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

NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM THE EDITOR: ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION LOGO

Details, details, details! John Evans, the talented designer of our Rocky Mountain Region logo, sent in a photo perhaps to be used in *The Dagmar*, as “filler” as needed. The photo included his logo which I noticed was different from the one I used for the January issue. I called John and he explained that the one I had used was an earlier version. Now, if you look closely at the logo used in this issue and compare it to January’s issue, you will see the difference. By the way, this logo matches the one used for our grill badges and the header on our website.

FROM JOHN WASHBURN: ROTY AWARD

Porter Littlefield of Maine has sent me two awards. They are called ROTY’s (Redneck Of The Year). He wants them to go to two of our esteemed members. See picture below. Of course we cannot announce the winners until they receive the award at one of the Monthly RMRCLC meetings. It is all very hush-hush. So join us in February to see who won these prestigious awards for outstanding contributions to the Cadillac cause.



FROM THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST REGION: GRAND NATIONAL UPDATE

As you've probably seen in *The Self-Starter*, registration has started for our 2012 Grand National. For each event, we need a volunteer or volunteers to represent our organization as a host, to guide participants and deal with any unexpected issues that may come up during the event. Don't worry – you'll have full backup with a number to call for advice and direction. Each host will participate in the event free of charge. Hosts need not be a member of the Florida Suncoast Region and will be thoroughly briefed on the details of the event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact;

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FROM JOHN SERFLING

The activities for the year kick off this month with brunch at The Old Neighborhood Restaurant. Please read Jim Salmi's article on page 6 about this activity and plan to join us. Any time that we get together around food we have an awful lot of fun. There is probably a moral in that somewhere.

The brunch will just be the first of many activities for this year. On the agenda for the January meeting was a list of all of the activities planned so far for the year. A few of them did not have anyone's name assigned to run the activity. We were able to add names to almost everything. It takes all of you to run this club, one of the more important jobs being running a particular event. Thanks to all of you who are helping out.

It appears that our next function won't be until May. No one has asked us to drive them in the St. Patrick's Day parade and we aren't inclined to be in the parade for any other reason. If you have a suggestion for a late winter or spring activity, please let Jim Salmi know about it.

Is this winter or spring? Today was 60° and sunshine, just like a lot of days during January. I have been sorely tempted to fire up the convertible, but I usually think of it too late in the day. Several days ago it was definitely winter. I headed to Beaver Creek for a few days, with a dinner stop in Georgetown. I drove

the Eldorado to Georgetown, and then traded cars with Rick who was coming down from Keystone. I had plenty of power to drive into the 30 mph headwind, but I shudder to think what the gas mileage was, going up steep hills into that kind of wind. Rick got much better mileage driving downhill with the wind at his back.

It was interesting to note the temperature change of the air coming from the vents as I would go up hill and down hill. The temperature would fall going up the hill and rise going downhill. The system depends on vacuum for all of its controls. However, there is a transducer that converts the electrical signal from the sensors into a vacuum signal to operate the mode and temperature. Perhaps this tells me that the check valve at the vacuum tank has a problem. Perhaps it tells me that the voltage regulator is giving me low voltage. Perhaps I don't drive up steep hills enough to worry about it. What's your guess?

We continue to meet at the Denver Elks Lodge on 26th Ave, near Speer Blvd. and I-25. For those of you who haven't joined us yet, the Elks Lodge serves soup and salad, beef or bison hamburgers, fries and dessert for only \$10. Those of you who only want soup and salad can have it for \$5. We really do have a good time at the dinner, so please join us. The meeting portion of the evening begins at 7 (or whenever

I get around to starting it), and we rarely go much past 7:45. I hope to see you at a meeting or activity in the near future. ♦



*Squeeze Your Squeeze!
Valentine's Day
February 14th!!*

FROM JEANNE TIFFANY: THANK YOU

Michael and I want to thank all of you who were at Papa's funeral service. Papa would have appreciated the personal parade with everyone driving their Caddy's to the Elk's Lodge after the service. We would also like to thank the contributors to the article about Papa in last month's *Dagmar*. I'm sure Wayne appreciated the response to his request to help write the article. We both feel very welcome as members of the RMRCLC.





**SECRETARY'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FROM NANCY TUCKER**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CADILLAC & LA SALLE CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2012**

Director John Serfling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge. There were 21 in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from last meeting were circulated and approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janice Olson asked members to review the 2012 Membership Roster and to make any corrections. Dues renewal notices will be mailed to members at the end of the month.

CCCC REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Crusade for Children, the charity we help support, bought gifts for 3600 children (2500 families) this year, reported Walt Brewer.
- Members unanimously voted to again adopt Christmas Crusade for Children as our charity for 2012.
- John Serfling said James Sears is still undergoing chemo treatments. Members wishing to call him should phone during the day or very early evening.
- Chrissie Brewer, as requested by John Serfling, briefly discussed a few of her father's cars and said that her two favorites are his '49 fastback and his '41 2-door purple convertible.
- The January issue of *The Dagmar*, prepared by newly elected editor Wayne Shmitka, is on the RMR-CLC website and was mailed to members. The new format includes color photographs.
- Jim Salmi discussed our annual member dinner. Members voted to do brunch at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant at 80th and Wadsworth. We will have a private room; price is \$22 per member; and the time will be 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 26. Members wishing to attend should mail the cost for their party to Jim as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (See page 6 for the latest list of Proposed Events)

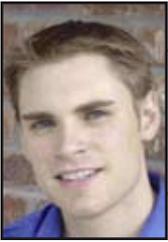
CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROJECT:

\$66 was collected for the fund.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Tucker, Secretary





REBUILDING A 1967 429 FROM GRANT LANDSBACH

Part 1 - The Back-Story

I never knew the actual mileage on the engine in my 1967 Deville Convertible. What I did know was that it was big, it was in incredible original condition, it looked really cool, it was a convertible, and it was a Caddy. The savvy original owner let me take it on a test drive when I first came to look at it. I asked if I could put the top down. He said, "of course." The top went down and my wallet came out.

When I bought her, the car had 80k or so but the engine was a swap. The day I picked up the car (from the original owner in Louisville), he sent me on my merry way with the completely disassembled original "numbers matching" engine. We'll call this engine #1. He had said it spun one of the "main's" and that at the time (circa 1970 something) it was cheaper to pull another full engine (we'll call this engine #2) out of a wreck than to get the original block machined/fixed and rebuilt. This was a good solution in 1970 something when I imagine 429's were still somewhat easily begotten but I digress. What he did know was that the original engine only had maybe 50k miles on it when the fateful bearing spin occurred. I documented all this information, stuck the original engine in my shed and went about my way happily cruising on engine #2 for about 10 years.

Engine #2 did just fine. It burned a little oil, but the open road was still all mine, and I even took it on some pretty long drives. It was more than adequate to take my buddies and me downtown for cruising escapades and all was well. Unfortunately, after that initial 10 year period (7,000 miles) some "symptoms" began to occur. These symptoms included a run time of about 20-30 minutes until the engine would start shuddering and dying

on me...and without much warning. If I let it cool down for 15-20 minutes, then I could fire it back up and drive it for another 15 min or so but it was on limited time and had to get back to the garage. So, thus was the condition of the car and the "open road" was limited to trips around the block at best. In addition, my "buddies" had now been replaced with my beautiful wife and two kids as well. Getting stranded in the middle of intersections with my family was not going to work.

Part 2 - The Diagnosis

So, my Dad and I...having some mechanical inclinations started checking it out. We found a few things off the bat with the fuel delivery system (thinking it must be vapor lock), but we remedied everything as far as that is concerned and eliminated the fuel delivery system as the culprit. The problem persisted.

The overall engine temp was not a contributing factor as we had monitored that and it was not getting too hot. The fact that it started right up immediately and ran well for 20 minutes or so eliminated the possibility of a stuck exhaust valve or something like that. Spark was fine.

So what could it be? Finally, we took it to Dan at MD Automotive in Englewood to have the "doc" take a look at it. After checking it all out he had a diagnosis. The compression test revealed bad compression in all cylinders but especially in two. One particular (#7) was so bad that it was probably either a bad ring or a cracked piston. Crank case blow-by was estimated around 20%. The issue, according to Dan was that you need the basics...fuel, spark and compression. It was the compression that appeared to be the culprit. After 20-30 minutes the engine was getting hot enough that it simply didn't have the compression it needed to keep running. The only odd thing to me

was that it really didn't blow too much smoke. It had at times, but for having that bad of compression I expected more. Dan said this can happen and asked me if I used anything in the engine. I had. I put in a can of Restore and was using Marvel Mystery Oil in both the gas and some in the crank case. Dan smiled. So the lesson is that those products (Restore, Marvel, and on and on) really do work. Heck, the names alone should imply they can cure what ails you. Apparently they do although something like Restore is really more of a band-aid of course.

So then, that's where I was at and I had to make a decision eventually. I parked the car for awhile and spent a lot of time thinking and honestly...praying about what to do. I had done enough cursory research to know I was looking at between \$4k to \$5k for this job so that slowed me down a bit. That's not outrageous (don't we all watch Barrett-Jackson) but for a guy in my season of life with a "few" other commitments, that's a lot to spend on a car that sees less than 1,000 miles a year. Plus, I'm a person that doesn't take something on unless I can see it through to completion and do it "the right way." So, there the car sat in the garage and all last summer I wished I could pack the family up and go cruise around on those nice summer nights. I missed the RMRCLC and all those events as did my wife. My son, who calls the car my "zoom zoom" kept asking constantly if we could drive it...he loves the convertible. One day I took the cover off of it and realized that it still looks like a million bucks and really is in excellent condition overall (engine excepted). Also, I knew that if I kept it dormant for another few years it was really going to start to have more problems...seal leaks etc. So, my wife and I finally decided to go ahead and spend the money.

To be Continued...





**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT
FROM JIM SALMI**

BRUNCH IN A NEW PLACE!

As we all know by now, our old friend Harry Tiffany passed away last fall. He was our host for the membership dinner/brunch at Mount Vernon Country Club, where he was an active member. A new location was needed. We solicited suggestions from the members and at January's meeting we decided to have this year's brunch at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant in Arvada. This location was suggested by Bonnie Pache and several other members are familiar with it and like it. Several other car clubs have had similar events there, so they are used to car people. We will have our own room, which is an added bonus. So, here's the information:

WHAT: Membership Brunch

DATE: Sunday, February 26

TIME: 12:00pm (Noon) to 1:30pm or so

PLACE: Old Neighborhood Restaurant
7923 Allison Way (just west of 80th & Wadsworth)
Arvada, CO

COST: \$22.00 per person (all inclusive except alcoholic beverages). Checks payable to "RMRCLC"

The restaurant has a website at www.oldneighborhoodrestaurant.net. Their telephone number is 303-425-1962. Our reservations have already been made, so you don't need to do anything except send in your money (and show up). Please get it to me by the prior Wednesday the 22nd so that I can give Old Neighborhood an accurate count. Please send your checks (payable to "RMRCLC") to me:

Jim Salmi
2856 South Steele Street
Denver, CO 80210
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Hope to see you there!



Rocky Mountain Region CLC
2012 Proposed Activities

(as of January 23, 2012)

Proposed Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Membership Brunch	J. Salmi	Feb 26
St. Patrick's Day ??	Open	Mar 17
Memorial Day Parade	J. Salmi	May 26
Pueblo Area Tour	Washburn/Cutler	June 7-10
Grand National (St. Augustine, FL)	N/A	June 13-16
Havana Cruise	Bob Lyons	June 16
Father's Day Car Show	Blaise Flaherty	June 17
VFW Cookout	John Evans	Open
July Fourth ??	Open	July 4
Tune-up Clinic	John Washburn	July/Aug?
Golden Cruise	Brad Bauer	Open
Labor Day Parade (Louisville)	T. Coy/J. Evans	Sep 3
Colfax Cruise/picnic @ East High School	B. Lyons/B. Bauer	Sep 15?
Regional Meet/McCaddon Cadillac	L. Johnson	Open
National Driving Tour (Las Vegas, NV)	N/A	Oct 13-14
Veterans Day Parade	J. Salmi	Nov 10



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For Sale: 1968 Cadillac 2 door DeVille. Good condition, 97,000 mile. Good tires. \$8,000. Contact Jim Burnik at 303.423.9273. Please leave a message and phone number if no one is available.

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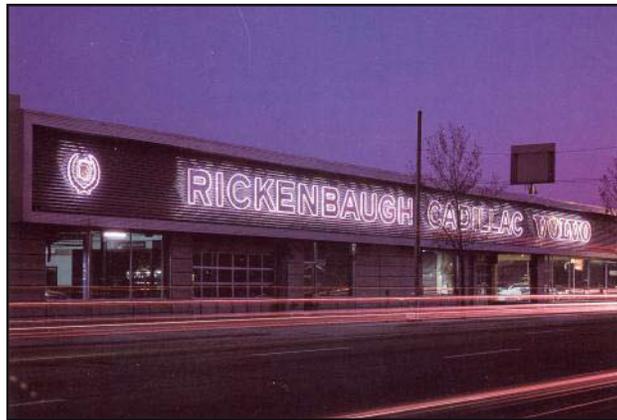
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