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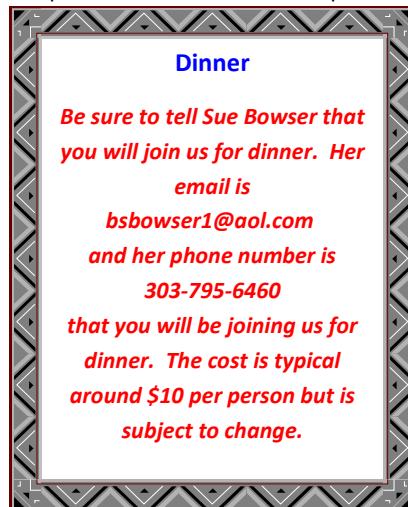
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Monthly Meetings

Regular Business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Elks Lodge #17 at 2475 W 26th Ave. in Denver. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM with a dinner served beginning at 6:00 PM for those interested. The meetings are open to the entire membership.



The Dagmar

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From the Editor

I have been collecting great photos and stories from club events and will print the *Dagmar* when I have enough to fill an issue. So here is one for the last 3 months. Hopefully I have covered all the activity.

Welcome to new members.

What's Wrong?



John Serfling's 1963 has a problem with the front brake. Note that the trailing shoe is worn very unevenly. Near the top it is very thin in fact it badly scored the drum. On the bottom it is almost full thickness.

John would like some of you detectives out there to help him figure out what happened.

All suggestions welcome.

Leonard's New Garage

For better or worse Leonard Johnson has a new garage. We can remember the hot day last year when he so proudly showed the club his fine collection of Cadillacs and other fine cars such as the Facel Vega pictured in front of the chicken coupe cum garage cum storage facility.

The unfortunate part is that there was a fire August 10, 2014. Leonard lost a lot of that collection along with his storage facility. The fire destroyed 35 cars, badly damaged another 6 plus he lost a large collection of parts. The 6 damaged cars have been or are in the process of being repaired. Since then he has found a much nicer facility. The building is a former truck repair facility for a local concrete operation.

Leonard has been very busy rebuilding his collection and has added some really nice cars. There is also plenty of room to work on them. His mechanic Jeff is really happy with his new work area. Leonard has put him to work on many projects that will keep him busy for quite a while.

In addition to his Cadillacs Leonard has a number of other vehicles. One very interesting project is the construction of a Studillac. This car began life as a Studebaker Grand Turismo Hawk. It came in with a crushed roof and bad motor. The solution has been to cut off the roof and install a Cadillac engine and transmission.

In the back room he has a car that has been passed between club members. It was damaged in the 2013 floods and is now being rebuilt.

Since the big fire Leonard has added the following cars to his collection.

- 1947 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible
- 1953 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible
- 1954 Cadillac Eldorado (3 cars)
- 1956 Cadillac Convertible
- 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz
- 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Seville (3 cars)
- 1957 Cadillac Coupe de Ville
- 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Seville (2 cars)
- 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Seville
- 1960 Cadillac Eldorado Seville
- 1958 Cadillac 60 Special



From the Director's Desk:

By: John Cullinan DOTMRCLC

From the Director's Desk-

To quote an old Mechanic, "Is it nobler to bear the slings and arrows of outrageous automotive misfortunes or to take up wrenches against a sea of troubles and by opposing, end them?". That has been my dilemma the last 2 months.

My everyday Volvo died in front of my home in June. It only has 210,000 miles on it. The head gasket had developed a leak that permitted the coolant to enter the cylinders. My engine was hydro-locked. A water filled cylinder prohibits the piston from moving as water cannot be compressed. Thus no power stroke is possible. The cost of the traditional method of repair, replacing the old gasket, is too expensive to merit going that route on a car that is 15 years old. So I drove one of my 70 Eldorado's for about 6 weeks while the Old Volvo sat in my driveway.

RMRCLC Club membership has many benefits. In this case, having lunch at Rick and John's home in Conifer, had an additional benefit. I discussed my issue with Don Voloshyn at the Club Event. He reiterated what another mechanic friend had told me. If my engine was truly hydro-locked, I could drain my radiator and try to start the car. If it started I could add one of two products, W and F Fiber Fix or Blue Devil, both of which are liquids that fill the breaks in head gaskets without the engine apart.

I followed Don's recommendations, poured Fiber Fix down the radiator hose as the car was running then added back the anti-freeze. The car ran but poorly. The exhaust smelled of gasoline. As Don stated, I would have to replace my injectors, which I did. The car then ran well for a few days. Then it started to run rough. I checked the coil packs and found one of the 5 of them was not working. After replacing that one, the car has run well ever since. Club Membership has its Benefits. Thanks Don.

My '68 Deville Convertible did not run well on last year's driving tour . But It did make it back home where it died in my garage. I had the carb rebuilt and she fired right up. But it needed some timing and gap work. My Mechanic, Dan Forbes at MD Automotive, helped me with that and the car ran well until I put it under load on hills or kicked down on the highway. I had already put on a new fuel pump and a new filter between the pump and the carb. Still the car was under powered. Finally we found that the filter between the gas tank and my electric booster pump was clogged. After replacing it, the car now runs fine at all speeds. I drove it to Taos last week end but encountered another problem. It started to make strange noises when I tried to start it. It seems my flywheel is missing some teeth. I was stalled at a truck stop near Fountain, Colorado for 3 hours. I put the car in gear and some kind people tried to push it so the flywheel would move to a position with teeth. We had no luck. I called AAA and waited. Then the driver arrived. He asked me to try to start the car. He could hear that my assessment of the problem was correct. But he showed me how to reach down near the flywheel with one hand and pull the two fan belts with the other and watch to see if the fan blades turned as I did that. It did and when I turned the key the car started. Instead of a tow back to Denver, I continued on to Taos. The car would not start when I was about to return on Sunday. Using the method I had been taught, I moved the ring gear to a better position in relation to the starter, turned the key and was off to Denver without incident. A new flywheel is called for now.

I hope more of you might sign up for our tour August 26-August 30. See the sign up form in this month's Dagmar.

Happy Motoring!

John Cullinan
Director, RMRCCLC

My Garage

By Paul R. Olson

My garage project is progressing. The last few weeks I have been working on installing interior wall framing. I am building a 2' x 2' grid to anchor the wall board. This will give me plenty of structure to anchor cabinetry and shelving. It is also needed to hang electrical wiring. It is all screwed together so that it can be removed if access is needed in the future.

After a long slumber our '66 started up and made the move to her new home.



THE WORLD FAMOUS

John Washburn's  **Tune Up Clinic**

RMRCLC

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Foothills Garage Tour & Potluck Lunch

The 16 club members that attended were treated to a great luncheon, house and garage tours and a bit of rain.

The luncheon was pulled pork and chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, scalloped potatoes, water melon and scrumptious cup cakes.

At Lazy Cat Acres aka Olson house a tour of two motor homes was provided. Club members finally got to see the legendary Blue Bird Wanderlodge.



AT THE WASHBURN MEMORIAL GARAGE AND WHINE BAR.

Enough adult supervision may be found for an eventual reschedule. Stay tuned.

Grand National News



We had six club members attend the Grand National this year. Pictured below: Front row, from left, Cynthia Rutledge, George Dameron and Claudia Lingg.

Back row, from left, Frank Swanson, Don Braden and Tim Coy.

The big winner was George Dameron with his 1984 Seville. Good going George but not much room to move up with your car. It has reached the top.



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Independence Weekend Mountain Mania Car Show, Buena Vista

By Michael Brittan

The Arkansas Valley Car Club hosted the 32nd annual Mountain Mania Car Show on Saturday, July 5th. The show was held in its traditional historical setting of East Main St, Buena Vista. Over 125 vehicles were reportedly on display. Two mostly original Cadillacs – a '69 Coupe de Ville and a '92 Allante (sporting a spiffy set of wire wheels) - upheld the honor of the marque among a sea of modified mixed makes. The throngs of people were an appropriate match for the record number of car and truck entrants, though hampering clear photographic shots of the vehicles. A bumper event you might say.

Picture 1. E Main Street, Buena Vista hums with activity at the 32nd Mountain Mania Car Show. With its stunning paint job, crowds were drawn to this '57 Buick Special like bees around a honey pot.



Picture 2. A '69 de Ville convertible, still in the same family after 46 years.



Picture 3. '92 Allante brings a little bit of Italy to the Independence weekend celebrations.



Picture 4. What could be more patriotic than a late-fifties Corvette, an historic brownstone on Buena Vista's E Main St, and The Flag?



The Erie Municipal Airport August 8 Air and Car Show

By John Evans

Seven hearty souls and six cars of the RMRCLC braved the sizzling temperatures and blinding sun in response to an invitation from the event coordinators who promised us VIP treatment in exchange for our participation. Being the second to the last to arrive I was greeted by a man with a official t-shirt who asked me in a strained voice, "just how many more of these old worn out cars are coming?". Somewhat less cordial a reception than I had expected. To give him the benefit of the doubt, he may have just been kidding, one would certainly hope so.

After a lot of jockeying around, we finally settled in to enjoy the event., which included three rock bands, \$50.00 plane rides, food, beer, and wine vendors, a free pancake breakfast, and numerous static aircraft displays. A steady sprinkling of people ventured out of the crowded food tent to take a peek at our cars, but the real draw seemed to be the bands, where everyone congregated en masse. I was a bit disappointed that there were no actual flying or aerobatic displays, but it was worth the trip to meet with our club members for a day of car, plane, and people watching. A cool shower at the end of the day was very welcome indeed. VIP treatment?, I'm not so sure.



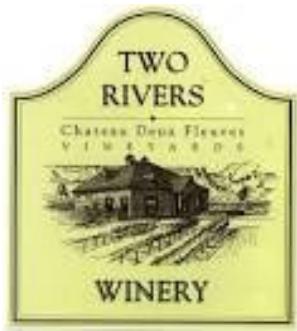
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I hope many of you will be able to join us on our annual driving tour. We will depart from Denver on the 26th of August from Denver on our way to the Grand Vista Hotel in Grand Junction where we will reside until the 30th. We will take day trips from that hub to points of interest. These points include the Concept Car Collection at the fabulous Gateway Canyon Resort, the three museums of Western History in Montrose, wine tasting at Two Rivers Winery West of Grand Junction, the Commemorative Museum of WWII Aircraft, the Allen Unique Auto Collection and good meals and camaraderie



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July 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and there were 22 members in attendance.

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Our director John Cullinan was at tonight's meeting. Sue Bowser has broken her wrist so we were on our own for dinner. Some had dinner before getting to the meeting and others had pizza at the Elks lodge. Paul Olson passed out a hardcopy of the Dagmar at the start of the meeting tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Leonard Johnson says we are still on pace and doing well. Our balance is holding around \$14, 344 in the checking account; we have \$638.00 in the Christmas fund. The father's day show at Hazels was not very well attended and cost the club half of the catering cost of \$1372.00 and a deposit of \$150 for the Wine City Inn.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Paul stood in for Janice tonight, reported that 2 new members are paid up and there were 2 new prospects at Hazels as cards were passed out to hopefully potential members. Dixie Cook was back tonight as one of our newest members, she has her mom's car which is a 95 Eldorado.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from June 9th meeting and the agenda were passed out to everyone at the start of the meeting.

CCCC REPORT: September 12, 2015 the Colfax cruise in on and channel 9 will be there to cover it.

OLD BUSINESS: Washburn's tune up clinic for June 13 postponed due to rain; in place of on Aug 1st a tour to Limon to tour the trains and cemetery and back to Washburn's for a BBQ. Joe Unrein and his 1959 ambulance were featured in the Highlands Ranch Herald. There was an okay turnout but not a successful one; people are more interested in the older cars not the newer ones. Don Braden spoke about the Grand National in Wisconsin and how wonderful and how much fun it was going on the tours and seeing all the cars. Our very own George Dameron won a trophy, Seniors Crown for his 1984 Cadillac Seville, congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS: Leonard told us that Mark McCaddon would like to do another really big good car show with Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Chevy and of course Cadillac. Maybe does a show perhaps earlier in the season before it gets to god awful hot and uncomfortable to enjoy being outside with friends and our cars. While at the car show at Hazels it was heard that people enjoy it more looking at older cars when at a car show/event. John Cullinan was talking about the Grand Junction tour in August. He was giving grand details of all the places everyone will see and visit. Joe Unrein let everyone know that the entrance fee for the City of Sheridan parade on September 26th has already been paid for any and all cars that are in the parade. After the parade they'll have awards and a picnic.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Olson/Serfling/Greene Garage Tour	Paul Olson, John Serfling, Rick Greene	July 19
CLC National Driving Tour, Detroit	N/A	Aug. 11-15
RMRCLC Driving Tour	John Cullinan (303) 738-3981	Aug. 27-30
Louisville Labor Day parade	John Evans, (303) 425-9515	Sept. 7
Cussler Museum/Lunch	Don Braden (303) 744-8848	Sept. 12
Vail/Colorado Grand Tour	Paul Olson, (303) 697-8460	Sept. 19
CLC Museum Fall Festival, Hickory Corners, Mich.	N/A	Sept. 25-27
Cruise with a Vet	Joe Unrein, (303) 699-5280	Sept. 26
Veterans Day Parade	Jim Salmi, (303) 758-8930	Nov. 7

N/A = Not Applicable

?? = To be determined

MILESTONES: Leonard took a 1947 Cadillac for a drive on Friday, when lo and behold he looked back and saw the fender and hubcap rolling down the road getting mangled by cars. He called around looking for a fender skirt found one for \$550 and kept looking. He called a place in Indiana and got a fender skirt for \$150 and comes primed and ready to paint.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: We passed around the beer pitcher and collected \$95.00 for the Fisher House.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Rutledge, Secretary



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As we did in 2009 we have begun planning a tour from Denver to Las Vegas. We may make stops in Moab, Bryce Canyon, and Zion on our way. This initial plan is for two nights in Moab, and one or two in Bryce and Zion. Then maybe going back via a southern route that would take in some sights along Route 66.

This is a bit early in the year which will be great for weather in Las Vegas but here in Denver and the route west it might look more like winter. Depending upon the group we may take a more southerly route there and experience Route 66 before the event.

Let us know if you are interested and how long you would like to take on this trip. We may do a couple of alternate itineraries.

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