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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac and LaSalle Club are held on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Elks Lodge 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.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

ALL CLC members are welcome to submit Cadillac and LaSalle related ads. The ads are FREE for Rocky Mountain Region members for three months and are \$20 prepaid for non-members for three consecutive months.

WEB SITE

Be sure to visit our web site at www.rmrclc.com and the national site at www.cadillaclasalleclub.org.

FROM THE EDITOR:

We haven't had a December issue of *The Dagmar* for quite some time. Most regions, including *The Self Starter* end the year with a November/December issue. This **electronic only** issue is purposely being published later than usual so that the membership will receive the results from our December 12th meeting Board election in a timely manor. We had our nomination meeting in November and no one stepped up for any Board position other than the members nominated by the current Board.

PLEASE NOTE: The results of the election for the RMRCLC Board Members at the December meeting are as follows. Effective January 2013 the Board will consist of: **Brad Bauer**, Regional Director; **Bob Lyons**, Deputy Director; **Jim Salmi**, Activities Director; **Cynthia Rutledge**, Secretary; **Linda Clubine**, Membership Chair; **Leonard Johnson**, Treasurer and **Wayne Shmitka**, Newsletter Editor.

Names in **RED** are newly elected. Congratulations to all! ♦



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The January 8th monthly meeting will be held in room 1425 at The Westin Hotel in Westminster located off of Hwy. 36 and 104th Ave. at 7:00 pm. Dinner will not be served so eat on your own before you arrive. ♦



SAD NEWS TO REPORT: Long-time RMRCLC



member and friend, Gene Fenton passed away quietly with his wife of 48 years, Sue, and their two sons, Scott and Kirk at his side on Tuesday, November 27th. Gene was also a member of the Vintage Chevy Club of America. Gene will be missed by many. ♦

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DIRECTOR'S FINAL MESSAGE FROM JOHN SERFLING

For the past five years I have had the privilege of serving as the Director of the Rocky Mountain Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Prior to my election, Directors tended to serve two one year terms. When my first two terms were nearly up, I started looking for a replacement, but couldn't find anyone willing to take the job. When one member was asked who would make a good Director, he said that I would. I suspect this was less a vote a confidence in me than it was his refusal to serve. Since the job isn't a particularly difficult one, I was willing to continue serving. The club is overdue for the change that is coming at the beginning of next year. My heart is no longer in the job, simply because of the length of time served. You, the members, are still a wonderful group of people, whose company I enjoy a lot. The people with whom I have become close have changed over the years and I consider two members of the club to be my best friends. That won't change with the end of my Directorship.

Brad Bauer is the nominee for Director. Over the past two years he has had to fill in at the monthly meetings several times in my absence. Each time I received rave reviews of his performance in front of the group. Now I will have a chance to see him in action. I have assured him that he should feel free to establish his

own way of running the club, not just continue what I have been doing. I am sure that he is full of fresh ideas to keep the club vital to you, the members. Please support him as much as you have supported me. I do intend to give him the same ration of "stuff" that he has given me over the past few years. I have earned that right. You should treat him well, however.

The people who made my job easy include Jim Salmi and John Cullinan as Activities Directors. I'm very grateful to them for putting together all of the events that made the club a success over the past five years. Paul and Janice Olson had the unenviable task of dealing with membership issues with the Books at the national office. That was not always pleasant for any of us. Paul had wonderful ideas of how to improve the membership function of the national club, which no one on the National Board cared about in the least. I certainly understand their frustration from my own dealings with the national club. Thank you for what you tried to do, Paul and Janice. Nancy Tucker prepared me well for every meeting by sending me the minutes from the previous meeting and an agenda with items gleaned from those minutes. I rarely had to think of anything to add to the agendas. Thank you, Nancy. Brent Hladky and Leonard Johnson made good treasurers. Unfortunately,

we don't see much of Brent anymore, hopefully because of job changes. I hope we continue to see Leonard, since he has all of our money and he wanted to continue as the club treasurer. Thank you, Leonard, and give my thanks to your staff. I have had the pleasure of working with two editors over the years. Thanks to both Dave Leger and Wayne Shmitka for putting up with my last minute emails containing my monthly columns. Vital club information would never have reached our members who didn't regularly attend the monthly meetings without our newsletter editors. I also want to thank John Henry, our web master, for his good work on our web site and Diane McDaniel and Tom Orton for attending the Old Car Council and Collector Car Council of Colorado meetings and reporting to us. Tim Coy has helped us out for many years and now is not only our national rep, but our national VP. Thanks, Tim, for your years of service.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of the people who organized the tours we have had during the past five years. John Cullinan organized four of them and John Washburn and Art Cutler put together the fifth. All of the tours were a big hit with those who attended. I am grateful to you for the hard work you did to make these such a success. ♦

A PARTING MESSAGE FROM JANICE AND PAUL OLSON

All good things must come to an end. With that said, it has been our pleasure being the Membership Chairs for the Rocky Mountain Region for the past seven years. Paul's travel schedule has increased considerably plus retirement approaching in the future; we are yearning to do more recreational travel. Signing off and we'll see you at the next meeting-
Janice & Paul Olson ♦





FINAL THOUGHTS AS SECRETARY FROM NANCY TUCKER

I joined the RMRCLC in 1982, following a lifetime love of Cadillacs as well as vintage, exotic, and beautiful cars in general. I still love cars and enjoy them more now that I know so much more about them. But what has kept me really interested and involved in the club are the wonderful and close friendships I have made and the many great adventures we have shared. It's great to bond with people over a hobby and interest you have in common.

I learned something very soon after I joined. The more involved you are, the closer the friendships, and the more you enjoy the club. Sounds trite, but it is so true! Meetings are fine, but it's the experiences that make the difference.

Soon after I joined we decided to operate a concession stand at a large swap meet – we thought it would be a great money-maker for the club. (I won't get into that!) It was tiring and a lot of work, but we had a lot of laughs and a special bond was built among those who shared the experience. That was when I felt I "belonged" to the club. A few years later I was elected Secretary and that expanded my connections with other members and my sense of being a real part of the club.

The wonderful experiences since then are far too many to mention. Thanks to the club I have explored the back roads of Colorado and Utah, seen private car collections, had help with my car problems, and enjoyed many car and non-car-related activities. And on top of the list are good friendships within and outside of club events.

I have served as Secretary for 15+ years.....so long that I am not sure of the years. I am not running again as it is time for someone else to add new ideas and their own contributions. I look forward to helping more with activities and my wish would be that each member do the same. It can be as simple as a burger run or as involved as a tour or multi-day event. Let's use our imaginations, think of some new events, and make 2013 a really busy and fun year with our beautiful cars. ♦



A CHILLY VETERAN'S DAY PARADE FROM JIM SALMI

Clouds, wind and traces of freezing rain didn't stop the Denver Veterans Day parade from proceeding on schedule on Saturday, November 10. And the weather didn't stop three



cars from our region from once again volunteering their services to the Women Marines Association and Gold Star Wives members. John Evans ('59 Sedan deVille), John Cullinan ('56 Eldorado Seville) and Don Braden ('41 Sixty Special) were the drivers, and we carried eight guests. This was definitely one year when the closed bodied cars were the appreciated, and even though Don's heater was disconnected as he patiently waits for a dashboard wood graining job to be completed, we were able to ward off most of the cold for the duration. This year's parade route was

changed. We convened at Albertsons as usual, and then drove to the Pepsi Center parking lot to form up. The route went across Speer and proceeded up Fourteenth Street to Broadway for





CLC NATIONAL WINTER BOARD MEETING UPDATE
FROM TIM COY ~ CLC SOUTHWEST REGIONS VICE PRESIDENT

Yes, it is the Christmas season, but if you are planning on staying at the Westin Westminster during the CLC winter board meeting, the deadline to reserve a room at the negotiated \$89/night rate is 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 26. If you try to reserve a room after that time, the nightly rate will be much higher. Full details on reserving rooms are in the November issue of *The Dagmar*.

Don't forget; our January monthly meeting will take place in Room 1425, on the 14th floor at the Westin on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. Please have dinner on your own before the meeting. The Westin is at 10600 Westminster Blvd., Westminster. The easiest way to get there is to take U.S. 36 to the Church Ranch Road/104th Avenue exit. You'll

see the Westin easily when you get off the highway...it's the tallest building in the area.

If you'd like to join the CLC's national officers and board members on the bus tours on Thursday, January 10, and Friday, January 11, there will be seats available on the bus, as we have chartered a 55-passenger vehicle and early indications show it won't be totally full. Just show up at the Westin at 8:45 a.m. on those days and be ready for two days of touring fun to several car collections, Rickenbaugh Cadillac and the Molly Brown House (\$6 admission). A full schedule of events was published in the November issue of *The Dagmar* and will be updated in the January issue.

There are still plenty of seats available for the casino trip to Black Hawk on Saturday, January 12. For only \$10 roundtrip, join us for four hours of fun at the Lady Luck or any one of the other casinos in this mountain town. Bus leaves the Westin at 4 p.m. and returns six hours later. Please RSVP for this trip with me at southwestvp@cadillaclasalleclub.org or leave a message on my voice mail at (303) 673-0011.

I look forward to seeing many Rocky Mountain Region members drop by the Westin from Wednesday, January 9, to Saturday, January 12, to welcome our guests from all over the United States. We especially need you to schmooze in the hospitality suite each night during that time and all day on Wednesday. ♦

a right turn in front of Civic Center and the reviewing stand. When we left Albertsons, most of us were expecting a pretty thin turnout for the parade, but we were pleasantly surprised. The crowds both at the Pepsi Center and along the parade route were surprisingly good and enthusiastic. Does bad weather actually help these things? It's hard to know, but nobody was complaining.



The parade began after the 8:00am

Veterans Day 5K marathon (yes, even in spite of the weather). The marathon route had to be changed at the last minute due to a shooting near the Tivoli Center the night before, so there was a little initial confusion, but things worked out and the parade went smoothly. Starting at 11:30am, an honor roll call of fallen soldiers lost in Afghanistan and Iraq was read. We even had a short fly over while waiting. Afternoon celebrations were scheduled on the Auraria campus, including food, music and a presentation of colors, singing of the national anthem, and another fly over. Things culminated with performances by Reveille3 and presentations at VFW Post 1 remembering the forgotten and fallen heroes, the real purpose of the day.

Thanks once again to our drivers and



to our hosts, the Women Marines Association and the Gold Star wives. ♦



Cadillac & LaSalle Classifieds

For Sale: 1976 Cadillac 4dr. - 5 passenger Talisman Fleetwood. Black with black velour interior. 500 cubic in. engine with 76,000 miles. Perfect paint and everything works except the clock. New tires. The car is 100% complete and has the Elkhide top cover. \$15,000. Located in La Junta, CO. Contact 2nd. owner Elmer Giltner at 719.384.7993 or 719.241.0011



For Sale: 1976 Cadillac Calais 4dr. 500 cubic in. engine. Original family owners. All original exterior and interior. Loaded; A/C, PS, PW, AM/FM, etc. Always in Colorado dry climate. Exterior tan, interior tan and blue. 63,776 miles. Runs and drives nicely. ~~\$8000~~. PRICE REDUCED TO \$6500. Photos available. Contact Lee Steed at 303.220.1446 or lethasteed@yahoo.com.



For Sale for Parts: 1950 Cadillac 92,000+ mile parts car, series 6219, 4-door sedan. Parts available include engine, transmission, and drive train plus windshield, sombreros, rear bumper, fender skirts, all 4 doors, rear fenders, right front fender and trunk. Rust is a problem with fenders. Not running but can be transported. Currently located in Denver. What do you need? Call Don Braden at 303.744.8848.

For Sale: 1993 Allanté with hard top plus black soft top. Only year with Northstar engine. 38,300 miles. Teal green, beige leather interior. Heated seats, gold keys, matching dashboard cover. Always garaged; excellent condition. \$14,000. Contact Phylis at 970.484.7612 (Fort Collins, CO) or Sitzman@aol.com.



For Sale: 1956 Cadillac, Series 62 Coupe. Maroon with white top; grey interior. Excellent condition throughout. Transmission was just rebuilt. Runs and drives beautifully. Not a show car, but a very nice driver. \$20,000. Leonard Johnson 303.817.0295; ljohnson@jk-cpas.com



For Sale: 1973 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible. 101,000 miles. 500 cubic in. engine. Here is a chance to own a piece of movie history. Clint Eastwood drove this car in the 1974 movie "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot". Documentation provided. Copy and paste this link to view movie trailer... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2iGhDylhAA>. Asking \$12,000. Contact Larry Razel at 303.884.2682



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