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Newsletter Of The Badger Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club - Wisconsin



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# Announcements!

February 15, 2023 Badger Region Meeting will be at Delafield Brewhaus for a lunch time meeting at Noon Details on Page 4

Save the date and don't forget, April 22, 2023. Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Westmoor Country Club in Brookfield. The menu is being finalized and a reservation sheet will be available soon.

Grand National Registration is open for Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 20-24, 2023. Get your room reserved and your Registration completed before May 19, 2023.

Nominations for Officers: If you have an interest in being an officer for the Badger Region CLC, please feel free to contact Ron Wichinski. Election of officers takes place at our Annual Meeting and Banquet, April 22, 2023.

**Director's  
Corner**



**February News**

While visiting with Bill Klemp one day we wandered off onto the subject of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (aka the U.P.). Neither of us had any idea how a landmass the size of the U.P. could possibly be associated with the state of Michigan, especially due to its location and distance from that state. We both agreed that parcel of land should have been ours (Wisconsin). Upon returning home I looked at a U.S. atlas for some insight. The only discovery I made was the State of Michigan is a peninsula. At this point I turned to the "Wise One", my buddy, the internet.

In 1787 the United States acquired the land that became Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. The land became territories and the territories then applied for statehood. The state of Ohio had a dispute with the Territory of Michigan over a strip of land, approximately 500 square miles known as the Toledo Strip. They went to war over this land, which became known as the Toledo War. It was an ugly bloody war, but finally, Congress offered Michigan statehood if it gave the Toledo Strip to Ohio and Michigan would receive the Upper Peninsula. Michigan said no and the war raged on.

In 1836 the U.S. Treasury had a surplus of money and determined that it would proportion it out to the states at that time. Since Michigan was still a territory and quite poor at that time due to the Toledo War, they were put in a "squeeze". They reluctantly accepted the offer, giving the Toledo Strip to Ohio. Michigan then became a state and the owner of the Upper Peninsula along with a big check for the U.S. Treasury.

Today the Toledo Strip encompasses the City of Toledo and Maumee Bay on Lake Erie. The land which borders northern Wisconsin is now known as the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. So, another perplexing question solved by my buddy the "Wise One".

Our January membership meeting was well attended with significant suggestions and discussion by our members. The two items of greatest importance were our membership meeting time and place and the Crest Car Show.

There were many ideas and discussion, it was determined the club would try to have some of our business meetings at a location other than the Waukesha State Bank. It was suggested that the February meeting could be held during the noon hour time frame at the Delafield Brewhouse. It's a good location due to our members' familiarity with it in the past. It has a semi-private area where we can have our food and beverages and then have our business meeting. Please see the announcement for the details in this newsletter.

The next item of importance is the Crest Car Show. The membership determined the best date for our car show would be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Your attendance at the Delafield Brewhouse is significant in determining if we can have the car show. It has been a long time since the last car show and many things have changed. Your attendance is critical. Please try to make it to the February meeting or let me know we can count on your help in making the event successful.

Please contact me with any additional questions. Happy Trails!

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In order to be in compliance with the National Cadillac and LaSalle Club bylaws and requirements, it is a prerequisite members join the National Club prior to and during your membership in The Badger Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club. If you are not a member, please contact the National office today.

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## Upcoming Officer Election Information Description of Duties

In order to inform the members of the Badger Region CLC about the upcoming election of officers a summary of the duties per the By-Laws for each elected position is included below. Please read the duties/descriptions and consider helping the club and let us know you would be interested in running for a position. Officer positions are considered board positions. Let our Director Ron Wichinski know if you want to be included prior to our April Banquet. Thank You

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**Region Director** – Shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall appoint such committees as necessary to carry out 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

### BADGER REGION CLC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2023

ATTENDEES: Tom Vilter, Brian Tyndall, Dan Cress, Karl Lambrecht, Jake Jakus, Ron Zeise, Bill Schneider, Thomas Sanders, Bill Klemp, Ron Wichinski, Sharon Derke

Meeting called to order on January 21, 2023, at 9:57 am by Director, Ron Wichinski

Dan Cress gave the financial report.

After discussion by members present a decision was made to plan the February 15, 2023, club meeting at a restaurant during lunch time. More information regarding what restaurant and exact time of meeting will be provided in the CLC Newsletter.

Dan will try to design a Business Card/Post Card using our Club information to use as an alternative to our current brochures. This is so our members can distribute them to possible new Badger Region members. Jake Jakus said he could check into getting it printed once it is completed and approved.

It was decided that June 10th, 2023, is the date for the Cadillac car show at Crest Cadillac. There is much to plan and work that needs to be done to make this car show a success.

The annual banquet is set for April 22, 2023, at the Westmore Country Club. A menu will be finalized, and a reservation flyer will be created and distributed by email and newsletter for members to complete and return.

If you are planning to go to the Grand National Car Show in, Albuquerque, New Mexico, get your reservations in soon. Events are filling up fast.

Ron Zeise moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Tyndall seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Submitted by Sharon Derke.



# FEBRUARY MEETING

## DELAFIELD BREWHAUS

3832 Hillside Drive  
Delafield, WI 53018  
262-646-7821

Wednesday February 15th 12:00 NOON

**RSVP by February 13 to arrange for wait staff**

**Ron Wichinski 414-899-3929**

*Food and beverage can be ordered on an individual basis. Check and gratuity are individually issued. Upon completion of lunch, our Membership Business Meeting will take place at 1:00 pm.*

*Directions from Milwaukee: I-94 East to Hwy 83. Exit Hwy 83. South (left) at the end of ramp. Continue to the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal which is Hillside Drive. East (left) on Hillside Drive to the Delafield Brewhaus.*



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**Meetings Are Fun and Rewarding  
By Jake Jakus**

Turn back the clock to 1972. I was young and in love, with cars! The best place to see the good ones was at Wally Rank & Sons Buick Auto Dealership in Milwaukee. Wally had a wonderful collection and attracted extraordinary cars to his annual car show. I took my girlfriend, soon to be my wife, to see the show cars that year. We had a great time, and I took a lot of photographs, which I saved in a cheap photo album.

Jump ahead to late 2022, I was watching a Classic Cars TV program and they featured a Chevy Gasser the owner said he purchased in Wisconsin. Well, I knew I had a picture of an old Chevy gasser I took in about 1968



**In 1972 at Wally Rank's Show**

or 1969 at the Union Grove Raceway. I got the photo album out, but to my dismay, the car was different than the one in my photo. However, I came across a photo of a circa 1950 or 1951 Oldsmobile convertible from the Wally Rank Show and remembered there are two similar cars owned by members in our local Badger Region CLC.

Could it be one of their cars? We had a car cruise and luncheon coming up in a couple weeks and I thought I would bring the photo along for "show and tell". The photo was of a 1950 Oldsmobile convertible. It was a hit with the crowd. Remember, this was taken 50 years ago! Now, the rest of the story...

I showed the photo to Jeff Fillinger and asked if it could be his Oldsmobile? He said the color was off, but it could be the photo's age-faded color or maybe it was repainted a brighter red. However, the car had a trailer hitch and Jeff said his car did not have a hitch. He said Lars Anderson's Olds has a trailer hitch and maybe it was his car?

Lars was also at the luncheon, and I asked if his Olds has a trailer hitch. He said yes. Bingo! A match! However, he said his trailer hitch is the insert-style and not a bumper-style hitch. At least we had fun reminiscing about the good old days.



**When Jeff brought it home in 2006**

We then tried to identify the license plate number on the car. It was a Wisconsin Collector plate, and we finally agreed it was number 179. An incredibly early number! Since no one claimed the car in the photo as theirs, I told Jeff he could keep the picture. I had no use for it.



**The way it looks now in 2023**

Early the next day I got a call from Jeff. He said, "**That is MY car!**" Jeff had gone to the local Department of Motor Vehicles and asked about the 1950 Olds with Plate #179. They found the Vin on the convertible and said it was now linked to Collector Plate 16397. That is Jeff's plate number!

It is fantastic a fifty year old photograph and a bunch of Cadillac Club members having lunch can solve the World's problems, and still have time to find out Jeff's Oldsmobile has a long history of attending car shows. **Life is good!**

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**Results from CLC winter BOD meeting, January 28, 2023**

1. With the approaching retirement of Mike and Nancy Book (April 15), the BOD approved hiring Cornerstone Registration, Maple Grove, MN, as our office and membership management company. They will assume official duties April 1, with a NEW mailing address, a NEW email address, and a NEW office phone number. More details and information in the upcoming days and weeks.
  2. Due to the transition of membership data and other pertinent information to a new website, it was decided and approved that there will be no attempt to produce a 2024 Membership Directory either electronically or printed. However, every effort will be made to offer for purchase a printed Membership Directory for 2025.
  3. All membership dues were approved for a modest increase. All existing dues (excluding E-membership) will increase \$10.00 annually effective April 1. Lifetime membership, available to an existing member of 10 years, will increase to \$1,250 domestically and \$1,500 other countries effective April 1. All dues categories DO NOT include a published Membership Directory. Any surviving spouse of a lifetime member will no longer benefit from membership effective December 31. We will be glad to accept survivor spouse membership applications.
  4. Effective with Gettysburg 2024 GN, all car judging will be on Friday. CLC and MRC board meetings will be scheduled on Saturday; all cars registered will be required to remain on display through Saturday at 4:00 pm unless removal is approved by National Chief Judge. These enhancements will allow tabulators sufficient time to accurately complete judging results and the awards committee time to assemble appropriate awards.
  5. A "rain policy" was approved by the BOD to be enacted at the Albuquerque GN. In the event that rain or inclement weather exists, and judging is halted or canceled, there will be no further judging and NO awards issued for any cars previously judged. More details to follow.
- Our webmaster, Stefan, asks everyone to access their member profile ASAP and edit all information to facilitate accurate personal/vehicle information for transfer into the new system.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, February 15, 2023	12:00 PM	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Delafield Brewhaus
Saturday, March 18, 2023	10:00 AM	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Waukesha State Bank
Saturday, April 22, 2023	5:00 PM	Badger Region Annual Meeting and Banquet	Westmoor Country Club
Saturday, May 20, 2023	12:00 AM	Badger Region CLC Meeting	Waukesha State Bank
Saturday, June 10, 2023	TBD	Crest Cadillac Car Show	Crest Cadillac
Tuesday, June 20, 2023		Albuquerque Grand National	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Friday, September 22, 2023		Cadillac Fall Festival	Gilmore Museum Hickory Corners, Michigan
Tuesday, June 11, 2024		Gettysburg Grand National	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

**The Badger Region CLC meeting is the third (3rd) Saturday of the month.  
 The meeting is held at Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045**