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Join Me In Sanctuary By Jeanne Tiffany

Hey Everyone!!

I just wanted to remind you all about the Wild Animal Sanctuary Tour in August. We decided to do this tour again because there were some people last year that didn't get to go because of previous engagements. So for those who missed it last year here's your chance to go this year. Here are the details.

Where: The Wild Animal Sanctuary, 1946 WCR 53, Keenesburg, Co. (303-536-0118)

When: August 14th (Saturday) 2010

Time: Tour starts at 12:00 noon in the visitor building (Note: Please get there at least 15 min early so we can meet in the parking lot and go in as a group!) The tour is a self guided and should take about 1 hour to walk through.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (Donations are greatly appreciated as well)

DONT'S - NO CELL PHONES !!!!!!! OR SMOKING ON TOUR.

DO'S - BRING YOUR CAMERAS!!!! & KIDS they will love it!! (remember you are walking on a cat walk above the cages, strollers could be a problem.)

FYI: As you probably already know you will be traveling on dusty dirt roads to get to the sanctuary.

We also thought it would be nice to have a bite to eat together at the Pepper Pod

which is located right at the exit ramps where you get on & off the highway to go to the sanctuary.

To get more information on the sanctuary they have a great web site(wildlife-sanctuary.org) that gives you more about them, who they are, what there all about, how they receive these beautiful animals, how to make donations, animal adoption programs, directions, maps and phone numbers if you are interested!!!





Director's Column
By John Serfling

The activities season is certainly in full swing. July started off with the Georgetown 4th of July parade. You can read a perspective of the day elsewhere in The Dagmar. I was concerned about the weather, but we were greeted by clear skies and mild temperatures. We caravanned up US 40 in order to avoid I-70. Our final assault on Georgetown was on the south frontage road that begins where US 40 heads to Berthoud Pass. I've driven this road many times, so I knew it was a good way to approach Georgetown. What I didn't know was that the county was rebuilding it. It was with a little trepidation that we started down it, but all members of the caravan agreed that we should proceed, although slowly and with plenty of distance between cars. After about ½ mile of dust, the road had been sprayed to keep the dust down. It really was quite uneventful the rest of the way to our destination. Because of the crowd, the members of

the club who drove in the parade and the people we carried in our cars, this was the best 4th of July parade that I have had the privilege of driving in.

Member Marcus Tipton hosted a fun event for us at his winery late in July. We tasted various types of wine, toured the facility and ate well. At the start of the event one of the members asked me why we were here. My answer to him summed up why I am in the club. It's not the cars, it's the people. I told him we were there to have an enjoyable afternoon with people we liked being around. The answer seemed to please him. That is why you should join us for club events. They usually aren't about the cars; they are about the camaraderie and friendships we have developed within the club.

Events are scheduled for three of the four Saturdays in August, with two activities happening on August 7th. Don Braden has arranged for us to see the Clive Cussler collection that morning and we will be participating in the Golden Cruise that evening, thanks to the efforts of Brad Bauer. I suspect most of us will make it to one or the other. What a dilemma! You can read about the final event of August in Jim Salmi's article. This will be an opportunity to show off our cars.

The last time I was out in the Eldorado and it started to rain I turned on the wipers, but nothing happened. NAPA sells a replacement that looks just like the original, including the washer function. All you have

to do is remove three screws and one nut and pull two electrical plugs. The word "all" is a bit misleading, because it is extremely difficult to reach one of the screws. The compressor for the automatic level control makes removing the other two screws a bit inconvenient. Because of the compressor and the various sharp objects protruding from it, my forearms have numerous scratches on them. The real sacrifice I made to the project was a couple square inches of flesh that I burned off when I rather stupidly laid my forearm down onto the back side of my work light. To install the new motor I ended up removing the A/C system servo assembly and the vacuum canister. I don't like to remove extra items during a repair job, because the chance of that item not working properly afterwards seems too great. Fortunately, everything does work properly.

After completing the work on the wipers, we headed to Salida in Rick's car for a few days. Upon our return, I backed the Eldorado out of the garage, but noticed that the rear end seemed a bit low. No problem, I'll just pump up the air shocks-later. As I drove away I had to steer a bit more to the left than I was used to in order to go forward. Well that means something else is wrong. The right front tire was almost flat. I found a nail in the tread too close to the sidewall to repair. This was the excuse I was looking for to justify buying new tires. Sometimes bad things turn out very well.

See you at an event soon!

Cruise Golden Update **By Brad Bauer**

As you all know our group will be attending Cruise Golden Saturday Aug 7th. I have confirmed the address of the lot that we will be using. We will be parked at Golden Real Estate building located at 17695 South Golden Road. I spoke to Mr. Smith the owner and he is fine with our group using the lot. He did mention cars arrive early and there is really no way of reserving the lot as it is a first come first serve basis. I will arrive directly after the morning event ends, I am guessing 1:00 pm. So come early and let's make our beautiful cars the prize of the day to all who come.

Directions to the event are as follows:

Leaving Denver out 6th ave west, turn right on Johnson Rd, (land mark is the road construction ends right at Johnson Rd corner) follow Johnson Road right into Golden which will end at a roundabout which is South Golden Road. Turn right and we will be immediately on the left. It will be real easy to see. If you get lost it is directly across from The Village Shopping Center.

I look forward to an action filled fun packed day... Drive carefully to and from the event!

HOT Summertime and the GN was easy! **By Jim Salmi**

It's halfway through the car season, and the 2010 Grand

National in Kansas City is already over. And what will those of us who attended remember? Well, first of all it was hot, as in Real Hot. The heat wave that gripped most of the midsection of the nation definitely did not spare KC. The temperature was in the upper nineties, and the humidity put the heat index in the 105 range during the daytime. Fortunately, with the exception of Friday afternoon, it stayed dry and the show went on. Our hosts, the Missouri Valley Region, did a great job and they deserve everyone's thanks.

We totaled 667 attendees, and probably had something over 100 cars in the show itself. That is not a huge turnout, but it must be remembered that KC, like Denver, doesn't have a huge population base in the area to draw from. The weak national economy doesn't help matters either.

The cars represented Cadillac/LaSalle history from 1910 to the present era, although it seemed to me that it might have been a little lopsided in favor of later vintage cars as opposed to pre-1960's. That's only my impression, and that may be because I only found one Class 14 car on the show field, a 1953 sedan which was entered in Touring class. What can I say-I'm prejudiced. I was hoping to photograph a few 1952's for later reference. I counted four '59's, four '58's, three '57's, four '56's, one '55 (that I remember) and one '54 coupe, so the Elvis era was not ignored. I wonder if the more modern cars had greater representation because they are

likely to be air-conditioned. Did I mention how hot it was? Pre-war cars included some nice '41's, a '42 convertible, a couple of '40 LaSalle's, two '40 Caddies including a tastefully modified 75 series with stunning paint and chrome. A 1934 sedan, completely original with a ridiculously low 11K original miles, was there and took the prize for best original. The owner said it had been in storage since 1946, which is mindboggling. This meet was a little unusual in that it had a car corral, including an Allante (\$12K), another '53 sedan (\$20.5K), and a very clean and nice grey '90 Fleetwood Brougham (\$8K) with buttery soft leather. That era of Cadillac is under appreciated in my opinion, and it would make a very nice car for driving to Grand Nationals. Hope it found a good home. I was tempted, but I have a cranky old '52 needing my undivided attention.

Our region took home some honors, with George Dameron winning first place in his division for his Seville bustle back, James Sears winning for his '83 Fleetwood Brougham 2-door, the Ricklefs getting second place in Primary 15 for their '56 Eldo Seville, and Nancy Tucker taking second prize for her '93 Allante. Tim Coy's '63 Sedan deVille is still not ready for her debut, so he drove and displayed his beautiful, deep red 2001 Eldo coupe. Rod and Chrissy arrived in the CTX, and proceeded on to Illinois after the meet. The judging team had beaucoup volunteers this year, so judging went well but lasted into the afternoon due to frequent breaks.

New awards categories were also announced this year. A pair of distance driving awards in memory of Frank Decou will be given for driving at least 1,200 miles to a Grand National on at least two occasions. One award will pertain to pre-war cars, and the other will be for post-war cars at least ten years old. Frank, as some of us know, was from the Chicago area and was tragically killed last year in a car accident. He drove his '40 LaSalle to every Grand National for many, many years, including the California meet. From what I heard, he didn't baby it, either. That car was held at 70-80 mph on those trips, a real testament to what these old things can do if you let them. Last but not least, our own Dave Leger's Golden Quill award was noted at the dinner.

As most of us know, the CLC Museum and Research Center is slated to be built in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the Gil-

more car museum campus. An original meet artwork was auctioned off as a fundraiser, and it fetched \$2,000. The amount seemed embarrassingly small, possibly reflecting the economic times. The museum board plans to solicit active involvement from the regions in the fundraising effort, and we need to be prepared to help make it successful.

Tours included the GM plant (not operating due to a parts shortage) which makes the Malibu and LaCrosse, the Steamboat Museum (an 1856 shipwreck which yielded an astonishing cargo of wholesale merchandise being shipped to market), the Armacost car collection (lots of Studebakers and a couple of Caddies), the WWI museum, the Bingham-Waggoner estate, and the Boulevard Brewery. Food was good, with emphasis on barbeque, and there was plenty to do. Nancy Tucker, a KC native, provided some sug-

gestions of things to see. It is a sophisticated, cosmopolitan city, bigger than I expected, and has some beautiful neighborhoods, rolling hills with many vistas, and a great freeway system. Everything IS up to date in Kansas City!

As mentioned, Friday afternoon saw heavy dark clouds, lightning and thunderstorms. The wind began blowing in circles and I'm sure a few of us were thinking "tornado". The rain came in heavy for a while and there was a tiny amount of hail, but apparently nothing damaging. A few car owners had a few tense moments. Don Braden and some others helped haul down an aluminum tent, and only realized later that aluminum tents and lightning might not be a good combination. It's the sort of thing you don't always think of in the heat of the moment.

All in all, a good time!





Grand National 2010

July 4th in Georgetown for a Parade

By Paul & Janice Olson

The day began cold, cloudy, wet and dreary as the main contingent left Denver. They drove to El Rancho in the fog where we met them then continued on to Georgetown. It looked like the tops would stay up and the heaters on high. Fortunately, the Front Range weather is unpredictable as the clouds parted and sun smiled upon us as we reached Larry Lawler's cabin in Georgetown. Larry hosted a very nice reception for our club but also two Jima veterans and the Marine color guard.

The fine Cadillac's were at the front of the parade second only to the Marine color guard. Brenda Gorman's

beautiful red 1959 Eldorado Barritz convertible was the star of the parade. It was followed by John Serfling in his blue 1963 DeVille Convertible, Paul & Janice Olson in their solid gold 1966 Sedan DeVille hardtop, John Henry in his 1967 Coupe Deville, Breck & Darla Larson in their beautiful two tone 1959 Sedan DeVille, Ray & Marie Guerrie in their stunning jet black 1952 Series 62 sedan, Don Braden with his stately 1941 Fleetwood, John Cullinan in his bright white 1963 DeVille convertible, Larry & Nancy Dilts in a true blue 1990 Fleetwood, Jerry & Bonnie Pache in their really wild 1975 Calais coupe. Dave Buckley who is not part of the club was last in a very nice 1968 DeVille convertible.

There was a great crowd to witness the parade. The streets were lined with lots of

well wishers. As is the custom in Georgetown we tossed candy to the gathered crowd. It was fun to watch the little children delight in catching them. By the time we reached the final leg of the route, the historic Georgetown business district, we had run out of candy. Hint for next time: bring more.



Labor Day Parade Upon Us Again By *Tim Coy*

Longtime members recall the Louisville Labor Day parade preceded by a breakfast on the front porch at the Coy residence. After a short hiatus, it's happening again this year on Monday, Sept. 6, starting at 8 a.m.

Celebrate the end of the holiday weekend small-town style, enjoy a continental breakfast and camaraderie with your fellow members at this well-attended parade. You'll want to bring plenty of candy to throw to the kids!

Past RMRCLC Director John Evans has secured a spot for us at the parade lineup point, to where we will depart in our Cadillacs and LaSalles at 9:30 a.m. If you have never participated before, Louisville's parade is only a few blocks long and the wait is generally short. A trophy is given to the best antique auto club, and the RMRCLC has won in the past.

To reach my home from Denver, take U.S. 36 to the Louisville (McCaslin Boulevard) Exit. Go north on McCaslin to Via Appia (first traffic light after Walgreens). Take a right about 1.5 miles to Lafayette Street (on a curve). Go right four blocks to 203 Short Place. Call the number below if you get lost or need more information. RSVP at adtypeanddesign@juno.com or call (303) 673-0011 by Saturday, Sept. 4, so there will be sufficient breakfast on hand. Look forward to seeing you!



Water2Wine By *Nancy Tucker*

On Saturday a small group of members joined Marcus Tipton at his and Cory's new business venture called Water 2 Wine. Marcus greeted us at the door and, while we enjoyed tastes of some of the many wine selections, he explained the concept to us. Water 2 Wine is a custom winery and all wines are made onsite from grapes that come from quality and well-known vineyards from around the world. They actually make more than 100 wines from 13 countries.


After tasting, most of us chose a favorite wine by the glass (or two) to savor as we visited and enjoyed a light lunch brought in from a nearby restaurant. Of course the stories got better and better as the afternoon progressed. Enjoying the camaraderie were Don Braden, John Serfling, Tom Petitclerc, Jim Salmi, Marv Mueller and guest, the Merrill Yale's, and yours truly. Marcus schooled us in the art of selecting and ap-

proving a wine when dining out, and then he took us on a tour of the facility, which is an actual operating winery where all of the wines are fermented, aged, bottled and labeled on site.

You can enjoy their custom wines, or – their specialty – you can easily craft your own batch and add your own custom label. It is easy and Marcus is there to assist you throughout the process. We marveled at a great little gadget that ages the wine very quickly so that you don't have to wait those months or years to enjoy your creation. And I understand you can even buy one to take home and age your vodka or whiskey. A must for every home!

You know I love my red wine and I was very pleasantly surprised at the quality and good taste of these wines. They're delicious and an added plus is that they are lower in sulfites and chemicals than commercially bought wines. It's a great place to meet friends for a drink, or to reserve for a private party. Thanks, Marcus, for a fun and enlightening afternoon!





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August 20-22 Morrison, CO Super Chevy Show, Bandimere Speedway,
www.bandimere.com

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

August 21-23 Lakewood, CO Drive for the Kids tour, Children's Hospital,
tamela.home@gmail.com

September 2-4 Cheyenne, WY Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Western
Fall Meet www.AACA.org

September 3-5 Alamosa, CO Alamosa Car Show, Cole Park www.earlyironclub.com

September 11 Ignacio, CO Sky Ute Casino Resort Car Show, 14324 U.S. Hwy 172 N.
www.skyutecasino.com

September 18 Denver, CO Colfax Cruise, Old Car Council, Colfax Ave., 2PM-7PM,
www.oldcouncil.org, 303-699-4819

September 18-19 Arvada, CO All British Car & Bike Meet, Colorado English Motoring
Conclave, www.thecoloradoconclave.com



Ten West Show and Lunch On August 27th

Here's a chance to show off your Cadillac or LaSalle and get fed for free in the bargain. Laura Fenton, granddaughter of Gene Fenton, is hosting a barbeque lunch and car show for her tenants at Ten West office park on August 27th. Festivities will be at 10155 Westmoor Drive in Westminster, from 11am to 2pm. She is hoping to have 15-20 cars on display during the lunch. RSVP to Laura at 303-243-3023 or Laura.Fenton@cbre.com. Bring your classic and your appetite!

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(as of July 22, 2010)

Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
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 6
Akron air show	John Cullinan	Sep 11
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High	Bob Lyons	Sep 18
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	Leonard Johnson	Sep 25
Exotic Car Garage Tour	Bahrenburg/Salmi	Oct 30
Wildlife Experience (I-25 & Lincoln)	Jeanne Tiffany	Oct ??
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi	Nov 13 ?

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