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Popular Labor Day Parade Coming Soon By Tim Coy

The Louisville Labor Day Parade, preceded by a continental breakfast on the front porch at the Coy residence, is upon us again. This year, it's happening on Monday, Sept. 5, starting at 8 a.m. Celebrate the end of the long holiday weekend small-town style, enjoy breakfast and the camaraderie with your fellow members at this well-attended parade. Best of all, the bathroom is just down the hall! You'll want to bring plenty of candy to throw to the kids!

Past RMRCLC Director John Evans has once again secured our spot in the parade lineup point, to where we will go in our Cadillacs and LaSalle's at 9:30 a.m. If you've 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. This year, there just might be a surprise for club members, but even if that surprise doesn't come to fruition, the parade is a lot of fun anyway.

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, on the corner. Call if you get lost or need more information. Please RSVP at adtypeanddesign@juno.com or call (303) 673-

0011 by Saturday, Sept. 3, so there will be sufficient food on hand for the breakfast. Look forward to seeing you!





Director's Column By John Serfling

Has it been hot enough for you? Thirty years ago the common wisdom said that Denver rarely had three days in a row above 90. We would have two days of 95 and then it would drop to 89. This summer we have had weeks when the highs were all above 90. It has been so hot, that we have only rarely taken the '63 convertible out in the evening. In previous years, we took it out nearly every night. By now the worst of the heat should have passed. Maybe the convertible will get driven more in August than in July.

Speaking of hot, it was too hot to get much work done at the Washburn Car Clinic. I think only four cars were worked on and I noticed that beer was being consumed even before the pizza arrived. What I like best about these clinics is that Whit Otis from Colorado Springs and Bill Woodman from Pueblo attend. We rarely see either of these guys any other time. They are both enjoyable to be around and they are even helpful when it comes to working on our old cars. Thanks to John Washburn for hosting this event. You can see photos and read Brent Hladky's hard luck story in the article about the even.

Hamburgers instead of a choice of entrees were a hit at the July meeting. We did still have a choice - beef or bison. They were big, too. Along with the soup, salad and fries we certainly did fill up. Most of us were already stuffed when Barry, the Elks Lodge manager, sat cake and ice cream in front of us. We definitely got our \$10 worth. This fare will continue for the foreseeable future.

Bob and Marty Lyons arranged a drive to Nederland and environs that was a good escape from the hot city. I was not able to attend, but I'm sure those who did had a

lovely drive. Thanks to Bob and Marty for putting the tour together.

Excitement is building for the tour to Saratoga, Wyoming. Those of you going on the trip should have a wonderful time. Bring back lots of photos and stories to share with the rest of us. Thanks to John Cullinan for arranging the tour.

The annual Labor Day Parade in Louisville is on our agenda once again. Please read the article elsewhere in the Dagmar and plan to join us.

Finally, no one has stepped forward yet to take over as editor of the Dagmar. That means there will only be three more editions. Do you really want it to go away? The club can only function well if you, the membership, step forward to help out. I only know of one member who doesn't have a computer, so the rest of you don't even have an excuse for not wanting to edit the Dagmar. Give me a call to volunteer!



The Chrome Fountain of Youth By David Leger

I am still working through having things re-plated on my 1947 Club Coupe. One of the most conspicuous pieces is the hood ornament, which also serves as the hood latch. Over the years the chrome had completely worn off the base, and the crevices between the wings were badly pitted. The face on the lady had lost detail from weathering.



BEFORE



Having had, as most of our members know, less than stellar experiences with local companies, I checked out the online forums and decided to go with Paul's Chrome in Pennsylvania. They quoted me \$130 to disassemble the latch (press out the hinge pin and grind two rivets out. I figured they would know how to do this safely. The actual restoration and chroming ran \$468. I sent them the signed contract on 3/28/11 and received the ornament back on 5/20/11. The results are stunning! The face is back, the wings are flawless, as is the base. No sign of the previous pitting. I could not be happier. I suspect it may actually look better than when it came from the factory. It may have cost a bit more, but in this case I think you truly do get what you pay for!



AFTER

Jim,

Feel free to share...

Seems you have lost your exalted position of best break down and longest stay at the Washburn Tune-Up Clinic...

Brent the Hladky beat you by a mile.

At the end of the clinic a bunch of folks jumped into Brenty's 61. Bill Woodman was driving, John Francis was shot-gun, and Eric Richards and Brenty were in the back seat.

After driving for a few miles, John Francis thinks his feet are being attacked by bees. Not so, the heater core let go and doused ole John with some nice hot water.

The boys get back and by-pass the core, take the carpets out and do lots of other stuff. Alcohol was involved. Got the car drivable.

Brenty spends the night at the Washburn compound with Whit Otis and Bill Woodman (who turned 74 on Sunday).

The next day we go to breakfast in the 61, no problems. Then the Woodman monster and Brenty try to tune up the car and adjust the shifting on the Jetaway.

When they get back from testing they realize the radiator cap was not tightened down so fluid leaked all over the engine. The engine is cleaned up and fluid is added. Then the Whitster and Woodman make a quick escape for home.

Brenty and I have a beer, he loads the 61 up and heads out. Life is good at the Washburn compound.

About an hour later the phone rings, it is the Brenty. He forgot his shaving kit. So back he comes. Life is good, he picks up the forgotten shaving kit and again departs.

30 minutes later it is the Brenty on the phone once again. The car does not run right as it gets up to speed, around 40 mph. Oh wait it seems ok. I will try to drive home.

5 minutes later it is the Brenty again, no the car still does not run very well at cruising speed. What should I do? The answer is oblivious but I don't say it. Instead I suggest that he try to make it back to the Washburn compound.

He make it to within a mile of the house then calls and says the 61 is running good again and he will turn around and head for Denver. That did not work, so he shows up in the 61. We have a beer and I send him home in my 92 Cadillac.

The 1961, no stranger to the Washburn garage, is now waiting for Washburn to fix!

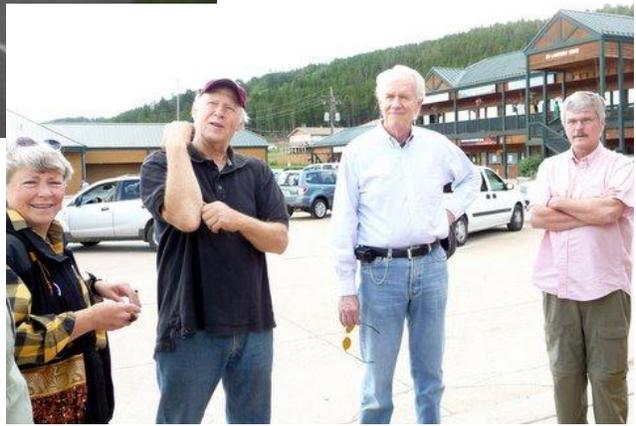
Now Jim's car did stay a couple of weeks at the compound, but that was because of schedule conflicts. So Jim holds the time record, but Brenty is a contender.

The Tune-Up Clinic was great fun....

John Washburn



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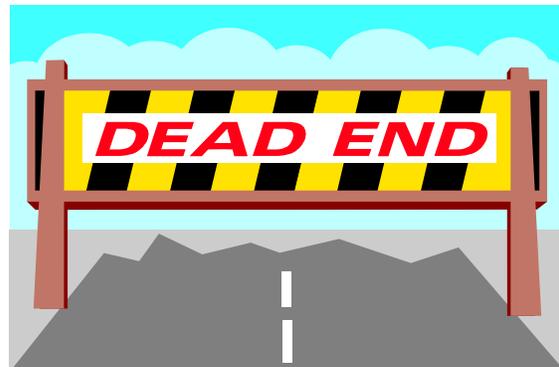
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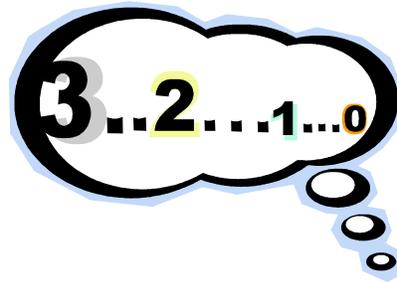
It's Not To Late!

It is not too late to join the 30 tour participants who will be on the August Railroads and Ranches tour, August 18th to 21st.

Call 307-721-8856 to reserve your room in Laramie, August 18th. Tell them you are with the Cadillac club.

Call 1-800-594-0178 to reserve your room in at the Saratoga Resort. Ask for the Cadillac club rate. August 19th and 20th. Departure the 21st.

Email John Cullinan at juancull@aol.com to inform him you have signed up for the tour, and who the driver is for your car.



OTHER CAR RELATED ACTIVITIES (Not RMRCLC Events)

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

- Aug 6 Greeley, CO Horsefeathers Car Show, www.earlymustang.com, 303-748-2678
- Aug 13 Centennial, CO All MOPAR Show, Streets at Southglenn, 10am-2pm
- Aug 20 Westminster, CO Westminster Motorman, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube, 10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motorman.
- Aug 20 Front Range Airport Classic Aircraft & Car Show, Mountain States Swap Meet www.ftg-airport.com, 303-261-9100
- Aug 31 Golden, CO Buffalo Bill Days Car Show, 10am-3pm, Conestoga Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club
- Sep 11 Westminster, CO Westminster Motorman, 10am-2pm, Quaker Steak & Lube, 10329 Reed St., www.proplayersassociation.org/motorman.
- Sep 11 Sheridan, CO All Ford Day, Hi-Country Early V-8 Club, Sheridan High School, 3201 W. Oxford Ave., 7am-3pm, v860@q.com, 303-789-3956
- Sep 17 -18 Loveland, CO AACA Swap Meet, Larimer County Fairgrounds
- Oct 15 Loveland, CO Specialty Auto Auction, Larimer County Fairgrounds The Ranch, www.saaasinc.com
- Nov 25-27 Denver, CO Crème de la Crème R.M. Rod & Custom Car Show, Colorado Convention Center, 303-987-1377

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Monthly Meeting:

2nd Tuesday of each month at Elks Lodge at 2475 W. 26th Ave. in Denver at 7:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM prior to the meeting for those who wish to join us.

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Rocky Mountain Region CLC 2011 Proposed Activities

(as of July 25, 2011)

Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Golden Cruise	Brad Bauer	Aug 6
Grand National	N/A	Aug 10-13
Wyoming Railroads & Ranches Tour	John Cullinan	Aug 18-21
Labor Day Parade/Breakfast (Louisville)	T. Coy/J. Evans	Sep 5
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	Open	Sep 24
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	L. Johnson	Oct 8
Veterans Day Parade	J. Salmi	Nov 7

Under Consideration:

Other Events

Please see list on page 9 for Other Events

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