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Hollywood Royalty Visits Denver?

Who is that in the 1952 Cadillac? Check out this month's Dagmar for an answer!



Entering a New Year

The Director's Column By John Evans



Happy New Year one and all! As we enter into another new year, I find myself looking forward to the opportunities of both welcoming new members into our region and continuing the long standing club tradition of sponsoring great events and generally having fun with our cherished Cadillac and La Salle automobiles and fellow club members. In this New Year, I am also struck with reality of my new position and the sobering fact that I have some very big shoes to fill. I speak of course of the outstanding leadership and professionalism of our past Director, George Malesich. I am pleased that George will continue to be active in our club; and we will always welcome his knowledgeable input. It is with great pride that I enter into my new role with this fantastic group of club members, with the same philosophy applied by so many of

our past Presidents; while we all share a great affection for our Cadillacs and LaSalles, the true heart of our hobby is in the shared experiences with the people and friends we meet along the way.

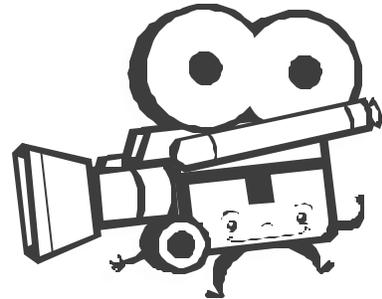
With our next official Club meeting scheduled for January 9, I would remind our members that we have no activities set for January. If anyone has any suggestions, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me, or any of our other officers.

Our club moves into this New Year of 2007 with an increased number of members and cars, and a mutual sense that our RMCLC will continue to grow and prosper. I encourage your fresh ideas and continued support and participation as we look toward the spring driving season and beyond.

This is a great organization, comprised of people dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Cadillac and La Salle cars, while having a good time together. I look forward to having a fun year with you all.



Hollywood Royalty (about the front cover photo)



Thanks to Ray and Marie Guerrie for the photo taken with their 1952 6219. It was used this year for a photo shoot with a stunning Marilyn Monroe look-alike!

How to Get Your Car in Pictures!

The Self-Starter, the international magazine of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, is in need of La Galleria articles. La Galleria is the page 5 full-color feature where CLC members tell stories of their car's history. If your Cadillac or LaSalle has a history, The Self-Starter would like you to submit an article of between 200 and 400 words, plus photographic prints or high-resolution digital photos of your car.

Send your story to The Self-Starter via US mail or e-mail to the editor at the address that appears on page 2 of each Self-Starter issue.

Memoirs of A Denver Automotive Character Part 1 by David Leger

One of the formative automotive influences of my youth passed away this last year. Nearly 30 years ago, when I was a young, car crazy guy in his early twenties, I had some rather esoteric preferences in automobiles. One of the makes which fascinated me were the Citroens. The Citroen SM, with it's low swept design and Maserati V-6 was my dream car then, but quite out of the realm of what I could afford to maintain. I still think about getting one someday when I have a weak moment.

I'd done a lot of reading about the Citroen designs and their revolutionary hydro-pneumatic suspension system. Rather than using springs at each wheel, a Citroen uses a cylin-

der with a piston in it. At the top of the cylinder is a sphere, divided by a rubber diaphragm, with pressurized nitrogen above, and hydraulic fluid below. The pressure for the hydraulics comes from an engine driven seven piston pump, and the compression of the nitrogen provides the springing.

The Citroen D series, designed in the 1950's, had one of the lowest drag coefficients of any modern car, even in the 80's. I learned that Citroen had given the basic design to Pininfarina and asked them to make it as aerodynamic as possible. Pininfarina sculpted a full sized model out of ice and placed it in a wind tunnel with warm air, and let the wind sculpt the car. This gave the D series its unique tear-drop shape, with the rear wheels 8" closer together than the front. For years tire companies used them to test tires,

as it was the only car that left all four wheel prints clearly on the ground.

There was a little garage down on South Broadway which always had some Citroens out front, including a few SM models. I had stopped by to drool over them a few times on Sundays, when it was closed. I finally stopped in one Saturday and tried to start a conversation with the gentleman who owned the garage.

It was pretty clear that he didn't have much regard for youngsters, and I got quite a cold shoulder. I was about to give up, and mentioned a recent article in Scientific American on automotive aerodynamics, and the mention there of Citroen and the Pininfarina D series design. It was like watching a flashbulb go off. All of a sudden, I wasn't just an annoying youngster. The guy introduced himself, his name was Ben Jordan, and as I came to find out, he was quite the automotive character. He told me that if I was interested in aerodynamics, he had something to show me. We wandered out into the lot by the garage, and headed for an old school bus.....

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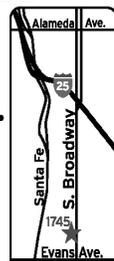
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Holiday Helping Hand a Great Success! *By Dirk Biermann*

Many thanks to all the elves who helped with Santa's early visit to our three families on Saturday December 16. Through the efforts of all of our club members throughout the year with donations at the monthly auctions and, more importantly, with your aggressive bidding, we were able to provide a little brighter Christmas Season to fourteen very deserving individuals.

I think it may be worth exploring whether our model can be franchised out to other car clubs in the area. I know that Denver Social Services can use the help. We were told that they had applications from more than 300 families for assistance this season. If each of the local car clubs adopted a family or two, the program could have an impact on 50 families or more.

This year we again packed food boxes with fruit, milk, ham, turkey, vegetables, juices and lots of other goodies. Paul and Janice also sent each family a large bucket of home made cookies. All of you who attended last month's meeting know about Janice's baking skills, so I am sure our families enjoyed this special treat.



Special thanks go out to Nancy for opening her home once again for the wrapping party. Nancy was way over organized, with wrapping stations set up for each family. Nancy is always so gracious and noted that from her perspective, in having the wrapping "party" at her house, "we were able to adopt 3 really deserving and needy families and I was so impressed with all we were able to get them. The planner/shoppers really got a lot for the money. The kids were asked what they wanted and the shoppers did their best to fill those orders, from toys to clothing. Each family also got food items (turkey, turkey breast, ham, fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, milk, orange juice, etc) and gift certificates to Wal-Mart.

Individual members stepped up even more. I also feel like we had good participation this year and it's fun to see the enthusiasm. It's these types of events - club members working together on a project - that bring us all together and cement our friendships."

Bonnie went way over budget in getting a bike and a wagon for her family's kids but generously donated the difference. Walt and Phyllis Brewer sent along more than a dozen stuffed animals and Dirk and his family shopped for a bunch of toys. Andrew Spaulding and family added a family game and a nice makeup assortment for their family's mom. Andrew posted one of Dirk's memos about the 3 families at his office and a lady who works

there gave us two \$25 Safeway gift cards. That was a great idea and such a nice thing for her to do.

Brenda Gorman and Nancy Tucker chipped in extra cash and bought nice presents for the 4 adult women in the households. These women are all struggling and deserve something nice for themselves.

George demonstrated that he actually has the ability to work on four wheeled vehicles, not simply look dashing driving them. George and Paul Olson had the task of assembling a bright red wagon for Cory, one of our kids who is wheel chair bound and wanted to be able to pull his toys behind his wheel chair.

Brent and John not only helped with wrapping, but also made the delivery to one of our families of five making do in a one bedroom apartment. One of our kids screamed with delight just to see the variety of fresh fruit in a fruit basket that Dirk prepared. It just goes to show how many things that we take for granted can be special treats for those in need.



After a couple of false starts, Andrew was able to make the delivery to his family on Monday. On the plus side, the mom has been able to get a part time job on weekends and was not available on Saturday. I believe their unit # was different than what we had. After threatening to camp out at their apartment, he made the delivery at about 6:00 p.m. and everything went just fine. The mother was thrilled we had presents for her too. Andrew said they did have a Christmas tree in their little place.

Bonnie, accompanied by 17 year old Jon Biermann, made the delivery to Cory and Araya's home where they live with their great aunt and great grandmother. Bonnie notes: "Jon and I arrived at Cory and Araya's home with all the goodies we had brought for their family. Debra came to the door and welcomed us to their home. While we brought in the food and gifts to place under their tree in the living room she gathered the two kids around. Her elderly mother also joined us all in the living room. They were thrilled and excited about all the food we had for them. We asked the children if they had been really good kids. They quickly answered a resounding yes! We told them we had talked to Santa Claus. He had a very special gift for each of them which he asked us to bring as a special early Christmas surprise. We told them that since they had been such good kids we would like to bring them in now. Debra had them close their eyes and told them not to peek. In we came with the bike for Araya

and the wagon for Cory. They were both so excited when they saw what we had brought for them. They were much appreciative and we were met with a big hug from each of them. Debra and her mother thanked us over and over and expressed their appreciation for all we had done for them. We both walked away feeling so happy we were able to bring a bright spot in their celebration of Christmas."

Again thank you one and all for a very successful program this year!

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Monthly Meeting:

Regular business meetings of the Rocky Mountain Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club are held the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm. We meet at the TDS/J.W. Brewer Tire Co. 11900 W. 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO. This is near the Ward Road and I-70 exit.

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Use A Voltage Regulator Fuse To Protect Your Generator By John Washburn

I have recently have been asked to help out members who have had catastrophic generator failures. It seems the generator got overloaded and melted the solder in the generator thus destroying it.

The members had to have their generators rebuilt and find new voltage regulators for their cars. Since both cars were 40's vintage we were able to find new voltage regulators at Napa.

It seems in both cases the voltage regulator failed and it is most likely the relay contacts locked up which overloaded the generator.

Could this have been prevented? There is no way, I know of, to prevent the voltage regulator from failing, but

we can protect the generator so that it does not get destroyed when the voltage regulator locks up the contacts. This fix has been around for years, but for some reason is rarely used today. The simple fix is to add a voltage regulator fuse. This little fuse will blow if the voltage regulator tries to overload the generator thus saving the generator from damage.

See attached pictures. The first one is a shot of the fuse, the second shows the fuse attached to the "Batt" terminal of the voltage regulator. This little 45 amp fuse when attached to a LaSalle or Cadillac of the 30's, 40's, or 50's will save you money and time if the relay contacts of the voltage regulator lock up, since only the voltage regulator will be affected.

One problem, up till now, has been finding these fuses. If you go to your local Napa store it is likely that they

won't find them, or only find one in some out of the way store. But wait, the quick way is to go on-line to: <http://napaonline.com> then type in vrf45 in the SEARCH Window, after the search window it gives you three options Keyword, Napa Part Number, or Non-Napa Part. Click on the circle by the Napa Part Number. Start the search and it should take you to a page the shows the following: Voltage Regulator Fuse, Item # ECH VRF45, Price \$4.49. Now you can order these fuses online. The shipping is cheap so if you order one it is the same shipping cost as ordering more.

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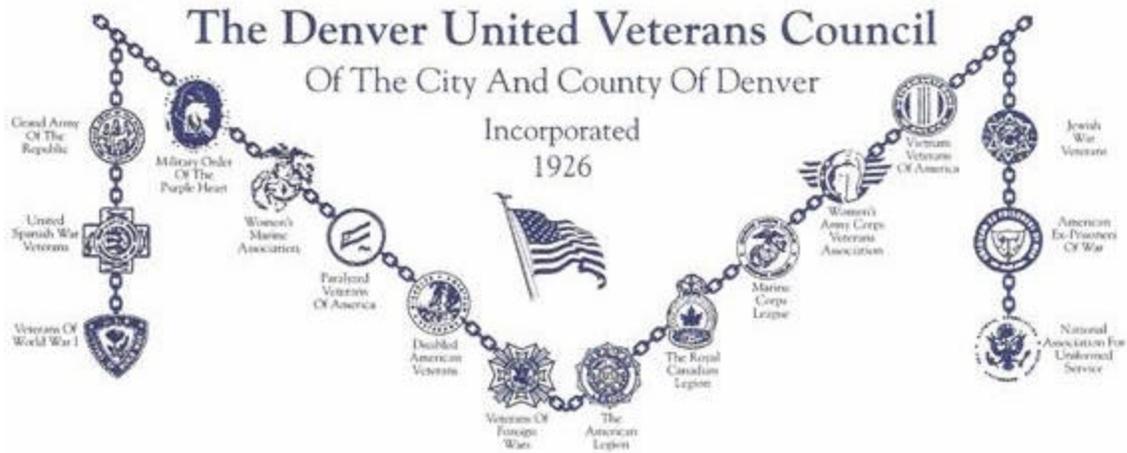
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November 16, 2006

To all Veterans Day Parade participants,

Thank you very much for your participation in the 2006 Veterans Day Parade. There were over 3,500 of you out there honoring our veterans and thanking them for protecting our way of life. According to the Denver Police Department, the estimates in attendance of spectators were around 7,000 to 10,000. The Council can not begin to tell you what these numbers mean to us.

With the cramped space on 14th Street due to road construction, parked vehicles and early arrivals, we had a small bit of confusion at the beginning, but we got through it to show the City & County of Denver a great parade. The Council appreciates your patience and understanding and hopes that you will come back for future parades.

We couldn't have done it without you.

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Items discussed at the last club meeting listed below. Please see future issues for exact dates:

February 2007. Member Appreciation Dinner. We voted a dinner at Mount Vernon Country Club, to be hosted by Harry Tiffany.

June 2007. Gateway Auto Collection 3-day tour. George Malesich, host. The club discussed the possibility of combining the June and fall tours, but voted to keep the trips separate.

Fall 2007. Durango tour. John Cullinan, Greg Kemp and Allen Logsdon, hosts. We discussed the possibility of late August or September.

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