/reservation form in this newsletter for details.



## Crest Car Show CANCELLED for this year

Crest Cadillac is in the middle of an extensive remodel process at the dealership. We have just learned they will still be in this process at the time as our show date, June 21, 2025. This would cause a conflict with their construction and felt they would not be able to host as in past years. Let's start planning for 2026!

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## OFFICER ELECTIONS

As reported in the last newsletter, there are a couple of key officer positions being vacated this year and it is up to you to step up and keep Badger Region CLC a viable and active club.

The positions of Director and Treasurer are open for nominations and volunteer. All positions are open for a vote with nominations from the floor during the annual meeting and banquet. Many times we have individuals step up and say they would like to take on the responsibilities so we can have a slate of names to be voted on at the meeting as a group. This might be you!

Please consider helping out the club, contact Ron Wichinski soon before it's too late.



Since we had to change the location of our Annual Meeting this year, we will be doing a buffet as opposed to a plated meal. The buffet will contain all our favorites, Chicken, Beef Tips, Salmon, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, coffee, tea, milk and dessert.

We have enjoyed the Westmoor for delicious meals and great service for many years. Beginning this year they have instituted some changes, one being they no longer offer a cash bar. This along with pricing changes made it difficult for us to justify the additional costs.

We were also informed the members sponsoring us as their guests chose not to renew their country club membership, so this would have been our last year.

With rising prices in the restaurant industry as a whole, we felt it necessary to seek a solution less costly and more worthwhile for you as Badger Region members.

Badger Region will pay for room rental, appetizers, gratuities, and sales taxes. The amount per person for the reservation is only for the buffet.

We will be in the lower level room as in the past and private access from the west side of the building. There will be a cash bar available and don't forget your Silent Auction treasures!

Please see the flyer and reservation form on the last page of this newsletter.

To be in compliance with the National Cadillac and LaSalle Club and Badger Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club bylaws, it is required for applicants and members to be a member of the National Club. Please contact the National office: (763) 420-7829 or go to the website: [cadillaclasalleclub.org](http://cadillaclasalleclub.org)

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Always include a selling price or your ad will not be published.

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Contact the Editor with your submissions.

**Director's  
Corner**



**Forward – March**

Recently President Trump mentioned the possibility of buying Greenland. It would become the 51st state – Red White and Blueland. There was also a talk of Gaza. Could that possibly become a state? With all that chatter I was curious as to how the Red White and Blue flag would look. I went to the know-it-all internet to get any answers as to what occurred in the past and possible future renditions of the flag.

As we are all familiar, Betsy Ross stitched together the first flag of our Americas. It consisted of the thirteen stars and stripes representing the first thirteen colonies. As time progressed there were pattern changes made to the star's layout. "Old Glory" remained the same until 1795 when Vermont and Kentucky entered statehood. The flag was then changed to include 15 stars and 15 stripes.

It was this flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "Defense of Fort McHenry", later known as The Star-Spangled Banner, our American National Anthem. By 1818, 20 states had joined the union. 20 stars were added to the flag and the stripes were reduced to 13. In 1912 the flag was adopted to represent the 48 states and the original 13 stripes in honor of the original colonies.

Along came the 1950's. There was discussion of two new states, Alaska and Hawaii. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's request for a new flag design brought in more than 1,500 suggested designs. Now the new flag design story has become murky.

One version has that the flags 50 stars design was submitted by the United States Army Institute of Heraldry. The other flag design version was submitted by an Ohio lad named Robert "Bob" Heft. The story goes that he took his parents wedding gift, a 48-star flag and cut it up and stitched it together to represent the 50 stars for a high school project. His teacher gave him a B- grade with an upgrade to an A if he submitted it to Washington, D.C. and had it approved. The story continues that Bob Heft wrote 21 letters and made 18 phone calls to the Whitehouse. It was President Dwight D. Eisenhower who called Bob and invited him to a "new" flag raising at Fort McHenry.

Whichever version of the redesign of "Old Glory" you find to be likely, the current version of the stars and stripes has existed since July 4, 2007.

Our January membership meeting was robust with attendance and new ideas for 2025. Many members volunteered to organize outings and events. Larry Hansen's previous suggestion that we infuse more "fun" events into our club seemed to have sparked a groundswell of possibilities.

After several snowy days prior to our Saturday membership meeting, the lonely meeting was held on February 15th. I announced that the Crest Cadillac car show has been canceled due to ongoing construction. It's another opportunity to do something fun in June. Drop me a line with your idea – no matter how "far out".

I hope to see you at our next membership meeting on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 am. We'll be at the Waukesha Bank community room located at 18300 W Capitol Drive in Brookfield.

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13 stars



Betsy Ross flag



Star-Spangled Banner



50 stars

## Syrup-rise, it's Maple time!

One of the events our members had shown interest in was a trip to a maple syrup farm.

On March 22nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm the Maple Syrup Family Day will be held at the Richfield Nature and Historic Park, 1896 Highway 164, Richfield, Wisconsin.

The day's activities include: maple tree tapping, boiling the syrup, judging syrup, blacksmith demonstrations, shelling corn, hayrides (tractor pulled), and live animals.

From 9:00 am to Noon there are unlimited pancakes with syrup, 3 sausage links and beverage for \$8.00.

This is a family event. Bring the kids and grandkids to experience some of Wisconsin's past.

Questions? Contact Ron Wichinski 414-899-3929



### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Saturday, March 15, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
<b>Saturday, April 26, 2025</b>	<b>Annual Meeting and Banquet</b>	<b>Westmoor County Club</b>
Saturday, May 17, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
<b>Monday, June 2, 2025</b>	<b>CLC Grand National</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, TN</b>
Saturday, June 21, 2025	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Brookfield, WI
<b>Saturday, July 19, 2025</b>	<b>Summer Picnic Meeting</b>	<b>Wieland's Lake Home</b>
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
<b>Wednesday, January 7, 2026</b>	<b>CLC Winter Board Meeting</b>	<b>Orlando, FL</b>
<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	<b>CLC Grand National</b>	<b>Concord, NC</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 27, 2027</b>	<b>CLC Winter Board Meeting</b>	<b>Birmingham, AL</b>
<b>Monday, June 7, 2027</b>	<b>CLC Grand National</b>	<b>Reno, NV</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 25, 2028</b>	<b>CLC Winter Board Meeting</b>	<b>San Antonio, TX</b>
<b>Monday, July 24, 2028</b>	<b>CLC Grand National</b>	<b>Dayton, OH</b>



## Badger Region CLC Meeting Minutes

### January 18, 2025

ATTENDEES: Dan Cress, Karl Lambrecht, Jake Jakus, Brian Tyndall, Thomas Wieland, Dan Kasdorf, Thomas Sanders, Larry Hansen, Scott Macho, Ron Wichinski, Sharon Derke

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Director Ron Wichinski.

Ron introduced two new members who were in attendance of the meeting, Dan Kasdorf, and Scott Macho.

Dan Cress gave the treasury report and updated the group about the progress of modernizing and formalizing the Badger Region By-Laws in the coming months.

There was an announcement by Ron of his not seeking re-election as Director of Badger Region and of Dan Cress stepping down from his duties as Treasurer. Dan will continue to do the newsletter. Description of duties for the offices will be in the upcoming newsletter. If you are interested in the opportunity for any position, please contact Ron Wichinski prior to our annual meeting/banquet in April.

There was discussion and information regarding upcoming events for Badger Region CLC:

- The Club banquet has been rescheduled to April 26, 2025, at Westmoor Country Club
- The Crest/Badger Region Car show is scheduled for June 21, 2025
- A summer picnic at Tom and Peggy Wieland's Lake home will be July 19, 2025

- A garage tour is scheduled at Thomas and Maria Sanders' home September 20th, 2025
- Brian Tyndall mentioned a car show in West Allis on October 5, 2025
- Ron Wichinski will plan a leaf look Drive and Dine for October 18, 2025
- Jake Jakus suggested going to Green Bay to tour Packer Stadium and the Railroad Museum. Date to be determined.

Dan Kasdorf and Scott Macho mentioned a Facebook page to explore called Wisconsin Cadillacs. They are both active and recommend everyone check it out.

Tom Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting; Larry Hansen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Sharon Derke

### February 14, 2025

Attendees: Ron Wichinski

Meeting called to order by Director Ron Wichinski at 10:05 am.

Ron announced that he met with Brady Brown and was informed that the construction at Crest Cadillac would not allow for a car show this year.

Ron Wichinski moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ron Wichinski. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Submitted by Ron Wichinski



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**Below are officer job descriptions for Badger Region CLC. This will help in your volunteering for running for these positions at the annual meeting/banquet. Please consider helping us.**

**Region Director** – Shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall appoint such committees as necessary to conduct the activities of the club; shall see that all club functions conducted in accordance with the bylaws of the club. When there is an even number of members on the board, the director will not vote except in the case of a tie vote by the board. Appoint an annual audit committee to audit the treasury and other aspects of the club business.

**Assistant Director** – Shall perform the duties of the Region Director, Secretary or Treasurer in cases of absence or incapacity for any reason; shall perform such other duties as assigned to him/her by the Region Director or Board of Directors.

**Treasurer** – Shall collect and disburse the funds of the club; shall maintain adequate financial records and supporting documents; shall render a financial report at each meeting and at other times as required by the Board of Directors or Region Director; shall prepare an annual report detailing each of the club's financial accounts covering the calendar years. Assist Membership Director in annual dues notices and collection of yearly dues.

**Secretary** – Shall take minutes of meetings of the membership or the Board of Directors. These minutes of meetings shall be provided for publication to all members in a timely manner.

**Membership Director** – Shall maintain and update membership and dues records; assist Treasurer in annual dues notices and related correspondence as necessary; shall initiate programs to increase membership; shall provide all materials and forms necessary.

**Activities Director** – Will work with membership's ideas to initiate and help in planning outside programs, field trips, events, and car shows. They can develop and implement specific programs based on the needs of the Region or National Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

**Member Participation Story** By Cory Kulibert

In 2002 I purchased this 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood hearse in Missouri.

I sold the car in 2005 to a Tattoo parlor in Chicago. He put the purple flames on it and used it as a static display until a fire started and burnt the hood and windshield.

The car was totaled by the insurance company and ended up in Al's Auto Salvage in Franklin. They contacted me to look at the Fleetwood Hearse they got in. It ended up being my old car. I took it home with me for my parts hauler. I have now purchased this car for the **second time!**



In 2017 when I purchased my F450 Ambulance for my parts hauler I sold the hearse to an engineer from Menomonee Falls. He, his wife, and newborn son wanted this as his family car.

Fast forward to July 2024, a friend of mine contacted me about his boss having an old Cadillac for sale with purple flames, (could this be my old car)? He did not say it was a hearse. In June, I went to look at it and it was my old car. I bought it back and took it home with me for the **third time.** The engineer still



owned it. His son was now 7 years old!


This time when I bought it back, I made a Ghostbusters car out of it.



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I did not realize until now, it was an upbeat little ditty originally recorded

as a big band/swing tune by Glenn Miller in 1941 for the movie “Sun Valley Serenade”. It also gained the distinction to be the first song to ever receive a gold record, presented by RCA Victor in 1942, for sales of 1.2 million copies. Ironically, this was during one of America’s worst times, as it became the No. 1 song across the United States on December 7, 1941, and remained at No. 1 for nine weeks on the Billboard Best Sellers chart.

The significance of the song, the train, and the town, represented a critical piece of American history. It highlighted the transformation power of railroads in shaping cities and connecting regions. Something the automobile continued in the later years.

Right now, you might be wondering where this story is going, and what it has to do with Cadillac or the Badger Region newsletter. Hang in there, I’m getting to the point.

On January 29<sup>th</sup> of this year, I attended the CLC Winter Board Meetings at **CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE**. This was my first time to visit Chattanooga and hearing of their history and heritage. Yes, there is a Chattanooga Choo Choo historic district in downtown Chattanooga. I was not able to visit but I was told it is an interesting place to see. Next time!

There were fascinating tours to take advantage of during our stay in the city. Of course, there were the CLC and the CLCMRC Board meetings, committee meetings, and the social gatherings to see old friends and dazzle them with new and exciting stories. If you wanted to believe those stories, well that was your choice.

It was a four-day adventure starting with a tour to the Coker Museum. This is the company you might have purchased tires from in the past or even in the present. The company has since been sold by the family, but this is Corky Coker’s personal collection. He has opened it to the public to share his hobby and his passion. He met us at the front door and gave us a brief history of how things got started with his collection. There were cars, motorcycles, and memorabilia, all of which were fascinating.

After lunch, those who were brave enough to go exploring, had the opportunity to stop at Ruby Falls. There you could walk through an underground cavern to a magnificent waterfall. If you were claustrophobic, it might not have been the place for you. I was one of those who did not take advantage of that opportunity, but those that did said it was worth the trip. I will take their word for it!

The next day it was off again to a private collection not often seen by the public owned by Kayo Erwin. Kayo has been in the boat and marine business for years and has accumulated many cars. He still enjoys the chase and takes the time to restore them.

One of his most prized possessions is a 1960 Chevrolet Impala Convertible restored back to the same type of car owned by his dad. His dad was one of the 316 survivors from a crew of 1,195 on the USS Indianapolis. The Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945, and sank in 12 minutes. His dad

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was able to enjoy the car for years and Kayo has found a prominent place in his beautiful museum garage to honor his dad and the crew of the USS Indianapolis.

Lunch was served at one of Chattanooga's historic homes, called the Mayor's Mansion Inn. A stately old stone home where you can stay overnight in one of their modern rooms. A beautiful place to visit.

We then made our way to another interesting and fascinating museum. The International Towing and Recovery Museum. The first patented tow truck was invented by Ernest Holmes Sr. from Chattanooga. His rendition of a tow truck was a 1913 Cadillac modified to pull cars and transport them to his garage. This was accomplished by affixing an iron chain, a pulley, and poles to the back of his Cadillac. He filed his patent on January 17, 1918. Another Cadillac connection. This is an interesting place to see all kinds of tow trucks in various shapes and sizes. There is a whole wall of glass cases filled with hundreds of tow truck toys. A must see when you go to Chattanooga.

On the road trip down and back to Chattanooga, I was fortunate enough to be able to stop at Richmond Kentucky and Smiths Grove Kentucky. I stopped at not one, but two of the most amazing gas stations in existence...**Buc-cee's!** If you travel further south of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, stop, and take the time to go in and grab a chopped barbecue brisket sandwich. It puts new meaning to gas station food. They are also known for their spacious and clean restrooms and trust me they are not your normal gas station key attached to a block of wood restrooms (*some of you know what I mean*).

They just announced in January they will be locating and building the first Buc-cee's for Wisconsin in Oak Creek, to open hopefully in 2027. About four miles from my house! I cannot wait to enjoy that brisket sandwich!

Chattanooga's snowstorm had passed a week or so before we arrived, the weather cooperated except for a couple pop-up rain showers, and temperatures were very tolerable especially when you are used to Wisconsin wind chills.

Yes, it was intended to be a time for meetings, an exchange of ideas and thoughts, but it was a time to discuss things which affect all of us as members of the CLC. These board meetings are open to all members of the CLC and are intended to enhance the Cadillac and LaSalle Club and you as a member. If you get a chance, attend one and seek an adventure.

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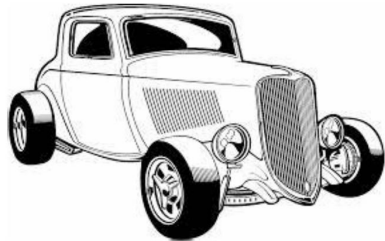
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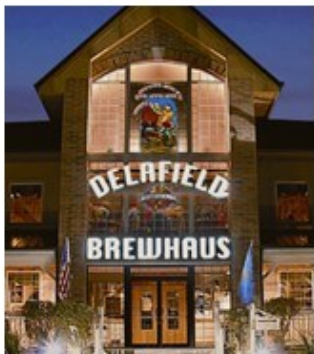
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# Badger Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club Annual Banquet and Meeting



**April 26, 2025**  
(Saturday)

**Delafield Brewhaus**  
**3832 Hillside Drive**  
**Delafield, WI**

5:00 pm = Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres  
6:00 pm = Dinner

**Complete the Registration form below and return it to Dan Cress**  
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*Gene and Mary Grundmann will be running our Silent Auction of "Treasures" again this year as in the past. Items do not have to be Cadillac or LaSalle related materials, so don't be shy, bring those "Treasures" so others can bid and take them home for their own enjoyment.*



## **BUFFET PRICE INCLUDES**

- Herb Roasted Chicken -- Haus' seasonings, oven roasted*
- Beef Tenderloin Tips -- In a rich garlic mushroom gravy*
- Seared Salmon -- Pan seared with a lemon leek sauce*

*Buffet includes Sour Cream and Chive Mashed Potatoes, Wild Rice Pilaf, California Blend Vegetables  
Individual Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Milk  
Dessert is Carrot Cake with cream cheese frosting and toasted walnuts  
(Hors d'oeuvres, tax, and gratuity are being paid by the Badger Region Club)*

Per Person Price  
**\$40**

**NAMES OF ATTENDEES:**

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