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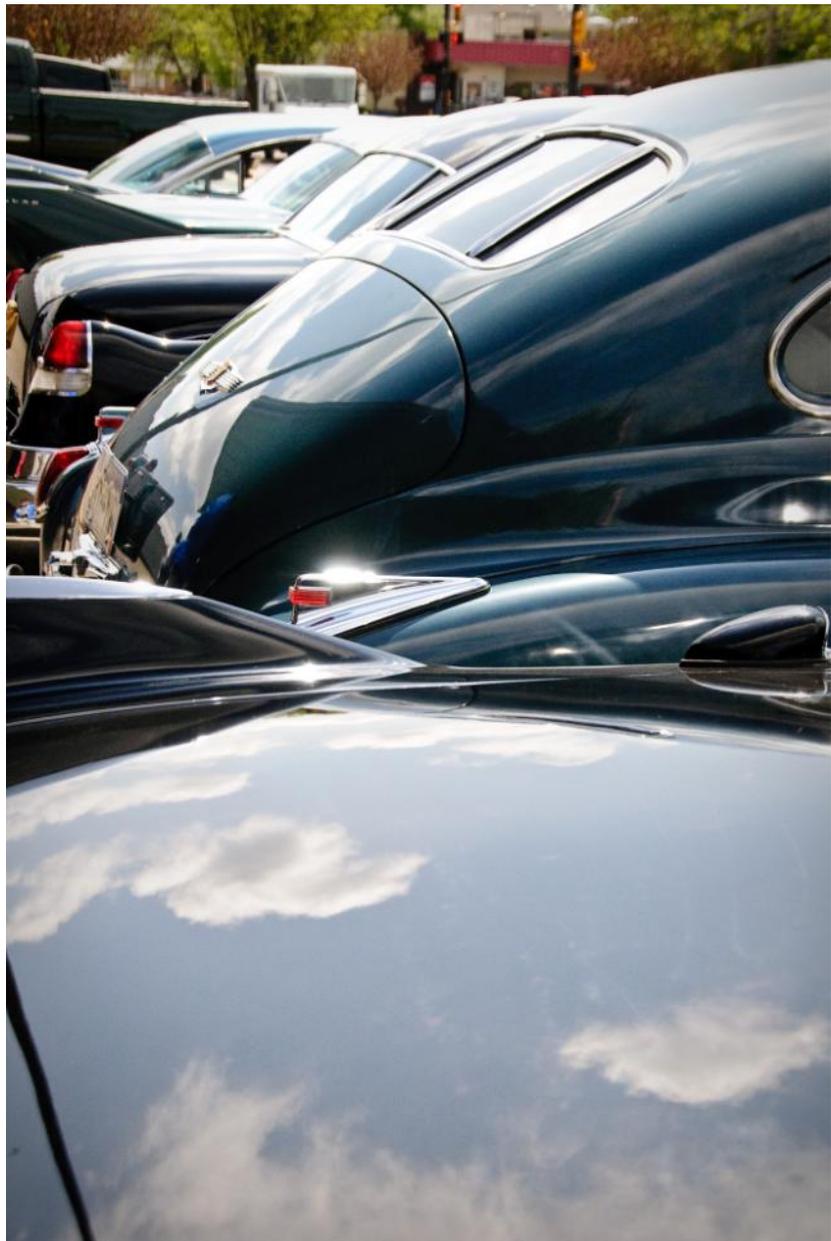
# The *Dagmar*

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*April 2010*

## **VFW Event in May** *By John Evans*

The Third Annual VFW Burger Run and Car Show is set for Armed Forces Day Saturday May 15th, 2010 at the VFW Post 1771, 105 West Cannon St. Lafayette Colorado, 11:30 a.m. drive in. As in years past, we will have period music provided by Brothers II Entertainment, Deluxe flame broiled burgers under the Big Top, with all the trimmings and an open bar. The event will be advertised on KEZW AM Radio, and we can expect a good crowd of Vintage Auto enthusiasts.





**Director's Column  
By John Serfling**

What a calendar we have for you this year! Rest well while you can, because we have 21 activities scheduled from May through November. You have all of April to get your cars ready to roll. Our next function is on May 15th and it looks like we have something planned just about every week

after that through September. Thanks to Jim Salmi for coordinating all of this. I would also like to thank the 14 members who will be running individual events. Some of them are running more than one event. As I have said many times, it is you, the membership that makes this club great. This year you are really proving that to be true. We still have a few openings for event leaders, so call Jim Salmi and ask how you can help.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were a little worried that we wouldn't have enough cars, but quite a few people added their names to the list at the March meeting. Suddenly, we had plenty of cars. The Iwo Jima vets were most appreciative of the escort. If you haven't already done so, read all about it beginning on page 4.

My final "thank you" for this edition is for your prayers for

my Eldorado. Last month's column ended with a request for them and they seem to have worked. The starter has not stumbled again (knock on wood). Now it is time to move on to spring maintenance issues for both of my cars, if only it would stop snowing long enough to do it. Prior to writing this column I read what I had written last year. The fruit trees were already in bloom, but snow was on its way. As I recall, that took care of those flowers. The only buds I have seen this year are on a forsythia, which should already be in bloom, but it isn't even close. I can't get excited about firing up the convertible at least until something other than crocus is in bloom. The weather forecast for tonight is for up to a foot of snow. There won't be any top-down driving for a while yet. Enjoy spring, if and when it gets here, and join us for our April meeting at the Elks Lodge.



## Rocky Mountain Region CLC 2010 Proposed Activities

(as of March 18, 2010)

<b>Proposed Activities:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
VFW/Lafayette Car Show/Cookout	John Evans	May 15
Rossi Tour (viewing & breakfast)	Open	May 23
Memorial Day Parade	Jim Salmi	May 29
Car tune-up clinic	John Washburn	June 5
High Plains Tour	J. Washburn/A. Cutler	June 11-13
Havana Cruise/picnic	Bob Lyons	June 19
Father's Day car show	Blaise Flaherty	Jun 20
Fourth of July parade (Georgetown)	Open	July 4
Grand National	Paul Olson	July 14-17
Tipton Open House	Marcus Tipton	July 24
Orphan Car Show/Burger Run	Tom Orton	Jul 31
Cussler Museum Tour	Don Braden	Aug 7
Cruise Golden	Brad Bauer	Aug 7
Wild Animal Sanctuary (Keenesburg)	Jeanne Tiffany	Aug 14
Ten West Car Show/BBQ (Fenton)	Jim Salmi	Aug 27
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	Tim Coy	Sep 4
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	Leonard Johnson	Sep 25
Akron air show	John Cullinan	Sep 11
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	Bob Lyons	Sep 18
Wildlife Experience (I-25 & Lincoln)	Jeanne Tiffany	Oct ??
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi	Nov 13 ?

## Mystery Ornament

One of our members acquired this unusual hood ornament. If you can identify it, drop me a note, and I'll let them know. My contact information is on page 10.

**Dave Leger**  
Editor



*Cast Steel 7.5" tall*

## A Successful St. Pat's Parade By Jim Salmi

Despite some earlier-in-the-week weather forecasts that looked questionable, Saturday, March 13 broke warm and sunny without a hint of rain. In fact, the only thing it rained was Cadillacs (and a LaSalle). An even dozen in all, including eight convertibles. This year we were once again the drivers for the Iwo Jima Veterans in the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade. This was an especially poignant parade for them, since this year many were finally able to return to Iwo Jima and were allowed by the Japanese government to land there.

The parade, which kicked off at 10:00AM as it does every year, wound its way from the Coors Stadium parking lot down Blake Street to 17th Avenue, where it turned right and continued to Union Station and Wyncoop Street. From there, we continued on Wyncoop back to Coors'. Leading off the line was Peter Luce's '38 Maroon Cadillac convertible sedan, the perfect FDR-era vehicle. John Cullinan once again brought his '38 LaSalle convertible. James Sears drove his '65 blue convertible, Don Braden brought his '41 Fleetwood, and Pat Perlinger was there with his '49 and the grandkids posing as dignitaries. It should be noted that Pat once again provided coffee and Krispy Kremes for the troops. Thanks, Pat. Leonard Johnson provided two beautiful '55 Eldo Biarritzs from the fleet, piloted by T.J. Gudino and Jack Kinney. Leonard

himself wasn't there-probably working on his taxes. Jake Madsen was also there with his black '41 sedan, a car we don't usually see at our events. Other cars present that we would like to see more of were Frank Keller's very pretty white '50 convertible, Jonathan McGrew's nice, big white '72 Eldo convertible, and new member Scott Wyloge's '62 light-custom 4-dr "convertible". Bringing up the rear was yours truly riding with John Evans in his flag be-draped blue '59 six-window.

In addition to, or maybe because of the beautiful weather, the crowd downtown seemed larger than in past years. And very enthusiastic. Our club was just ahead of the Iwo Jima float, and it was gratifying to hear the roars of approval for it from the onlookers. The Battle of Iwo Jima, although predicted to last five days, ultimately dragged on for thirty-six days, at a cost of 6,800 American dead and more than 20,000 wounded. As the Greatest

Generation gets smaller every year, it becomes doubly important to show them the gratitude they deserve.

Thanks also to all the Cadillac owners and drivers for a strong showing. Sunny weather, big crowds, and great people and cars made for a perfect combination. A small car fire in one of Leonard's '55's was apparently the only mishap, but it was quickly put out and the car got back to Boulder with no further problems. Even the car signs were all accounted for at the end of the day. Now that's what you call a success.





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## OTHER CAR RELATED ACTIVITIES

Other car related activities, as published in Old Cars Weekly, Hemmings, OCCC, Denver Post or from other sources. Please verify accuracy before attending.

March 6 Loveland, CO Classic Car Auction, The Ranch, Specialty Auto Auctions  
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April 17 Pueblo, CO Paul Sefcovic Memorial Car Show, CSU-Pueblo, Daniel Kirk info:  
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April 24 Pueblo, CO Outlaw Rod & Custom Show, Colorado State Fairgrounds  
Joe Valenti 719-248-7815

May 2 Arvada, CO Great Machines Car Show, Arapahoe Park, 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Indiana St.  
[www.rockymountainnovaclub.com](http://www.rockymountainnovaclub.com)

May 7-8 Ridgway, CO Balloons & Varooms Car Show

May 8 Gateway Car Show, Gateway Auto Museum [www.gatewaycanyons.com](http://www.gatewaycanyons.com)

May 15 Elizabeth, CO Rocky Top Show & Swap, Casey Jones Park

June 12 Golden, CO, Wild West Auto Roundup, Washington Ave., Golden Chamber of Commerce

June 19 Durango, CO MotorExpo, Main Ave.. Sponsor: Old Car Club,  
Steve Wylie, 201 Clover Pl., Duranco, CO 81303. [www.durangomotorexpo.com](http://www.durangomotorexpo.com)

July 9-10 Montrose, CO Colorful Colo. Car, Truck & Rod Car Show  
[www.blackcanyonclassics.com](http://www.blackcanyonclassics.com)

July 17 Henderson, CO MotorMania Mile-High Marketplace Events Center, I-76 & 88<sup>th</sup>  
Ave., [www.proplayersassociation.org](http://www.proplayersassociation.org)

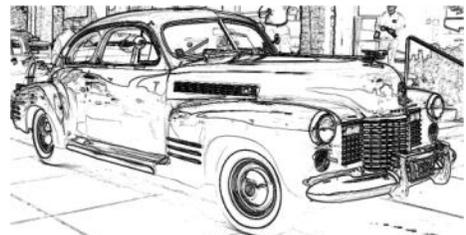
August 21 Brighton, CO Mountain States Swap Meet, Adams Cnty. Fairgrounds,  
9755 Henderson Rd.. Sponsor: Old Car Council of Colorado.

August 21-22 Gunnison, CO Gunnison Car Show [www.gunnisoncarclub.com](http://www.gunnisoncarclub.com)

September 3-5 Alamosa, CO Alamosa Car Show, Cole Park [www.earlyironclub.com](http://www.earlyironclub.com)

September 11 Ignacio, CO Sky Ute Casino Resort Car Show, 14324 U.S. Hwy 172 N.  
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**June 5th, the 3rd, but not annual, Cadillac and LaSalle tune-up clinic at the Washburn Compound**

*By John Washburn*

**You are invited to attend if:**

You have a car that needs a tune-up, or has some engine performance problem that need diagnosis, or other issues we might be able to address

You have a distributor, off the car, that we can set up or check on the SUN Distributor machine (installation of new points and condenser is optional)

You want to attend the Whit Otis Seminar on rebuilding Cadillac and LaSalle water pumps for flathead engines, 1937 - 1948

You want to supervise the effort  
You want to volunteer to work on one of the cars that sign up for the event  
You would just like to watch and visit with other club members  
You just want to come drink beer, eat pizza, and kibitz.

**So far the following members have shown an interest in attending.**

Jim Salmi, 1952 Cadillac, he would like us to diagnose his engine using a SUN engine analyzer

Ray Guerrie, 1952 Cadillac, will bring the distributor off his car so we can spin it and dial it in on the SUN distributor machine.

Merrill Yale, 1959 Cadillac convertible, needs some adjustment on his carburetor linkage

Juan Culliinan, numerous Cadillac and LaSalle's, is interested in the water pump seminar

Sal Torres, 1966 Cadillac, has an electrical short, wants some help on isolating the problem

Sheriff Pat Perlinger, will attend and try to provide adult supervision

Leonard Johnson said he will attend. I believe he will act as senior advisor and spiritual counselor to all

El Presidente, Serf Johnling, will attend. Seems he has a carburetor that is in need of adjusting.

**What I need:**

If you plan to attend please let me know so we can figure out what libations and pizza you are partial to. If you want to bring your car you need to let me know so that we can ensure we have a knowledgeable technician that can work on your year and model. If you want to volunteer, as a technician, and have an area of expertise, please let me know. The plan, as of today, is to start around 9:00 am on Saturday and quit when done. More info will be provided in the May issue of the Dagmar. I am hoping the technicians who have donated their time the last two years will again volunteer. They are Whit Otis, Bill Woodman, Brent Hladky, Blaise Flaherty, and Paul Whitlock.  
Hope to see you at the Clinic.



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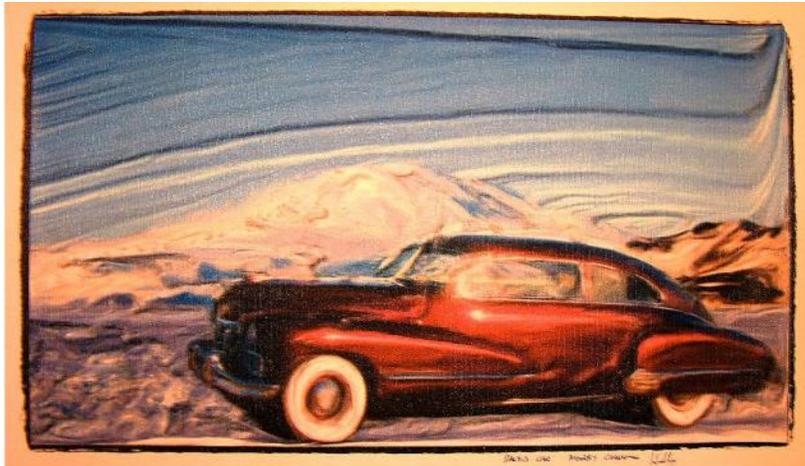
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**Mildred Goes to Antarctica**  
*By David Leger*

As you can see in this painting, Mildred, my 1947 coupe, has been getting around. It's a good thing she has the optional under seat heaters for this trip.

As many of you know, your editor works in the US Antarctic Program. I've worked in the program for 15 years now. When I first started, I thought I'd do this for a year for the adventure, then get a real job. The problem with that plan was that I got hooked on the science and the people in the program.

Where else do you find a job that takes you to remote corners of the world? Where can you work on cutting edge research that can make a differ-

ence in the world? Where else do you live with your co-workers for months at a time?

When I get a call at the office, I never know who it will be. It may be a biologist researching how Antarctic tooth fish live in sub-freezing temperatures, or a climatologist studying temperature change over the last few million years. Some of our biggest science right now are the big cosmology projects at the South Pole. One is turning a cubic kilometer of ice (starting 400 meters down) into a cosmic ray detector which will, among other things, search for evidence of particles tied to dark matter theory. The other is the South Pole Telescope, a 10 meter far infrared telescope that will look at signals in the faint background radiation in the universe from the big bang, and at signatures that may be

tied to dark energy theory.

For the first seven years, I spent up to 6 months down on the ice each year. These days I push paper here in Denver, and have staff who support our efforts on the ice. Knowing what it is like to be down there, I try to always send a Christmas care package down each year. This year my staff there sent me back a unique present.

Two of them are artists. They took a digital photo of my car, and took one of a scene in Antarctica. They worked on the computer to hand paint the scenes, combining them into an image of Mildred on the ice. They then printed it on artist's canvas. It turned out great! I'm dropping \$300 on a great frame for it now, and will bring it to one of our meetings one of these days.

For a gal of a certain age, Mildred sure still gets around




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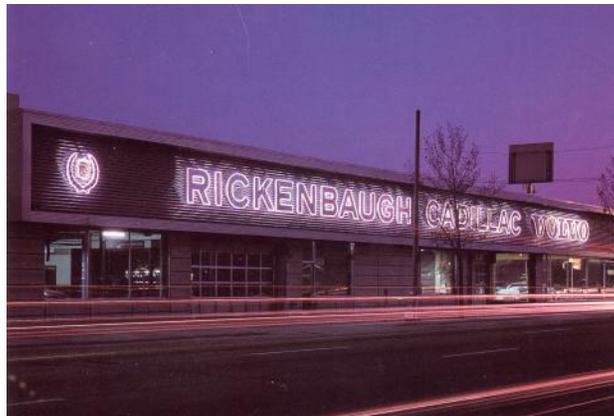
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