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**Dagmar**

The monthly newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club

**EDITOR'S NOTES:**

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This year our Region has Commemorated the lives and contributions of two of our long term members, Walt Brewer and John Washburn. Over the 40 years I have been a member of the Rocky Mountain Region of the CLC and of the National CLC no two members have embodied and shared more knowledge and wisdom regarding the maintenance and repair of our cars than they have. Their passing is felt by us and is seen in the change in content of the Self Starter. They were both were such a part of what made the Self Starter Informative and Helpful. Thank you, Phyllis Brewer and Martha Washburn, for setting up the Meaningful Memorials for your beloved departed partners. See comments and photos in another part of this newsletter regarding the memorials.

Covid and its Delta Variant are still preventing us from having in person meetings. But we have held Zoom Meetings which have kept some of us in contact. Martha Washburn and Art Cutler and their traveling mates charted out a Summer Driving Tour which took place in July. It took us to roads many of us had never traveled before. State Route 92 from Hotchkiss to Blue Mesa Reservoir through Crawford, final home of Rocker Joe Cocker, was one of the most scenic roads many of us had ever seen. To the Southwest were dramatic views of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison and to the Northeast views of the West Elk Mountain Range. If you like step, curvy roads and don't care if there are guardrails or not, this is the road for you! We also enjoyed stays and meals together in Glenwood Springs, Gunnison and Salida. The Cattlemen's Rodeo Parade in Gunnison was one where children were encouraged to run into the street to collect the candy and treats when thrown their way. Trucks, cars, marching bands, cattle, horses, giant steers do not deter them from their quest. See Parade Photos below Bob's Notes.

**Material Wanted for Dagmar: if you have any stories or tech information you want to be published in the Dagmar, please call me at 303-475-0806 and let me know you will be sending an article by email or by snail mail to: juancull@aol.com**

**NOTES FROM OUR DIRECTOR, BOB LYONS:**

Greetings everyone, the Covid-19 pandemic was nearing at an end but now there is a new strain about to wreak havoc. However, there are some good events still in the works, Jim Salmi will announce on any of them we learn about.

We want to thank Martha Washburn and Art Cutler for the fine work they did putting together this year's Mountain Driving Tour.

John Evens is working on setting up the Louisville Parade with Tim Coy for this year. John is trying to get the details on the parade, since there may be a new parade route. This will be announced once we know those details. We are very interested in all those who will wish to attend this event. Jim will send out a notice and you can RSVP at that time. Let's show the town of Louisville a good display of our classic Cadillacs as we have done in past parades.

You all are invited to attend the Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome Event from 9 to 12 on August 28 at 14150 Grasslands Dr, Suite A, Englewood, CO 80112. Lots of cars to see in the parking lot and lots of vehicles for sale in indoor sales warehouse. See photos below.

Thanks to John Cullinan for helping with Assistant Director functions and for organizing the monthly Zoom Meetings and for being the Editor of the Dagmar. He hopes more of you will create articles for inclusion in it.

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2 Photos Taken at the Cattlemen's Rodeo Days Parade in Gunnison are seen below.





Gateway Classic Cars Parking Lot and Interior Sale Room





### **THE GOLDBERG BROTHERS: THE INVENTORS OF THE AUTO AIRCONDITIONER**

Here's a little fact for automobile buffs, or just to "dazzle your friends." The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees with high humidity.

The four brothers walked into old Henry Ford's office and sweet talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the automobile industry since the electric stater! Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

The brothers REFUSED and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot

to their car. They persuaded him to get in the car, which at this point was about 130 degrees inside. They started the engine, turned on the air conditioner and cooled the interior down immediately.

The "old man" got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he then offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers, once again refused saying they would settle for \$2 million. But they wanted the recognition by having a label read, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' placed on the dashboard of each car in which the conditioners were installed.

Now it was well known that Henry Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish. So there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for almost two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

So here's what Ford did: From that day on, all Ford Air-Conditioners show----

**LOW, NORM, HI, and MAX ---- on the conditioner control selector.**

**- Believe it or not -**

By Soli Deo Gloria

**Editor's Comment: Thanks, Bob, for submitting this "History of Air Conditioning" which defies Credulity. I am not sure who this Guy Credulity is. But he sure deserves to be defied.**

## **THE WIT AND WISDOM OF JOHN WASHBURN**

Here are the Johnny-isms as given to me by Martha Washburn. These were posted on the outer wall of his back yard garage along with photos of him taken in various stages of life. Of course, a good assortment of adult beverages were on tables below the photos.

- Once we figure out the problem, it'll be easy
- It's just a ten minute job
- Deck the halls with Boston Charley (this is a quote from Pogo, by the way)
- Bite me
- It's only money
- Where's the pie?
- It's garbage leave it. I'll take care of it
- Pie is just a platform for ice cream
- Don't let good sense get the way
- Speed safely
- Get off my phone, Brenty
- God has nothing to do with it
- Can't fix stupid
- There is no such thing as too much garlic
- It's just a hobby

Here are some photos taken at the Memorial for John at their home in Elizabeth:







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### **WALT BREWER MEMORIAL**

This past June a memorial was held for Walt Brewer before his interment at Fort Logan. Here are some photos from that occasion. Walt and Phyllis were married over 70 years. Some of these photos were on display at Olingers. A good number of Caddies were on display in the parking lot. Starting 40 years ago, Walt taught me and other CLC members a lot about maintaining my cars and tuning and repairing them. He and John Washburn will be and are already missed.



*Walter & Phyllis Brewer*  
*November 4, 1950*





