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# Dagmar

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

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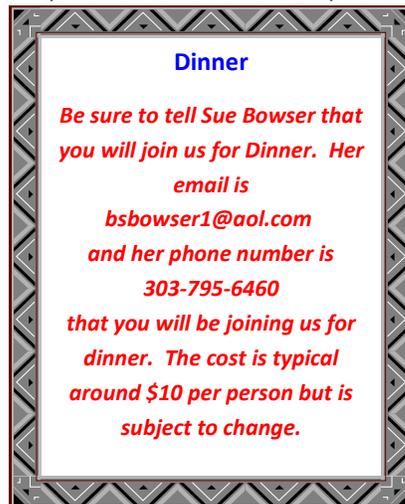
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## Monthly Meetings

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

This is my first issue as the Editor of the *Dagmar*. I hope that I will be able to provide an informative and pleasant news letter for the region.

This is my first try at this type of endeavor and being an engineer and not a professional English Major there will be a learning curve.

I would welcome every and all material members would like to share. I would appreciate them in MS Word format. If you submit photos please say who took them.

At this time I am not sure just what my other time commitments will be. I will publish at least quarterly and will try hard to have monthly installments. This also depends upon having content to print.



# Veterans Day Parade

By John Serfling

Photos by Jim Salmi

Five intrepid RMRCLC members braved a lovely November day to act as chauffeurs for the Women Marines Association and the Gold Star Wives. Sadly, only three cars were able to participate in the parade, one car having run well to get to the meeting spot, then refusing to start when it came time to leave for the parade.

Peter Luce faithfully showed up in his beautiful 1938 four door convertible. Being the prettiest car, the President of the Marines Association rode with Peter. John Evans carried the women who didn't want to ride in open cars in his 1959 four door sedan and John Serfling and Rick Greene drove the other women, one of whom was 92 years old who insisted on riding in an open car, in their 1963 convertible. While waiting for the parade to start, a Channel 9 reporter was made aware of the presence of the 92 year old Marine. He got excited and interviewed her. The interview and shots of her on the parade route were featured prominently on 9News all weekend.

Back to the car that refused to start: Poor Leonard Johnson. He showed up in a beautiful 1947 convertible. When it refused to budge, he called his buddy, Jack Kinney to come help. Jack showed up just after the rest of us returned from the parade. Jack brought a trailer, but forgot his winch. What to do? A passing motorist who was excited to see the old cars was equally excited to help. We hitched the cable to Leonard's beauty, passed it around a pulley at the front of the trailer and around the frame of the Toyota SUV. At this point the man's wife returned to the car. She was not as excited as he was,

but we convinced her it would be OK, which it was. Jack guided both cars until the Cadillac was safely in position on the trailer. The wife was relieved and the man was still excited. Another parade and salvage operation were completed successfully. As it turns out, the solenoid on Leonard's car decided to die at a rather inopportune time.

## Garages

By Paul R. Olson

The big fire at Leonard Johnsons chicken coupe garage got me to thinking and/or dreaming about Leonard's new chicken coop. But I too am in the process of building a new garage to house our 1966 Sedan Deville. Our house has a very nice two car garage that is over loaded with tools, and other stuff that getting the 66 out on the road is a major task. I know I know it shouldn't be like that but it is. I suspect that there are other Cadillac's in the same situation but I will save that for another time.

There are still other owners that have their cars distributed in various places around town. For those of you in this situation wouldn't it be nice to have them all under one roof?

So our solution is to build a 30' by 30' metal building to house our Cadillac and the workshop tool kit. We really only have a single car and designing and laying out a building to house all this stuff is actually a major undertaking. So far we have been 5 months in the process. Hopefully today a truck with all of the building parts will arrive. We have had the foundation complete for 3 months.

Back to Leonard's chicken coop errrrr garage problem. How would you arrive at the right garage to fit his needs? Where would one begin the design process? I decided to contemplate that situation and had hoped to get other members to chime in with ideas and considerations.

I would be interested to hear your thoughts and suggestions and add them to the listing. What would be your dream garage and what would you equip it with?

Another important topic to consider is the local Home Owners Association. I am fortunate that I am married to the President of our HOA.

The following are my thoughts on the matter. They are in the form of questions to consider. What would you add to this list?



## 1. Overall building size

- How many cars?
- Cars other than Cadillac's such as a Bus/Motor Home?
- How many garage doors per car?
- How many cars per stall?
- Should each car have a separate secure from others parking spot?
- Will secure spaces be leased/rented to others?
- Will cars be parked head In or tail in?
- Can cars be two or more deep per garage door?
- How much ceiling clearance is needed?
- Will there need to be enough to install a lift?
- What would you need to do to each car in its parking spot?
- Do you need to have all doors open and be able to walk around the car with enough clearance to remove pieces from the interior?
- Do all stalls need to be the same size?
- Do you need to open the hood/trunk and work around it.
- Would you want to wash the car inside the building?
- Water will be needed, Both hot and cold
- What type of drain would be needed?
- Slope to door or slope to center drain
- Need to limit water overspray or splashing?
- Dust and/or detail the car?
- If so how much space would you need?
- How bright and how uniform would the lighting need to be to do this?
- Is natural light needed aka windows and/or skylights?
- How much light would be needed?

## 2. Climate controls

- Heating just enough to keep from freezing or ??
- Cooling
- Humidity control
- Ventilation for vehicle exhaust
- What should each car parking spot have the following?
- At least 1 electrical outlet? 120 V 20 AMP or ???
- Air outlet?
- Water?
- Work bench space?
- Lift?
- Light Levels?

## 3. Would there be a Service Area separate from car storage?

- How many stalls?
- Potential service activities
- Oil Change
- Steam clean
- Wax & Detail
- Engine removal
- Upholstery
- Tune ups
- Tire change

- Body work
- Welding?
- What to include in service area
- Air
- Records filing desk etc.
- Water
- Hot and cold
- Sink,
- Sink Size
- 120 and 240V
- Lift
- Light levels
- ??? Square foot work bench
- Cabinets
- Assembly/parts lay out table
- Dust collector air cleaner
- Heated floor
- Phone, Internet, CATV?

## 4. Tools

- Drill Press
- Hydraulic Press
- Jacks and Jack Stand
- Oil change equipment
- Transmission Jack
- Parts cleaner
- Overhead crane?
- Media blaster (in separate room?)
- Add your own list

## 5. Space around each service bay ???

- Measure biggest car add 6' or door open width plus 6'
- One door for each bay?
- Maximum door height? 10'
- Door Width 10'

## 6. Parts storage area? ???

- Shelving
- Cabinets
- list materials and objects that need to be stored?

## 7. Painting Booth?

## 8. Restroom

- One or two?
- Sink
- Toilet
- Shower
- Clothes locker
- Handicap accessible
- Accessible to visitors

## 9. Security life safety

- Fire smoke alarms how many areas
- Video Surveillance
- Phone line

# James Sears

## Last Drive

Our club member and friend has taken his last drive. His presence within our club will be missed.

The Editor will always remember the joyful hug he gave me after our Cadillac Caravan to the Grand National in Las Vegas.

The following was provided by James Sister.

JAMES A. SEARS, 71, of Denver, Colorado and originally from Cherokee, Iowa, passed away Friday evening, January 30, 2015 in the Cherokee Villa Nursing and Rehab Center.

A Memorial service was held on Sunday, February 15th, at 2 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa. It was James' wish to be cremated. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Forney Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver, CO. 80216. Online condolences can be left at [www.boothbyfuneral.com](http://www.boothbyfuneral.com)

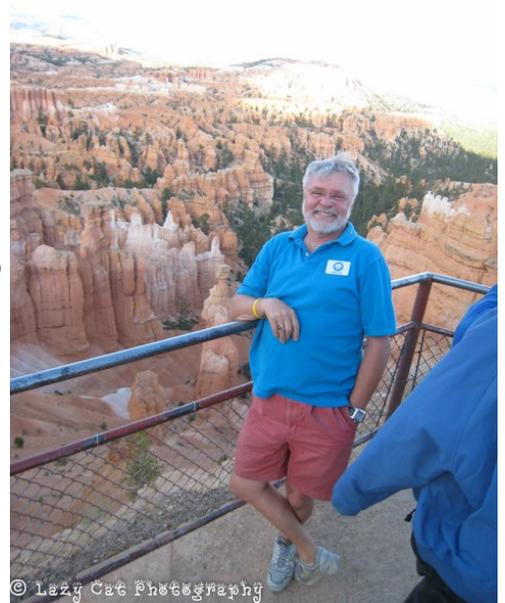
James was born on November 30, 1943 at Cherokee, Iowa to Cecil & Marian (Herron) Sears. He graduated from Cherokee Washington High School on 1964. He served in the Vietnam War from April 2, 1965 until January 10, 1967, being discharged as SP4 (T) E-4 earning the Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was married to Janet Stewart on April 20, 1968 in Cherokee, Iowa. He had worked at John Deere Implement, Walnut Grove, Lee's Hardware and was later self-employed. He retired in February of 2000. He was affiliated with the Methodist Church. He enjoyed antique cars, traveling, eagles, and his grandkids. He was a current resident of Denver, Colorado where he had lived the past 30 years,

and was originally from Cherokee, Iowa.

He belonged to numerous car clubs, including; Buick Club of America, Mile High Chapter and Rocky Mountain Chapter; Cadillac-LaSalle Club, Rocky Mountain Region; Lambda Car Club, Sunday Afternoon Car Klub Chapter; Model A Ford Club of Colorado; Northern Colorado Model A's; Veteran Motor Car Club of America, Just for fun Chapter; Smart Car Club of America and a member of the Forney Museum of Transportation in Denver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother and his ex-wife Janet Sears.

He is survived by his two children: Jeffrey Sears and his wife Paula of Solon, Iowa; Janna Sears and special friend Val Olson of Washta, Iowa; two grandchildren: Ryan & Braydon Sears; one brother and two sisters: Gerald (Nancy) Sears of Cherokee, Iowa; Dorothy (Paul) McGee of Cherokee, Iowa; Carol (Don) Fiser of Quimby, Iowa; also many nieces, nephews and cousins.



# From the Director's Desk:

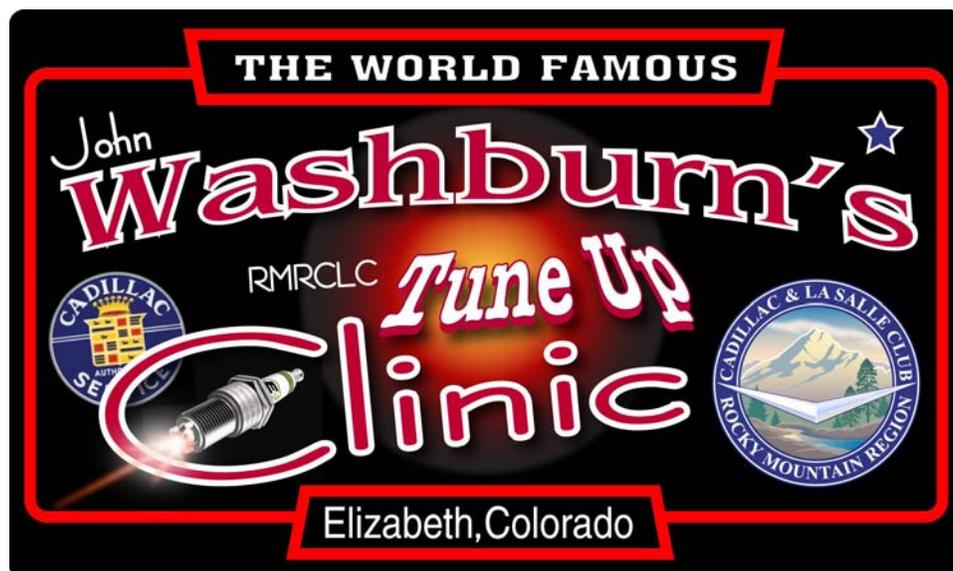
By: John Cullinan POTRMRLC

2015 is a new year and a new start for the Rocky Mountain Region of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club. New in that we have a new Editor of our award winning Dagmar Newsletter and a new lineup of officers dedicated to keep our region energized and pertinent to our regional members. But without the assistance and recommendations of our membership that goal will be harder to attain. But I am pleased to report that we already see evidence of assistance from our members. Part of the evidence can be seen in the list of activities we have planned for this year, starting with Nancy Tucker arranging our first event, the Brunch at Simms Steakhouse on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Neither Rain Nor Snow Nor Sleet deterred her from making sure this enjoyable event takes place.

We also have a Lunch Run planned to Arrowhead Golf Club at Roxborough Park on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The striking rock formations will provide a striking background for taking photos of our cars. In April we have planned a trip to visit the Clayton Restoration shop to see the Broadmoor Cadillacs being restored followed by a drive to the Broadmoor itself for a tour of their Car Museum and Lunch. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we are planning to drive to Canon City for the annual Abbey Car Show. I assume the Lady Marines will also want us to escort them in our cars during the Memorial Day Parade. June will also be a busy month with a Tune Up Clinical at the Washburn Estate in Elizabeth on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also attend the Highland Ranch Car Show on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a special Dad's Day Car Show organized by Leonard Johnson at Hazel's in Boulder on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Later that week some of us will be attending the Grand National in Wisconsin.

Jim Salmi will be providing us with details on these events and others as the year progresses. But make sure you mark off the 26<sup>th</sup> of August through the 30<sup>th</sup> for our annual Driving Tour. Jim will have more details on this for you. But one thing we are planning on doing this year versus some of our recent driving tours is have one hotel be our base for the 5 days and take day drives from it to interesting and scenic sites. You can also learn more by attending our next meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Sue Bowser will be preparing an excellent meal, as she always does, for the meeting. Please call her or email her by the 7<sup>th</sup> of March to confirm your meal reservation. Giving her the courtesy of your confirmation makes it easier for her to prepare the correct amount of food. In the past we have had meetings where 35 have attended and others where only 15 have attended. She can't guess how many will attend. So help her out. Her email address is: [BSBowser@aol.com](mailto:BSBowser@aol.com) and her phone number is **303-795-6460**

Finally, please remember that we want to add new members this year. So pick up some of our special Club Info Handouts at the March Meeting and give them to Caddie Owners you encounter or see on the road and at Car Shows.



June 13 at the Washburn Memorial Garage & Whine Bar

# MINUTES

February 10, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.; we got started a little late because everyone was helping Sue Bowser look for a diamond she lost out of her wedding ring. She found it later at home.

**DIRECTOR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Sue Bowser made us a wonderful dinner of pork sandwiches, barbecue beans, mac and cheese, coleslaw and apple cake.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Leonard Johnson reported \$13,726 in the club's account. We also collected \$315 in dues and currently have \$72 in the Christmas fund. We have our first financial statement that will be published in *The Dagmar*. It's been discussed that it's OK to spend some club money on events, but we don't want to blow the entire treasury.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** There was no report; Janice was in Tucson, Ariz.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes and the agenda were passed out to everyone at the start of the meeting.

**OCCC REPORT:** Tom Orton stated he has not been at any meetings for several months.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tim Coy reported on what happened at the CLC winter board meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., in January. National membership has dropped below 7,000. Chief Judge Bill Anderson is setting up more divisions for cars to be judged. Modified will also now be judged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd, hoping to bring in a new, younger generation who love Cadillacs. The CLC Museum raised \$1.64 million to build a great building in Hickory Corners, Mich. They will continue to accept and ask for contributions to keep the museum up and running. The 2017 National Driving Tour is planned for Chicago to St. Louis along Route 66. We also toured several auctions while in Scottsdale: Barrett-Jackson, R&M and Russo and Steele. All great auctions with great cars.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was discussion about having our own car show at Hazel's Beverage World in Boulder. It would be in the parking lot close to the main road. Would be nice to see a lot of our Cadillacs there to show our club support for one another. Leonard will get back with us on the date. McCaddon Buick Cadillac GMC is not interested in having a car show this year. Nancy has signed up 32 people for the Membership Appreciation Brunch on Feb. 22. There was also some talk of doing a drive to Estes Park via Lyons to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park. A one-day tour—do lunch at the Stanley Hotel. We're looking at maybe sometime in June before it gets too hot and crowded.

National board rep Tim Coy addressed all present to voice his concerns about the discussion at last month's meeting that the National CLC does nothing for the Regions. He passed out a September 2013 article from *The Self-Starters* that illustrates 17 functions the National organization does for its Regions. There was no discussion.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Activities:	Leader:	Date:
Membership Appreciation Brunch/Simms Landing	Nancy Tucker	March 1
Roxborough/burger run	John Cullinan	March 21
Clayton/Broadmoor	??	April 18
Tuneup Clinic	John Washburn	June 13
Abbey Show in Cañon City	??	May 16
Memorial Day Parade	Jim Salmi	May 23
Hazel's Beverage World show	Leonard Johnson	June ?
CLC Grand National (Brookfield, Wis.)	N/A	June 24-27
Olson/Serfling/Greene Garage Tour	Paul Olson, John Serfling, Rick Greene	July 19
Driving Tour		Aug. 27-30

N/A = Not Applicable

?? = To be determined

**MILESTONES:** No one had a story to share.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** We collected \$119 for the Christmas fund.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tim Coy brought a 2015 CLC Museum & Research Center calendar that he auctioned off. Bob Lyons was the winning bidder and he donated the money to Christmas fund. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Rutledge, Secretary

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