



# The *Dagmar*

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## August 2007

### **Aloha RMRCLC!** *By Marcus and Cory Tipton*

The third annual Cadillac & LaSalle Club luau was a smash hit. Although attendance was down just a bit from last year, the crowd was fantastic and we had lots of "hula" fun! With the waterfall flowing, the beverages were not far behind

and the tremendous food made for a wonderful afternoon. Cory and I are thrilled to host this wonderful event and enjoy seeing many different members, as well as the die-hard party animals, every year. Although the day was a little warm for many of the classics (the fear of vapor lock was on many minds), a select few weathered the heat and brought out the oldies. We

look forward to hosting the luau for years to come and hope to see you at the fourth annual luau next summer! What better reason to hop behind the wheel and drive those beautiful Cadillacs and LaSalles?

Until next year, Mahalo and Aloha from Cory and Marcus Tipton



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register ASAP.  
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***The Heat Is On***  
***The Director's Column***  
***By John Evans***



The heat is on!. In the wink of an eye, our 17th annual regional show at McCaddon Cadillac will be on us, and this year's regional is shaping up to be a whopper. The long awaited RMRCLC grill badge will be on display, the cars will dazzle and the BBQ is always a winner, so hope to see you all there.

The next thing we know, our highly anticipated Anasazi Adventure will be coming up as well. Of course there will be plenty to do for those wishing to stay a bit closer to home with the Keensburg Parade, and an August 15 Burger Run planned. As the scorching summer heat begins to wane (we hope), let's not forget the Labor Day breakfast and parade on Sept 3rd in Louisville. Tim and Liz Coy tell me that there will be a bountiful breakfast, and the chance to show

off our beautiful Cadillacs and LaSalles in the biggest Labor Day parade in the state of Colorado. I've driven solo in the Louisville parade for many years in my 59 Sedan de Ville, and would love some RMRCLC company. So please plan to make this traditional end of summer event a good club showing, and hats off to Tim and Liz for making all this possible. Congratulations to Gene Fenton winner of the 2007 RMRCLC Lifetime Achievement Award, Rod Brewer who was awarded a RMRCLC Certificate of Appreciation, and special thanks to Dirk Biermann, Brent Hladky, Paul Olsen, John Serfling, Nancy Tucker, Dave Leger, and all the many other folks that have contributed so much time and hard work to the overall success of our numerous RMR Club events.

As we wind our way through the late Summer Season, take a moment to review our schedule of events and plan to attend as many as possible, we'll be looking for you. Until then, stay cool and I wish you all safe and happy motoring.



**Labor Day Parade & Pancakes!**  
***By Liz Coy***

Back in the 20th century, actually in the 1990's. The Rocky Mountain Region used to participate in the Labor Day parade held in "beautiful" downtown Louisville, Colorado. We used to host a breakfast on our front patio complete with muffins, quiches and juices. But as time went on and as other car clubs always walked away with the "prizes" interest was lost in the parade. I don't believe interest was ever lost on the breakfast. Tim and I would like to bring that event back to our region. The lineup has always been close to our house, so it is just a matter of parking your cars and walking a block or two to our house. We still have a large front patio complete with patio tables, umbrellas, plenty of chairs and of course our oven and refrigerator still work. And, who cares about the prizes. It's about all of us after all. So, mark your calendars for the Labor Day parade, September 3, 2007 here in Louisville and some good old club camaraderie. Please RSVP by calling (303) 673-0011 no later than August 31, 2007.

**Annual Hill Climb Leads to Vapor Lock Inquiries**  
*By Dirk Biermann*

All of the attendees at the Annual Biermann/Russell Hill Climb successfully assaulted the twenty-four percent grade to Dirk and Drake's mountain top home to enjoy barbeque and great company on Sunday July 1. A dozen or so cars spanning forty years, from John Cullinan's 1956 Eldorado Coupe to Diane and Don's (McDaniel/Voloshyn) 1996 Eldorado Coupe toured Golden Gate canyon prior to the ascent up Douglas mountain.



However, vapor lock contributed to a couple of stalls and required late comers Paul and Cynthia Whitlock to abandon their 1965 Eldorado Convertible mid-hill and hike to the top. After a little rest, the blue convertible managed to make its way to the final destination.



Club members will be looking to carburetor guru John Washburn for an explanation of the phenomena and the appropriate fix.

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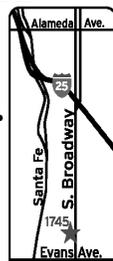
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## Hot Food and Hot Cars! *By David Leger*

Club members had a real treat for our July monthly meeting. Not only did they get to see some exciting Cadillacs and LaSalles, but they had an excellent meal provided.

Through Rod Brewer's generosity, we held our meeting and barbeque dinner at his place. Rod graciously opened up his collection for people to wander through. Thanks to the skills of Dirk Biermann and Brent Hladky club members had bratwurst, hot dogs, and hamburgers galore. As sides we could stock up on chips, potato and pasta salads, and a variety of pickles. For everyone's sweet tooth

brownies and cookies were provided.

While our typical meetings might draw 25 or 30 club members, we had nearly 100 show for this special event. After the meal, John Evans presented Rod Brewer with a certificate of appreciation for all he has done for the club. John also presented Gene Fenton with a lifetime achievement award. The board had made a decision in February on Gene's award and everyone was excited to have him there for the presentation.

While the big show was Rod's collection, a number of member's cars out in the parking area drew stares as well. George Malesich drove his

1927 6980 sedan, while at the other extreme Blaise Flaherty brought a fast CTS-V from Rickenbaugh.

After the awards Rod Brewer told the group the stories behind many of his cars, with occasional additions from Walt Brewer.

The event was so successful we even attracted residents from a nearby motel who wandered over to see the unusual gathering of cars.

We hope those who brought guests had a great time, and perhaps we'll see some of them return in the future as club members.

## Updating Your 1953 - 1957 Cadillac Oil Bath Air Cleaner

By John Washburn

I like to keep my cars as original as possible but am open to change as technology changes. For instance, when The Self Starter published an article on updating the oil bath air filters on LaSalles and Cadillacs from 1937 to 1948 I thought this was an excellent idea. The oil bath air cleaner did a great job, but oil got everything dirty, plus the air cleaner was heavy. Convert the air cleaner to the element type, as per the article, and no more oil everywhere, and the unit was about 3 pounds lighter. The same goes for adding General Motors Engine Oil Substitute (EOS), available at your local GM dealerships especially Chevrolet (think high performance engines) to your oil to keep the ZDDP levels high and ensure that the hydraulic lifters don't wear prematurely. Oh, and don't forget to change the gas lines to fuel injector hose so that the alcohol in today's gas won't destroy them with disastrous results.

So now it is spring 2007, and it is time to clean the oil bath air cleaner on the 56 Cadillac. This cleaner, as the one on the 53, likes to fight me while I try to clean either one. You have to take the center portion out of the assembly (left unit picture #1) and let the oil drain out of it. Next you drain the bottom section of the assembly (right unit picture #1). During the disassembly process, described above, watch out for the sharp edges on these units, you can cut yourself very easily if you are not careful.

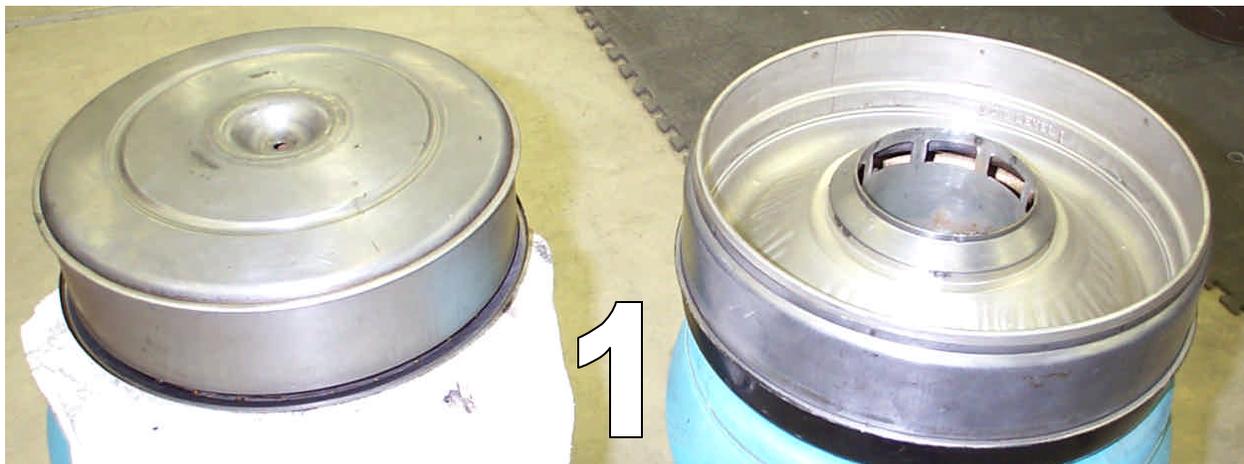
Once the oil has been drained you have to chip out the gunk that is left inside and wipe the residue out using cleaner and some clean rags. Then when the inside is clean it is time to clean the outside, since oil gets everything dirty. This is nasty dirty work; and once again you have to use cleaner, rags, and such, to complete the job. So I get the air cleaner spic and span, grab a quart of oil, and then it hits me. Can, this fat boy find an element to fit into the filter, and thus remove the need for the oil bath cleaner portion?

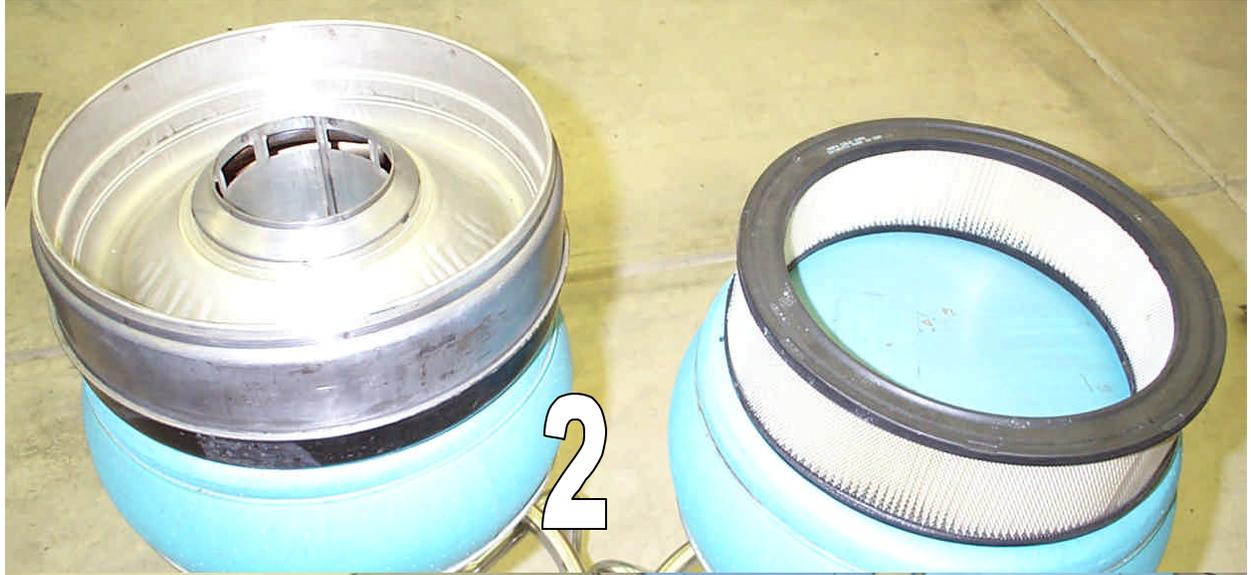
bottom portion of the air cleaner that I just cleaned and head for NAPA. I explained what I want. The manager said it looks like a 2098 NAPA Gold filter (these are made by WIX) will do the trick. He was correct on the first guess!

Take a look at the pictures, (picture 2 shows the bottom unit and the new filter, picture 3 shows the unit installed) it fits great, seals up nicely, and weighs about half of what it did previously. This oil bath air cleaner configuration, for Cadillac 4 barrel carburetors, was standard in 1953 and went to 1956 (picture 4 shows the unit reassembled, picture 5 shows the air cleaner back on the 56 Cadillac). This modification may work on 1957 models, but I am not 100% positive of this.

This modification is great. It gets rid of all oil in the air cleaner, which mean less mess, so you don't have to clean it every 2000 miles or once a year. Finally, the filter was a little over \$7.00, so it is cheap.

I clean myself up, grab the





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**Monthly Meeting:**

**Regular business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm. We meet at the TDS/J.W. Brewer Tire Co. 11900 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO. This is near the Ward Road and I-70 exit.**

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**The Drive to Durango:  
Are You Ready**  
*By John Cullinan*

On the next page is the registration form for the tour to Durango. Please copy or clip it, fill it out and return it by August 15th, along with the \$10 registration fee. We need a firm count of the number of attendees and the events they will be attending by that date.

We depart August 23rd at 8:30 A.M. from Conifer. It will be a beautiful drive along U.S. 285 through Salida and the San Luis Valley to South Fork for lunch at the Chalet Swiss. Those joining the tour will have their choice of entrees including Trout, Schnitzel, or Chicken Avocado Summer Salad. After lunch we will drive up and over Wolf Creek Pass through Pagosa Springs to Durango. After a little rest, there will be a garage tour and cocktail party with finger food at Joanna and Allen Logsdon's

home.

On Friday some will be riding the train, while others will be touring up to Vallecito Reservoir for lunch, sightseeing and optional boating. That evening I hope all attendees will join us for the dinner and show at the Bar D Ranch. You will have your choice of chicken, beef, or steak. On the way out to the Bar D, we will visit the garage of John Sovers, former mechanic for the Nethercutt Collection. He has also offered the use of his two lifts for those who want to attend to any car problems. There will also be a stop at the famous jump site from "Butch

Cassidy and the Sundance Kid".

On Saturday we will caravan out to Mesa Verde for a tour and lunch, arranged by Greg Kemp, before returning to Durango to enjoy the RailFest festivities and attend the Melodrama (optional). Sunday some will return directly to Denver and Colorado Springs. Others will head on to other mountain towns before returning home.

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Check the events you plan to attend indicating number of participants:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Logsdon Garage Tour Cocktail Party on Thursday Night (no charge)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tour to Vallecito Reservoir and Lunch Friday (Boating Optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bar D Chuck Wagon Dinner and Show Friday Night (Pay on Friday)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tour to Vallecito Reservoir and Lunch Friday
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Morning Drive to Mesa Verde, Tour and Lunch at the Park

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- Regional Meet - Saturday, August 11, McCaddon Cadillac in Boulder
- Keenesburg Parade - date unavailable at press time. Please contact Walt Brewer at (303) 935- 9805, if you are interested.
- Burger Run - Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 PM Gunther Toody's 7355 Ralston Rd, Arvada
- Anasazi Adventure Durango Trip - Thursday through Sunday, August 23 through 26
- Louisville Labor Day Parade - Monday, September 3, Breakfast at the home of Tim & Liz Coy (see article on page 3 for details)
- Retirement Community Car Show & BBQ - Saturday, September 15, 10 to 2:30. Contact Blaise Flaherty at (303) 302-5768 for information
- Cruise the Fax Colfax Cruise tentatively scheduled for September 22
- Fall Colors Tour - Saturday, September 29 A tour guide is needed to select the meeting place and route and lead the tour. Please call John Serfling at(303) 722-5098 if you are interested in leading this tour.
- Denver Veteran's Day Parade - Saturday, November 10

## **Other Events**

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- August 5, All GM Fun Day and Car Show at Heritage Square. \$10/vehicle. Ms. Kay Yates 303-378-5461
- Cruise the Fax Colfax Cruise September 22 from 4 PM to 8 PM

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